



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

The 2016-2017 General Board assembled on **Monday, September 26, 2016** at **3:32 PM** in the **Burke Auditorium** on the first floor of the **William G. McGowan School of Business** 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.	Canazaro, R.
Casey, G.	Castillo, V.	Clear, J.	Hydrick, J.
Kolessar, M.	Laralde, J.	Luckenbill, L.	Meluskey, A.
Morrocu, G.	Naeem, R.	Rackham, E.	Romani, A.
Sandoval, C.	Shifflet, K.	Tlatenchi, S.	Victor, J.
Villani, V.	Zumchak, K.		

TOTAL [22]

Naif Alblawi (International Students); Director Victoria Brown (Elections); Liaisons Alyssa Conner (Career Planning); Jake Daniel (Athletics); Director/Liaison Heather Danishanko (Clubs & Orgs/ResLife); Randill DeAsis (Shoval Center); Director Jared Hoats (SGA Affairs); Alexander Krispin (Campus Environment); Carlos Perdomo (Campus Activities); Robert Pritchard (IITS); Patrick Reilly (Campus Ministry); Director Hifza Saeed (Student Life & Outreach); Evelyn Tocco (Health Services); and Vanessa Yao (Campus Diversity) were present as non-voting members.

Staff Advisor Steven Matusiewicz; Faculty Advisor David Sosar, PhD; Dean Robert McGonigle; and Director of Campus Activities and Orientation Sean Cryan were present as non-voting members.

Liaisons Gredi Gracari (Academics) and was not present for this meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Dagnall, M. (E – LAB)	Noss, H. (E – CLASS)
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TOTAL [2]

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

FALL COMMUNITY DAY

On Friday, September 16, 2016 the Student Government Association hosted the Fall Community Day in O'Connor Park and Monarch Court. At the event, there were inflatable games, a dunk tank, ice cream sundae bar, chips and salsa, and a popcorn bar. Executive President Naeem invited members to provide feedback on the event.

Junior Class Representative Boyce expressed that the event was a success overall, which appeared to be the general consensus of the members present.

Junior Class Secretary Romani reported that many students were surprised and confused as to what was going on, however she heard great things from students who attended. She recommends that for Spring Community Day we attempt to make shift-change more organized. She also recommends that volunteers try to wear Student Government apparel, or at least King's apparel.

Executive Board President Naeem agrees that many people were surprised and confused, noting that there was not adequate advertisement for the event—identifying the need for more advertisement for the next Community Day. She also reports that may need different options for the next CD, noting that while the ice cream sundae bar was popular (as it was with the Ice Cream Social just prior to starting school), there did not seem to be many people eating the popcorn citing that there was several off-the-wall flavors that students were not receptive to. She also believes the chips & salsa may not have been an appropriate choice for the event.

Director of Campus Activities and Orientation Sean Cryan asked about the timing of the event, stating that having this event on a Friday, followed by the Homecoming Block Party the following Friday may have been too much. It was originally intended that this event be held earlier in the school year, however was delayed due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts. The 2017 Fall Community Day has already been set for the first Friday of the Academic Semester next year.

No further questions, comments, or concerns were expressed at this time and on the motion of Executive Board President Naeem this discussion was completed and we continued to the next agenda item.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

This past weekend (September 23rd – September 25th) was Homecoming. On Friday, September 23rd, the Office of Campus Activities sponsored a “Block Party” for full-time undergraduate students on East Jackson Street, which included live-entertainment; prize booths; vendors; inflatables; food; and other activities. The Student Government Association sponsored a booth in which students could play a Horse Racing game and the first horse to the finish line won an Inflatable Leo the Lion. Executive President Naeem invited members to provide feedback on the event.

The majority of members present expressed that the event was “Lit!” noting that they “had a great time” and “look forward to the event next year!”

The Board recommends that next year's Block Party include more booths as the lines were long at prime-times, also noting that some booths ran out of prizes early and had to close down before the scheduled time.

Director Cryan reports that this is because there was a lot more students present at the event than what was expected and planned for.

International Students Liaison Alblawi recommends that the committee next year keeps the nutritional requirements of International Students of other faiths in regards the food-truck options, noting that they were unable to eat at the Gyro truck because their meat was not Halal.

No further questions, comments, or concerns were expressed at this time and on the motion of Executive Board President Naeem this discussion was completed and we continued to the next agenda item.

FALL ELECTIONS

Executive Board Secretary Hydrick provided an update of the 2016 Fall Elections. At the time of this meeting all of the applications have been reviewed by the Elections Committee and the eligible applicants for Freshman ballot were forwarded to IITS to create the ballot. The elections link was received via e-mail during this meeting and will be sent to the Class of 2020 after the meeting. First-year students will be allowed to vote until Friday, September 30th at 4:30 PM. At that time, the winning candidates will be notified.

The Senior Class Board applications have been reviewed by the Elections Committee and the eligible candidates have been forwarded to the Senior Class Board for review and appointment.

No further questions, comments, or concerns were expressed at this time and on the motion of Executive Board Secretary Hydrick this discussion was completed and we continued to the next agenda item.

THE COLLEGE FEE

At the last General Board meeting, Liaison Conner and other members of the Student Government Association expressed much concern from the Student Body in regards to the “College Fee” charge that appeared on student’s accounts this semester and what that “fee” entails/how it is spent.

Executive Board President Naeem reached out to Thomas Graber (King’s College Controller) via e-mail, however has not been able to setup an appointment with him to discuss the fee and invite him to present at this meeting.

No further questions, comments, or concerns were expressed at this time and on the motion of Executive Board President Naeem this discussion was tabled and we continued to the next agenda item.

D. LEONARD CORGAN LIBRARY

In a continued effort of this SGA Administration’s goal, questions, comments, concerns, and recommendations were requested from the general body in regards to the improvement of the library.

International Students Liaison Alblawi expresses discontent with the Library’s hours of operations. He notes that Wilkes University’s library is open 24-hours a day. He states that we should not have King’s students leaving our campus to go to Wilkes to utilize their resources because of the hours.

Athletics Liaison Daniel reports that every time he has visited to the library for group studying there are no rooms available for group study.

Junior Class Secretary Romani recommends that the College consider opening up just 1 floor of the library by swipe access from the Lane’s Lane entrance to allow students more access.

Junior Class Representative Tlatenchi recommends having a “trial period” were the library has extended hours of operation on a Saturday to evaluate the number of students that would utilize the library after 4PM.

No further questions, comments, or concerns were expressed at this time. Executive President Naeem encouraged members to reach out to their friends, classmates, and other students on campus for their feedback. On the motion of Executive Board President Naeem this discussion was tabled and we continued to the next agenda item.

GUEST PRESENTATION / Q&A: VIRGINIA SPATARO, DINING SERVICES

Chartwells Marketing Director Virginia Spataro presented the Student Government Association the changes that we have seen in King's College's Dining Services, including change in meal plans; meal exchange zones; hours of operations; changes in options at retail locations; and catering. Spataro fielded questions, comments, suggestions, and concerns from members of the SGA.

Spataro encourages members to spread the word that students can leave feedback by posting or direct messaging King's Dining on its social media sites; by sending a text message to the Text2Solve number (570-762-9519) which goes directly to the various managers; or by submitting feedback on the DineOnCampus website.

Spataro reports that the full-service Chick-fil-a will be opening by the end of October.

Too many great questions, comments, suggestions, and concerns were offered by members to be recorded in this Journal. Should anyone have questions, feel free to contact the SGA Executive Board or the aforementioned methods of contacting Dining Services.

LUZERNE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Dean McGonigle has forwarded a request from the Luzerne County Transportation Authority (LCTA) for one volunteer to represent the King's College Student Body on a committee with the LCTA. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee or would like more information, they should contact a member of the Executive Board for appointment.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY & MISSION COMMITTEE

The Catholic Identity and Mission Committee assists the president, the chief mission officer, in attending to issues related to the Catholic Identity and Mission of King's College. The Committee is advisory to the president; its membership consists of ex officio, appointed and elected members. The Chair is looking for 2 students to serve on this committee.

Executive Board Vice President Casey has volunteered to serve on this committee. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, they should contact a member of the Executive Board for appointment.

CLASS REPORTS

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

The Board will review the applications this week and appoint candidates to their positions. Their second senior social was held this past Thursday. They have finalized their first fundraiser: Sweatshirt sell. They are working to finalize the design and then will release to the Student Body.

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

The Class of 2018 is wrapping up their t-shirt fundraiser, which was very successful. They will be selling Josie's Italian Ice this week. They are avidly planning for the Class Social on 11/12/2016. They will be volunteering with Habitats for Humanity on 11/19/2016.

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

At our last meeting we discussed doing a mini pumpkin sale as a fundraiser. We will probably be going through Dundee Gardens in Nanticoke. We're planning our coffee hour social after fall break. We are hoping to have in Regina Court. Finally, we're working on trying to organize a police and community event.

LIAISON REPORTS

On behalf of the Office of Multicultural and International Students Program, Liaison Yao reports that the 6th Annual Diversity Festival is underway with an event every other Thursday until October 19th. Zootopia will show on Sept. 29. The Festival will conclude with the Ultimate Flag Challenge on October 19th in the Toole Lobby of the Campus Center, which will run from 11AM to 8PM. The MIC Social, "It's Lit!" will be on September 30th, which will include educational games in regards to cultural awareness, a glow party, and dancing!

On behalf of the Facilities Division & the Executive Director of Safety and Security, Liaison Krispin reports the Facilities Division created a new position earlier this year, which was filled by the former maintenance supervisor, Dave Hohol. His new position puts him in charge of efforts to make King's more environmentally friendly, and other related matters.

On behalf of the Office of Campus Ministry, Liaison Reilly reports that Campus Ministry is sponsoring a free Commuter Car Wash on 10/6/2016 outside of Holy Cross Hall from 2PM to 5PM. There is another re-treat opportunity coming up on October 22nd to the Franciscan Monastery in Sybertsville, PA. The St. Bernadine's Gospel Choir will be performing on October 22nd at 7:30 PM in the Chapel of Christ the King. They will also sing at the 11 AM mass on October 23rd. There is a lounge area available in the Office of Campus Ministry from 9AM to 4PM that has free coffee, tea, juice, and light snacks that all are welcome to enjoy!

On behalf of IITS, Liaison Pritchard reports many students experienced disconnecting issues earlier last week, which has been resolved at this time. He reports that they have identified that **Wireless Printers** are causing a big issue with signal interference in the Residence Halls and Apartments, which subsequently causes a disruption in the resident's connection and his/her neighbors. IITS is looking for feedback on PaperCut issues. They are also looking make "mobile printing" an option on campus.

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 4:30 P.M., on the motion of Executive President Naeem, the Board adjourned to meet on October 10, 2016 at 3:30 P.M. in the Snyder Conference Room.

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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