



# Dalton State College

## Student Government Association

### August 28, 2015

**August SGA meeting called to order at 2:12 P.M.**

**Attendance**

*Executive Board:*

Katherine Fromm (President), Will Skiffen (Vice President), Esther Lovingood (Secretary)

*Senators:*

Dustin Arnold (School of Science, Math, & Tech), Jonathan Schwan (Academic Resources), Drew Serrette (Residential Life), Savimbi Thomas (Student Life), Krystal Tee (School of Business), Sarah Lowman (School of Liberal Arts), Chigozie Obonna (Senator at Large), Anthony Valdez (Senator at Large), Ruben Hernandez (Hispanic & Latino Outreach), Collin Burriss (School of Education), Carolina Gomez (School of Health Professions)

*Voting Representatives:*

Leslie Elrod (Phi Beta Lambda), Latifah Collins (Literary Reading Society), Vicki Crane (Kappa Delta Pi), Jordan Fuquea (Environmental Club), Brittany Lee (Pre-Health Professional), Tiffany McIeroy (Chemist Society), Ellie Bradford (Beta Chi Nu), Lorena Murillo (ALPFA), Lily Mungia (LASO), Victoria Cline (History Club), Ellen Kolbas (American Marketing Association), Alejandra M. Hernandez (Ham Bones: Amateur Ham Radio Club), Teresa Jones (Rad Tech Club), Molly Skiles (Non-Religious), Annalia Ramos (Pre-Health Professionals Club), Jesus Osagueda (Dalton State International), Danielle Lyons (Social Work Club), Jose Gonzales (Psi Chi), Jesse Kilgore (Rotaract), Ashley Nations (Respiratory Therapy Club), Daniel Delgado (Military Student Organization), Caleb Earle (Baptist Collegiate Ministries), Heather Wolff (LEGENDS), Christian Roach (Accounting Club), Jarod Patton (College Republicans), Maria Rodriguez (Teach Club), Trevor Gregory (CRU), Dr. Christopher Wozny (Faculty Representative), Dr. Christian Griggs (Faculty Representative)

*Guests:*

Dr. Margaret Venable, Dr. Jodi Johnson, Scott Bailey, Dr. Andy Meyer, Jami Hall, Stacie Kilgore, Marlo Sloan, Janet Williamson (Literary Reading Society), Austin Coutts, Hannah Fromm, Jordan Sattler (Alpha Kappa Lambda), Chris Tate (Alpha Kappa Lambda), Cameron Williams (Rad Tech Club), Cory Lowe (Social Work Club), Sydney Keith (Respiratory Therapy Club), Drew Johns (Beta Chi Nu), Roniqua Wright (LEGENDS), Mariam Shaheed (African Students' Association), Zachary Shaw

*RSOs Not Represented:*

E-Sports Association, Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Omicron Pi, DSC Democrats Association, Students Offering Support, Trew Friends, Women of Worth

**Approval of Minutes:** Leslie Elrod of Phi Beta Lambda made a motion to approve the April 24, 2015 minutes. Motion seconded.

*Motion Carried, Approved [100%], Objected [0%], Sustained [0%]*

**Administrative Updates**

- A. Dr. Margaret Venable, Interim President: Welcome back. Our enrollment levels have exceeded 5,000 students.
  
- B. Dr. Jodi Johnson, Vice-President for Enrollment and Student Affairs: Welcome back. Dalton State College has experienced a rise in enrollment. A campus-wide celebration will be held in honor of this milestone at the Bell Tower. Progress is being made at the Wood Valley construction site and the foundation of the new residential building has been poured. The renovation of the Pope Student Center is officially approved. A focus group was held, at which student leaders and faculty met with architects. Construction starts December 15. Plans for a new Health Center are being made. Plans are being made to turn the old handball court into another playing field.
  
- C. Dr. Andy Meyer, Interim Vice-President for Academic Affairs: A BBA in Finance and Applied Economics is confirmed. A Bachelor of Arts in Communications and a Bachelor for Chemistry Technicians will come in the future.
  
- D. Mr. Scott Bailey, Vice-President for Fiscal Affairs: Within 30 days, the Technical building will be completed and in full working order.

**Old Business**

- A. Recap of Budget Allocation for FY16: \$800 has been set aside to allocate to new RSOs (\$150-\$200 upon founding). \$7050 has been set aside to fill requests for funding. Academic Affairs was given \$20,000 by the Foundation. The 2015-2016 Budget can be found on the Dalton State College website.
  
- B. SGA Funding Policy: There has been a change in the Funding Guidelines: RSOs must attend 6 SGA meetings to be eligible for funding. Individual students can submit a funding request for an amount up to \$500, and up to \$1000 for a conference at which the individual's presence is requested. RSOs and individuals who are given funding MUST comply with the Funding Policies. The 2015-2016 Funding Policy can be found on the Dalton State College website.

**New Business**

- A. Senator, School of Health Professions: Seth Owen has resigned from his position as Senator of the School of Health Professions.

Carolina Gomez has accepted her appointment by the Dean of the School of Health Professions as the new Senator of Health Professions.

- B. USG Day at the Capitol - January 25, 2016: On Monday, January the 25<sup>th</sup>, USG Day at the Capitol will happen in Atlanta, Georgia. A school van will be taken. SGA representatives are highly encouraged to attend.
- C. SGA Spirit Days, Katherine Fromm: The last Thursday of every month will now be SGA Spirit Days, or Roadrunner Pride Days. Students and faculty are asked to show school spirit in a visible and more tangible way to show their support for Roadrunner Nation. Programming will follow.
- D. Committee Appointments: SGA standing committees are now accepting appointments and volunteers. Any SGA student representative may be a member of a standing committee in Student Government Association. The Faculty Resources Committee must be finalized.
- E. Committee Updates. Traffic Appeals, Jonathan Scwhan: In the first week of classes, we have had three traffic appeals. Two were denied and one has been approved.
- F. Student Code of Conduct, Brittnie Lee, Coordinator for Student Responsibility and Service: Changes have been made to the Student Code of Conduct. Many changes are format-related. The Mission Statement of Student Conduct has been added to the Code of Conduct. New and detailed definitions have been added. Several statements of the Code of Conduct have been relocated to more relevant sections. The Abuse of the Student Conduct System has been removed. Student Procedures has been reformatted. An Appeals Process has been added in the form of an Appeals section. Future changes: the addition of an updated Student Code of Conduct will be added to the Dalton State College website.

Drew Serette made a motion to approve the new Student Code of Conduct. The motion was seconded by Christian Roach of the Accounting Club  
*Motion Carried, Approved [100%], Objected [0%], Sustained [0%]*

### **Announcements**

- A. Student Life/ RSO Involvement Fair, September 9 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Student Life will be hosting an RSO Involvement Fair on September 9 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the spine of the campus. RSOs are required to have at least one member present. A sign-up form for the event will be emailed to all student representatives.
- B. Constitution Day with Matt Hipps, September 17  
 A current issue in U.S. politics and social structure will be presented by Dr. Matt Hipps on September 17 in Goodroe Auditorium.
- C. Music Program Concert Celebration, September 21  
 To celebrate the Dalton State music program and music in our community, a concert program will be held in Goodroe Auditorium on September 21. Volunteers are requested for this event. Interested volunteers must contact Jami Hall.
- D. RSO Training, September 25 (mandatory)  
 At least one student representative from each RSO must be present.
- E. Leadership Opportunities, Stephani Schmidt:  
 Leadership Conference, September 26: The annual Leadership Conference will occur on September 26. The theme this year is social justice. Registration can be completed online via a link emailed to all students. The cost of registration is \$10. The first 50 people to register get a free t-shirt.  
 Luncheon Lead: Once a month, the first 25 people to sign up will receive a free lunch and will be allowed to attend a leadership discussion and presentation led by Stephani Schmidt. The first Luncheon Lead will take place on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### F. Volunteer Opportunities

A Trip to the Boys & Girls Club: An opportunity to volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club will happen on September 4 from 4:30 to 6:30. Interested volunteers must contact Brittney Leigh.

Teen Maze: Teen Maze, a community initiative to encourage healthy and smart decision making, will take place September 28 through October 2. All volunteers will receive lunch and a free t-shirt. Interested volunteers can sign up via a link emailed to student leaders.

Probe Fair: At the Probe Fair, colleges from across the region will be present to give interested high school students information about their respective institutions. This is a wonderful opportunity to tell prospective students about why they should consider Roadrunner Nation. Interested volunteers should contact Jami Hall.

#### **Adjournment**

Anthony Valdez, Senator at Large, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Krystal Tee, senator of the School of Business. The motion was carried at 3:04 p.m.

*The next meeting is on September 25, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in Brown 205 or Memorial 130 (the official location of the September 2015 SGA meeting is to be announced).*



# Dalton State College

## Student Government Association

### September 25, 2015 Minutes

1. **September SGA meeting called to order at 2:15 p.m.**
2. **Attendance**

*Executive Board:*

Katherine Fromm (President), Will Skiffen (Vice President), Esther Lovingood (Secretary)

*Senators:*

Dustin Arnold (School of Science, Math, & Tech), Jonathan Schwan (Academic Resources), Drew Serrette (Residential Life), Savimbi Thomas (Student Life), Krystal Tee (School of Business), Chigozie Obonna (Senator at Large), Anthony Valdez (Senator at Large), Ruben Hernandez (Hispanic & Latino Outreach), Collin Burriss (School of Education), Carolina Gomez (School of Health Professions), Larry Smith (Campus Recreation)

*Voting Members*

Trevor Gregory (CRU), Jordan Sattler (Alpha Kappa Lambda), Erin Young (Respiratory Therapy), Jarod Patton (College Republicans), Christian Roach (Accounting Club), Cory Lowe (Social Work Club), Nancy Johnson (Kappa Delta Pi), Janet Williamson (Literary Reading Society), Caleb Earle (Baptist Collegiate Ministries), Stephanie Skiffen (Teach Club), Victoria Cline (History Club), Lakasja Mcclenic (LEGENDS), Alex Hernandez (Ham Bones Amateur Radio Club), Jordan Fuquea (Environmental Club), Jose Gonzales (Psi Chi), Jesus Osegueda (Dalton State International), Tiffany Mcleroy (Chemist Society), Annalia Ramos (Pre Health Professionals), Ellie Bradford (Beta Chi Nu), Leslie Elrod (Phi Beta Lambda), Teresa Jones (Rad Tech Club), Daniel Delgado (Military Student Organization),

Molly Skiles (Secular Student Alliance), Pedro Espitia-Avila (American Marketing Association), Laurely Caycho (LASO), Mariam Shaheed (African Students' Association), Quadry Holloman (Rotaract), Dr. Christian Griggs (Faculty Representative), Dr. Chris Wozny (Faculty Representative)

*Guests:*

Dennis Carrier, Samantha Blair, Deshawn Ruffin, Vicki Crane, Danielle Lyons, Diana Rodriguez, Llydia Filippo, Amanda Wolstencroft, Cameron Black, Latifah Collins, Nayeli Jacobo, Yazmin Flores (Presenter, Hispanic Scholarship Fund), Micah Goulart (Presenter, Astronomical Society), Harry Watts (Presenter, Mosaic), Kat Lewis (Presenter, Mosaic), Ethan Davis (Presenter, Mosaic), Christopher Mendoza (Presenter, Mosaic), Amber Lesicko, Jami Hall, Dr. Jodi Johnson, Scott Bailey, Dr. Margaret Venable

*RSOs Not Represented:*

ALPFA, Alpha Omicron Pi, Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Math Club

**3. Drew Serrette moved to approve August minutes. Seconded by Leslie Elrod.**

**4. Administrative Updates**

A. Dr. Margaret Venable, President

Congratulations to Dr. Venable! She is now officially the President of Dalton State College.

Thank you, students, for all the support. Renovations of the Health Professions building are still being completed, and private funds have been given to construct a simulation laboratory. A year from now, students will be living in the new residence hall! Planning continues for the renovation of the Pope Student Center. Next spring, Dalton State's Strategic Plan will be added to, and student engagement in this is requested. Consultants have been engaged to do branding and marketing work.

A large goal is to make Dalton State College a first choice destination college. We want students to arrive with the goal of graduating as Roadrunners. Student feedback is asked for. To give your input, contact Dr. Venable.

B. Dr. Jodi Johnson, Vice-President for Enrollment & Student Services

A mock up/model of the new residence hall will be located in Roberts Library (beside the geology exhibit). Stop by and take a peek at the new building that will be fully functional by next year! Plans progress for the renovation of the Pope Student Center: features will

include a craft room, an ice machine, consolidation of game room with 3 pool and 3 ping pong tables and a LAN portal, TV rooms, conference and meeting space, and revamped dining services. Thank you to students who participated in the focus group last Wednesday.

C. Mr. Scott Bailey, Vice-President for Fiscal Affairs

No report.

D. Dr. Andy Meyer, Interim Vice-President for Academic Affairs

Not present.

E. Ms. Jami Hall, Office of Student Life

Over 30 RSOs will be active this year. Delta Chi has begun their recruitment process and have been extending bids. Their initiation process begins September 30. Two sororities have visited campus and one will be chosen to found a chapter next spring. The annual Leadership Conference is on Saturday, September 25. Recruitment for a Student Homecoming Director is taking place: We seek a student leader who enjoys and is skilled at programming, delegating, and planning. If you are interested, contact Jami Hall. Homecoming is slated for January 30<sup>th</sup> 2016. Nominations will go out the week after return from break. Homecoming court winners will not be given titles entirely based on student vote this year. Nominations are anonymous. Nominate who YOU want as your homecoming court!

## **5. Old Business**

A. No old business.

## **6. New Business**

A. Congratulations to Dr. Venable!

B. Senator/Committee Updates

a. Jonathan Schwan: Traffic Appeals.

Two appeals were denied.

b. Esther Lovingood: RSO Relations.

Training workshops will be hosted by the RSO Relations committee on topics of member recruitment and retention, event planning, budgeting and fundraising, and more. A representative from each RSO should be present at these workshops. A schedule of workshops will be emailed to RSO representatives soon.

C. Faculty Senate, Cristopher Wozny

The Faculty Senate meets on the second Wednesday of every month. Communication between Faculty Senate and SGA would be ideal, seeing as how they are both important

groups at Dalton State College and function similarly. Sometimes, Faculty Senate and SGA issues overlap. Interest in student input: The possibility of class schedule adjustments are in the works – should an activity hour be added to each class day? Online courses are a challenge for some – should there be a prerequisite for online courses, should there be limits based on year in school for online courses, and should there be methods to judge preparation for online courses? If there are any questions, contact Christopher Wozny or another faculty member to get in touch with Faculty Senate members.

D. LeaderShape; Savimbi Thomas, Deshawn Ruffin, and Laurely Caycho

Savimbi Thomas, Deshawn Ruffin, and Laurely Caycho attended LeaderShape and presented what they learned to SGA.

- a. Savimbi and Deshawn: Sometimes, athletics seems separate from the rest of the Dalton State community. Bridging the gap between athletics and the rest of the campus is critical. We want students to show more potential and to be multifaceted. Getting students involved in multiple things at their college and community would harbor much growth. Guest speakers and events will be held by Deshawn Ruffin to reach out to students on topics of leadership, involvement, establishing themselves, finding their potential, and impacting others. What we can do as a campus if we come together is endless.
- b. Laurely: Workshops for students and parents to help fill out and apply for financial aid would be ideal and much appreciated by students. This would give students more initiative to attend college. A goal of mine is to hold Workshop Day twice a week in November. The Latino Outreach Program will help provide bilingual services for this program.

E. New RSO Requests:

- a. Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar Chapter at Dalton State (HSF), Yasmin Flores  
HSF's purpose is to reach out to young Latinos in the U.S. and encourage them to attend institutions and to help them plan and pay for college. The Scholar Chapter's purpose is to be a support service for Latino students at Dalton State and in our community, providing network opportunities to all college students and giving information to Latinos in high schools about college and opportunities. We will promote academic success and engage Latino students. Scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students will be offered. We request a budget of \$200.



*Motion:* Ruben Hernandez moves to approve HSF as an RSO.

*Motion Carried, Approved [100%], Objected [0%], Abstained [0%]*

*Motion:* Leslie Elrod moves to award HSF \$200 for their budget.

*The floor is open for discussion.*

Krystal Tee: What would the money be used for?

Yasmin Flores: Food for recruitment campus wide events, supplies such as flyers, printing, and advertisement in the community and DSC.

Krystal Tee: Are any schools interested in the support?

Yasmin Flores: Dalton High School and Morris Innovative High School, and possibly Eastbrook Middle School.

*Motion Carried, Approved [89%], Objected [8%], Abstained [3%]*

b. Astronomical Society of Dalton State College, Micah Goulart

Dr. Samantha Kaj Blair is the advisor of this club. Mission: To educate and raise consciousness about the importance of Astronomy and its principles through the advocacy of a cosmic perspective. We want students to join so they may learn new things about the complex universe in which we live. This will be open to all students. DSC is in the process of constructing an observatory with a telescope larger than that of the Tellus Museum. Astronomy students will be able to do undergraduate research in the new astronomy lab. All students will be able to use this telescope. All students who join can associate with others with similar interests. Requirements: 2.0 GPA and an interest in astronomy. We have a conceptual look at astronomy, not mathematical. Events: Introductory meeting, explanation of the mechanics of a telescope and how to use them because there will be private and public observation nights, and lectures. A \$300 budget was requested, but was changed to \$200 to attend and pay for lectures and presentations.

*Motion:* Chigozie Obonna moves to approve Astronomical Society as an RSO.

*The floor is open for discussion.*

Chigozie Obonna: Are you open to collaborations?

Micah Goulart: Yes, with any STEM and non-STEM organizations.

Collin Burriss: The school offers transportation. How would that money be used?

Micah Goulart: The money would be used for guest transportation, not student transportation.

*Motion Carried, Approved [92%], Objected [5%], Abstained [3%]*

*Motion:* Leslie Elrod moves to award Astronomical Society \$200 for their budget.

*Motion Carried, Approved [87%], Objected [8%], Abstained [5%]*

c. Mosaic, Ethan Davis

Mosaic is an LGBTQ+ student organization for Dalton State College, welcoming both LGBTQ+ students and allies. This will be a community building opportunity for LGBTQ+ students and allies, a resource to teach people how to handle conflict constructively, and a way to create a safe space for the LGBTQ+ community at DSC. Mosaic will have a president, secretary, treasurer, and committees for things such as events, decorating, and promotion. Our goals are to establish a safe zone at DSC, portray a positive representation of the LGBT community, building said community, and initiating dialogue – community dialogue. We want to have fundraising, dialogue, and community events. An amount of \$200 is requested for a budget to cover recruitment events, October Pride Month events.

*Motion:* Jonathan Schwan moves to approve Mosaic as an official RSO.

*The floor is open for discussion.*

Kat: Dialogue events will be to organize a dialogue between LGBT and allies and the rest of the school. We're here to make a difference at DSC and in the community and to provide support. Community outreach will occur.

Chris Mendoza: If we don't adapt and move forward with the times, we will fall behind.

Jordan Sattler: As a gay Greek life member on campus, I support this. Though many have been accepting of the LGBT community, some are not. A group like this is needed.

Vicky Crane: Is it possible to do education events on appropriate and inappropriate verbage?

Kat: We will do educational dialogue events.

Larry Smith: What role would you play in the community for incoming students in high schools who are LGBTQ+ to make them feel comfortable?

Kat: This is why we want to create a group. There is little to no representation of the LGBTQ+ community on campus. We want a bigger presence on campus to show that gay people are welcome here. Everyone has their own journey, and the

LGBTQ programming made me comfortable in my own skin. We want to help others improve.

Will Skiffen: There are many opportunities for this organization to work through.

Christopher Mendoza: Most LGBTQ teens have an internal struggle. The issue with the LGBTQ community, unlike race, ethnic, or other communities, is that it is an invisible community. Unless you're told, you won't know if someone identifies as LGBTQ. 1 in 4 teen suicides are due to LGBT issues. 75% of homeless teens are LGBT. Give these teens and young people a beacon of light confirming that they exist and are supported.

*Motion Carried, Approved [79%], Objected [16%], Abstained [5%]*

*Motion:* Christian Roach moves to award Mosaic \$200 for their budget.

*Motion Carried, Approved [67%], Objected [22%], Abstained [11%]*

#### F. Funding Request:

- a. Laurely Caycho, Next Gen Conference for the American College Personnel Association

The Next Gen Conference happens each year in Canada. This is a conference for student affairs and those who wish to work in the field of student affairs. Laurely wishes to attend to learn more about her career. Her original proposal of \$900 was amended to \$500.

*Motion:* Ellie Bradford moves to award Laurely \$500 for to attend the Next Gen Conference for the American College Personnel Association.

*Motion Carried, Approved [87%], Objected [11%], Abstained [2%]*

#### G. Anti-bullying, Teach Club

October is officially Anti-Bullying Awareness Month. Bullying does not only occur at the high school level. This affects all levels of school and people in the workplace. We request to have RSOs put on various events to raise awareness of the severity and scope of bullying. Mean Girls will play on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M., and a table will be set up at the event. We need to work on gauging how you should react to bullying in the workplace and life. In society, bullying is glamourized, and that's not right. We reach out to RSOs to help out with events and event hosting. If interested, contact Stephanie Skiffen.

#### H. Committee Appointments, Diversity Committee

Christopher Wozny: Two student representatives are needed for the Diversity Committee.

Vicki Crane, Jordan Sattler, Carolina Gomez, Jose Gonzales, Diana Rodriguez, and Harry Watts were nominated as Diversity Committee members.

*Motion:* Christopher Wozny moves to vote for two of the nominated Diversity Committee Members.

*Carolina Gomez and Harry Watts were voted in as members of the Diversity Committee.*

## **7. Announcements**

### **A. Fall Family Festival, Amber Lesicko**

Fall Family Festival will happen on Tuesday, October 27. Sign up for the activity you wish to be responsible for at the festival. For more information, contact Amber Lesicko.

### **B. Wes Moore, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Trade Center, Cancelled**

### **C. Health Fair, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

This is an annual event run by the BSN program. Health-oriented RSOs will be participating.

### **D. Fall Break, October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

Midterms are coming up, so study!

### **E. SGA Spirit Day, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Dress to show your DSC spirit!

F. A book drive will be held by School of Education. These books will go to the Dalton Community Center. This drive will be from Oct. 5 through Nov. 6. Keep an eye out for donation boxes!

G. An open mic session will be held by International Club on Oct. 15. Sign up opens at 5 and close at 6 on the day of event.

## **8. Adjournment**

*Motion:* Anthony Valdez moves to adjourn the meeting, motion carried at 3:53 P.M.

*The next meeting is on October 30, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in Memorial 130.*



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### October 30, 2015 Minutes

#### 9. October SGA meeting called to order at 2:12 PM

#### 10. Attendance

##### *Executive Board:*

Katherine Fromm (President), Will Skiffen (Vice President), Esther Lovingood (Secretary)

##### *Senators:*

Drew Serrette (Residential Life), Dustin Arnold (School of Science, Math, & Technology), Krystal Tee (School of Business), Collin Burriss (School of Education), Larry Smith (Campus Recreation), Ruben Hernandez (Hispanic & Latino Outreach), Sarah Lowman (School of Liberal Arts), Jonathan Schwan (Academic Resources), Chigozie Obonna (Senator at Large), Anthony Valdez (Senator at Large), Carolina Gomez (School of Health Professions)

##### *Voting Representatives:*

Paula Odom (Social Work Club), Erin Young (Respiratory Therapy Club), Jordan Fuquea (Environmental Club), Corey Wells (Phi Beta Lambda), Alejandra Hernandez (Ham Bones Amateur Radio Club), Jose Gonzales (Psi Chi), Brittany Lee (Pre-Health Professionals), Harry Watts (Mosaic), Tiffany Garrison (Rad Tech Club), Ellie Bradford (Beta Chi Nu), Victoria Cline (History Club), Noel Hernandez (ALPHA), Aelicia Mahone (Rotaract), Ellen Kolbas (American Marketing Association), Latifah Collins (Literary Reading Society), Janet Williamson (LEGENDS), Yazmin Flores, Roniqua Wright (African Students' Association), Dayana Rosas (LASO), Jesus Osegueda (Dalton State International), Tiffany Mcleroy (Chemist Society), Brandon Hill (Military Student Organization) Teresa Jones (Rad Tech Club), Christian Griggs (Faculty Voting Representative)

##### *Guests:*

Carolina Moreno, Katrina Autry, Annalia Ramos, Omar Villanueva, Tanner Wilcox, Margaret Venable, Jami Hall, Jodi Johnson

*RSOs Not Present:*

Accounting Club, Alpha Kappa Lambda, Alpha Omicron Pi, Astronomical Society of Dalton State College, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, CRU, DSC Republicans, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Math Club, Kappa Delta Pi, Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Teach Club, Social Work Club, Secular Student Alliance

**11. Approval of September minutes tabled for next meeting due to technical difficulties.**

**12. Administrative Updates**

F. Dr. Margaret Venable, President

Students: Happy Halloween! Planning for a presidential inauguration is in the works for next October. A strategic planning meeting will occur soon and student input is requested. For more information, please contact Dr. Venable.

G. Dr. Jodi Johnson, Vice-President for Student Affairs

The construction of Wood Valley's new residential building is progressing as planned. A mockup of the new Wood Valley building is being constructed and will be able to be viewed in the Roberts Library. By next month, plans for the renovation of the Pope Student Center will be released.

The Service of Remembrance will occur on December 3. Submission of names of the deceased to be remembered are to be submitted via Google Doc for the program. More information is to come.

Residential Life has received a service award for the Birdfeeder food bank.

The Chancellor has agreed to a student fee request in the amount of \$30/student to go toward the construction of a student health center, and a request to increase the athletics fee. Referendums will be held for both fee requests. At least 10% of the student body must vote. A new student health center would operate as a clinic and provide semester-long medical services to students. It would be staffed by nurse practitioners and a supervising doctor.

Dr. Cheryl Owens: The health center will provide testing and care for flu, strep throat, minor injuries, minor infections, and other conditions. Connections will be had with surrounding care facilities for anyone in need of more serious medical attention. Thank you, students, for participating in last year's Health Survey. Student input has helped set this in motion. This resource will especially be useful for residential students.

H. Mr. Scott Bailey, Vice-President for Fiscal Affairs

Not present.

I. Dr. Andy Meyer, Interim Vice-President for Academic Affairs

Not present.

**13. Old Business**

No old business.

## 14. New Business

### A. RSO Requests:

- a. SACNAS (The Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in the Sciences), Carolina Moreno

Our goal is to cooperate with other RSOs, raise public awareness of our target community, and to represent and support minorities in the sciences. DSC is an emerging Hispanic Serving Institute. Dalton State has a student population that is 23% Latino. If we reach 25%, scholarships and money for the school can be had via the national organization that is SACNAS. We request \$200 for our budget, and that would be used for materials, advertisements, food and drinks, and programming. DSC will be the first SACNAS organization in Georgia. It will benefit minorities and help them thrive in the sciences.

*Motion:* Ruben Hernandez moves to approve SACNAS as an official RSO. Seconded by Anthony.

*Motion Carried, Approved 90%, Objected 6%, Abstained 3%*

*Motion:* Jonathan Schwan moves to award SACNAS \$200 for their awarded budget.

*Motion Carried, Approved 74%, Objected 10%, Abstained 16%*

### B. Updates

- a. Food Services, David Ballentine

Auxiliary Services is a self-supporting part of the campus, upheld by campus fees and income gained in bookstore sales. New “swipe and tap” card technology will soon be implemented in student IDs. Swipe and tap security technology for student and faculty IDs have been installed in some buildings, and more is to come. Existing students will be allowed to switch to the new card technology at no charge. Auxiliary Services will soon have a new log. We have hired a new bookstore manager. A goal of ours is to focus on affordability for students in the bookstore. Students may be using more used textbooks in the future instead of new textbooks (if instructors agree to use same text for several years). Print and copy services will be releasing mobile printing services for tablets, laptops, and cellphones. New charging stations have been installed in the gymnasium, Peoples, and Liberal Arts. Stations are being secured in their new locations due to several being stolen. New microwaves are being put in Peoples, Liberal Arts, and Pope.

Metz Culinary will begin providing modern traditional dining services to Dalton State College in January. There will be little changes in menu items from January until July. New dining stations will provide a larger variety of foods, including gluten-free, vegan, and vegetarian meals. With the change in dining services will come the expansion of our meal plan options. Marketing & Communications will soon be contacting students about the change. Starbucks and Krispy Kreme will soon join Rage Café, as well as the addition of “grab and go” fare. Swipe and tap technology will extend to dining services.

- a. Residential Life, Drew Serrette

Senator of Res. Life. & RA.

We are proud to announce the creation of the Residence Hall Association. Our purpose is to represent resident concerns before administration, to provide residents with quality programming, to manage community enhancements, to facilitate recognition of residence hall leaders, and to otherwise improve Residential Life. The executive board will be run by Chigozie Obonna.

Chigozie: RHA will affiliate DSC with the South Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls and other higher Residential Life organizations and conferences. Our president will be Roniqua Wright, and our vice president will be Dominik Miller.

A basketball tailgate will occur on November 19. Setup begins at 4:15 PM. RSOs are invited to participate and support DSC. If interested in participating, email Roniqua Wright at [rwright3@daltonstate.edu](mailto:rwright3@daltonstate.edu) or Dominik Miller at [dmiller14@daltonstate.edu](mailto:dmiller14@daltonstate.edu).

- a. Spirit Week, Krystal Tee

Spirit Week is November 16-20. SGA and RSOs are invited to work together programming and the celebration of Roadrunner Nation. If any RSOs wish to have an event, contact Esther Lovingood at [elovingoo@daltonstate.edu](mailto:elovingoo@daltonstate.edu), Krystal Tee at [akrystaltee@daltonstate.edu](mailto:akrystaltee@daltonstate.edu), or Chigozie Obonna at [cobonna@daltonstate.edu](mailto:cobonna@daltonstate.edu). Pump up the spirit for DSC basketball!

Rotaract: Rotaract and Providence Ministries are joining to gather 5,000 toys this Christmas. If you wish to get involved, contact Krystal Tee at [akrystaltee@daltonstate.edu](mailto:akrystaltee@daltonstate.edu)

- b. Traffic Appeals, Jonathan Schwan

None.

### C. Homecoming Updates/Elections

Homecoming is slated for February 20<sup>th</sup>. A dance at Trevitt Hall will follow the homecoming game. Nominations for the homecoming prince and princess need at least 2.5 GPA and must be registered for at least 6 credit hours. King and queen must be graduating in 2016. The homecoming court selection process is 25% application, 25% interview, and 50% student vote. Nominations close next week.

SGA Homecoming Nominations:

*King:* Jose Gonzales

*Queen:* Katherine Fromm



*Prince:* Drew Serrette, Chigozie Obonna

*Princess:* Esther Lovingood, Krystal Tee, Sarah Lowman, Carolina Gomez, Tiffany Mcleroy

*Motion:* Anthony Valdez moves to vote for SGA's homecoming court nominations.

*Motion Carried. SGA's homecoming court nominations: Jose Gonzales for King, Katherine Fromm for Queen, Chigozie Obonna for Prince, and Krystal Tee for Princess.*

## **15. Announcements**

A. Free Hugs Day, November 5-6<sup>th</sup>

a. Students are invited to support their peers by way of free hugs!

B. Fall Preview Day, November 14<sup>th</sup>

b. Emails went out asking for volunteers. Preview Day lasts from 8:30 until 12:00.

C. Roadrunner Basketball, November 19<sup>th</sup>

c. This is our first big home game. Come support Roadrunner Nation!

D. Night of Remembrance, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

d. More information is to come.

E. Holiday Celebration, December 3<sup>th</sup>

e. DSC's Holiday Celebration will consist of the decoration of our very own Unity Tree, among many other festivities. This is an all-inclusive event for everyone, no matter your traditions. Students are asked to bring their own ornament to add to the holiday tree.

F. Food for Finals, December 7<sup>th</sup>

f. Come de-stress before finals!

G. Chigozie: Spirit Week is also International Education Week – African Club and Rotaract will have programming November 16-20.

I. DSC International: The Diwali Festival will be celebrated soon. A Taste of Russia will occur on November 18.

K. Carolina: AOII, AKL, and DX are doing a Greek Education session on November 18 at 7:30 PM in the auditorium. All students are welcome.

L. Larry Smith: Derek Waugh has announced that SGA representatives will be introduced at the first home game.

## **16. Adjournment**

*Motion:* Larry Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, motion carried at 3:24

*The next meeting is on November 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in Gignilliat Memorial Hall, 130.*



# Dalton State College

## Student Government Association

### November 20, 2015 Minutes

#### **17. November SGA meeting called to order at 2:14 PM**

#### **18. Attendance**

*Executive Board:* Katherine Fromm (President), William Skiffen (Vice President), Esther Lovingood (Secretary)

*Senators:* Krystal Tee (School of Business), Ruben Hernandez (Hispanic Outreach), Collin Burriss (School of Education), Sarah Lowman (School of Liberal Arts), Carolina Gomez (School of Health Professions), Jonathan Schwan (Academic Resources), Dustin Arnold (School of Science, Tech, and Math), Drew Serrette (Residential Life), Larry Smith (Campus Recreation), Savimbi Thomas (Student Life), Anthony Valdez (Senator at Large), Chigozie Obonna (Senator at Large),

*RSO Voting Representatives:* Molly Skiles (Secular Student Alliance), Christian Roach (Accounting Club), Jose Gonzales (Psi Chi), Aelicia Mahone (Rotaract), Corey Wells (Phi Beta Lambda), Victoria Cline (History Club), Jesus Osegueda (Dalton State International), Caleb Earle (Baptist Collegiate Ministries), Teresa Jones (Rad Tech Club), Dayana Rosas (LASO), Ellie Bradford (Beta Chi Nu), Noel Hernandez (ALPHA)

*Guests:* Margaret Venable, Jodi Johnson, Andy Meyer, Jami Hall, Amber Lesicko, Natalie Bates, Derek Waugh, Cameron Williams, Marissa Fraire, Amelia Sarrell

*RSOs Not Present:* African Student Association, Alpha Kappa Lambda, Alpha Omicron Pi, American Marketing Association of DSC, Astronomical Society, Chemist Society, CRU, Dalton State Veterans, DSC Republicans, Environmental Club, Hambones, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Kappa Delta Pi, Lambda Alpha Epsilon, LEGENDS, Literary Reading Society, Math Club, Mosaic, Pre-Health Club, Social Work Club, Teach Club

#### **19. Dustin Arnold moves to approve September and October minutes. Seconded by Anthony Valdez. September and October minutes approved.**

## **20. Administrative Updates**

### **J. Dr. Margaret Venable, President**

The semester is almost over. We are moving forward with the update of our strategic plan. Monday and Tuesday, focus groups with a consultant are taking place with select student leaders. If students wish to see the current strategic plan, it can be viewed on the Dalton State College website.

### **K. Dr. Jodi Johnson, Vice-President for Student Affairs**

We are waiting on final approval from the Board of Regents to release the plans for the renovation of the Pope Student Center.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM, the Service of Remembrance will take place at the Belltower. This will be a non-religious service with candles and music. If you wish to submit a name to be remembered, contact Dr. Johnson.

There are two open slots to sing the National Anthem at graduation. If you wish to audition to sing, a small competition will be held. We have a commencement speaker for May.

Dr. Venable and Dr. Owens have secured a private donation for the construction of the new Health Center.

### **L. Mr. Scott Bailey, Vice-President for Fiscal Affairs**

Not present.

### **M. Dr. Andy Meyer, Interim Vice-President for Academic Affairs**

Students: Please make use of your available academic resources on campus prior to final exams.

We have a math lab, a writing lab, and tutoring readily available for those who need them.

A Bachelor of Arts in Communication degree is in the works. A Georgia Film Academy program may be part of this new communications program.

### **N. Mrs. Natalie Bates, Director of Residential Life**

Housing Complex: By December and January, we hope for the new Mashburn Hall to be enclosed. The new four-story residential building will include three-hundred and fifty beds, social spaces (or “chat spaces”), study rooms, laundry rooms, multimedia rooms, community kitchens, upgraded WiFi technology, gaming lounges, a fireplace, and fitness on demand. For our interiors, we are going with a more modern theme. Outside the building, there will be a veranda, a BBQ area, and a fire pit. For the WiFi: Each resident will be able to have up to five devices connected to WiFi that are not competing.

There is a mock-up unit of Mashburn Hall to be viewed in the library beside the Geology exhibit. All residents will be required to purchase a meal plan with our updated dining service.

For more information on rates, facilities, and meal plan options, please visit Residential Life on the Dalton State website.

## **21. Old Business**

No old business.

## **22. New Business**

### **A. RSO Request**

- a. Trew Friends, Amelia Sarrell

Trew Friends is an extension of the Heather Trew Foundation for eye, organ, and tissue donation. Our purpose is to raise the number of organ donors and to raise awareness of the importance of organ donation. We value life and an individual's desire to extend the lives of those with illnesses. We want to expand our organization and bring a student-run chapter to DSC. We will host donor drives and open events for students such as giveaways and promotional events. Sometimes, we assist with blood drives. Our organization will be good for students' service hours and resumes, and getting more students on donor lists. The most successful donor drive hosted by one of our chapters at a college yielded 400 to 500 donors in a few days. All of our materials have been provided by the Trew Friends organization. We request no budget.

*Motion:* Collin Burris moves to vote to approve/disapprove Trew Friends as an official RSO.

*Motion Carried, Approved 92% , Objected 8%, Abstained 0%*

B. Fees for FY17, Ashley Baugh, Derek Waugh, Jodi Johnson.

Student Health Center Fee in the amount of \$30 has been requested. The student referendum results are: 203 for the installation of the health fee, and 100 against it. An Athletic Fee increase in the amount of \$15 has been requested. The student referendum results are: 68 for raising the athletic fee, and 226 against it.

*Anthony Valdez moves to open the floor for discussion.*

Drew Serrete: Derek Waugh: What is the purpose of the athletic fee? It won't help Residential Life in any way.

Derek Waugh: Winning the NAIA Championship has nothing to do with fee increase. Right now, our athletic fee is at \$83. Competing schools have far higher athletic fees. We are fundraising over twice as much as other schools via private donations. An intangible benefit of this fee raise is raising the profile of the school. All scholarships for athletics are privately fundraised. If enrollment and HSI are raised and we continue to win games, the school as an institution is improved and will experience more positive change and is benefitted politically. This is only a \$15 increase. We want funding that is nearer in number to our competition.

Larry Smith: How would we be impacted if we lost donors?

Derek Waugh: Quality would decline, competitiveness would decline, and sports would be cut. We would then have no choice but to fall back on the student athletics fee.

William Melendez: Will SGA take up the responsibility to inform students about the proposed fee increases and what they will go toward? Student leaders should promote more voting to get more accurate results in our referendums.

Drew Serrette: Will the athletics fee go toward better athletic facilities?

Derek Waugh: We partner with Bradley Wellness and other facilities to leave the gymnasium free and we have opened the intramural field. Generally, the state builds those facilities. The athletics fee is an investment in better school facilities, better performance, and improved payoff for students and our school.

### C. Referendum

#### *Student Health Fee:*

*Motion Carried, Approved 100%, Objected 0%, Abstained 0%*

*A \$30 Student Health Fee will be put into place.*

#### *Athletics Fee Increase:*

*Motion Carried, Approved 57%, Objected 36%, Abstained 7%*

*The Athletics Fee will experience a \$15 increase.*

## **23. Announcements**

### A. Campus Community Concert, November 23

This will take place at 7:30 in the auditorium.

### B. Thanksgiving Holidays

Thanksgiving break starts on Wednesday. Enjoy your holidays.

### C. Dalton State Singers, December 1 at 7:30 PM in the auditorium.

### D. Service of Remembrance, December 3 at 5:00 PM at the Belltower.

### E. Holiday Celebration, December 3

The decoration of the Dalton State College Unity Tree will happen outside of Westcott, following the Service of Remembrance. All students are invited. We ask students to bring their own ornament for the tree. Food and hot drinks will be served.

### F. Orientation, December 4

Sign up for a table to represent your RSO to new students. The RSO fair is from 11:45 AM until 12:00 PM. A Sign-Up Genius was emailed to RSO heads.

### G. Food for Finals, December 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Come get free food before final exams! The game room will have gaming events on the same day.

H. Finals, Good Luck!

I. Graduation, December 17

J. Sarah Lowman: Toy Drive: Toys can be dropped off at the Office of Student Life or with Residential Life.

## **24. Adjournment**

*Motion:* Anthony Valdez moved to adjourn the meeting, motion carried at 3:21.

*The next meeting is on [January 29, 2016], at 2:00 p.m. in [Building Name/Room No.].*