

**Student Government Association
Student Senate Meeting
23 September 2003
Minutes**

- I. Call to Order
 - a. President Penelope Nelson called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

- II. Roll Call
 - a. Sergeant-At-Arms Preston Moore called the roll.
 - b. Organizations not in attendance:
 - i. Fit Life Alliance
 - ii. Blinn Geography Society
 - iii. Professional Secretaries International
 - iv. Vocational Nursing Association
 - v. League of United Latin American Citizens
 - vi. Brazos Regional Astronomy Service Society
 - c. He reported a quorum of members.

- III. Reading and Approval of the Orders of the Day
 - a. Parliamentarian Guy Johnsen read the orders of the day.
 - b. The representative from Photography Club moved to accept the Orders as read and seconded by the representative from BESO.
 - c. The Orders were approved as read

- IV. Reading and Approval of the Previous Minutes
 - a. The Executive Vice-President of SGA, Wesley Brinkmeyer moved to suspend the reading of the previous minutes and approve them as read. It was seconded by the representative from College Democrats

- V. Officer Reports
 - a. President
 - i. Penelope Nelson introduced herself and announced that Club Week was currently underway. Reported that Monday, Thursday and Friday, the clubs will have booths inside the Student Center and on Tuesday and Wednesday would meet in the quad in front of the library building.
 - ii. Announced the annual Fall Volleyball tournament this Friday, September 26 at noon at the volleyball courts behind the Admissions building. Everyone is invited.
 - b. Executive Vice-President
 - i. Wesley Brinkmeyer introduced himself, and encouraged organizations who have yet not participated in Club Week to man a table the rest of the week to gain support for their clubs and bring

in new members. Announced SGA's Motto for the Year "Participation".

- c. Vice-President of On Campus Activities
 - i. Aubrey Andrejczack was manning the SGA Club Week booth.
- d. Vice-President of Off Campus Activities
 - i. Summer Daughtery was manning the SGA Club Week booth.
- e. Vice-President of Publicity
 - i. April Hernandez introduced herself, promoted Club Week, the volleyball tournament and encouraged individuals to contact BlinnSGAVolleyball@yahoo.com to register a team. Individuals are encouraged to attend as well.
- f. Historian
 - i. Chris Nelson introduced himself, encouraged members to participate.
- g. Sergeant-at-Arms
 - i. Preston Moore introduced himself. Announced that he has a SGA representative form that all members need to fill out. This will allow him to contact the members to remind them of meetings and other important events.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. There was no unfinished business

VII. New Business

- a. The representative from College Democrats requested the opening of the Banquet Room to allow students to have room to study. Stated that the Library is too full, the Student Center too loud and the benches outside are too often filled with smokers.
 - i. President Nelson encouraged the representatives to inform their clubs about this issue, get a consensus and to be prepared to debate and vote on it at the next Senate Meeting on October 14.
 - ii. Brandon Franke, SGA Advisor, informed the delegation that the Bookstore will be moving to the new building in November, and will have space for students to sit and study, and that the Library will be undergoing a major renovation and expansion at the same time.
- b. Discussion was held concerning the creation of a Newsletter officer for SGA.
 - i. This individual would be in charge of posting all information submitted to the office on the SGA website.
 - ii. President Penelope Nelson indicated that more time was needed to consider the ramification of the creation of such a position as she was concerned that the individual would be overwhelmed with work and would not be able to complete their duties.
 - 1. suggested the possibility of a newsletter committee to be created for this purpose.

2. encouraged interested parties to meet with her at the conclusion of the meeting.
- iii. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

VIII. Announcements

- a. The Spanish Club meetings will be held Monday or Wednesday 7:30-8:30, if you are interested please sign the list being passed around.
- b. The American Dental Hygienist Association will be providing dental sealants for underprivileged children.
- c. Gena Parsons, the Publicity Officer for Blinn College will be here at the next SGA Student Senate meeting on October 14 to discuss effective publicity.
- d. Blinn Student Nursing Organization will be holding a Heart Walk on October 18 to help raise money
- e. Psychology Club will be meeting the Fridays of September 26, October 10, and October 24 in room A268.
- f. Brandon Franke, SGA Advisor asked the club representatives to send him all of the information from what their clubs are doing for submittal to the Blinn Log. As their website is down, forward all information to bfranke@blinn.edu.
- g. Future Registered Nurses reported a golf fundraiser held over the summer. They raised over \$7,000.
- h. PTK asked that everybody on October 13 wear a pink ribbon and give blood at their annual blood drive.
- i. Physical Therapists Association will be having a Massage fundraiser October 6-8 11:45-12:45 pm. For 15 minutes the charge is \$5.
- j. BESO had a fundraiser last week in the Student Center. They raised over \$400.
- k. College Democrats asked the members for help locating a cartoonist, or someone with artistic talent to help them with a graphical need.

IX. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.