

C.C. Reader Opinion

SGA ineffective

As a result of last Monday's meeting of the Student Government Association, the question has to be raised as to how effective the SGA is in representing student interests at Capitol Campus.

The past two meetings of the SGA have started late (and were almost completely cancelled) because there was not a quorum to conduct business. How does the SGA expect to lead the student body when it cannot even get enough people together to conduct a meeting?

SGA senators should have enough responsibility to attend meetings; it is one of the few duties they have.

When the meeting finally started, the President got angry, gave the chair to the Vice-President, and left the meeting. Midway through the meeting, the Treasurer left in a fit of rage. It is irresponsible for officers to leave during the meeting without a good excuse.

Finally, nothing was accomplished during the meeting except the approval of the minutes of the last meeting and the motion for adjournment.

The C.C. Reader encourages students who have a complaint about the SGA to voice their concerns to the C.C. Reader or to their favorite (?) SGA member.

but sometimes...

Even though the last meeting of the SGA was a waste of time for all involved, it is not fair to condemn an organization like the SGA on just one or two meetings. It is necessary to view the actions of the SGA from the perspective of the student leaders themselves. It is easy to complain about an issue, but it is another thing to try to make responsible decisions - something which the SGA does from time to time.

Within the last month, the SGA has done the following: cosponsored a movie series with the Presidents Council;

guaranteed the Athletic Department the funds to purchase four baseball uniforms for next year. In addition, SGA approved a request for \$183.69 for games in the student center, voted to cover the cost of Capitolite 1980 for up to \$5636, made plans to sponsor a roller skating party next term, and supported G.P.P. with \$800 for their concert on March 4.

Not everyone will agree that all of these actions were responsible, but they do have to be taken into account before making wild accusations about incompetency without giving constructive criticism.

At the Provost Advisory Committee on Student Welfare that was held on Feb. 13, 1980, Mike Sheldon and Mike Cocciardi suggested that the provost develop a "blanket policy" concerning the academic and financial penalization of students who are absent due to flight to avoid radiation emissions from Three Mile Island.

Both Mike Sheldon and Mike Cocciardi had valid arguments why students should not be penalized for absences caused by Three Mile Island.

Surprisingly, the provost agreed with them. However, a mistake that the two student leaders made was one of understanding the duties of the provost.

As the chief administrator of Capitol Campus, the provost does (to some extent) have to be concerned with the safety and welfare of the students here. He does not, however, have the true authority to demand that faculty members consistently recognize absences due to Three Mile Island.

According to the University Senate, both class attendance and grades are faculty concerns. The provost can (and will) recommend that the faculty abide by his statement of intention, but he may not create a blanket policy concerning class attendance and grades. That is the job of the Faculty Organization or the University Senate.

A blanket policy concerning the academic and financial penalization of students absent due to Three Mile Island is necessary, and the C.C. Reader feels that the faculty should be concerned enough to adopt such a policy.

Letter

Now it's the Valentine award

Editor,

A belated Happy Valentine's Day to all my fans and fannies at PSU/ Lower Swatara. Since there's been hardly a trace of snow, I think I'll just pass out some belated Valentine's wishes.

Five Valentines to the SGA and the Presidents Council for a pretty decent schedule of movies at the right price.

Five Valentine kisses for Dafna and Frances and the rest of the Hillel crew for expressing their faith, and for their faith in Capitol Campus. May your tree bear a thousand blossoms and serve as a testimony that some people around here think this is a pretty neat place.

Five hundred Valentines to all the students who have stood by the name of their Alma Mater and have expressed a vote of confidence that Capitol Campus is #1 in the hearts and minds of her country people.

A great big going-away Valentine for Don Sugai.

A "fiat lux" Valentine to the maintenance crew for lighting up the lobby.

A "wild and cra-a-zy" Valentine to G.P.P. and M.H.B.O.G. for the upcoming "Gong Show." Any chance of seeing T.G. or J.D.S.II there?

A "Black is Beautiful" Valentine for Linda and Erik for "telling it like it is." Keep the faith, gang.

And finally, a great big radioactive, Krypton-85 Valentine for the NRC and the TMI thugs, who are screwing it all up for the rest of us. May you succumb to the error of your ways, ye of little social conscience and even less technical ability.

Now, things aren't all that bad at Capitol... or are they?

No more Nukes!!!
s/ I.M. Fedup

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