



Ogeechee Technical College
Student Leadership Council

9/2/2015

12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: See Attached sign-in Sheets (Exhibit I)

Officers Present: Stephanie Hodges, Secretary; Constance McBride, Vice President; Shannon Webb, President; and Alexis White, Historian/Reporter.

Advisors Present: Beckie Snyder, Jeff Taylor, Marilyn Turner, and Kelli Waters.

Welcome: Beckie Snyder welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm

Beckie introduced the advisors to the council members.

Beckie reminded all members to please make sure they have signed in. Attendance is counted towards club funding requests.

Approval of Leadership Team Minutes: Motion to approve July 15, 2015, meeting minutes was made by Ashley Myers; seconded by Catherine Tetreault. Minutes of meeting were approved.

New Business:

- A Student Leadership Parliamentarian Officer is still needed for the 2015-2016 Academic year. Please turn Advisor recommendation letter and application to one of the advisors if you are interested.
- Student Leadership Council (SLC) has moved to a national student government affiliation, the American Student Government Association (ASGA), which will bring more leadership opportunities to the student government at the local level.
 - The dues have been paid.
 - We will know more information after the Georgia Fall Leadership Council conference in November.
- The Ogeechee Technical College (OTC) mission statement revised by local council and the board in March of 2015.
 - A small change was made to emphasize the college as being “student-centered”.
 - A motion to approve the change to the OTC mission was made by Catherine Tetreault; seconded by Elizabeth Crawford. Change to the OTC mission statement was approved.
- Changes were made to the OTC Student Leadership Council (SLC) Constitution and Bylaws regarding Article III- Organization, Section 1 and Section 5; Article IV-Qualifications of Members, Section 3 and Article V- Qualifications of Officers, Section 6 and Section 7.
 - Article III-Section 1: The attendance policy now states the each program must only provide one representative instead of two and during the summer they must attend at least one meeting, instead of 50% of meetings. This statement reflects the changes made to the funding guidelines.
 - Article III-Section 5: Now states that a club member must attend a minimum of 3 out of 4 SLC meetings held (75% attendance).

- Article IV-Section 3: This statement was added. A member can only represent one club/organization/program at a time. Representing two clubs can cause a conflict of interest when regarding requests for funding.
- Article V-Section 6: This statement was added. "A SLC officer may not also serve as an officer for another club/organization while serving as an SLC officer."
- Article V-Section 7: This statement was added. "An SLC officer accepts responsibility for representing Ogeechee Technical College in everything they do. They will demonstrate the best qualities of Georgia's technical education students in all public appearances and will consider themselves an ambassador of goodwill, representing the college." and "An SLC officer must disclose if they have ever had any convictions (regardless of when they occurred) excluding minor traffic violations. Failure to disclose/falsification/misrepresenting any information could result in disqualification as an officer."
 - This means, as an officer, you are representing SLC and OTC. As a representative we want someone who is of good moral character. As an example, we do not want a convicted drug dealer representing SLC or OTC.
 - To be an officer you "must disclose if they have ever had any convictions (regardless of when they occurred) excluding minor traffic violations" to the advisors for consideration of holding and officer position.
- Article V-Section 3: Members must assist with 3 campus and community service activities sponsored by SLC during Fall Term, 2 during Spring Term and 1 during Summer Term. This reflects the changes made to the funding guidelines. Activities like Ghostly Gathering, Spring Fling, Soup Kitchen, Pink Out Day are examples.
- A motion to approve the changes made to the OTC Constitution and Bylaws was made by Susan Smith; seconded by Cindy Thigpen. Change to the OTC Constitution and Bylaws was approved.
- If you are a council member and cannot attend a meeting, please send and alternate in your place.
- The 2015-2016 Student Activity budget, pulled from tuition is \$324,000. The projected reserves are \$247,650.
- The projected reserves are slated for Phase 2 of Pavilion construction. This will include the parking lot, storage facility, concessions, sidewalks and bathrooms.
- Budget:
 - Student Activities:
 - Pavilion surveying funds were approved over the summer. There is currently no projected finish date.
 - It was reported that WiFi out at the Pavilion was not working. Beckie stated that she would look into why the WiFi isn't working. .
 - The question was asked, "Will there be any seating out in the Pavilion?" Seating is available on the steps. If there is an event being held, then seating will be brought out. It was suggested that this could be a great Campus Improvement project.
 - There is \$20,000 allotted for preconstruction costs. There are more surveying projects to finish.
 - Student Organizations:
 - This budget line item is used for Clubs/Organizations, like SkillsUSA, that go to conferences and competitions. This money is used for transportation, food and sleeping accommodations. Funds can also be used by individual clubs to host events and for general club supplies and marketing.
 - Student Development/Leadership Conferences:
 - This line item is used for the Georgia Fall Leadership Conference and other travel funding.
 - Bus Transportation:
 - This is a service that student activities is paying for currently so there isn't an extra cost to the students who need to use the bus service.
 - OTC pays East Georgia College \$20,000 a year for this service.
 - If you want to ride the bus, please fill out the registration form which you can find in the Enrollment Services Center. You must get a new ID with the bus icon on the back.
 - Student Support Funds:

- This budget line item goes to fund the Lending Library, Emergency Services, tuition assistance and more. If anyone needs these services, please see Kelli Waters, Student Activity and Special Populations Coordinator
 - Student Activities:
 - This budget line item is used for student activities like Welcome Week Ghostly Gathering, Spring Fling (fall event), Pink Out Day, Veterans Day and other activities held on campus.
 - Graduation:
 - This budget line item pays for the Hanner Field House rental, lights, sounds, police officers, guest speaker, and all other graduation costs.
 - Campus Development:
 - This budget line item of \$10,000 is used for projects the SLC would like to improve campus life. In the past, we have used funds for a sculpture on campus and the emblem in the Kennedy Lobby. If anyone has any ideas, please speak with an advisor. This does not include requests like road improvements, which come from the operational budget.
 - There was a question asked about the missing line item for the Veterans Association Club funding. Beckie is going to make sure this line item is added.
 - A motion to approve the budget for the 2015-2016 academic year was made by Ashley Myers; seconded by Catherine Tetreault. The OTC budget for the 2015-2016 academic year was approved.
- We are bringing back the incentive program. This program is being implemented to help keep attendance high for SLC meetings. We are currently working on T-shirts, backpacks, and other incentive prizes. Points will be given each semester for attendance and participation. For example, 25 points will be awarded for volunteering at community events; 10 points will be awarded for SLC meeting attendance. If you have any ideas about incentives and points awarded, please contact one of the advisors.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Student Club Social: This will consist of the different clubs we offer participating. It is also a social event for students to get to meet each other. There will be ice cream, popcorn and music.
 - September 17, 2015 is Constitution/Voter Registration day. We will be registering people to vote and have handouts. Volunteers are needed, please see sign-up sheet.
 - We are volunteering at the First United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen on Saturday, October 3, 2015. You can come volunteer for the whole time or part of the time. We will be there from 8:30am-1:30pm. You may bring children, if they are able to contribute.
 - This is one of the largest soup kitchens. We feed about 275-350 people a week. There are many hungry people in the Statesboro area. Another club is handing out personal care packs with soap, washcloth, toothbrush and toothpaste.
 - Sometimes we do small wellness checks with blood pressure and sugar levels.
 - Thursday, October 15, 2015 is Pink Out Day. We need volunteers from 9:00-11:00am and 5:00-6:00pm. Please see sign-up sheet.
 - Next Monday, Labor day, September 7, 2015 campus is closed
 - Veteran's Day is November 11, 2015. We are planning an event for our military students, details TBD.
 - Flag football sign-up is available. On September 8, 2015 there will be a managers meeting. Usually the games are played Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00, 8:00, or 9:00pm. There will be a team meeting held after the meeting with the Recreation Department.
- We now have our own mobile app, which can be downloaded from the Google Play or Apple Store. You can talk to other students, talk to staff about accessing accounts, sync your calendar with the school calendar, and more
- Danielle Caldwell previously requested funds for a plane ticket to Nashville, TN for an Opticianry competition. She now wants gas money to drive. Danielle came before the council and requested that she receive gas money instead of money for a plane ticket. She did not want to fly by herself. The drive is 940 miles round trip. \$545 is what the round trip will cost driving. We previously approved \$600 for a plane ticket.
 - A motion to approve the Danielle Caldwell's gas money was made by Catherine Tetreault; seconded by Ashley Myers. The \$545 funds for Danielle Caldwell's gas money was approved.

- We have 2 guest speakers to speak about Parliament Procedures, Jan Moore and Alvin Lepart, Statesboro City Attorney.
 - Jan Moore wanted to give us some leadership skills and training. Since she was slated first, she thought to go over parliament procedures. She is the Mayor of Statesboro and holds meeting twice a month. For her meeting she uses “Roberts Rules of Orders for Dummies”. There is a reason why meetings are hosted in a certain fashion. They are to be orderly. Whenever she doesn’t know what to do, she looks to Alvin Lepart for advice. Jan welcomed Mr. Lepart to the meeting.
 - At some point some of us will be involved with using parliamentary procedures. What are they? Sounds very much like a political thing. It is part of a legislature, a basic maintenance of order. We run across the need for this in many organizations. “It’s not law and then order is order first and then law.” Generally the chair calls to order and then move onto new business. You must ask to speak. They will generally have a motion to move something through, it must be seconded. Sometimes a request for a discussion comes after a seconded motion. This allows everyone, minority and majority, to voice their support, opposition, or concern on the issue at hand. Then a vote comes to approve or disapprove. Then you generally have someone recording that, your secretary or record keeper. These are just traditions that have evolved. This is a way for people to product business. It doesn’t take long for a meeting to get out of hand. These rules boil down to civility in a discourse. If we didn’t have them, what would we do?
 - Jan Moore stated “At some point when an organization becomes big enough they have to have a governing body. A meeting will always be run this way whether it’s a non-profit organization, a corporation or elected officials. This is most structured way to set up a meeting. These rules helps to hear the minority. At the end of the Day, the majority rules but the minority was heard.” This is the only effective way to hold a meeting. It is the basis for hosting a meeting.
 - Roberts Rules came around in the late 19th century. This is really a custom more than a parliamentary law
 - As we participate, we will begin to be more comfortable in this process. They want to give us the skills to move forward.
 - At the next meeting we will talk about work ethics.
 - Molly Bickerton introduced herself as an academic advisor. She announced that there will be workshops held at 3:30pm in the Success Lab, Room 194, Joseph E. Kennedy Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm

Next Meeting: September 30, 2015 from 12:00-1:00pm in the OSB conference room.