

## **SGA Meeting Minutes for 10/30/2023**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by President Amberlie Wilson. The attendance was taken, and quorum was met. The minutes for the meeting on 10/23/2023 were sent out and have been approved.

### **Special Orders of Business**

- Dr. Boggess came to speak to the Senate. The following are topics she discussed during the meeting:
  - She thanked the SGA for inviting her to come and speak with the Senate. She also added that it has been a good start to the academic year.
  - There are some updates about upcoming enhancements being made to the university:
    - For approximately seven years, a funding formula has been in the works about the way the state awards public institutions. This year, the new formula is going into effect, and hopefully this will be good news for Concord University to bring additional funding.
    - Normally, the legislature requires the chancellor to ask for \$10million for deferred maintenance across the schools of the state. We are one of the few who do not have the funding for buildings. The last time Concord was given funding, we received \$400,000 out of a \$10million gift to higher education. Last year, due to a surplus at a state level, our higher education chancellor asked the legislature for \$100million for deferred maintenance. She called Dr. Boggess and reported that the legislature has given \$209million. Though, some had been taken out to improve prisons that were in bad shape from the same funding, so the actual figures are now \$160million. The House of Representatives and the West Virginia Legislature pushed for the regional schools and asked that each receive \$20million. Concord will be receiving \$11.6million to make upgrades and improvements.
    - Concord is partnering with almost every hospital in the state for the Nursing Program. We have received nursing scholarships promised from CAMC, Princeton Community Hospital, and ARH. They are all in the system, and are desperate for hospitalists, physician assistants, and nurses. CAMC has promised \$30,000 for nursing students, and we will be working with them to figure out who will be applying for that funding.
    - The brother of the man who owns the Arizona Diamondbacks accepted a pitch from Dr. Boggess to assist Concord in creating an indoor practice facility in the Carter Center. He has given us \$1million, and another

foundation will be matching that in December, so we will have \$2million total for the indoor practice facility.

- Concord has signed a ten-year contract with the people who clean the buildings. They are giving us \$295,000 for new bleachers in the gymnasium, which will greatly improve commencement ceremonies. Air conditioning will also be added to the gymnasium.
- Concord has recently received \$750,000 for our Physician Assistant (PA) Program for a gap year, which is now covered. We have requested another \$750,000 for the Nursing Program.
- Dr. Boggess is pushing for more Artificial Intelligence (AI) use that can be much more beneficial and ethical for student and classroom use. She tested ChatGPT by asking it to display a data governance policy, and in ten seconds it gave her one that was about twelve pages long. It assisted in outlining what was needed, and two people in Dr. Boggess's cabinet made it fit Concord's data. This will be taken to the Board of Governors tomorrow, Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Officer Reports**

#### ***Judicial – Katherine Webb***

- No Report

#### ***Board of Governors Representative (BOG) - Stella Dunn***

- No Report

#### ***Faculty Executive Board Representative (FEB) - Brooke Sears***

- FEB did not meet today. The next meeting is on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### ***Secretary – Jade Hudgins***

- Reminder that if anyone is having trouble finding the forms they need to fill out on the website, please email Jade Hudgins, and she would be happy to point you in the right direction to keep proper records.

#### ***Parliamentarian – Kiyah Gibson***

- No Report

#### ***Ombudsman - Jonathan Hill***

- No Report

***Business Manager – Taylor Brown***

- No Report

***Vice President – Taylor Glancy***

- The survey about Homecoming has been sent out. Please participate, as this helps with Spring Fling planning and next year's Homecoming.
- The Spring Fling and Winter Formal are currently being planned. The Winter Formal will be held around Valentine's Day, so the theme is Valentine's.

***President – Amberlie Wilson***

- Amberlie is attending Town Council tomorrow at town hall. She will be mentioning concerns about crosswalks in Athens.
- The General Education Survey has been sent out and will be sent out again after the Senate meeting. Please participate in the survey, which will help us better understand our general education program here at Concord.
- A change in position has taken place; Delegate Jacey Crisp is now the chair of the Campus Life Committee.
- Halloween Ceramics will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 11:00am – 3:00pm on the ground floor of the Student Center.

***Committee Reports***

***Committee on Rules***

- No Report

***CUSAC***

- No Report

***Budgetary Commission***

- No Report

***Technology Committee***

- No Report

***Philanthropy Committee***

- The Winter Warmth Drive starts this Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. There are some posters that will be hung up around campus. This drive ends Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. The items can be gently used or new. Please drop off the items at the Welcome Center.

### ***Campus Life Committee***

- No Report

### **Unfinished Business**

- *There is no unfinished business at this time.*

### **New Business**

- *There is no new business at this time.*

### **Announcements**

- Vice President Taylor Glancy needs to speak with the Campus Life Committee after the Senate meeting today.
- Alpha Psi Omega had a couple of announcements:
  - They will be meeting this Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, backstage at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.
  - *The Thanksgiving Play* is coming up quickly. Show dates are November 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>. The 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> will be at 7:00pm, and the 12<sup>th</sup> will be at 2:00pm. The show is free to all students, faculty, and staff.
- CU PRO is going to have their Sober Halloween event from 7:00pm – 10:00pm. This event is kid-friendly, and it is free to attend. They will do a drawing for a TV and other prizes. They are also going to have games at the event.
- TKE is setting up another fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. They will be selling donuts to raise money, and details are being ironed out.
- Anna Hardy encouraged everyone to attend the Spooktacular event at the Alexander Fine Arts building from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. There will be musical performances by Concord's band and choirs, a haunted house, bake sale, and art market.

Meeting adjourned at 4:19 PM

Secretary,  
Jade A. Hudgins