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SGA HOLDS HEARING FOR POSSIBLE VP IMPEACHMENT

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The Student Government Association is the backbone that stabilizes the student body of Penn State Brandywine. The work that they do to better our school as a whole is admirable. This work is executed through a democracy, a team of leaders that represents the goals and high academic standards that this university has strived to create.

President Bernice Irby and Vice President Jeff Murphy had a friendship formed long before deciding to team up and run for government positions. Although they didn't have any competitors, they still worked together as a team to win our votes. According to Murphy, he received an email from Irby towards the end of November demanding his resignation. If he did not resign his post, Murphy says that the email promised the embarrassment of a hearing involving votes and publicity. When asked how this disagreement came to this point, Murphy states that the reasons he was given for him to quit his position were lack of communication and poor attendance, neither of which he feels he is guilty of.

"I feel I have done my job as I understand it," Murphy says.

The SGA constitution, developed by our Penn State pre-

decessors, states that "The impeachment of any SGA officer must first be discussed with the Director of Student and Enrollment Services and the SGA Advisor." The second requirement is the "The SGA member seeking impeachment shall call a special meeting in order to let the SGA decide, by a simple majority, whether or not to proceed with the impeachment." That meeting happened December 7, 2007 at 12:30 pm and the decision is not yet completely final. From that vote, four voted in favor, two opposed, and one abstained, two members were absent and have not yet phoned in their votes.

When Friday's meeting ended, few members wanted to comment on the stressful situation.

"I just think it is a shame the situation has had to come to this because while I appreciate both the President and Vice President were once good friends, a working organization requires that communication is top priority," says Crystal Paulino, the Diversity Chair of SGA. "I have nothing against anyone, I am not choosing sides, but to fulfill their obligations as leaders, everyone needs to communicate."

Other administrative board members concurred, with several agreeing that communication currently in the SGA is not happening. Angelica Sinigaglio, Academic Affairs Chair/Secretary Elect, chose not to comment on the meeting due to ongoing meetings and decisions, but did echo Paulino's concerns. "As leaders of our student

government all differences need to be put aside and jobs need to be done. Everyone in the SGA needs to step up, communicate, and work together," states Sinigaglio. What shall come from this is not yet known. Depending on the decision of the hearing motion, there may or may not be an impeachment hearing. Until then, Murphy will continue to act as Vice President and fulfill all of his duties. There must be a 2/3 majority vote by the entire SGA in order to fairly impeach an SGA officer. If majority is reached, the impeached officer must concede his seat to a nominee chosen by the seven members of the SGA executive board.

President Bernice Irby chose not to comment on the situation at hand, due to the fact of personal and ongoing meetings.



Coach Paterno's "More than Modest" Salary Revealed

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Considering that many of the big name college football coaches make well into the millions of dollars, Joe Paterno's \$512,664 is relatively modest.

Paterno, recognized by many as the face of Penn State University because of his 57 years coaching football there, had his salary revealed after a Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision ruled that his salary was public record.

As a comparison, Bobby Bowden of Florida State, the only college football coach

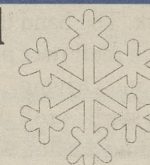
with more career wins than Paterno, makes \$1.6 million. Even Pittsburgh's Dave Wannstedt makes more than Paterno at \$713,138.

Many assumed Paterno might be one of the highest paid coaches in the country. The university fought hard to keep his salary, as well as the salary of



three other administrators a secret, filing appeals with the Commonwealth Court and the state Supreme Court. The final decision is the state Supreme Court was 4-2 with Justice Cynthia A. Baldwin abstaining from the vote because she is a Penn State trustee according to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

"I'm paid well; I'm not over paid. I got all the money I need," Paterno told the Associated Press.



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