Student Government Association

Proposed Agenda

October 15th, 2014 Meeting

I. Roll Call

Absent: Luke

    Josh
    Kyle
    Jeremy

II. Approval of Agenda

    Motion to add public comment after remarks of the good of the order.

    Motion to add discussion on survey regulation

    Motion

    Motion: Scott

    Second: everybody

III. Approval of Minutes from 10/8/14

    Motion: MK

    Second: Kaylie

IV. Guest Speaker

    a. Rob Whiting – Safe Ride

        SGA has been the driving force for SafeRide. Booze Bus was organized for students to use after drinking after two students died in a car crash. 1995 SafeRide was accepted as a full time organization. Thank you for getting the ball started. Brought projected budget
based on last year’s revenues. County and student fees have been donated since day one. GCSAPP wrote a grant to get $5,000/year for SafeRide. Surcharges go straight to SafeRide- DUIs, loud parties. High Mountain Liquor matches the funds they raise for SafeRide. Insurance is expensive, will go down this year because of a switch of drivers. Purchasing another van soon for backup. Every driver gets $60 per shift plus tips. We need to keep fundraising and find additional revenues.

Adam: Is SafeRide sustainable?

SR: We’re always on the tipping point. This time of year I often feel that I need to go around begging for money

Jacob: Would someone be able to write-off the purchase of a van?

SR: Absolutely. We would like to get one less seat for less conflicts, and less crowded.

Scott: I call on the speakers, watch for nod

Katie: Who uses SR the most?

SR: We’re seeing more community members over the summer, but the students are usually the ones using it the most. County has been pretty consistent with donations. Everything that is given to SR goes to SR, we do not work for profit

Gary: Does the city still do maintenance

SR: They do not because we found them charging us

Courtney: Can students volunteer to drive?

SR: Insurance liabilities, everyone has to be at least 25, I would love to have student drivers but the insurance does not allow it

Emma: What could SR do if SGA gave more money?

SR: We don’t get support from the bars, I would like to see more support from them. If we received more money we could go shorter lengths of time between buying new vehicles and have a back up van
Kiera: Would it be possible to have an optional SR fee?

Katie: Do those fees have to be relevant to campus?

Gary: I think we could consider it. If it puts Western in any sort of liability issue... Adding fees you need to be cautious, mandatory or optional. Our students fees are some of the highest in the state.

Dan: Could SR utilize Western’s vans on heavy traffic days?

SR: that goes back to our origins

Gary: Willing to look into it

SR: In the past there has been a student rep for SR, if someone wants to take on that role that would be great. It’s always going to be a challenge, but the money we get from you really helps. John Pruitt is your guy.

Gary: Give Mr. Whiting a round of applause, he is not putting any money into his retirement

b. CBMR – RTA Late Night bus from CBMR

Gary: I talked to someone at the RTA meeting, they provide funding for ground transportation and some air for Gunnison area. Start a late night bus run from Gunnison to 10:30 and back from Crested Butte at 11:15. Employees would be able to get back to Gunnison after working in CB. Wondering if this would be good for students as well. This would start at ski season. Around $50,000 to run it for the season. Talk to your constituents, let’s see if there is interest.

Kiera: Would it be every night of the week?

Gary: Yes

Nate S: I think it’s an awesome idea, a lot of students have jobs up there

Scott: This is something that really involves our attention. Press committee look into adding this into one of their surveys. I would like to gather that information. Side note:
Just because Press committee is doing surveys doesn’t mean that you can stop talking to your constituents.

Adam: If we’re not seeing our constituents face to face it goes against what we are trying to do as SGA

Bryce: Any other organizations supporting

Gary: Secret Stash, they are talking to other restaurants

Ryan: Is this a first time thing?

Gary: They haven’t done this before to my knowledge.

Ryan: If this were to go well, are they prepared to add more buses to late night shifts

Gary: If there was a demand for it, I think they could figure it out, probably wouldn’t be consistent, but I think there would be interest

Stefano: Has there been talk of doing a trial?

Gary: If it goes well this year, it will probably stick

Nate S: Are they planning on doing all the stops still

Gary: Yes. I can get specifics for surveys and press releases

Scott: We can talk more about this at another time as well.

Kevin: I’m curious on the time frame

Gary: They want to make a decision by the end of the month. It is tentatively approved. There is strong support. They want to look for more support.

V. Action Items

a. Posner Bill

Adam: Senate’s discussion. We’re pretty set on amending the bill to correct the date on the flyers. All wrong info posters have been taken down and new ones go up tomorrow. It’s
pretty straight forward. Double dipping no longer occurs. We wanted to look at funding from the 21+ committee. Funding is going to DJ equipment. Pizza and beer that are bought by Daniel and his class mates will be sold and the profits will go towards SafeRide. Does anyone know if 21+ have a budget?

Emma: No, they are in the Red

Adam: Motion to approve the bill

Second: Erin

Gary: My recommendation would be to table this bill to allow me more time to consult with risk management and attorney. In the past we haven’t allowed after part events, or sponsored them. We can revisit that. Need to talk to insurance as well. It would be more prudent to put of the vote to next week. I was hoping to have an answer before tonight.

Erin: Would this be something that needs to be voted on immediately?

Dan: Can you vote next week?

Katie: Yes

Dan: That works

MK: If we can vote on it and then goes to the higher ups we can get up and running in a more timely manner

Adam: Motion to add stipulation of getting approval from higher-ups

Fano: It would be more prudent to hear from the higher ups before voting. …

Bryce: I think it’s a matter of the spirit in which the bill is approved. Waiting for recommendation, rather than “this is our wish, now give us permission”. Seems trivial, but we should try to maintain autonomy within the students

Nate S: Since we’re voting here, what type of response would the higher ups give us?
Gary: Probably in line of recommendation, they could say “there’s no way you could do that”. We want to minimize risk.

Scott: There are many choices of where we can go from here as far as motions. Is there a motion?

Adams: Motion to add five minutes to discussion time. Second by Erin

Katie: Regardless of voting tonight the decision is still made by next week

Adam: If we were to vote and come to a decision tonight then it could go to the attorney to be ok’ed

Emma: I think the check needs to happen before voting. I don’t see any rush to make a decision.

Scott: It may be a good time for a special session, is there a motion?

Adam: I motion to table to next week, second by Senator Wallace

Scott: Roll call vote: take out a piece of paper and write your last name on it with your vote. To minimize pressure. Private: no, MK: yes, Kiera: yes, Wright: yes, Wallace: yes, Antley: yes, smith: yes, Mota: no, adam: yes, Zaik: ....Tabled to next week

b. Halloween Bash Bill

Adam: We want to make two amendments: Increase bill amount to go to party packs given out to students that are taking SR. Stipulation that WRAP comes back to SGA with discussion on how it went.

Adam: Motion to approve, second: Erin

Jacob: Mr. Whiting is on board

Emma: You should include condoms with party packs

Jacob: Party packs will include a drink-non alcoholic, non carbonated, something sweet, SR number, tips for alcohol consumption
Erin: You mentioned water bottles, give out water bottles with powder drink mix

Jacob: The concept is a WRAP student carrying around a backpack full of the drink mix

Amy: I would never take random powder from someone

Jacob: It is pre-packaged

Fano: WRAP falls under LEAD correct? In what capacity is LEAD funding?

Jacob: WRAP has our own budget, totally grant based

Sara: LEAD office has a small budget. Western needs to institutionalize prevention education.

Jacob: WRAP is looking at roughly spending $200 for this event which is almost a fifth of our yearly budget

Fano: This would be a great opportunity to market yourself, follow through with this, take it to administration and show them your success to get more administrative support

Jacob: This will definitely be showing people what WRAP is, and what we do

Adam: Proceed with motion on the table, second Erin

Scott: Let’s try how we voted on the last bill again


VI. Discussion Items

a. Strategic Plan

Emma: Last week Dr. Salsbury gave presentation on Strategic plan. We now like to open up to discussion. The goal after discussion will be to get a concise written strategic plan to give to students. Your homework for the week is to be very active in getting opinions from the student body.
Sara: Gary should probably go over our bullet points. Maybe we could do some sort of convocation

Kiera: Will these bullets turn into questions?

Scott: This is our time to brainstorm

Kiera: We talked about the bus, what would you change about Western, do you feel safe at Western, why are there few women at Western

Erin: Would it be possible to get a synopsis to put on our senate boards and talk to students about

Scott: I would like to divide this discussion. There are a couple more items on the list-student diversity, first and second live-on requirements-living-learning communities. Third, fourth, and fifth year experience activities, how available would it be to develop these programs

Adam: Extended cabinet is not very concerned about diversity, minor goal

Kiera: On that note, even though it may not be in the committee’s favor, can we still talk about it and put it on a survey?

Scott: Yes, it’s a conversation that needs to happen

Emma: We are a very diverse population considering where we live.

Sara: This is a three year strategic plan, keep that in mind, Gunnison is a car stuck in a ditch

Scott: What is directly pertinent to the students in the strategic plan?

Fano: Goal Two- improved institutional outcomes. I would like to see this as a high level of concern.

Scott: Being student leaders we are the ones who get students out to do co-curricular and extra-curricular activities
Fano: SGA wants to be an active participant in the strategic plan

Katie: Increase enrollment-matters to us to know what they are planning for because it can change the culture on campus, we should have a say, gen eds- we’re taking the classes so it’s important for us to have a say, first and second year retention programs- we’re involved in those programs, we should have a say in if we like them or not as we are the ones experiencing them.

Adam: Enrollment is expected to go up a lot by the end of the plan, student to teacher ratio should stay the same

Emma: How many have you read the strategic plan? It is really important for you to read it. It outlines the functionality of the school for the next three years. You must understand it before you take it to your peers

Scott: We are to act as elected officials. We have to know your stuff on the strategic plan. If we can achieve our goal of being taken seriously, we must be prepared to do so

MK: First and Second year experience?

Sara: Freshman-headwaters 100, extended orientation, living learning communities, retention rates went up wooo! Sophomore-no academic requirements. For third and fourth it would be encouraging looking for internships and grad school etc.

Scott: Intensive coursework clarification

Emma: How many participated in living learning communities? I don’t think that we should implement third and fourth until first and second are running really smoothly.

Scott: How do you feel about live-on requirements and living-learning communities- talk to your constituents?

MV: We’re working on the communities and grow them now that we have someone that is very invested in it

i. Bullet Point the document
1. Emma: three main points- enrollment, general education curriculum, and live on requirements/ living learning communities. Based on those are there any point you would like to add?

ii. Devise method to share with students

Katie: Motion to have a convocation session with students about the strategic plan

   a. Sara- At our convo we didn’t go through our goals as much, go further into the goals

2. Kiera: Surveying through Western account, I’ve talked to IT, just have to have a faculty advisor. We would have to think of better ways of posing questions

3. Motion: Put a survey online including open-ended questions and specific questions

   a. Fano- there is a lot of faculty engagement in this. We have to register for classes soon. An idea is to talk to faculty advisors and give them the surveys to give to their advisees. I would like to start that to see if we can do that.

   b. Erin: Getting it into the classrooms, professors giving it out in classes, get as many students involved as possible

   c. Kiera: For departments that have a larger student body advising has already started. What is our timeline??????

   d. Emma: We’re really crunched on time. SGA needs to make a recommendation ASAP. October 23rd-next thursday
e. Motion: Scott: Defer press committee to create an all student survey ASAP and open ended
   i. Voting: passes
f. Fano: Convo next Tuesday 21st, 12:30-2?
   i. Motion: E Board getting together a convocation-time and place
   ii. Vote: Passes
g. Scott: how feasible would it be to get the survey up and running. Can we get advertising up soon?
h. Kiera: I don’t see that happening
   i. Adam: The plan is going to get approved soon so we need to get things running
j. Erin: how soon can we have bullets
k. Emma- Tomorrow morning
   l. Sara: Take the time to read the plan and give your feedback and input and take that to extended cabinet, I don’t know the quality you’re going to get with surveys in this amount of time
m. MK: We should focus on getting our ducks in a row before we are going out to the students. We need to figure out what we need to know what we need to focus on
n. Adam: If were to send out Emma’s document and get feedback from all of SGA I could take it to extended cabinet
4. Emma: Motion: By Next Wednesday, everyone in SGA has read the Strategic Plan and has a solid opinion and feedback on it. Wednesday draft official thing for cabinet. By Adam on Monday night send Adam opinions on bullet points to take to extended cabinet
   a. Fano: Having our opinion as students and representatives for Adam to present to extended cabinet and Katie to board of trustees so after that we can focus on getting it out to the ASB.

5. Adam: Motion: Finalize the plan to have a rough opinion sent to Adam by Monday night
   a. Passes

6. Erin- last year when we tried to do forums it wasn’t very successful, how are we going to get people to go to the convo
   a. Emma: carries back to personal investment. If you are amped about what you are talking about students will come. It just boils down to personal investment

7. Emma: Kiera, how would we get better questions?
   a. Kiera: In this case it would be, in future cases depending on the pertinence of the questions it may be up to the whole senate to work on the questions, but for the most part press committee can do it
   b. Scott: Devise questions so that it is easy, defer to press committee.
   c. Convo time is not set aside for every department. Utilize representational districts. E board will set date and time of convo, hold forum in respective departments.
8. Katie: I want one convo time for all students to attend. It would be important for a cabinet member present. To help students get there you have to market it correctly, throwing out these subjects will light fires under students.

b. Notice of Bill Allocation Process Freeze - Emma

   i. Scott: Discussed idea of being taken seriously. The past bills have been a complete waste of time. We need to focus on the strategic plan. Proposing not hearing any bills for the next four weeks so we can focus on the strategic plan. NO MORE CRAP FOR THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS. This will not be voted on by SGA, it is an executive decision. November 19th is when we will start accepting bills again

   ii. Bryce: I would like to see advisory to talk about how we think bill money should be spent and make SGA more legit.

   iii. Katie: During these four weeks we need to see everyone coming to budget meetings, reevaluating bills and the criteria for them and so on

   iv. Emma: At the very minimum we need you or your advisor to be at budget meetings so that we can move forward with bill and budget problems

   v. Scott: Senate- next week 6pm meeting to go over how this is going to look. I would like to present legislative document so we’re not wasting time.

   vi. Emma: Motion: Scratch all reports for the evening, items 8-14 blanketed to next week second by everyone

c. Survey Regulation- PUT INTO AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK

   i. Senator Boards

VII. Advisor Reports
a. Sara: Who’s driver certified to drive to Board of Trustees- Lindsay will do it

b. Thanks for funding the WRAP bill, they do great work, they put the health and wellness of their peers at the forefront

c. Suggestion: Advisory meet at 6pm next week? Go over budget stuff

d. Did you get paid come see me

e. Need help for family weekend, sending around sign up sheets

VIII. Executive Reports

IX. Advisory Reports

X. Committee Reports

XI. Senator Reports

XII. Special Topics

XIII. Remarks for the Good of the Order

a. Governor Hickenlooper will be here Saturday

XIV. Public Comment

XV. Late Roll Call


XVI. Adjournment 9:32