

## **SGA Meeting Minutes for 08/26/2024**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM by President Brooke Sears. Attendance was taken, and a quorum was met. The minutes for the meeting on 08/19/24 were approved.

### **Special Orders of Business**

Chief Mark Stella, Sargent Terry Moulder, and Officer Stan Cary met with SGA for “Donuts with the Police”. They answered student questions about campus policies and offered safety tips.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Chief Arbiter Zoey Shamblin**

- Zoey introduced herself as the Chief Arbiter of SGA. Her duties include ensuring student hearings are heard without judgment, recruiting, and training new arbiters within the student body, and sending out progression and sanction letters regarding recruitment.
- The Student Conduct Officer position is vacant and we also need arbiters. If you would like to apply, go to [concord.edu/SGA](http://concord.edu/SGA).

#### **Ombudsman Jon Hill**

- Takes complaints and makes sure those are heard. There is a complaint form online

#### **Parliamentarian Alex Rodriguez**

- SGA Representatives and Delegates must be on time and stay for the whole meeting for attendance to count

#### **Secretary Lilly Palmer**

- Office hours 10 am-12 pm on Fridays
- See Lilly to sign in for your representing committee

#### **Business Manager Abby Stovall**

- Abby presented the SGA budget for the 2024-2025 academic year.
- Motion by Business Manager Stovall to approve the budget. Seconded by Hopper-Turning Society. Motion passed.
- Office hours are 4 pm-6 pm on Mondays.

#### **Vice President Sarah Angell**

- If interested in the Vice President position, apply on [concord.edu/SGA](http://concord.edu/SGA)
- Sarah Angell presented her resignation. She is grateful for the opportunities she was given

#### **President Brooke Sears**

- Everyone has the power to make decisions within the SGA and make motions within the student body.
- First meeting with Dr. Boggess was last Wednesday. We discussed plans for SGA this upcoming year
- Dr. Boggess will come to the next Senate meeting on September 9 to discuss her retirement.
- Upcoming Town Hall meeting will be on Thursday, September 5, 2024. If anyone has anything to bring to the council, please see me so I can present it at the meeting.
- Search Committee Update:
  - o The Student Listening Session will be on September 11, 2024, at 3 PM in the State Room of the Student Center.
  - o The search committee is tasked with nominating potential candidates for Concord's next president

- Described SGA positions available.
  - Vice President
    - Responsibilities
      - Serves as the second in command
      - Steps into lead meetings or represent the SGA in the President's absence
      - Collaborates with the President and other SGA members to plan projects and event initiatives that benefit the student body
      - Plans Homecoming and Spring Fling Events
      - Facilitates communication with SGA and other student organizations
      - Chair of the Philanthropy Committee
  - Student Conduct Officer
    - Responsibilities
      - Ensures the SGA Bylaws, Constitution, Code of Ethics, and Student Conduct Handbook are upheld.
  - Delegates
    - Responsibilities
      - Attend, participate, and represent the voice of the student body at all SGA meetings.
  - Arbiters
    - Responsibilities
      - Attend all student court cases, provide unbiased representation, and vote on cases.
      - Applications will be up next Friday for Student Conduct Officer!
- Vice President and Student Conduct Officer applications are due August 30<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm on concord.edu/SGA. Interviews will be the following week.
- Delegates and Arbiters are currently open! Applications will be open until positions are filled. Interviews will start September 3, 2024
- Office hours are 2:30 PM-3:30 PM Monday and Wednesday

## **Committee Reports**

### **Budgetary Commission**

- Overseas all funding requests

### **Campus Life**

- Focuses on the organizations on campus, provides the opportunity for all organizations to have SGA aid and recruitment events. Allows all organizations to have a larger platform in SGA and plans campus events.

### **Commuter Committee**

- Focuses on all SGA commuter students, making sure they feel comfortable and welcomed on campus.

### **Philanthropy**

- Focus on creating community service and helping community organizations.

### **Technology Committee**

- Primarily focuses on technology-related campus issues by working closely with the IT department to exchange ideas, determine solutions, and resolve problems.

## **Unfinished Business**

- Amendment to the bylaws regarding the budget approval deadline was brought back onto the table. Motion passes.
- Amendment to the Constitution regarding Senate duties regarding the budget was brought back onto the table. Motion passes.

## **New Business**

- Motion: Vice President Sarah Angell motioned to create an Ad Hoc Recruitment Committee. It was seconded by Sigma Sigma Sigma. Discussion: Angell expresses the committee will further tasks and membership within SGA. Motion passes.
- Motion: Vice President Sarah Angell moves to amend the bylaws to say the President serves as an ex-officio member of all committees and commissions of the SGA; except in circumstances when serving on specific a committee will create a conflict of interest, such as running for re-election. It was seconded by Sigma Sigma Sigma. Discussion: This amendment will allow for exceptions for conflicts of interest in committees. For example, President was an ex-officio of the election committee, they could not run for re-election for office.
  - A motion was made to table this until the next Senate meeting. Motion passes.
- Motion: Chief Arbiter Zoey Shamblin makes a motion to amend Article IV of the SGA Bylaws under the Student Conduct Branch. This motion will bring the Chief Arbiter voting rights of the Senate and allow the Judicial Liaison to vote in the second or absence of the Chief Arbiter to align the Bylaws with the Constitution. This will ensure the consistency of Bylaws and the Constitution providing clarity on the voting rights of Chief Arbiter and the Judicial Branch. It was not seconded. Discussion: More clarity between the Constitution and Bylaws of Judicial Liaison and Chief Arbiter.
  - Motion made to table by Delta Zeta. Motion passes.

## **Announcements**

### **Hopper-Turning Society**

- No meeting tonight; scheduled meeting times should be available next week.

### **Alpha Psi Omega**

- An interest meeting will be held at 7 pm on August 29, 2024, with an ice cream and popcorn social to follow.

### **CU Cheer and Dance Team**

- Fall interest meeting on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 5 pm

### **Carolyn Worley**

- Personalize your own pennant tomorrow August 27, 2024, from 11 am-3 pm
- Monday after Labor Day, Mystery Event will be held at 7 PM at the Subway Stage. Those in attendance will be entered in a drawing for a Nintendo Switch

### **SGA Announcements**

- Concord staff members have volunteered to hold informational sessions after senate meetings for any organizations interested.
  - September 9: Organizational Differences, Advisor Explanations, and Student Handbook Coverage
  - September 16: Organizational Governments, Note Taking
  - September 23: Recruitment and Social Activities

- o September 30: Budgeting and Fundraising
- No SGA Senate meeting next Monday due to Labor Day
- September 9, 2024, will be “Meet the Officers” 30 minutes before the meeting. Popcorn and Slushies will be provided. Meet your SGA Representatives

**Delegate Prince**

- Esports is doing their tournament Saturday, August 31, 2024, at noon. There will be 4 to 5 different games will be played, winner takes all

**CU Prevention and Recovery Organization**

- No meeting time is scheduled, it will be sent soon.

**Cristina Reagan**

- If you want information about how to start a committee, or organization, and want to attend the informational sessions, see Cristina for more information.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM

Secretary, Lilly E. Palmer