

MACOMB STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Monday, September 18, 2023, 3:00 PM

Spoon River College, Room 212

Macomb Campus, Macomb Illinois

The first Student Government Association meeting of the 2023-2024 academic year convened at 3:00PM on Monday, September 18, 2023, in room 212 on the Macomb Campus. SRC TRIO Project Advisor Johna Lawens, advisor to the Macomb Campus SGA, welcomed students to the meeting and introduced herself to the group. Johna explained that it is her intention to set up a course in Canvas to use for future SGA information and communications. Students were provided a copy of the SGA Constitution and a copy of the meeting agenda. Roll call was taken with 4 students present and 2 absent. Present were Michael Rusher, Tee Kimbrough, Jessica Fackrell, and Jonas Davis. In addition, Johna Lawens was present and there were no additional guests to welcome.

There was no public comment to entertain

Old Business: There was no old business to attend to at this first meeting of the academic year.

New Business: The first order of business for the academic year will be to elect officers. Johna Lawens referred students to their copy of the constitution and reviewed the list of officers. Positions to be filled are President, Vice President, and Secretary.

Johna Lawens explained the use of Roberts Rules of Order, which SGA will follow during meetings, and then explained the duties of each elected officer position. She made sure that everyone knew if they wanted to hold office they were required to have their petitions filled out prior to the next meeting. As of this meeting two new petitions for membership in SGA have been turned in, one student is returning, and three petitions are outstanding.

We decided on virtual nominations before the next meeting with the option for additional nominations at the meeting. This message has been sent out.

Johna reviewed the events that are sponsored by SGA including the Fall and Spring blood drives and Thanksgiving meal, which is scheduled for November 14th, 2023. The group decided that they would like to announce in their classes that the blood drive was happening on October 17th 11:00 to 2:00 PM and then would like to go into other classrooms that will fit into their schedule to mention this. The thanksgiving meal collects donations so the group will decide in the future where the donations will go, but they are able to start thinking about it now.

Future events were brainstormed and conversation will be carried into future meetings. Event ideas included textbook lending drive, a virtual event book, bringing attention to the humane society with shelter dogs on campus during exam weeks, having healthier food options at events, a Halloween costume contest, and Halloween bingo. No action taken at this meeting.

The date and time for the next meeting was discussed, with agreement that Thursdays at 12:15 would not conflict with the attendees' current course schedules. The next meeting will be held in one week, September 28, 2023, in the same location, at 12:15PM. Johna will put together a schedule for future meeting and share it with the group.

Tabled until next meeting: election of officers, blood drive, meeting schedule, events brainstormed.

Discussion: SGA has been invited to join Amy Rutledge's class for a trip to the St. Louis zoo in October. Johna will provide additional details at the next meeting. A motion was made that SGA accompany Amy Rutledge's class in October for a trip to the St. Louis Zoo. Michael Rusher seconded the motion. In a voice vote, the ayes carried the motion, with no nays. Johna will let Amy Rutledge know that the group is interested in accompanying her class.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, Michael Rusher seconded. The ayes carried the voice vote unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Johna Lawens,
Advisor