



Minutes For 2/20/2025 Meeting

Location: Student Center 201 & Webex

1. Call to Order

- Ryan called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm
- Ryan Kanarkowski, Justin Haines, Ellie Dowek, Patrick McKay, Antonio Sarama, Ryan Jankowski, Cheyenne Severin, Michelle Youngs

2. Unfinished Business

- None

3. Discussion

- Athletics: There is a Basketball playoff game on Saturday. Baseball starts on the 27th.
- Conversation with Trustees recap
 - Ryan shared the topics that were discussed at the meeting: Term Limits, ICE, Safe Space Environments, and SGA opportunities.
 - Cheyenne shared a few ideas that the SGA did last year including scholarship day and the photo day for headshots. Cheyenne also shared that she spoke to Congressman Chris Smith
- Board of Trustee Alumni Rep: Cheyenne Severin
 - Cheyenne joined the meeting today to ask if anyone has any concerns about the school that they would like to share with the board.
 - Justin mentioned that he has heard people complain there is a lack of space for club and event items. The examples he gave were the props and costumes for Improv Club and a space to showcase the Trash to Treasure items. Michelle mentioned that it would be helpful to direct students with these types of concerns to Student Life because if we know there is an issue with space we can often help come up with a solution. For example, we can store the Improv items downstairs if there isn't room in one of the club rooms. And since Grunin is closed this semester, could Trash for Treasure be showcased in the new library? Or in the Student Center annex? Justin will share these ideas with the coordinators.
 - Ryan J. brought up that having a bigger gym would be great. And mentioned it would be great to add more sports such as boxing and

wrestling. Ryan K. recommended that he speak with Ilene Cohen to talk about the possibilities of adding these sports.

- Scholarship Day and Photo Day for Headshots
 - SGA will sponsor Scholarship Day on Tuesday, April 1 from at least 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. All SGA members in attendance are available to assist students at some point during that time frame. Cheyenne mentioned that she gave Jen the post-event notes from last year. Ryan will ask Jen to bring them to the next meeting to help guide in the planning for this event.
 - All members are interested in planning an event for students to have their headshots done. Ryan will talk to Jen about contacting Michael to determine his availability. It was noted that it would be nice to offer more time slots than were available last year. And how better directions need to be given to students to find the headshot location.
 - Ryan J. said that it would be nice to have a pool table in the student center for students to use. It would be fun to have a pool tournament. Michelle mentioned that PTK purchased a multi-activity table last year that students can use. It is located in the club room.
- Update on Senator Spotlight Project (Larissa)
 - Larissa was not present, so this item has been tabled until the next meeting.
- Can Tab Collection service project – extended deadline (Ryan)
 - Ryan shared information on the collection for those who had not heard of it before. He mentioned that the deadline has been extended through early May and that the reach will be extended to the campus community.
 - Ryan also shared that the collection location will be the Student Life Box Office. Justin brought up the idea of putting boxes in several academic buildings since a lot of students do not come to the student center. Ryan would like to keep the collection just in Student Life so that the drop off can be control. Michelle suggested having the box office as the drop off location since it is more accessible to students.
 - We will need to collect the name and contact information for people who drop off can tabs so that they can be entered into a drawing for a gift card.
- Planning for spring dance (Ryan)
 - Ryan is still interested in having SGA host a dance this year. Timing was discussed and due to the number of events already scheduled for April, that would not be the best month. Also, May will be too late to reach the goal of helping students make friends to combat the loneliness issue that was brought up at the BOT conversation. Michelle mentioned that another alternative could be to hold a Welcome to OCC dance in September to help students meet people early in the semester. The tentative date will be Thursday, March 27 from 6:00-9:00 pm so that it can be held this semester.
 - It will be a casual event so that it can be more accessible for students. Semi-formal is also an option.

- A theme will be determined in the next meeting. Justin asked for everyone to bring a theme idea to the next meeting so it can be voted on. The initial ideas include Casino Night, Under the Sea, and Disco.
- Other items to be determined: Entertainment, food, tickets/rsvp, King and Queen or possibly best dressed? Superlatives?

4. Club information / News

- New Club: Fashion Diaries
 - The only question raised was regarding how students can become a member. It is recommended to remove the word “apply” and re-write the sentence to say that students can become members by attending at least one meeting.
- New Club: Voces Unidas
 - Article II Section 4: What is meant by “honorary membership”?
 - Article V Section 1: It is recommended that this section be less specific. Instead of mentioning an actual day, perhaps just say the club will meet at least once a week during the semester.

5. Upcoming events for club involvement

- Black History Month event – Wednesday, 2/26, 11am – 12:15pm, GATE 104
- Clubs for a Cause – Wednesday, 4/23, 12-4pm
 - Ryan shared the goals of Clubs for a Cause. Michelle mentioned that SGA still has time to create an activity for this event, if interested. Or can help set-up, clean-up, assist other clubs, etc. She shared some of the events other clubs are currently planning.

6. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm