Student Government Association

Proposed Agenda

September 17th, 2014 Meeting

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Agenda

Scott: Motion to remove Rob Whiting from agenda

Amy: Second

Katie: Motion to add new senator inductions to action items

Fano: Second

III. Approval of Minutes from 9/10/14

IV. Action Items

a. Safe Ride Allocation

Scott: Motion to approve full allocation to safe ride

Amy: Second

Senators: all present approve

Scott: Safe ride will be allocated full 7000 dollars

b. Extended Cabinet Position

Scott: At this time I will turn the floor over to Gary Pierson

Adam: Want to get a good relationship between Dr. Salsbury and ASB.

Gary: I would put it back to you and ask for voter approval.

Scott: As it stands we have only had one applicant apply. From my point of view I can’t think of anybody else that would be better for this position than Mr. Beede. At this point we talked about putting it to a majority vote, so this
person would be used as a proxy between ASB and the cabinet. All in favor for electing Adam Beede to cabinet. None opposed.

Gary: Next week our meeting is moved to Wednesday due to travel schedules. Typically it will be on Tuesdays.

c. New senator inductions

Scott: Newly elected to SGA please come to the front. I cannot tell you how glad I am to have you a part of this team. I now announce you new senators.

V. Discussion Items

a. Senate Chair Vote

Scott: At this time, the two candidates please come forward and deliver your speeches to SGA.

Kiera: I would really like to be senate chair because I believe that I bring to the table a very diverse amount of where I am on campus when it comes to me being a Rec major and ESS major and manage KWSB. I’ve been a officer for DECA, which is associated marketing students. I’ve been in charge of a fair amount of people before and have the experience to lead.

Adam: I see the senate chairmen position as having a couple key pieces to get SGA where it needs to be. I see the SGA picture as where we want to go this year and push people to do so. The senate chair bylaws are not good enough (rips it up).

Scott: Discussion of the two candidates. Regarding roles of Senate chair
Emma: Adam, since you did just get elected to Extended cabinet would you be able to balance.

Adam: I wouldn’t be up here if I was not able to.

Fano: I would like to add that the Extended Cabinet position is a member of committee that we have. Both are senate chair and extended cabinet position are completely unrelated.

*The voting of the senate chair has been put to a secret ballot*

Scott: Thank you both for your tremendous leadership. I look forward to working with both of you but I would like to put Adam Beede in as senate chair. I do not want this to be a competition, we all want to work together.

Each and every one of you are very important to the team. Thank you both for stepping up.

Emma: Senate chair gets different pay, correct?

Scott: Yes

b. Committee Sign-up

Scott: We talked earlier about committee sign-up. Everyone is aware that they sign up for different committees that have different duties during the year. We talked as an E board that we might get rid of some committees and some may be passed on to other entities. This entails Res Life, housing appeals board, which is a standing committee on SGA. We discussed moving that to MV the new Res life member. Let us open it up to discussion. I have no idea what the housing appeals board actually consists of, I can’t shed light on this.
Sara: Have you been on it before? It’s for students who are appealing to live on campus. There are requirements that students need to meet in order to appeal out of it. It’s a confidential committee (married, medical conditions, etc in student handbook). They submit their appeal. Marielle or Lindsay were interested.

Fano: Do we see more people appealing to this at the beginning or ending of the semester? Does this need to be a standing committee or can we just have people stand in?

Sara: I would suggest having a consistent member so the decisions are all consistent. There are more in the Spring, but they can happen anytime during the year.

Scott: As this list is going around be mindful of that. Student affairs and sustainability coalition may be relocated to Student Affairs Ambassador.

Sara: For a while you had a sustainability ambassador who served on SGA but you don’t have that anymore.

Scott: If you are interested in sustainability, this could be great for you.

MK: For signing up for committees do we pick 2?

Scott: You are required constitutionally to sit on two, but you can be on more. If you see a committee list with 5+ people on it, still put your name down and we can make adjustments.

Gary: Do people understand and know the committees? Most are pretty self-explanatory.
Scott: The ones that are most important internally are constitutional and press committee. We need at least two senators on constitution. This involves editing the constitution and by-laws. We learned at a retreat last year that these committees are evil. We are going to put it through another cycle this year and we hope to have a very good document by the end. As we get closer to talking about our main goals for representation, press committee is important. Facebook, Top, KWSB, Mountaineer Media, etc are great ways to spread what we are doing. Another one quickly, the campus foundation is one I sat on last year. It is something that is very important considering the foundation is wanting to make itself better known. Few knew about SERF. Student emergency relief fund. This helps with students needing an emergency fund (house under water, extreme circumstances). There is a phone number that you can call and donate to SERF. If you are interested in being a member and work with the foundation, please put your name on.

Gary: Academic policies committee is meeting tomorrow. They meet every other Thursday 330-5. Curriculum committee chair is looking for a representative from SGA as well.

Scott: Amy describe what CCE would entail

Amy: I need somebody to take minutes for our monthly meetings. It would also be great if you are interested in taking my position in the next couple of years it would be great to get experience. You get to hear about everything that is going on in CCE.

Scott: What exactly would ICC committee members do?
Sara: ICC committee is for when students come up with new clubs. They present it to ICC and they assist and then it comes to SGA GA where we vote. They have an internal budget so they have the power to allocate money to extra groups.

Emma: Being on that committee last year you work basically as a senator. The committee is members and the ICC directors.

Scott: That should need some support. Not too big of a time strain either.

Lindsay: I am meeting with Luanna at 815 for a new club if anybody is interested.

Scott: If you are interested in being a part of the ICC process, put your name down. Any other questions regarding committees? I want it to be priority first and then work out other kinks.

c. Representation Areas

Scott: One of the main things we talked about the retreat was representation areas. We have a solid plan for how this is going to work: this is a trial and if it doesn’t work, we can make adjustments.

Fano: Half of the room wasn’t in the senate meeting. Very quickly decide the process

Scott: It was basically everything we talked about at the retreat. Each academic building will be represented by two senators. Adam will represent Crawford and Library.

Paul Wright: Kiera and Josh

Kelly: Courtney and Nate Z
Hurst: Marielle and James

Taylor: MK and Ben

Borick: Erin, Lindsay, Kailie (one might have to tap out and fill another vacancy)

Quigley: JP

Scott: Plan is to tag team academic buildings and avoid Kelly Hall being over flowed.

Josh: I’ll be wherever I’m needed

Katie: right now we are talking about representation- two senators per district.

Scott: we made the UC an equivalent as Washington D.C. I can take over the boards on occasion to relieve stress from Senate Board. Main thing I would like to say with boards; as more info is processed I would like to see less activity and more info about what we are doing so people know. The idea between having two people in a district is to relieve total stress on one person. I don’t have all answers, I just have an idea of how I would like to see things work. We can always change this later.

Emma: Representation are what the sign-ups are? Board sign-ups are extra.

Scott: No, the boards in your area are your boards. Any more questions?

d. Two Main Goals for Representation

Scott: This actually pertains to the goals we came on retreat. Remember we had a brainstorm session about how we want to represent people the most efficiently. Now that we have nailed down representation, the culmination of
what we brainstormed boil down to: More communication with res life, with rare air, and utilizing the press committee as a main entity to disperse info. Our ambassador of res life would have access to the resources to pass out info to the Res Halls. Putting info in res life leaders in their boxes. Another thing we have discussed is introduced by Ben

Ben: I had a meeting with manager of rare air, Cecilia, and discussed potential of having a board in rare air for SGA. She was totally supportive of it. It will be next to the grill where students will be waiting in line the longest. She didn’t know how to put in a work order to get that done so I am getting back to her.

Scott: Thank you senator. One item of discussion we had pertaining to that is who do we talk to get the work order in.

Sara: I can help, SGA will pay so let me know what you want.

Scott: another item that was brought up is the press committee. It looks like there is a lot of interest in press committee. We need someone to man the SGA FB page. Somebody to maintain communications with top, KWSB, and starting to begin communicating with Mountaineer Media. I was going to have us a vote on a goal. What do we feel is most feasible for this semester.

JP: Basic communication. Open communication between us and the ASB.

Kiera: I would say the Press Committee should be priority: we already work with them already so it is easier to nail.

Scott: That one will require the most energy since we are dealing with other entities.
MV: I think the Res Halls will be beneficial. Putting flyers up the last couple of years I have rarely seen SGA info come through so making this change would be great since a lot of students live on campus. It is a great outlet.

Scott: when I say one we should focus on, it doesn’t mean excluding the other two.

Emma: Would it not be possible to combine the Res Life communication with the Press Committee to kill two birds with one stone?

Scott: We could put it under the blanket of Press committee as a whole. Our communications with all entities may enter flow with each other. Let’s be thinking about really hammering Press Committee.

e. Homecoming (Advisory Members get your floats organized)

Fano: My report I talked about what we have already planned out for last week. I met with Sara and LEAD and PC and it was amazing. I encourage you all to read the report. We are planning strategies for spirit week. Every organization through SGA will be a part of this. Advisory Board stay 5 min after to talk about it. We have tons of events planned for the culminating event, homecoming.

Sara: The students planned a different activity every day. We ordered lots of spirit beads so students can be decked in spirit. Give coon skin hats to students showing lots of spirit.

Nate S: Monday 12-1 we are having a dance party outside the student center. I encourage you to come out.
Fano: General objective is to build up on the spirit leading up to homecoming. Get everyone to wear Western gear. For all intensive purposes, Homecoming starts Monday. Encourage people to come out, be engaged, and to be involved. As SGA, if you are not pumped or excited, not showing spirit, how do we get students who are not involved into it?

Scott: Even though we are still deciding on the representational districts it is a great opportunity to update your board. The lovely president has bought markers, so use them to get info out.

Luke: tailgate

MK: Last year we had a huge tailgate with a beer garden, brings lots of people.

Katie: From what I understand from this year, I talked to Tanya and that tailgate can have food, since there is alcohol, no students can be part of that.

Emma: Can we discuss stipulations for coon skin hats really quick and passing them out. We talked last week about each SGA members getting X number of hats to pass out.

Nate S: We talked about at the meeting passing out spirit beads mon-Thursday and getting the coon skin hats as a culminating event to peak the spirit for Saturday.

MK: With that, I believe if people were walking around with coon skin hats we could get people that do not know what is going on involved.

Kiera: Question: do we have permission to wear before
Emma: we are getting two per SGA member. Rather than wearing it yourself, we want to give them away and promote them.

Josh: I like the idea of doing it at the end of the week since there are so many beads to give out. Don’t want to give out tons of hats to people, mine as well be conservative.

Katie: I agree with Josh, I think you should wear it and it should be awarded at the end of the week.

Ryan: For the beads are you just handing them out or does it have to be spirit.

Nate S: It is to convey spirit but we might hand them out to get people who are not showing spirit involved.

Ryan: If you were to give them to students showing spirit it would help decide who gets beads

Lindsay: Give beads out as incentive and say if you keep wearing these beads and wear Western gear you will get a coon skin hat.

Sara: Thursday during convocation there is an SGA spirit time. We are thinking about doing big banners for the football team and other teams to wish them luck. Cookies, etc.

Fano: Thursday: Signing good luck banner for the football team and cookies. Cheerleaders will be hosting that.

Josh: I like the idea of the pump up idea. Wearing the hat during the week would be great, let people know that people with high spirit will get them at the end of the week.
JP: Not everyone shows school spirit all the time. Giving away hats just one day takes away from the spontaneity. That would be taking away.

Kiera: For bringing awareness, how about a sign that is taped on, “Ask me about my coon skin” or something about that.

JP: Hygiene issues. Maybe spread them around campus.

MK: Are we going to advertise this for spirit week.

Sara: We are. Brenda Suarez made a poster that will be printed tomorrow and flyers as well that will be passing out. I ordered 100, budget says 60. I will allow you all to get one to wear as well. Pass one out during the week and save one for Thursday or Friday.

Fano: Every member of SGA has discretion to pass out coon skin hats. We have people in the room that have been elected or hired, they should have right judgment.

MOTION: Have three coon skin hats to give out and give them out with discretion. One to keep and two to give away through the week.

Second: Kyle

VOTES: Katie: no
Josh: no
Fano: Abstain
JP: Abstain

Scott: The motion to buy three caps for SGA, two to give out and one to keep has been passed.
Gary: we need to get cotton prepared to mountain sports and rescue team to take up to the mountain, need volunteers.

Katie: I thought Duncan was going to get volunteers

Gary: Parade route- going to start 2, 300 route of Virginia and not on legion park. Will miss highway 50 first block of Main Street. Take a right and go north on 135 to around Gothic. Notifying?

Fano: My volunteers are ben, JP, and Erin- stay after the meeting. I have split up the businesses. May have to readjust this.

VI. Advisor Reports

Gary: I think you all know Quigley hall is funded from state. Money is in the bank. We have access to 25 million for renovation. We are looking right now to work with a building plan. Looking for alternative places to move classes. One of the buildings we are looking at is Escalante. Tentatively we will have access to that area until January and then we will get in and start renovating. Better to invest in Escalante and renovate it so once we have Quigley, it will be in much better shape. Students will have some say in how this goes. Looking into starting next May 2015-August 2016. Two year plan is possible, we have the money to do so. Our debt ratio is improved due to additional funding. There are financial advantages to do a two year plan but it might be better for the institution if we get this done in a year. Questions? Two students will be on committee: Scott being one.

Josh: As Escalante, what other options do you have in mind?
Gary: Webster Hall, a weather port (big tent with heating). A floor in Crystal or Tomichi is also an option. We might take a floor offline in Escalante and make them music practice rooms.

Emma: Consider where the Res Life has the music and art majors housed. The living learning communities.

Scott: what effect on developments with the Ice House

Gary: Long term it could benefit if they get in and renovate. It would be a very viable place to hold events. It may be put on hold, but there are still 2-3 months to do programming. Short term: Small window. Long term: Lots of options

Kiera: What will that do to Escalante and Free Cycle?

Gary: Tomorrow at Aspenall Wilson center at 8-10 house representative bills talking about a bill with higher education funding. It would be great to have students show up. Town hall meeting: good info and funding strategies. If there could be SGA representation that would be great. Cabinet is looking at official draft of Strategic Plan. First Draft should be out sometime next week. Somebody will come to SGA to present it in the next couple of weeks. There are five major goals in the strategic plan that we will be working on. There is recommendation for new academic programs implemented fall 2015. International Resort management. Math (Science) major. We have faculty in place to do this. Looking at a pre-engineering major where they could transfer to Mines, CSU, CU, etc. Nutrition is also being talked about. Looking at enrollment growth to see if we add these. Finally, Vinotok is this weekend. Vinotok is a very symbolic event for lots of residents in the valley. It is the fall solstice. Students are welcome up there
but please be responsible and accountable for your behavior. They are out there enforcing MIP’s, public intoxication, etc. Challenge is there is Beer and Chili 12-4 and then Vinotok kicks in. Be good role models for your peers: DD, representatives as ambassadors for the university, and educational programming.

Sara: Following that up, as part of Vinotok, they are a little weary since it is so symbolic. They are bringing down a grump box. It is an opportunity to put something in the box that you are trying to get rid of. There is a box at the front desk. Jessica has been great working with the Vinotok organizers. She will be working with new students: education, pledge, and letting people know the symbolic nature. Entire week long ritual. Lots going on that we do not see and that inhibits Western students from the meaning.

Gary: Slate River there has been traditionally lots of people camping; they are enforcing that.

Sara: One thing for that on advisory, we need it passed on to constituents that they need to sign up for homecoming.

Lindsay: With registration I got email from Luanaa today about registration that I can send out.

Nate S: PC set aside 2000 or 1500 dollars for homecoming floats. If any clubs are looking for funding email Jessica Vogan. Deadline might be on Friday. First come first serve.

Ryan: Know that Ode Be Joyful is one of the most popular places to camp. Division of Wildlife put up a warning about a huge mountain lion problem.
VII. Advisory Reports

Amy: Art League has first meeting tomorrow Quigley 234. Anyone interested in doing art, talking about art: check it out. Art Convocation upcoming Thursday at 12:30 Quigley.

Katie: I put the Board of Trustees update on the written report. Not a lot of new things but I wanted to emphasize the strategic plan will be presented in two weeks. You all will hear that and we will get feedback on it. I wanted to bring up this big topic. Maybe propose it as discussion item for next week: Why does Western not attract women? Our enrollment is going up but enrollment of women is going down. Dr. Salsbury did a Western Story speech at Board of Trustees. I would like people to hear it and we might work it out where he presents it here.

Fano: Please read written report and know what is going on for Spirit week. Other than that, City Council met to discuss Gunnison Budget. Pertaining to Western: they would like to hear a report of enrollment and how donation of marketing has helped enrollment. City Council recently donated 10,000 dollars and they are curious how that has played out.

Luke: No Report

Emma: I need new senators and Ryan to do contracts to stay after

Scott: No Report

Kyle: This past weekend we had a XC meet at middle school. Women beat everybody. Men almost swept the meet. I talked to the soccer coach and they are having first regular season game Friday at 3. Preseason games they have 3 wins
and one tie. Football is playing CSU Pueblo this week at home. They are good and it will be tough. Homecoming is going to be interesting. Volleyball Thurs-Sat at 7 pm.

Sara: One of the soccer players told us they were tied for first in the RMAC. Go support.

Mia: This past weekend we did leadership development retreat in Taos, New Mexico. Went over goals. Had a successful movie and a blanket this past week. Setting up for Homecoming. BSA setting up for poetry night in November.

John: Is that a monthly thing?

Mia: No just a regular event

Nate S: We had our first meeting Monday. Mondays at 4:30. Slip-N-Slide will be tomorrow as weather permits. Come over when you see us set up. 12-4.

Rachel: NO report

Ryan: NO report

John: The Lead office is putting on longboarding comp tomorrow. We have several signed up but expecting more tomorrow. Sara hired sustainability coordinating and composting staff so that will be started.

Ben: Does that improve earth tub. It has gotten too hot or too cold in the past.

Sara: They are thinking of new ways to help.

John: LEAD office working with three grad students for environmental management. COOL BEANS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! SAPA is hiring peer advocates.

MV: Applicants have closed but we still need more, so talk to Jessica.
MV: The Good Neighbor program is coming up. Need volunteers still. It’s the 22\textsuperscript{nd} and it’s a Tuesday 4:30-7:30, the place is still TBD. If anybody interested, let me know.

Lindsay: No Report, email tonight with flow info.

VIII. Senator Reports

Ben: NO report

Marielle: No report

Nate Z: No report

Adam: Senate meeting next weekend 6:30 pm sharp. Check the emails.

Kiera: I won’t be here next week

JP: No report

Courtney: No report

MK: No report

Erin: Red Bull Picup. They are hiding three packs of Red Bull and it’s a little competition. Go to Redbullpicup.com (sp). Getting Red Bull involved on campus.

Sara: The campus can’t be affiliated with Red Bull

Josh: Mountain Sports in Snowmass this weekend. We raced this past weekend here in CB and that was why I was not at the retreat. Western got first in downhill and that’s all I know.

James: This past weekend Mountain Rescue went to Hartman’s. Members learned how to repel, how to successfully transport injured people down
mountains, taught new members, and vehicle training. Side note: number is 828 432 7663.

Linday: No Report

IX. Special Topics

X. Remarks for the Good of the Order

Fano: Reminder that advisory board stay with me at the end of meeting. If three volunteers for homecoming stay.

Katie: Going to be getting polos for SGA. If you had a preference: red, black, or slate. Gary sent out letter to faculty and staff for royalty nominations. I have been getting a lot of emails. There is lots of positive feedback. This is a nice way to make it a bigger deal, more honor.

Kiera: Whoever does get it, is it possible to get the nice comments?

Katie: I like it.

Katie: Josh needs to be inducted.

Scott: I know this is our first GA week with written reports. Understandable that there is confusion. The way these things typically go: past events go on report. Future events broadcasted live. Try to keep time done. I will try and be more diligent in the future, extra comments write them down and present at remarks for the good of the order.

XI. Late Roll Call

Bryce

Kailie
XII. Adjournment

Meeting called to a close at 9:02.