General Assembly Meeting Agenda

October 22nd 2019 - 7:00pm
Commonwealth Ballroom—Squires Student Center
Roll Call Question: What’s your favorite animal?

1. Call to Order
   a. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

2. Roll Call
   a. 48 present
   b. Quorum met

3. Adoption of Agenda
   a. Motion to adopt agenda
   b. Motion passes

4. Reading of Minutes
   a. Motion to adopt minutes
   b. Motion passes

5. Special Orders
   a. Chris Flynn- Executive Director of Mental Health Initiatives
      i. From Taskforce that met last year to discuss mental health on campus
      ii. Healthy minds study will be sent out to all students
          1. Looks at 3 core modalities
      iii. Number of students that have anxiety, depression, and eating disorders has gone up since 2013
      iv. Significant increase in students going to cook, also occurring in other schools
      v. Virginia Tech Personal and Perceived Stigmas line up with national average
      vi. Suicidal ideation at tech about 7%
      vii. What is predicting mental health concerns
          1. Sleep problems
          2. Coping and Flexibility
3. Physical Activity
4. Financial Stress
5. Experiences of Assault and Abuse
6. Sense of Belonging
7. Campus Climate

viii. There will be a new cook location at North End Center with 54 offices
ix. They have more counselors in training and are aware of the complaints about long wait times
x. How can students help support and lead the change?

xi. Questions
1. The Corps of Cadets has a much harder time with mental health and getting help what is being done?
   a. The healthy minds questionnaire does not have a question that is corps specific
   b. Major General Fullhart is very good at getting students the help they need
2. Has anything changed in past years to cause rise in mental health issues?
   a. Cell phones and social media are used more now, less interpersonal communications
   b. Little children are taught active shooter prevention training, very scary for them

b. Event Protocol and Up with Change
   i. There are flow charts for all of your needs
      1. Town halls, major events, campus common spaces
   ii. Town halls
      1. Need to talk to Chapman ASAP
      2. There is a google form to fill out for town halls to make reservations easier
   iii. SGA fall cleanup
      1. Saturday at 11
      2. Meet at beamer way and Stadium way
      3. Bring long pants and water bottle

c. Legislation Review: Resolution on Accommodating Religious Observances
   i. Why is SGA listed as a supporting organization since we started writing it last year?
1. Faculty senate changed it a lot so they want us to go through the 
motion of supporting again.

ii. Can anyone who wrote or sponsored the original resolution speak on 
behalf of the changes
   1. Conrad – I really like this version
   2. SaraBeth – the changes that were made were how to make it more 
      appropriate

iii. Stephen – Moves to amend the letter by replacing “these students” with 
      “students affected by this issue”
   1. Motion passes

iv. Why is Christian not capitalized?
   1. It was reviewed by Scott and he thinks this is correct

v. Motion to approve the letter
   1. Motion passes

d. Public Forum
   i. None

6. Officer Reports
   a. Cabinet Report
      i. Chair– Sadie Faith Andersen
         1. If working on legislation, please talk to chairs
         2. Please turn in release form
         3. College reps are sitting together
         4. At-large reps are randomly placed
         5. Please go to office it is a good place to meet a lot of people
         6. Elections committee is open, needs one leg member on it. Has to 
            be someone that is not running for a position next year.
            Application will be on gobblerconnect
      ii. Secretary– Victoria Dashevsky
         1. Adil and Blake are at ACC advocacy day
            a. Rebecca - “You mentioned that a few of our members were 
               on official business at ACC Advocacy Day. Was there an 
               application process, or did Adil handpick the members for 
               this trip?”
            b. Victoria had no say in choosing the people that attended, 
               this is an Adil specific question
2. If you leave halfway through a meeting, please let me know it is an absence
3. College reps must have proxies that are in the same college
   iii. Treasurer – Alan Balnor
       1. Nothing new happening
           a. Stephen – can you make a presentation on the budget
              i. Yes
   iv. Advisors – Scott Nachlis and Gabby Singh
       1. Please give forms to Gabby

7. University Governance Commission/Committee Reports
   a. Commission on equal opportunity and diversity
      i. Definition of a caucus
      ii. Meeting minutes need to be public
          1. Accidentally outing people in caucuses
      iii. Principles of community must be included in caucuses
          iv. Title 9 came
              1. Starting now investigation will be 45 days long
              2. Number of reports grow every year
              3. Department of education has proposed changes to title 9 process
   b. Commission on staff polices and affairs
      i. Staff benefits
          1. Give a one-time stipend for those making less than living wage
          2. Child-care
          3. Staff fill out climate surveys
             a. Surveys have issues because they are not anonymous

8. SGA Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs
      i. Campus reading
      ii. Study lounges in dorms
      iii. SPOT surveys
   b. Campus Development
      i. Meet with Climate strike
         1. Has subcommittee to work with them
      ii. Tree initiative
1. Looking at other schools that have done something similar
2. Have brought it up with VT Engage
   iii. Moped parking
       1. Will be reviewing legislation

c. Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility
   i. PSA to members
      1. Check what organizations you need to contact
      2. Deadline - Thursday 3:30 pm

d. Student Health and Wellness
   i. Working on having town hall on Pritchard quad with sports, but not enough time
   ii. In touch with gyms about them closing and all of the deadlines

9. Stephen – can committees do town halls?
   a. Yes, they can just plan them in advance

10. Unfinished Business
    a. Resolution to Encourage Students to Get Flu Shots
       i. Questions?
          1. What were the changes that were made?
             a. Talked to shiffert they will cover flyer cost
             b. More addresses added on where to get flu shots
             c. Flyer changed to have more hokie color
             d. Struck out “ALL”
       ii. Discussion
          1. Michael – Motion to amend by adding a point 7 saying that the director of student housing and shiffert health center are in support of SGA initiative where flyers are posted encouraging students to get flu shots
             a. Motion passes
          2. Michael – Motion to amend by adding a point 8 saying that SGA members support student’s health during flu season by hand washing and getting vaccinated
             a. Discussion
                i. Odd that it is in legislation as people know to wash hands
ii. Health and Wellness committee should write a letter about hand washing

iii. Get rid of wash hands section because it does not relate to legislation of promoting flu shots

1. Motion passes

3. Michael – Motion to amend by changing therefore it be resolved to show that the flyers will be printed by shiffert and that they will be posted by volunteers from the committee of student health and wellness in dorms and public boards on campus
   a. Motion passes

4. Michael – Motion to amend by changing flyer to the one that Conrad proposed
   a. The colors are changed
   b. New pharmacies added in Christiansburg as well as amended addresses
   c. 3rd bullet point added saying that people should stay home if they have the flu

5. Caroline – Has Sadie worked on and seen the amendments
   a. Yes the chair and vice chair have worked with Conrad

6. Motion to make this a second reading
   a. Motion Passes

7. Second Reading
   a. Discussion
      i. Add help in the 7th line
   b. Voting
      i. Motion passes, Legislation passes

11. Adjournment
   a. Motion to adjourn at 9:11 pm
   b. Motion passes