SGA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17th, 2012

The meeting commences at 7 p.m. and Mary Lane Turbyfill led the body in the invocation. As Brin turned to pledge to the flag, the officers realized that flag was not in fact in the room. Fortunately, Eddie pulled up the American flag on his iPad and the body said the pledge of allegiance to the great country that made the iPad possible.

Officer Reports:

Eddie Lin, Treasurer
The current SGA Account Balance is $5000. SGA Representatives should check with their organization's president to make sure they have received the breakdown for the club's allocation. If not, let Eddie know and he'll resend it.

Stacey Fronek, Secretary
The body looked over and passed the previous meeting's minutes. Stacey announced that clubs which are now in bad standing should see her after the meeting to discuss procedure for being reinstated.
She then announced upcoming Membership Credit Opportunities:

Baked Goods Letters: Wednesday, January 18th
Blood Drive Sign-up Table: January 20th and 23rd, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Jacob Stubbs, Vice President of Campus Services
The Blood Drive is coming up on Tuesday, January 24th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up for it!

Harrison Earp, Vice President of Student Services
The rain's not done yet, apparently! The last day of BookSwap is tomorrow from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. so come by and get your books. Class officers need to meet with Harrison after the meeting.

Brin Enterkin, President
SGA has completely changed the way that service credits work. Credits are now called membership credits, and clubs must complete two per semester in addition to one volunteer credit. You can go to BCVS or come up with your own volunteer opportunity, only it must be about serving the Rome Community. You have to have the activity initialed by a BCVS staff member.
Conversation on Academic Engagement: Administrators are doing strategic planning for the next 5 years and SGA is facilitating two separate focus groups to get students involved in the conversation. So, what allows you to become more engaged in the classroom? What enriches your academic experience.

I like field trips.
In-class projects that provide real-life application utilizing skills you've learned.

Professors encouraging students to pursue research funding opportunities and scholarships.
Group projects.
Professors pushing opportunities that Berry offers, i.e., student enterprises and service opportunities.
Service requirements that are completed in class.
Independent study opportunities.
Integrate institutional research into the classroom.
Cross-discipline studies and projects.
In-class discussions.
Anything hands-on that produces something for a student's portfolio.
More exposure to student journals for publishing student research.
Allowing freshmen access to the research of upperclassmen.

Brin said that students have access to research funding, Dr. Stanard is the person to go to if anyone is interested. Stacey noted that there is also a Student Research Symposium coming up in which students will present their research for others to see

Riddle of the Week: It's come to our attention that people are cheating by using their iPhones to look up the answer to the riddle! Now we're just going to announce them during the meeting.
What has feet and legs and nothing else? Stockings!

Tim Brown, Oak Hill
Martha Berry's father bought Oak Hill, and it actually burnt down once before it was rebuilt. In 1926, Martha's mother died and the house was renovated in 1927. By then, Martha was well on her way to making Berry into a successful college. She used the house to accommodate robber barons who were potential donors. After her death, the house was turned into an art gallery and a historical museum. It consists of 170 acres, the house museum, the history museum, the old automobiles, the garden, and the Gloria Shatto trail. Oak Hill is the leading tourist attraction in Northwest, GA. Their long-term goal is for there to be a Berry Center for the Arts that would display some of the art in the museum.

Old Business
What about the laundry system? Dean Heida said that laundry will be included as part of room and board next year!

New Business
When are the Deerfield fireplaces going to be used again? We'll look into it.
Is there any way we can open up the gate at Morgan and Deerfield so students can bring their cars on the sidewalk to unload? Dean Heida said that they don't open it up for Christmas luggage, only for fall move-in.

Class President Reports
None.

Committee Reports
None.

Announcements
None.

Brittany Regan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.