SGA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 15th, 2011

The meeting commenced at 7 p.m., and Abby Akridge gave the invocation. Brin then led the body in the pledge of allegiance.

Officer Reports:

Eddie Lin, Treasurer
Eddie announced that the current SGA account balance is $1,115.96. He then presented the Spring allocations to the body for a vote.
One student asked about the amount of the Forensic Union's allocation and Eddie explained that the travel request was incorporated into the final amount.

Stacey Fronek, Secretary
Stacey presented the minutes to the body, which passed them without corrections.
The following Membership Credit Opportunities were announced:

Operation Christmas Child: 3 boxes = 1 service credit (until tomorrow!)
Lighting of Kilpatrick Commons, Nov. 22th, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Lessons and Carols, Nov. 29th 7-9 p.m., setup and teardown
BookSwap: Last two weeks of school, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Food For Finals, Dec. 4th, 9-11 p.m., set-up and teardown
Stuffing Envelopes for Baked Goods

Jacob Stubbs, Vice President of Campus Services
All SGA attendees were given relay for life team information, and Jacob asked the body to take a look at the instructions for membership credit. Jacob also announced an upcoming membership credit for stuffing baked goods letters.

Harrison Earp, Vice President of Student Services
Harrison assisted the body with a free weather report: it's raining. Keep those rain jackets out! Bookswap is also starting up, so we want your books and service!
Also, come out for the Lighting of Kilpatrick Commons, when we're glamming up the Kilpatrick Commons for Christmas!

Brin Enterkin, President
Change in Service Credits—they are now going to be called membership credit. Officers are only going to be required to do two membership credits in addition to their service delivering baked goods.
First SGA meeting of the Spring Semester will be at Dean Heida's house.
Laundry Discussion: SGA is proposing that laundry become free on campus and a fee be lumped in with housing costs to pay for it. After all, Brin asked, "Who hates quarters?"

One student commented, “I love quarters…they’re a common form of currency.” Eddie asked, “Who hates carrying quarters to fill the quarter machine?” But Brin noted that Eddie has gained 5 lbs. of muscle since taking on the job, causing a few students to question whether that is a bad thing.
But what about the inequity of laundry usage? The “spin” on the story is that the cost would be “folded” into the room and board charge. It would begin next fall.
Is this a self-sustaining program? If people use it more, will the cost go up the following semester? That is something that will need to be determined.
Would more washers and dryers be added? Most schools implementing this policy haven’t experienced a longer wait for laundry machines.
Some people jam as much clothes into the washer as possible. Brin finished, “…And then you leave it in there for a week…oh wait, that’s just me.”
Townhouse washers and dryers are dirty. Dennis Goshorn said that he’ll notify the people who should be cleaning them.

What kind of tan did pilgrims get at the beach? The Puritans!

Dillon Yost: KCAB is looking for people to be on the concert committee for Exam Jam. Applications are in the SAO if anyone is interested. Rebecca Stewart and Lyndsey Morris passed out ballots to determine who will be playing in the spring.

Lindsey Taylor on room Selection
Residence Life works closely with the Admissions Office in order to ensure that they have the numbers correct. They calculate how many people usually stay in on-campus housing in order to compute the predicted number of returning students. They are assuming that they will have 188 more students than beds this fall. Julia Cottage is being renovated and will be student housing next year, and some Residence Life staff will be moved out of student housing (they are required to live on campus) in order to make room for freshmen. But even still, they will be looking for seniors to move off-campus. The biggest piece of the residential pie is first-year students. Residence Life believes that students should move slowly from communal to more independent living experiences during their college years.

Why do we do a lottery? A few years ago, students expressed dissatisfaction with the selection process. They are constantly analyzing the numbers or the use of space in order to facilitate the fairest and most efficient process of choosing housing.

They will be posting questions and answers about room selection in Krannert. Dennis has blocked off his schedule every Friday afternoon for students to drop by and talk about room selection.

Old Business
Lights behind Richards: Bobby and his team will be doing lighting walks this week to figure it out.
Dean Heida said that there were no strange issues with holds on registration that they detected.

New Business
None.

Class President Reports
Sophomore class: Happy Thanksgiving!

Committee Reports
None.

Announcements
Model UN is leaving on Thursday for SRMUN in Atlanta.
Stop Hunger Now packed 60,000 meals over the weekend.
A fancy swanky water fountain was put in Westcott.

Brittany Regan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm.