The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments
Minutes for
October 4-5, 2002

Friday October 4, 2002

I. Call to Order - Jason Clinger, Campus Chair

II. Roll Call - Olney Pray, Secretary
   a. Abington - Ninad Pendharker and Christina Zarroli
   b. Altoona - Craig Jackson and Stephanie Schroth
   c. Beaver - Nicole Fenton and Ryan Glover
   d. Behrend - Brandi Hovis and Scott Stolis
   e. Berks - Ben Jordi and Mike Wetmore
   f. Delaware County -
   g. DuBois - Laina DuFour and Kyle Templin
   h. Fayette - Marlene Lytle and Beth Tom
   i. Harrisburg -
   j. Hazelton - Mike Butler and Rob Pierce
   k. Lehigh Valley - Todd Dietrich and David Mory
   l. McKeesport -
   m. Mont Alto - Derek Dureka and Katie Sior
   n. New Kensington - Natalie Bruce and Mike Kelly
   o. Schuylkill - Mahmoud Ablan and Mukur Hazari
   p. Shenango - Becky Ramp and Jacob Kane
   q. Worthington Scranton - Renee Collins and Ben Zehner
   r. Wilkes Barre - Teresa O'Brien and Patty O'Leary
   s. York - Will Brander and Bess Atinson

III. Review Weekend's Agenda - Jason Clinger, Campus Chair

IV. Welcome Address - Nikkie DeSimone, Vice President

Hello everyone and welcome to the second Council meeting of the 2002-2003 year. It is great as always to see all of you here. We are very excited to have President Spanier joining us in just a little while. I hope everyone is ready to address him with your questions and concerns and to engage in conversation.

I want to commend everyone who took part in All-U-Day. All the campuses looked amazing on the field, proudly representing each location. Thanks to all of you who made the tailgate a success. Mike and I were completely overwhelmed with the amount of participation and especially the amount of food everyone brought. All I can say is You Rock!! But seriously, you are terrific and we couldn't have been more proud to have each and every one of you there. I hope that that sense of commitment and initiative to become closer and to work together stays with you throughout the year.

Over the past few weeks Central Staff has been working hard to help all of you with your goals and concerns. Mike and I have been meeting with

administration as well as working on our goals. We had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Burlingame, the Vice President for Student Affairs. We are hoping to have him here in November to talk to you about Penn State's E-Portfolio. The E-Portfolio is a web-based service that allows students to create and personalize web-based collections such as selected evidence from coursework, artifacts from co-curricular activities; and reflective annotations and commentary. This is a great way to allow potential employers to see your work online. It is also something that can deeply benefit all of the locations as they expand with new internship possibilities and new 4-year programs. In your folders, you will find a few pamphlets about E-Portfolio that outline general information and will serve as background information for Dr. Burlingame's presentation in November.

We also met with Dr. Higginson, which was earlier today, actually. One of the focuses within the Commonwealth College is to take the election of the Commonwealth College Faculty Senators to the University Faculty Senate and the Commonwealth College Faculty Senate from just the SGA presidents and to open it up to all students on those campuses through electronic voting. This was piloted with the Commonwealth College Presidents over the summer, and seeing as how it worked, will be put into effect. This is a good way to get more students involved and active in deciding who should represent them at these meetings. Therefore, as a general heads up, where this Council is concerned, there will be legislation introduced at the November meeting regarding the effects on our Constitution with these changes.

As a point of information, there is a 5K this Sunday at 10:00 am for anyone still here in University Park. It is the 5th annual Melissa Heydenreich 5k Moxie-thon. The proceeds benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America to help fund research being conducted here at the Pennsylvania State University. If anyone is staying on Sunday and is interested, please see me after the meeting tonight for more information.

A few things to look forward to tomorrow include an information session on Tuition, a presentation on the University Student Academic Committee, and a Special Message from your Caucus Directors.

As usual, you will find the *Councillor's* under your seats. Elizabeth and her staff have worked extremely hard on this issue and it looks great. Please take them to your cars immediately following the meeting as we will not be in this room tomorrow, rather we will be in Alumni Hall. Following the meeting we would love to see everyone downstairs for our Open House in the CCSG Office, Room 229. Administrators and other student leaders will be there to socialize withal of you. We will have pizza and refreshments. Come down, eat, hang out, and have fun!

Finally, I'm going to get in trouble for this but I feel it is my duty as Vice President to inform you all that my good friend and your President, Mike Cooper, has become one of eight student leaders who have made it into the first

round of selections for Homecoming King. When you see him throughout the weekend, congratulate him and wish him good luck.

It's going to be a great weekend. Thank you.

V. Undergraduate Student Government Report - Rubina Javeri, USG President

t. Hey guys, I hope everyone had a safe trip to University Park. I just have a few updates from last months meeting. The online waiting list - myself and Kris met with Political Science Department and enrollment management, the Political Science department has decided to implement a waiting list which will be available next semester, will see the type of demand which students want to register, will have work students working on the form and peer educator advisors, will be getting a message everyday about how many students want to sign up to take the classes, want to have implemented across the Commonwealth as well; Lighting Issue on Campus - focus on Lot 83, different because that's where most of the students who live on campus, lot behind East Halls, between two different townships, standards for lights is very low, creates problems for the University, want to make the ordinances more flexible, want to raise lighting standards, students complain that it isn't safe, want to provide a service because CATA has cut budgets, can't afford to have buses run from there; Union of Off Campus Students - Kris's incentive, really working hard on the constitution is almost finished, working hard in creating the constitution, working with a lot of people in the university and in the community, getting good press from the Collegian, likes the fact that USG is going to work for students, need a voice to advocate; Eateries on campus, Barney's is finishing there 3 week trial period, surveys will be taken to find out what students want, open until 11 Monday through Thursday, will be a good survey, very interactive; Unity Week - end of October, working hard on this project along with Senate, collaborative effort, many speakers, good collaborative week; Social Justice Rally that USG helped sponsor and National Coming Out Day had a great turn out, making an impact on the campus; Kris and I are having discussions about the disciplinary code for students who put on provocative programs that are going on at UP and all the commonwealth locations, ESL talked about having a review board with students, want to hold administrators accountable, haven't heard anything about the board to determine programming on campus; UPAC added another person which will be representing students on the Student Activity fee; Moxie THON this Sunday, Lion Ambassador event; no questions

VI. Newspaper Readership Program Report - Elizabeth Eisenhart, Councillor Editor

u. Hi everyone, met two weeks ago at the Readership Committee; for the first three weeks of school readership is up 60 % at the Commonwealth locations, talked about a few important issues - Mr. Asbury wants to end faculty usage throughout the Commonwealth and University, going to do this through the Match strips on the ID cards, more on that when it happens, at the end of the year the faculty will not be using the papers the way students do; Summer Readership Program at the Commonwealth locations, trying to work out at the bigger locations; 5 year celebration, one part at Altoona during the day in November and at night at University Park; try to get everyone from Commonwealth locations to participate; no questions

VII. Motion to move Approval of Council Minutes and Student Activity Fee Proposal to right now to fill the time motion made by Beaver and seconded by Ninad Pendharker, Abington

v. No discussion on change

VIII. Approval of September Council Minutes

w. No questions, motion to approve minutes by Teresa O'Brien, Wilkes Barre and seconded by Ben Jordi, Berks

IX. Student Activity Fee Report - Kyle Templin

x. New member added to the board; campus final SAF report, will be on the internet, will be a link and can check them online, if you want to print anything out you can - no more spiral bound books; next meeting November

X. Motion to make a 10 minute in house recess

XI. Derek Dureka, Mont Alto - I move to make an exception to the rule to allow Harrisburg and McKeesport to join the table so they can join in the conversation with Dr. Spanier; seconded Ninad Pendharker, Abington

XII. Guest Speakers - Dr. Graham Spanier, President of Penn State University

y. Introduction by Michael Cooper,

z. Thank you very much. I am here to speak with you tonight though I would like to be playing the washboard for you. I would like to have a discussion about what questions you have, I would like to have an informal discussion, without objection we will suspend Robert's Rules for the duration of the speaker's presentation; Derek Dureka, Mont Alto -; Ben Jordi, Berks - I know that you have said that you desire to have a more student centered university? Dr. Spanier - I am speaking more in a general way with universities like ours, teachers do not need a lot of encouragement to do

research, that's what they do; sometimes faculty and staff don't realize it and we want to get a great undergraduate degree, you must have read or heard my State of the University address, students today have a different point of view these days, more so than their parents and grandparents; I was at a dinner this evening and people wanted to know where I was going after this and I told them a student government meeting and they could not believe that they would be having a meeting that late at night; students come to life late at night; a student centered university is one that starts with the students, what your needs are, and how we can accommodate them, I want to get that kind of thinking to; Renee Collins, Worthington Scranton - It was one of your first initiatives to expand night classes. How do you think that's going? Dr. Spanier - I met with the head of the Undergraduate Degree program, I give them a challenge every year, to double the night classes on campuses, I want them to reduce 8am classes, but there are many campuses that lock their doors at night, University Park from 9am-3pm all the classrooms are 99% full, at this campus, where there are large classes, the night exams might pose a problem, want to have a new facility when you schedule your courses, want to have a pop up window that tells you if there are night exams, prerequisites, and other relevant information, there are solutions to all these problems, it involves a little bit of creative thinking and a can do attitude, was at the Lehigh Valley campus yesterday, the students want more wireless computers on campus, mentioned this to the administrators and they are now thinking about getting, how could we make this a better campus/environment, how can we retain more students here, friendlier the communication the better; Mukur Azari, Schuylkill - I know there are not enough classrooms at Schuylkill to have many more night classes? Dr. Spanier - there are many campuses under construction, have a capacity study, a few campuses at full capacity some of the time, most every campus has the ability to do more evening classes, it all has to be looked at according to the context at the campus; Ben Zehner, Worthington Scranton - More minors at Commonwealth locations? Dr. Spanier - I think you mean options available at the campuses, mostly about resources; Gentle lady from Altoona - more information is given to students at University Park about choosing majors than is given at the Commonwealth locations; Dr. Spanier - to the extent that that is true I know that the academic unit thinks they have taken care of it by saying it one time, I think the students should be more responsible about checking the website, in a student centered university we must be

reminded that students are being given too much information, Dr. Higginson is taking notes and they will be taken back to the administrators, there will be serious discipline taken if that is the case, If you have one chance to put the form in and say this is what you want you want to do, and if they make an exception for you then they will have to make and exception for everyone; Mike Cooper, University Park - The gubernatorial candidates came to Penn State about two weeks ago and Mike Fisher and Ed Rendell talked about supporting state affiliated universities? I just want to know how you feel about the candidates? Dr. Spanier - I spent some time in Philadelphia I think one of the candidates is more willing to help us than the other, I think the opportunities are better if the candidate I am thinking of is elected, the one will give us more support, by you having a degree from Penn State your income will be doubled, our brand name provides opportunities, therefore people believe that when you get a college degree you are making an investment in the future for $30,000 in tuition you will make 1 million dollars, what a good investment (private good), I believe that a college education is a public good, because you can cooperative programs that will outreach to people less fortunate, make a better tax base, by supporting the university and making it affordable for students it makes a good investment, better investment than other things the government is investing in; Mike Fisher will veto any laws and strike down any legislation that would allow to homosexual relations, I don't know where any of you stand on that, but that is one issue that could affect the University (social policy), one candidate is being very receptive to social changes and the other is not; Becky Ramp, Shenango - The Shenango campus and many others lose education majors every year. What are you doing about this? Dr. Spanier - under the Ridge Administration we weren't allowed to do anything with the Education College, believed that there was a surplus of teachers, forgot that a lot of people leave the state or there are burnt out and people who are sick of teaching, in Philadelphia and urban areas can not find qualified individuals to teach, where we are at Penn State all the students pass the Teacher Exams and all the teachers get jobs, we would like to do more with Education, we have been handcuffed, I think that is going to change with the next administration, if the right person is elected, by the way I hope you all vote, how many of you are going to vote, if you really do it that's great, we have more than 80, 000 students at Penn state, if you were all going to go out and vote for the candidate that is going to do all the great things for Penn State think of what that

will do, even if you vote for the wrong person you will have at least voted, 18-25 year olds have the lowest voting age, how many 18 year olds are voting? Like 1% of 18 year olds are voting, I know what the problem is you aren't from around here, get an absentee ballot; Kyle Templin - DuBois, on that note do you think we could get a day off for voting? Dr. Spanier - I doubt that; Nikkie DeSimone, University Park - The tuition increase has affected all Penn State students at all the locations. Why is this? Dr. Spanier - private good vs. a public good, going out west is like getting an education for free, we keep plugging away and hiring someone to work on a grass roots lobbying effort to get people to care about penn state, there are voters, going to hammer away, new advertising campaign, I am in Harrisburg a few days a month trying to push Penn State, we use Board of Trustees, alumni, we are getting them to give us 3% instead of 2, every little bit helps 1% = 3 million dollars, that is three million more than we had, that we don't have to raise tuition; Ryan Glover, Beaver - we have the same amount of students as last year and are paying more for tuition but student affairs budget has been cut? Dr. Spanier - the Beaver campus has had an increase, probably very little discretionary money, all the new money is targeted for needs, cutting in budgets - higher needs, probably to pay needs of professors, also what everyone needs to keep in mind because tuition went up 13% they think the Univeristy budget went up, in reality had to make up for a cut in state appropriations and the rest is to pay for bills that went up so much, employee benefits went up, fuel and utilities went up Enron went under and affected us, affected our investments and endowment, the terrorist attacks from September 11 - that cost us a couple million dollars in the budget, the money to clean up and rebuild gets spread out over the united states insurance business, have to add security at the stadium, drive the budget up; Will Brander, York - This is probably a bad time after talking about how we are broke, but York would like to have housing, there are a few administrators who are pushing for it, I think it would bring in more money? Dr. Spanier - lots of great things happening at York, honorary member of the Harley Davidson division, we aren't broke, we raised your tuition so we aren't broke, half of you are on campuses with residence halls and say that we need more residence halls, the other half don't have residence halls and the administrators want residence halls, the residence halls must be self supporting, can't raise tuition to cover, very expensive to build (30-80, 000 per bed) have to apportion the cost over 20 years, can't charge the students who are living, there is a 50 million dollar bill

to put in sprinklers in all the building, we don't feel that we can head down that road to get residence halls at campuses that don't have them; if you add residence halls then you add more stuff (housing staff, campus security, athletic facilities, RA's, more alcohol consumption, more sexual assaults) has to do with everything that goes along with having the residence halls; explanation about the movie Dumb and Dumber, suggestions to grow at York, 42, 000 students at University Park and 12, 000 live on campus, we don't think we can have the growth come about with building residence halls; Craig Jackson, Altoona - Are we still working on a contract with Microsoft to get the free software? Dr. Spanier - Microsoft is very difficult to deal with, wanted to jack up the rates too high, now - all students are coming in with their own computers with the Microsoft suite already on it, was it really necessary to spend a lot of money on stuff things students already have, some competitors to Microsoft popping up,

XIII. Committee Meetings
   aa. Explanation of where everyone should go, Academic Affairs Room 233, Diversity 304, Governmental 327, Student 330, THON 302
   bb. Will not reconvene; go straight to Open House

Open House of the CCSG Office

Saturday October 5, 2002

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III. President's Message - Mike Cooper, President

IV. Before I begin, I have been advised to tell you to speak loud because of the air conditioning. Anyway, welcome again ladies and gentleman to University Park. It is great to see so many of you here today and I apologize for the close quarters last night in room 302. But hey, at least we got to bond while sitting on top of each other and listening to our University's President describe the movie, "Dumb and Dumber". I mean seriously, how often do you get an opportunity like that? Central Staff has been extremely busy during the past month. With one council meeting under out belts, we have begun to work on initiatives that affect each and every person in is this room. Nikkie and I have also begun to work on our platform goals and we are extremely pleased with the productivity of Central Staff. First off, at our last council meting, many of you expressed concern that we had not published a Survival Guide this past summer. I apologize in this respect, but I am happy to let you all know that the survival guide is finished and will be online for download next week. Due to our decreased budget and our need to cut corners, we decided that a PDF format would be cost effective while still offering the same information as in previous years. Speaking of the Internet, if you have visited our website recently you will notice that we have not updated the site since last year's administration. I am pleased to announce that the new CCSG website will be up by the end of the weekend. Kevin Homan has been working diligently to try to configure the brand new site, which will feature links to important reports and University websites, profiles on all staff members, links to both SGA and commonwealth location websites, as well as public bulletin boards to relay information. The overall website should be completed in the next two weeks. To continue in the area of Information Technology, a brand new initiative has surfaced from the Department of Information Science and Technology and the Division of Student Affairs. E-Portfolio, as Nikkie mentioned yesterday, is a brand new system that will allow students to document your academic goals while making yourself marketable for potential job opportunities. With this council's consent, we would like to invite Dr. Philip Burlingame to expand on this service, in hopes that you can educate your student body on this new and exciting service. In other new, our paper, "The Councillor", is expanding and improving with every issue. Liz Eisenhart, Michelle Armstrong, and the rest of the Councillor Team have worked incredibly hard to make this paper the best possible newsmagazine it

can be. Liz especially has spent nights and weekends putting the paper together, so please try to advertise it as much as possible at your particular location. And yes, she is still looking for articles! One of the important platform goals that Nikkie and I have ran on is to put the councilor online in a real-time version. I am happy to report that we have acquired additional web space and we will be launching the new "Digital Councillor": by the spring semester. We think that this is an excellent way to expand the paper's readership and we are really looking forward to taking this important step in the development of our organization. One of the major committees that I sit on is the "Calendar Implementation Committee", and committee chaired by Dr. Ramano, Vice President for Enrollment Management to investigate the possible side effects from the newly altered University calendar. Dr. Higginson and I sit on this committee as advocated for the students in commonwealth locations. However, with the current proposals that have been set by the committee to Dr. Spanier, we see now unordinary conflicts arising from the change in calendar to Commonwealth locations. University Park on the other hand will be facing a move in day combined with a football game, all in the same weekend, which you can imagine will be pure insanity. I would avoid University Park next year during this weekend if at all possible. Overall, things are looking extremely bright for our organization right now. Our lobbying initiatives are shaping up quite well, we are establishing more communication with Career Services and the Division of Student Affairs, we have begun to address the need for more diversity focused courses to be offered at commonwealth locations, with a diverse faculty to teach them. Our initiatives with the creation of the University Student Academic Committee are on target and this concept invented by last year's Academic Affairs Committee and Chris Zegar will become a reality in the months to come. I truly believe that this year's central staff consists of the most dedicated and driven student leaders at University Park. We have avoided any bureaucratic nonsense that so many other student organizations toil with, and we have kept our focus clear and constant: serving this Council and the students of the Commonwealth. There is however one area that I truly believe our organization must work on: communication. Our staff work hard days and nights, sometimes on weekends, to address all of your concerns and to find answers to the questions that you have. However, without a steady, consistent flow of communication, our efforts are restrained. When I say flow of communication, I mean the important of utilizing our ListServs. While I do understand that each and every one of you face a very time consuming schedule, that extra little effort to answer our emails or phone calls means so much. We are

here for you to use as a resources, as our Caucus Directors will explain momentarily. Bottom line: We are here to serve you. Please help us do our jobs better. All in all, I believe that these groups of people here today have managed to keep this organization as one of the leading student groups in the entire system. CCSG has set a trend for excellence and dedication system wide, and I truly believe that we are getting stronger with every passing week. I would like to thank all of you for believing in us and taking the time to come to University Park...on Parent's weekend, and take the time advocate together. With the unity Nikkie and I see here, and on days like last weekend's All-U-Day football game, we can really see that we are nineteen locations-one university. But our work is not nearly done, so I challenge each and everyone of you here today to stay involved, work in your respective committees, and continue to make CCSG the best organization at Penn State. This concludes my report, I will be happy to address any questions at this time.

V. Special Message from the Caucus Directors
   s. We are going to talk about three points because there are only three of us here right, Brian - we are a resource to everyone, not only the people on Council, we have a wealth of knowledge and the information you need to use as student leaders, we know who to bounce ideas off of, and if you have a question we know what the answer is or how to get it, Drew - we are trying to put it on a lap top
   t. Motion to move Department Reports to right now

VI. Department Reports
   u. Councillor, Liz Eisenhart
      i. The Councillors are out, the next deadline is November 6 so far I have bets and promises from some of you on Council, Abington is going to have 3 articles, I am very excited about having all the articles, we have interesting stories to read
   v. Programming, Lauren Cycak
      i. I want to say thank you for making all U Day a huge success, I appreciate everything you brought, and everyone looked great on the field, Homecomeing Praade is October 18 at 5:30, overall theme is Guarding the Glory, and our theme is construction at PSU, if anyone would like to walk with us email me, November Council meeting Friday will be in 302 HUB and Saturday in Alumni Hall, After Council Activity, Hayride be at the parking deck at 6:30, will have directions for whoever is driving, Novembers After Council Activity will be Bowling
   w. Information Technology - Kevin Homan

i. All the LISTSERVS are up and running, there has been good traffic, the first part of the webpage is up, it only has the September meetings and Staff minutes, beginning of next week Caucus/Committee reports, end of the week Staff Profiles, if you have any pictures please scan them in, Penn State is playing today and I will be giving the scores to Spike

x. Public Relations - Vera Spina
   i. I want to thank everyone for coming to the Open House, sorry if you didn't get any pizza, we didn't expect everyone to show up

y. Staff Assistant - John Dingfelder
   i. I just have one thing to say, I am going to put together the OAG (Organizations Assistant Guide), it will be online, I am going to ask the presidents to delegate, need a list of every club with a contact person and email address, email them to dingy@psu.edu.

VII. Motion to have a 5 minute in house recess; motion made by and seconded by Derek Dureka, Mont Alto

z. Will have a motion to move Special Message to later in the afternoon, motion by Ninad Pendharker, Abington and Mahmoud Ablan, Schuylkill

VIII. Committee Meetings

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XI. Information Session on Tuition - Michael Cooper, President

tt. Suspension of Robert's Rules motion by Ben Jordi, Berks and seconded by Mike Kelly, New Kensington

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vv. A Penn State education is still in demand, tuition increases still remain high, facing increases since 1971, average increase is 5%, we are experiencing a similar trend in the Big 10, we are severely under funded, graph of the actual appropriations, we can no longer rely on our state government for help, we were getting the same appropriations that we got in the 1980's, 69% of budget money goes to salaries, they are also slipping, we are losing a lot of quality professors to other Big Ten schools and Ivy League schools, we are also adding more money to the Information Technology School, the Board of Trustees has realized this and trying to increase the money for the need based students, 4 tuition models a. incremental increases over the next few years, will be a little higher than what we do now, will get us to the level where we need to be; b. one time increase; c. significant increases to incoming freshman; or c. expanded differential tuition by student level and by campus location; the last one will affect the Commonwealth location because you can still get a Penn State degree for cheaper, tuition increases will hurt the locations that aren't at full capacity; increases are likely to be higher than inflation, may not provide enough income to the university so they will still have to cut programs, believe that it will drive people away from the University; significant increase, would impact current students, think they will lose a lot of students to the state system of higher education, don't think it would benefit Commonwealth Locations; record enrollments at Penn State, would def. pay for the Penn State degree, hurts competitiveness of the Commonwealth locations; I believe that the expanded differential tuition by student level and campus location, would help Commonwealth locations be more competitive with the state system of higher education, more people might want to stay at a Commonwealth location rather than move to University Park;

ww. Part 2 - Recommendations for to the Board of Trustees by Dr. Spanier, he followed the same model that I thought would be beneficial for the Commonwealth location, not scared of losing enrollment at University Park, 3 different types of tuition, University Park, slightly lower at Erie Behrend and Harrisburg, and lower for the rest of the Commonwealth locations, still working hard to find money, a lot of the money is going towards scholarship, want to help students receive student aid, must make

students aware that the scholarships exist

xx. Approved Tuition Levels - 2002-2003 tuition will increase by student level and campus location, freshman at University Park, will be having fees in addition to the tuition increase, 2003-2004, freshman at University Park will pay $250 more per semester, freshman at all other locations will be charged $50 more per semester

yy. Mike's Conclusions - can not rely on the state government for help, our lobbying efforts are having a positive impact, I want to encourage the council and gallery to keep lobbying, satisfied with the recommendations made by Dr. Spanier, I believe this may help the Commonwealth Location because students realize that they can not afford to come to University Park for two years; there is a picture outside of this hall of students in the 1970's who were on the steps of Harrisburg, they were lobbying for tuition decreases, I encourage all of you to do a similar presentation at your General Assembly meetings

zz. Questions - Victoria Mangan - what kind of reassurances do we have that degree expansion will continue at the Commonwealth locations? Mike - I know that the Commonwealth locations are continuing to expand, when the demand is there, the University will add the program, its important if we see a demand that we talk to our DAA's, I believe the development will continue at the Commonwealth locations, which will in turn; Ben Jordi, Berks, how much is the University willing to focus on expanding the Commonwealth locations? Berks is almost at full capacity, is the University prepared to take on the responsibilities? Mike - I do not get all in information that I should, I think the tuition deferential will push people to the Commonwealth locations, I think you should speak to your CEO's and find out about the expansion terms in the strategic plan; Derek Dureka, Mont Alto - Does the administration realize that higher tuition will mean that students will go somewhere else, I also think that a significant portion of tuition should be taken off for students to continue to go to the Commonwealth locations; place this poster around campus and let people know how severely under funded we are as compared to other state related universities, thank you for your attention and I hope this was helpful

XII. Special Message from Caucus Directors

aaa. Motion to suspend Robert's Rules by Patty O'Leary, Wilkes Barre and seconded by Matt Ross, McKeesport

bbb. Overview from Kevin D. about why we are here, we are here to present this to all of you because we are here to help you and

how you can get our help

i. These are all the people that we can help you get in touch with to help you with your problem
ii. We have all been in your shoes, and we can offer advice on how to use you
iii. We know about networking, the reason for networking, we have contacts with other student leaders and administration, please use us for this
iv. We are a resource, we have access to contact information all over the commonwealth, we know who to bounce ideas off of
v. We facilitate communications, communication is the key to make CCSG work, please communicate with us and the committee directors, I know it is hard to communicate after you leave council because you are bombarded with work
vi. If you don't communicate with us Drew will infect you...that's right he is still contagious
vii. Communication, resource, networking, experience, and peer counselor
viii. We did this because we felt it was necessary to let you know what we are going to do this year, being a caucus director means you can go pretty much wherever you want to go, we want you to have access to all information not just the ones at your campus

XIII. Caucus Meetings

ddd. Motion to adjourn caucus meetings and do away with reconvene and roll call and just go to lunch, motion to dispense with reconvene and roll call Ninad Pendharker, Abington and seconded by Teresa O'Brien, being back after lunch at 1:08

LUNCH

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XX. USAC Information Session - Brett Kluskiewicz, Academic Affairs Director and Chris Zegar, Chief of Staff

qqqq. Motion to suspend Robert's Rules for the duration of the presentation, motion made by Mike Butler, Hazelton and seconded by Jacob Kane, Worthington Scranton

rrrr. First unified student committee between commonwealth locations and university park, Robin Ricketts and I decided that we should get together and have one unified student voice, there are many important issues, calendar issue, advising, first year seminar, what we need from the Academic affairs committee is a very strong voice to make headway on what we have, first step that is need to

do that, debated in the committee last year, which are really important, we are asking that you truly look at them which can help this organization, the commonwealth and ultimately the students, must have a consistency in the committee, make a lot of headway if the same people are there, last year we sat down and decided that we wanted to take a stand on the elimination of Fall Break, it was a huge issue, I went out and asked my committee to find out what was going on at the campuses about the committee, a lot of people wanted to keep fall break, I met with higher administrators to tell them the commonwealth opinion on the fall break issue, when the faculty senate meeting occurred there were different opinions about what the commonwealth, Josh Troxell - sit on the Academic Affairs committee because he is president of academic assembly, which he acts as a liaison between the commonwealth and USG, there are 20 student who sit, student senators must be informed about what is going on at the commonwealth locations, senators should attend the Academic Affairs committee - will be in attendance at the rest of the meeting so they will know what is going on, when my vice president and I sat down with the administrators they felt that the lack of one student voice telling them what students wanted, really hurt student opinion, not an isolated incident, who speaks on behalf of the student body? At university park people know where to go, to kind of explain what happens at university park, 1 person per college sits on the committee, the caucus is considered to be the student caucus, we try as best we can to invite the student senators to come up, many of the issues you discussed today has come up at University Faculty senate, two weeks ago we met with administrators to address the advising issue. Here they are. Abington, Altoona, Behrend, Capital College, Berks Lehigh Valley college, you are single locations, these people are really important, this is their contact information, these are the people who are going to be talking to the chair of the Faculty senate, those are the people who are going to be on the floor, that's where the legislation is made, that's where things get done, they will not take me, Brett, or Josh going to them as they would the people from the colleges, this is the only organization that brings together the organization and students, if we have one voice that is able to give information to the faculty senate, the next step is to work with University park, CCSG Academic Affairs committee and USG Academic Affairs come together to create the University Student Academic Committee (USAC) entire student voice of entire university, the 20 senators would be able to stand up and know what is going on at all times,

we aren't taken seriously most of the time, and sitting here asking you guys to please take this to heart and take it back to your campus and think about it, suggestions of how to implement them back at your location, will be able to make a change at this university, the student voice at this university will make or break academic policy, we are trying to make a difference

XXI. Recess

tttt. Motion to keep going through the agenda and strike the recess from the agenda Mike Kelly, New Kensington and seconded by Kyle Templin, DuBois

XXII. Commonwealth Faculty Senate Report - Joe Curgiliano and Elli Fluder

uuuu. Elli - Sitting on the student life committee, we are working with the faculty affairs committee, Joe - academic advising October 25, 2002 we are going to draft goals and a survey on how to make advising better, planning a 2-4 year plan, I would like to know is if you would like this time frame to move up, I would like to talk about advising before I graduate, we want to have this up and running before the end of the year, if you could email us with goals for the adademic advising survey; Elli - another issue, first year seminar, every year students say the same thing, in the downtime we want to talk about the first year seminar and combine it with advising, advisors be the teachers for first year seminar, therefore you will have interaction with your advisor right away, try to increase student involvement, assigning students to go to SGA meetings and give reports, hope to clear up these issues, ecf117@psu.edu jpc182@psu.edu

vvvv. Question - Patricia O'Leary, Wilkes Barre what is elli's email address? Ecf117@psu.edu

XXIII. University Faculty Senate Report - Michael Cooper, President

XXIV. Committee Reports

xxxx. Academic Affairs, Brett Kluskiewicz

i. Thank Josh Troxel for attending the committee meetings today and yesterday, Joe and Elli introduced themselves and talked about some of the issues, and Dr. Linda Higginson for coming to the meeting today, discussed first year seminars and advising to help Joe and Elli, first thing we did was campus updates and what's going on, biggest issues, student mentorship programs, first year seminar, advising, course selector guides, how we can make advising better at the campuses, talked about necessity of advising surveys, more important issue - communication outside of council, goes for every committee and caucus outside of council weekends,

majority of stuff goes on outside of council meetings, if there are any academic affairs questions feel free to email me

yyyy. Diversity Affairs, Jayneel Patel

i. Met with Vice Provost of Education Committee to understand different aspects of diversity for students, will be working on an action plan for each campus, will finalize all information at the next council meeting, USG still working on the Unity brunch, CCSG will stay in contact with USG on these issues

zzzz. Governmental Affairs, Anthony Bizzaro

i. Gubenatorial debate was at Penn State, showed clips of at Fridays meeting and lollipops, today we went over the plan, we are going to make it more relaxed because last year it was three ridged plans, go to the representatives and the last time we will go to their district office and present them the facts and help them understand why Penn State is such a great school, rally in late spring and trying to get state schools, USG rally - November 18, 2002; JD Krone, came and spoke about USG, not supporting House Bill 443, gave out newspaper clippings, committee read them and understand them

aaaaa. Student Affairs, Crystal Saverioni

i. Since the last council weekend, I've been busy, met with a lot of people, for the campuses that have issues I have tried to answer them or direct them to the people they need to talk to, Joe and Elli spoke to the committee, Barry Brand - Residence Life at University Park, online housing contracts, will try to scan and send out as an attachment, questions between A-La-Board and Diner's Club, Beaver is having problems with rodents in the Residence halls and Abington is having a parking issue

bbbbb. THON, Tara Minchin

i. Guest speaker, Jamie from cooperate relations, what they do, if you know someone in cooperation, adopt a family form and Hershey trip, line dance CD, today I handed out MandM folders, had a cooperate relations THON CD, registered the dancers, discussed upcoming events, October 21 first day of solicitation, read the rule book, asked by overall morale - do not specify that we have a morale committee at the campuses, so that they understand it better, did not really get to talk, Soroosh, Abington going to club envy for every ticket sold $5 goes to THON, mini THON at New Kensington on November 2

ii. Ben Jordi, Berks - What does register the dancers mean? I meant register the organization

XXV. Caucus Reports

ccccc. Northeast - Kevin

i. First out of Council meeting, November 4, out of caucus event, community service event - VA Hospital, November 26; information session will be discussed at the out of council meeting

ddddd. Northwest - Brian

i. We had a productive meeting, and proud of my caucus, all four campuses have been very active and will continue, new organizations, evening activities on the rise, discussed big issues, media and how to advertise, set our first out of council meeting November 1-2 at Shenango, discussed our caucus info session, would like to thank the secretary for joining us at our meeting

eeeee. Southeast - Drew

i. Busy, ridge plan for the information session, broken down into 5 weeks, working on the student organization manual and trying to standardize forms, talked about campus goals and a plan to get to the goals, website, talking to IT director this week, canning weekend in January to try and get all campuses involved in that, out of council meeting November 8-9

fffff. Southwest - Joe

i. Today in the in southwest, how great it was to have southwest at all U Day, discussed meeting with bookstore, Angel, went over long emails, trying to find ways to communicate, problems Beaver - mice and rats in residence halls which they are trying to fix, student affairs budget being cut, commuter committee to plan activities, Fayette, laptops still not hooked up, new building, problems with their cafeteria, McKeesport, no major problems, going through new cafeteria is going to be like, New Kensington, no major problems, Faculty senate wants to take away Friday common hour, want to find other times for either common hour or classes, out of council meeting October 20, 2002, participate in miniTHON at New Kensington, want to go to McKeesport foam party, will be meeting three time before end of semester, talked about web page, talked about caucus info session, fys, bookstore, and advising

ggggg. Two Location - Thom

i. Decided that we are going to work on the information

session today, talked about the communication theme, we pretty much have a good handle about what is going on for our information session, presidents I will be emailing you tomorrow or Monday, the next five week plan

hhhhh. Mr. Homan and Mr. Lavenberg please stand as sergeant of arms to make sure no one is speaking in the gallery

Old Business

New Business

Open Forum

1. Mr. Cooper
    a. Thank you for all the hard work we are doing, we are sorry about all the of the stress caused by parents weekend, thanks for your flexibility, things to look forward to, benefits of Eportfolio, how many people are going to the hayride and it's a blast everyone should come out, thank you very much and look forward to seeing all of you at the hayride and thanks again
2. Ms. DeSimone
    b. Hayride - be at the HUB parking deck at 6:30; look great at committee and caucus reports
3. Mr. Dingfelder
    c. I went around to each caucus at the table and told them the name of the club and a contact person to get the OAG up and running

Motion to close open forum Behrend and seconded by Craig Jackson by Altoona

Adjournment by Jacob Kane Shenango, and seconded by Abington

Submitted by:
Olney Pray