

Blinn College – Bryan  
Student Government Association  
General Assembly Minutes  
13<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1:41pm by Executive Vice-President Joseph Bassett.

**II. Quorum**

Secretary Vegas Scholl reports that quorum has been met.

**III. Orders of the Day**

Accepted as written

**IV. Reading of the Previous Minutes**

Secretary made motion to correct minutes from the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, changed “Orders of the Day” to “General Assembly Minutes” and struck Article VIII, section B, subsection 5 from minutes;

Motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes and accept them as changed by Daniel Crocker, motion is seconded by Thomas Tydlacka, reading of the previous minutes is dispensed.

**V. Officer Report**

**A. *Parliamentarian Charity Wilson***

1. Asked that everyone please give club reports to Secretary Vegas Scholl after the assembly.

**B. *Sergeant at Arms Daniel Contestabile***

1. Requests that all in the assembly please turn off cell phones.

**C. *Historian Parker Brunson***

1. To those in clubs, we are putting together a scrapbook with pictures from the clubs, if you have anything to contribute come to

me. If you have an event come to us so it can be recorded and we can be a part of it.

***D. Treasurer Tanner Dewald***

1. The Halo Tournament was a great success. We added funds to our account.
2. We have a “Modern Warfare” and costumed events coming up.

***E. Secretary Vegas Scholl***

1. Nothing to report.

***F. Vice-President of On Campus Activities Theodore Wilson***

1. The earliest possible date for the blood drive is the Monday before Thanksgiving.
2. Have compiled a list of club reps from those who have been here recently, check to assure info is correct.
3. Friday is Invisible Children; we can help to set up. Set up is at 4pm, event is from 5-8pm, and is a great source of information regarding the civil war in Uganda, on the kidnapping of young children who are then turned into child soldiers.

***G. Vice-President of Publicity Wojtek Stypko***

1. If a club or anyone else has announcements they would like to display on the television here, email to [SGA@blinn.edu](mailto:SGA@blinn.edu).
2. Still taking ideas for state video. Asked to explain what the video is, Wojtek responds that it is a video with a specific theme used in the TJCSGA competition, and that in the previous year we won with a video compilation, if you would like to see it go to their website.

***H. Executive Vice-President Joseph Bassett***

1. We will be going down to put the convention together, would recommend everyone who can should attend.

***I. President Broderick Wilson***

1. Not in attendance as President; sat in General Assembly as delegate.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

### ***A. Proposed Amendment***

1. Will be going before a committee.

### ***B. Club Posterboards***

1. Teddy Wilson states that most of our club posters were put together by the staff and Mr. Graves and not by the clubs, we would like the clubs to get involved and would recommend that they make their own tri-fold poster boards for display.

### ***C. Senator Positions***

1. Joseph Bassett says that senators are important, and that we would like a few more to consider joining.

**D.** Crocker moves to suspend rules and add new agenda item "Freedom Week Resolution", motion is seconded and voted upon, motion requires 2/3rds vote, and motion carries. Item placed on agenda as section F under Article VII. Crocker protests that motion passed was to take up item immediately, protest overruled by chair.

## **VII. New Business**

### ***A. Committee Reports***

#### **1. Resolutions Committee**

Charity states that we have not met since the last meeting, and have nothing to report.

#### **2. Homecoming Committee**

Katie Poole states that the theme is Mardi Gras, and that we have gone to look for decorations for the theme. It will be on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> on the Brenham campus. Thomas asks when the nominations for Mr. and Ms. Blinn will be, and is told that we will discuss that later in the meeting.

#### **3. On-Campus Activities Committee**

Theodore Wilson says that they will have a meeting later, if you are interested in this find me at the lab or send me an email.

**4. Constitution and Bylaws Committee**

Bylaw subsection 8 had some changes made, Taylor move to have a vote on the proposed amendment, movement is seconded, passes by a 2/3rds vote of hand. It is then taken up for vote, vote passes, and amendment passes.

**5. Judicial Committee**

Theodore Wilson read Judicial Review concerning allegations against Parliamentarian Charity Wilson, Judicial Committee finds no merit in the charges brought against Charity Wilson. The official ruling is attached to this document.

***B. Make A Difference Day***

**1. October 17<sup>th</sup> Unofficial Day**

Charity says this will be “our” Make a Difference Day, and we will pump gas and inform people of the actual Make a Difference Day.

**2. October 24<sup>th</sup> Official Day**

***C. Special Olympics***

1. Wojtek is still getting in contact with everyone, we will either be doing this on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>.

***D. Homecoming***

**1. October 24<sup>th</sup>**

On the Brenham campus at 3pm.

**2. Parade**

Clubs are encouraged to have a float, the SGA will have one.

**3. Mr. and Ms. Blinn**

Nominations will be taken from all clubs and associations. We would like clubs to nominate their own members, will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, be sure to bring your student ID.

**E. *NCAA Tourney – December 4<sup>th</sup>***

1. It will be held in the CPC, it is still in the works, and we will have more on this later on.

**F. *Freedom Week Resolution***

1. Chair states that resolution will be sent back to committee, Daniel Crocker protests that resolution is still before the floor as a motion to send back to committee has not been carried. Chair consults with parliamentarian and sustains protest. Advisor Franke states that resolution was disputed for grammar errors and that the week containing dates would change each year. Daniel Crocker raises point of clarification that resolution has been examined by English Prof and found to be correct. Chair directs to send back to committee as corrections have been made to text. Daniel Crocker raises point of clarification that no changes have been made to resolution text. Broderick Wilson moves to table resolution. Motion seconded and voted upon by division, motion carries. Daniel Crocker raises point of order that motions to lay on the table in order to prevent debate are out of order. Chair consults with parliamentarian and overrules. Freedom Week Resolution has been tabled.

## **VIII. Club Reports**

**A. *Music Club***

William Smith represents music club, we meet every Thursday in room E-120 at 1:30pm. We are planning on a monthly bulletin, and have elected President, Vice President, Secretary and Historian. We are also working on T-shirt designs.

**B. *CRU***

Thomas Tydlocka represents the club, it is a non-denominational Bible study meeting on Mondays at noon in room E-120/E-105

**C. *BESO/Joyous Praise Gospel Choir***

Donnie Nelson Jr. represents the club, Gospel Choir meets in room E-120 every other Friday from 6pm-8pm.

**D. *Dental Hygiene***

Nicki Sterling representing Dental Hygiene club, they are working on Christmas parade. On Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> working on kids teeth at schools. Also filling boxes for Soldiers in Iraq that they have adopted.

**E. ISO**

Nothing to report right now, detailed report later.

**F. Blinn Democrats**

Vojtek representing Blinn Democrats, events coming up watching and discussing documentary Wed 5pm in room E-120.

**G. Historical Society**

Vojtek representing the Historical Society, asks that people please come to the meetings, the days for them are not yet decided.

**H. Legal Assistants**

Taylor Strong representing the Legal Assistants, we have changed our name to Blinn Legal Students Organization, we will have many law-related events, and are currently trying to have lawyers, judges, or DA's come talk. We will be meeting in room E-237, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm-3:00pm.

**I. Brass**

Kurt Safieh representing Brass.

**J. Blinn Science Club**

Amanda Fritz representing Science Club, talked about trip to San Antonio, Natural Bridge Caverns.

**K. Psychology Club**

Evan Shields representing Psychology Club. Will have a speaker on Hypnosis this Friday at noon in room A-268, Alzheimer's speaker.

**L. Sigma Kappa Delta**

Larry Dupuis representing Sigma Kappa Delta. We are adopting Twin City Missions, food for the homeless, clothing for adults whom are usually ignored at Christmas. Working on Tree project for children, adopting quite a few of them. Picking up food not sold to be used for Twin City Missions.

**M. College Republicans**

Daniel Crocker representing College Republicans; will be attending a protest this Friday at President Obama's speech.

**N. Blinn Geological Society**

Hannah Rothe representing Geological Society, need volunteers for Keep Brazos Beautiful tree sale, Saturday Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at Gander Mountain

8:30am. Need volunteers for Brazos Valley Worldfest Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at Wolf Pen Creek Park, through Worldfest and not Blinn Geological Society.

## **IX. Closing Comments**

- A. Two resolutions going to committee, both are important.*
- B. Franke states that you can get a free Blinn SGA t-shirt by the door if you are a part of Student Government.*
- C. Wojtek; come see me after the meeting about the video, for scrapbooking see Charity.*
- D. Charity Wilson asks that you see her afterwards regarding Trick or Treat for cans and the Kiss the Pig contest. Franke has volunteered Dean Massey, look for an email.*
- E. This Friday is the recycling day for SGA.*

## **X. Adjournment**

*Garcia motions for adjournment. Motion is seconded; meeting is adjourned at 2:50pm.*

# Judicial Council Report

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Concerning complaint lodged by Representative Daniel Crocker of College Republicans against Charity Wilson, Student Government Parliamentarian.

Members in attendance: Executive Vice President Joseph Bassett, Vice President of On Campus Activities Teddy Wilson and Vice President of Publicity Wojtek Stypko.

The complaint issued on September 22, 2009 issued the following charges, and our findings and recommendations are listed beneath them.

1) That the Resolutions Committee was chaired by SGA Parliamentarian Charity Wilson, who according to the complaint, is not a member of the Student Senate, is not given the chair in the Bylaws and therefore should be replaced.

Decision: The SGA Constitution and Bylaws does not stipulate that the chair of the Resolutions Committee is the SGA Parliamentarian, nor does it define who holds that position. Precedent in the Student Government Association has had the parliamentarian hold that position, and therefore is acceptable. In regards to the SGA Executive Board not being members of the Student Senate, they are not allowed to vote in matters before the Student Senate, but both the Executive Board and the Senate are part of one whole, the Student Government Association. Also, many other committees in SGA are chaired by Executive Board members as part of the established duties and are able to do so effectively.

2) That as chair of the Resolutions Committee, Parliamentarian Charity Wilson refused to allow resolutions she disagreed with to come out of committee and be voted on by the Student Senate.

Decision: There Judicial Council was unable to find any evidence of a resolution being withheld after a majority vote of the committee to send it to the floor. The resolution in question was introduced on September 22, 2009 to the Student Senate, where as chair, Ms. Wilson voiced her objections to it, which is her right.

Recommendations:

The Judicial Council finds no basis for charges against SGA Parliamentarian Charity Wilson. The Council does recommend to the Executive Board and the Student Senate that an amendment to the Bylaws be added which stipulates that the Parliamentarian is chair of the Resolutions Committee to avoid any confusion in the future.