



**JOURNAL OF THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL BOARD
OF
KING'S COLLEGE**

The 2016-2017 General Board assembled on **Monday, September 12, 2016** at **3:30 PM** in the **Snyder Conference Room** on the third floor of the **Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center** in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The meeting was called to order by Executive President Naeem.

CALL OF ROLL

The roll was called for the purpose of attendance, resulting as follows:

Present: 22; Not Present: 2

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Amoroso, C.	Argiris, I.	Boyce, N.	Casey, G.
Castillo, V.	Cleary, J.	Hydrick, J.	Kolessar, M.
Larralde, J.	Luckenbill, L.	Meluskey, A.	Morrocu, G.
Naeem, R.	Noss, H.	Rackham, E.	Romani, A.
Sandoval, C.	Shifflett, K.	Tlatenchi, S.	Victor, J.
Villani, V.	Zumchak, K.		

TOTAL [22]

Director Victoria Brown; Director Heather Danishanko; Director Jared Hoats; and Director Hifza Saeed were present as non-voting members.

Liaisons Alyssa Conner (Career Planning), Jake Daniel (Athletics), Randill DeAsis (Shoval Center), Alexander Krispin (Campus Environment), Carlos Perdomo (Campus Activities), Robert Pritchard (IITS), Patrick Reilly (Campus Ministry), Evelyn Tocco (Health Services), and Vanessa Yao (Campus Diversity) were present as non-voting members.

Staff Advisor Steven Matusiewicz; Faculty Advisor David Sosar, PhD; and Dean Robert McGonigle; were present as non-voting members.

Liaisons Gredi Gracari (Academics) and Naif Alblawi (International Students) were not present for this meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Dagnall, M. (E – LAB)	Canacaro, R. (A)
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TOTAL [2]

A quorum of the Voting Board being present, the proceedings continued.

INTRODUCTIONS

Executive President Naeem asked members of the General Board to introduce themselves again. Each member stated their Name, Class, and Position.

REVIEW OF SGA ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Executive President Naeem asked members of the General Board for their thoughts, suggestions, and concerns in regards to the Ice Cream Social held in O'Connor Park on Sunday, August 28 that was sponsored by the SGA.

Director Danishanko opened conversation and noted that overall the event was successful and she was happy to see the turnout, however recommends that should the event be continued there be more advertisement for the event, most pertinently noting that there should have been an e-mail sent to the Student Body to inform them of the event. (Of note, the email was sent to ***Student Announcements too late on Sunday and was not forwarded to the Student Body by IITS).

Junior Class Representative Boyce reiterates that the event went well and hopes the event will continue. She enjoyed being able to hang out with the first-year students and thought it was a great way to welcome them to campus.

Liaison Yao (Campus Diversity) also reiterates the event went well, but suggests that should the event continue we find a way to keep it closer together, she felt as if the activities were too spread out.

FALL COMMUNITY DAY

Executive President Naeem reports to the General Board that we will host the Fall Community Day this Friday, September 16, 2016 in O'Connor Park and in Monarch Court from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM. We are hosting this event in order to bring the King's College Community closer together.

The event will include fun activities by DJ Phantom, such as The Hippo Chow Down, Skee-ball, Full Court Press, and a Dunk Tank. We also will have a complimentary Ice Cream Station, Popcorn Station, Chips & Salsa, Lemonade, and Iced Water. There will also be footballs, soccer balls, frisbees, canjam, and cornhole in the park.

We are asking that members volunteer for at least 1 hour. The sign-up sheet is available goo.gl/QKmVHy. Volunteering for 1 hour at Community Day will satisfy voting member's office hour requirement for the week. Members should sign-up by 4:30 PM on Wednesday, September 14.

FALL ELECTIONS

Executive President Naeem reports that applications for the Fall SGA Elections were released today via Student Announcements.

The following vacancies are currently present in the SGA:

Senior Class: Vice President; 3 Class Representatives

Freshman Class: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 4 Class Representatives

Liaisons: Alumni Relations, Commuter Life, Dining Services, Off-Campus.

Applications are available from Monday, September 12, 2016 – Friday September 23, 2016

Elections will be held Monday, September 26, 2016 – Friday, September 30, 2016 at 4:30 PM

FUNDRAISING

Executive Treasurer Luckenbill provided an update on the Fundraising Incentive that is available to Class Boards. As noted in the table below that was provided to Class Presidents and Class Treasurers, there are three tiers for fundraising. The amount that each class raises will affect the amount they receive as a reward for meeting the goal.

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Further questions should be directed to Executive Treasurer Luckenbill.

OPEN FORUM

Executive President Naeem reports that we will host the Fall Open Forum on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 3:30 PM

At this time Executive President Naeem opened the floor to General Board Members and the Public to share the comments, concerns, suggestions, and questions that have been presented to them thus far this semester.

Sophomore Class President Victor reports that there is a problem with parking for commuters. She states that there seems to not be enough parking available as “people are creating their own spots and blocking parking spots and traffic.” She reports that she has sent an e-mail to Mark Naylor, King’s College Safety & Security, in regards to this issue. He replied to her stating that they are working on this issue.

Junior Class Representative Shifflett presented questions regarding the new Meal Plan. She notes that there continues to be confusion in regards to how meal swipes work and vary at different outlets. She also notes that there are concerns regarding the hours of operation of each eating outlet, most pertinently Leo’s Burger’s and Shakes on Main St.

Junior Class Representative Boyce expresses discontent that Food Services removed the pizza and wings options from the list of acceptable entrees on meal plan/swipe at Connerton’s.

Junior Class Vice President Villani expresses that he believes the quality of breakfasts options at all dining outlets has decreased significantly. Many members expressed agreement with the statement, some even noting that the overall quality of all food at all dining outlets has decreased.

Senior Class Representative Morrocu reports that there seems to be a problem with the refrigerator at King’s Court, noting that it’s items seem to not say cold. She states she has heard reports of “people putting stuff in the refrigerated items.”

Sophomore Class Representative Amoroso notes that she has class during the “prime” lunch hour at King’s Court and when she visited last week after “prime” lunch hour there were not many options available for her, prompting her not to return to King’s Court since.

Junior Class Representative Shifflett reports that she has heard several complaints that the menu board in Connerton’s moves too fast and doesn’t allow customers (students) enough time to read the menu, causing a delay in the ordering process.

Career Planning Liaison Conner reports that she works in the Career Planning Office daily, which is located off of the Susquehanna Place, and believes that “Susq” is having a similar problem, but because they are having a huge influx of students during lunchtime because they are familiar with the menu options and it is the only outlet that allows students to get their “normal meal” on meal plan.

Junior Class Secretary Romani suggests that the outlets with new menu options consider printing paper copies of the menus to speed up the process. Executive President Naeem, notes that Dining Services is urging students to download the new Dining Services Application for smartphones, which has the new menus on it.

Director Danishanko (and Residence Life Liaison) informed the Board that during RA training this summer they sat in on a presentation from Dining Services who told the RAs they wanted to hear student feedback, because they can't make improvements without feedback! She reports that there is a number students can text message their feedback to. She encourages the Board to encourage others to submit their positive and negative feedback to Dining Services.

Executive President moves to draw attention toward the D. Leonard Corgan Library.

Junior Class Secretary Romani notes that the library seems to "light" on numbers right now because we are still in the first weeks of the semester. She believes that things will pick up in the coming weeks as we classes reach their first exams.

No other Board members offer additional feedback in regards to library. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting, as the Board agrees with Secretary Romani beliefs.

Career Planning Liaison Conner reports that she noticed an increase in college fees on her bill this semester that was without explanation from the College's administration and requests that we launch an inquiry into this matter. The Executive Board will follow-up this inquiry and provide an update at the next General Board meeting.

Junior Class President Larralde expressed much content and approval of IITS' new sustainability initiative that was deployed across campus last week.

IITS Liaison Pritchard elaborated that the new initiative "PaperCut" is a product that was designed to heighten student awareness of their printing habits on campus. It was also designed to save paper, save budgets, and save the environment all at the same time. He notes that while there is a 500-page semester quota, IITS's data showed that 94% of students at King's College print less than 500 sheets per semester. However, should a student exceed the quota, they simply just need to contact the HelpDesk (xHELP) and request an increase.

No additional questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns were provided at this time. Executive President appreciated the feedback that was provided today and encouraged members to reach out to their classes and seek-out comments, suggestions, and concerns, and report them. At that time Executive President Naeem motioned to move to the next agenda item. Motion was carried.

CLASS REPORTS

Senior Class President Cleary provided the following report for the Class of 2017:

The Senior Class will hold their Senior Socials on the following dates at Senuna's Bar & Grill:

9/1/2016; 9/22/2016; 10/6/2016; 10/27/2016 (Possibly at Radano's); 11/17/2016; 12/8/2016

Commencement Ball will be held at the Mohegan Sun Pocono Casino, located at 1280 PA 315, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. The ticket price is TBD. The ticket will include 1 entrée, 1 dessert, and an open bar. The senior "send-off" gift is TBD.

The class board has the following fundraising ideas: Sweatshirts/ Long Sleeve shirts; 50/50 Raffle Friends and Family Weekend ; 50/50 for Homecoming; Possible Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Bar Sales/ Yummy Licks Lollipops; St. Patrick's Day T-shirt; Wilkes-Kings Mayor's Cup t-shirts; Sweatpants sale right before thanksgiving; Senior auction; and Stretchy bracelets.

Junior Class President Larralde provided the following report for the Class of 2018:

“On Saturday, November 19, 2016 the class of 2018 will be volunteering at Habitat for Humanity in Wilkes-Barre. Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that builds simple and decent homes to sell to families in need. They use volunteer labor and charitable gifts to ensure the homes are affordable to low income families in Wyoming Valley. This past year our class volunteered at Habitat for Humanity as our service project and we found the work to be very rewarding and their mission to be very similar to the King’s College mission.

On Saturday, November 11, 2016 the King’s football team will be playing Wilkes in the annual Mayor’s Cup game at the Wilkes Stadium over the bridge in Kirby Park. For those of you know that don’t know this game is heavily attended by King’s students and alumni and brings a lot of camaraderie. The class of 2018 would like to host a “Pre Game Day Breakfast” in the outdoor Monarch Court at 9:00AM and then walk from campus to the Wilkes Stadium with police escorts. This social is in the very beginning stages of planning so we will keep you updated on our plans.

As many of you know, the Class of 2018 is selling Homecoming T-Shirts. We started selling the t-shirts on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 and we will continue to sell them until Wednesday, September 14, 2016. The shirts will be available for pickup on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 which is the Wednesday before the Homecoming game. This far we have sold 259 shirts with a profit on \$1,618.75.

The Class of 2018 is planning on holding a Josie’s Italian ice fundraiser either the last week of September or the first week of October. Plans are still in progress.

We feel that a social media is a great way to keep our class updated and involved. We have contacted Patrick Farrel from the Marketing Department to get access to the original Facebook page that was set up for our class as incoming freshman. In addition, he will be setting us up an Instagram and Twitter page. Our advisor, Eric Grego has agreed to monitor our posts to ensure that we are representing King’s College in a positive and appropriate way.”

Sophomore Class President Victor provided the following report for the Class of 2019:

The Class of 2019 held their first board meeting last Wednesday. We discussed what worked well last year and what could use improvement. We are planning on doing a coffee hour social when the weather gets cooler. We thought this was a better approach because our social attendance last year was lower than expected. As far as fundraising and service, we have talked about a few ideas, but nothing is finalized. Some things we discussed were: raffle baskets or selling chocolates, flowers etc. Service projects veterans hospital or some sort of community outreach.

LIAISON REPORTS

On behalf of the Office of the Associate Vice President and Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation, Liaison Daniel requests that members encourage classmates to attend home sporting events, most notably the homecoming football game vs. Lebanon Valley on Sunday, September 24, 2016

On behalf of the Office of Multicultural and International Students Program, Liaison Yao reports that the 6th Annual Diversity Festival will run every other Thursday between September 13th and October 19th. They will be showing Zootopia on September 29th. They will host the Ultimate Flag Challenge on October 19th in the Toole Lobby from 11 AM – 8PM. They will also be hosting the MIC Social, “It’s Lit!” next month. It is a glow party with dancing and educational games.

On behalf of the Office of Residence Life, Liaison Danishanko reports that the open period to change roommates and meal plans is currently open and will close next week.

On behalf of the Office of Campus Ministry, Liaison Reilly reports that there is a Pilgrimage to the covenant in Livingston Manor, NY scheduled from September 16th – September 18th, which will include a weekend of prayer and manual labor amidst nature. Additionally, CM is connecting with the Maffaei Theatre in regards to the fall production of “*Godspell*.”

On behalf of IITS, Liaison Pritchard reiterates the new Green Initiative (“Paper Cut”). He also reports that over the summer IITS switched internet service providers and they are noting increased connectivity and browsing speed on campus. He also reports that ServiceElectric, the campus’ cable provider upgrade to a digital feed, which may be causing problems for students. Those who are experiencing any technology problems on campus should report them to the IIT Help Desk and they will follow-up.

On behalf of the Shoal Center for Community Engagement, Liaison DeAsis reports that the Shoal Center continues their mission of increasing community service among the school. He introduced the new pantry and what it entitles. He notes that the Shoal Center is working to create Study Rooms/Areas for students. Also reports, FallSERVE meetings will take place on September 13th and September 14th.

On behalf of the Office of Campus Activities, Liaison Perdomo reports that they will be hosting a Homecoming Block Party on Friday, September 23, 2016 in lieu of a Homecoming Dance. More details to come in regards to this.

Executive President Naeem thanked all Classes and Liaisons for their reports and encouraged all General Board Members to share the information provided by Liaisons to their classes.

ADJOURNMENT

Executive President thanked the members of the General Board for the feedback that was provided today and, again, encouraged members to reach out to their classes and seek out comments, suggestions, and concerns, and report them.

At 4:01 P.M., on the motion of Executive President Naeem, the Board adjourned to meet on September 26, 2016 at 3:30 P.M. in the Burke Auditorium.

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Ramsha M. Naeem
Executive President

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George J. Casey
Executive Vice-President

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Jairad S. Hydrick
Executive Secretary

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Lyle L. Luckenbill
Executive Treasurer