SGA Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2011
5:30PM – 6:00PM; Conference Room, 6th floor of Lions Building

I. Meeting called to order by Ryan Vega

II. Executive Board Reports
   a. Ryan Vega – President
      i. SGA is not, by any means, trying to limit interest groups on the campus with the proposed amendment entitled “Article IV. Student Organizations.” Our purpose with the student organization amendment is to create structure, and outline a clear means by which organizations should function.
      ii. If you are unhappy about anything, or have a concern, the SGA meeting is the place to voice these concerns. If you do not verbalize your opinions and objections to the SGA body, they will not be known, and no changes can be made. It is counterproductive to completely supersede and undermine this governing body by going around it, for example, to the Deans or Student Affairs. This is the forum by which students should openly discuss problems or concerns.
      iii. Proposed Amendment – Article IV. Student Organizations - We have made 2 changes to the proposed amendment because of concerns that students have brought up since the last meeting.
         1. Some students felt that the terminology “matchable” specialty under the definition of a student organization (4.01ai) singled out some current interest groups, and may become a source of fuel to target those interest groups in the future. The language has been changed to be more encompassing. It now reads “…that promotes the arts, basic sciences, or clinical sciences of medicine…”
            a. During the open forum, a student disagreed with this new substitution bc he felt that it is too vague & may dilute the pool of existing interest groups. It was suggested that a clause be added to this section to read that the “unmatchable” interest groups that already exist, like HOIG, were grandfathered in and its status may not be revoked on the grounds that it is not a matchable specialty. This may help abate the concern that they may be targeted in the future. Another suggestion was to specify that interest groups that promote clinical sciences must be in “matchable” specialties.
            b. A show of hands with 16 out of 27 voted to re-add “matchable” to the definition of a student organization in the proposed amendment. It will now read “…that promotes the arts, basic sciences, or clinical sciences of a “matchable” specialty…”
         2. To clarify, under section 4.02aiii, the requirements read that students have to EITHER collect dues from at least 15 members OR provide attendance of at least 10 members at a meeting OR event. The original amendment read that 12 members must be in attendance. This number was decreased to 10. For example, Homeless Clinic does not collect dues or
hold official meetings; they can still satisfy this requirement by ensuring that at least 10 members attend an event, which includes clinic work.

iv. SGA Constitution - A vote took place to adopt the new changes proposed. This includes the proposed amendment entitled “Article IV. Student Organizations” that was discussed above. It also includes the changes made that clarifies legislative vs executive branch and executive officer updates. A 2/3 majority voted to pass the new changes.

1. Voted “YES” - Executive VP, Social VP, Tech Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Intramural Chair, L4 President, L3 President, L2 President, L1 President, CMDA, CORE, DIG, Edgar Hull Society, ENT, Family Medicine, HOIG, Homeless Clinic, OIG, OSIG, PARSIG, RIG, Rural Medicine, SIG, SIGNNS, SMILE, WIM

2. Voted “NO” – AMSA, APAMSA

b. Danny Eads – Executive VP
   i. No new announcements.

c. Christian Hernandez – Community VP
   i. Unable to attend. Update given by Ryan Vega
   ii. SLE committee will meet next week. Any outstanding PDE/CSE proposals will be discussed at that time.

d. Matt Giglia – Social VP
   i. No new announcements.
   ii. If any interest groups or organizations have old t-shirts, we are accepting them for the Tuscaloosa tornado relief efforts. Please drop them off in the Office of Student Affairs.

e. Warren “Jay” Huber – Student Health VP
   i. Unable to attend. Report given by Ryan Vega.

f. Jason Gray – Treasurer
   i. Copies of the budget with balance, expenses, and credits were passed out to students.
   ii. A bigger attempt to post updated budgets to the SGA website will be made in the following year so that students may continually have access the budget.
   iii. There is a substantial cushion left over in the account to lead into the next school year.

g. Kevin Gipson – Technology Chair
   i. No new announcements

h. Sophia Mai – Secretary
   i. The Humanism in Medicine essay contest wrapped up last week. There were 6 submissions total. The panel of faculty is reviewing the essays at this time. A winner is expected to be announced in about 2 weeks.

i. Tim Torres – Intramurals Chair
   i. Servin for Smiles Volleyball Tournament raised $5300. $4000 will be donated to the Special Olympics of Louisiana. The rest will be saved as start-up money for next year.
   ii. Softball tournament – PT won both the men’s & co-ed leagues.

j. Jimmy White – L4 President
   i. If any L4s have not picked up their caps & gowns, please see Ms. Bobbie in Student Affairs.

k. Kyle McMullen – L3 President
   i. L4 schedules are due on May 23. Please submit them on lsumedstudents.com

l. Renford Cindass – L2 President
   i. Finals are next week.
   ii. Step 1 practice tests info will be sent out by Dr. Delcarpio this Friday.
iii. Efforts are being made to coordinate a couple of step 1 reviews the week after finals.
iv. According to Dr. DiCarlo, L3 schedules will be sent out next week. Renford Cindass & Clark Alsfeld are working on a method/process for students to swap rotations.
v. We are working with Student Health to coordinate TB shots for all L3s during the Ophtho & Radiology blocks.
m. Daniel Logsdon – L1 President
   i. Preparing for tests
   ii. Thank you to all who responded to the Tuscaloosa donation efforts. We were able to gather enough goods to fill 2 cars worth for transport to Tuscaloosa.

III. Office of Student Affairs – Dr. Delcarpio
   a. ACLS for the seniors are wrapping up this week. Everything is progressing smoothly for graduation.
   b. Camp Tiger is progressing as planned.

IV. General Student Announcements/Concerns/Open Forum
   a. Adam Fonseca & Ruston Sanchez – We would to follow-up on our intention/pitch for the creation of a new interim student interest group – Student Interest Group for Music and Art (SIGMA).
      i. We have gathered the necessary paperwork, written a constitution, identified students that are willing to join, and found an advisor for the proposed interest group. All the requirements for establishment of an interim student organization have been met & verified by the SGA president, Ryan Vega.
      ii. We are a service-oriented interest group that will provide an outlet for music-oriented students.
      iii. Events may include: open mic night with donations/proceeds to Multiple Sclerosis, volunteering at the New Orleans Musicians Clinic, go to hospitals and play music for patients (similar to a group called “Musicians on call,” continue to work with Camp Tiger to put on Battle of the Bands annually, t-shirt designs for other interest groups
      iv. A vote took place to approve the group as an interim student organization. A majority voted to pass the notion.
   b. Christopher Small – I would like to express my intention to establish a new interim student interest group – Urology Interest Group. We have initiated the process as outlined in the SGA constitution.
      i. Ryan Vega has verified that requirements have been met for establishment of an interim student organization. The interest group promotes a “matchable” speciality. A preliminary meeting was held last week with 30-40 people in attendance. From that number, about 20-something students have expressed interest in joining.
      ii. Goals of the group include: getting students more clinical experience in urology during the 1st and 2nd years, exposing students to research, networking
      iii. A vote took place to approve the group as an interim student organization. A majority voted to pass the notion.
   c. Jason Gray – During the VSAS process of applying for away rotations, I have been frustrated, as well as many of my fellow classmates, with the lack of access to free health clinics for students in Lafayette and Baton Rouge. This becomes an issue when students are expected to get vaccinations, titers, and health clearance to be eligible for away rotations. Students are responsible for their clinical duties while on rotations in these 2 cities. This does not allow enough time for students to drive back to New Orleans to visit the student health clinics or their primary care physicians during regular business hours. Many students are forced to go to an after-hours clinic, and pay a co-pay fee, as well as the lab fees. I would
like to propose that the school establish some type of clinic or primary care for students rotating in hospitals in Baton Rouge & Lafayette.

i. Per Dr. Delcarpio, a formal request should be submitted in writing so that Dr. Delcarpio can forward it to the appropriate administration.

**In Attendance:**
SGA President – Ryan Vega
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Student Health VP – 
Technology Chair – Kevin Gipson
Treasurer – Jason Gray
Secretary – Sophia Mai
Intramural Chair – Tim Torres
L4 Class President – Jimmy White
L3 Class President – Kyle McMullen
L2 Class President – Renford Cindass
L1 Class President – Danny Logsdon
AAMC – Cory Roberts
Aesculapian Society –
AMA –
AMSA – Jenna Jordan/Kaitlen Sicard
AIG –
AOA –
APAMSA – Greg Lee
CMDA – Daniel Carpenter
CORE – Neema Patel
CSA –
DIG – Tracie LeBleu
Edgar Hull – Patricia Gendusa
Ear, Nose, Throat – Michael Rolfsen
EMIG –
FMIG – Zach Pray
GMIG –
HOIG – Clark Alsfield
Homeless Clinic – Laura Shoemaker
IMIG –
MPIG –
OBIG –
OIG – Sara Reggie
OSIG - Rabun Fox
PARSIG – Victoria Givens
PIG –
Proteges/Mentor Program –
PSIG –
RIG – R. Hymel
Rural Medicine – Danielle Kahanek
SIG – Chris Bankhead
SIGNNS – Preston Eiswirth
SIHO –
SMILE – Melanie McIntosh
SNMA –
WIM – Maegen Vincent

Joseph Delcarpio
Will Varnado
Blake Raggio
Adam Fonseca
Chris Small
Joyce Muruthi
Lauren Hayes
Ruston Sanchez
Byron Hills
Tonye Jones
M. Narayanan
Corey Rougelot
Randy Sorge
Carolyn Davis