Staff Minutes from March 5, 2003

I. Roll Call
   a. Mike Cooper, Nikkie DeSimone, Chris Zegar, Steve Cuppett, Olney Pray, Anthony Bizzaro, Crystal Saverioni, Brett Kluskiewicz, Tara Minchin, Ryan Melling, Brian Marko, Kevin D'Ausilio, Thom Slaski, Drew Lavenberg, Joe Curigliano, Lauren Cycak, Vera Spina, Liz Eisenhart

II. Approval of February 26, 2003 Minutes
   a. Thom, motion to table minutes until next meeting seconded by Joe
   b. New USG liaison – Mike, town senator, issues with Senate bring them to him

III. Reports
   a. Northeast – Kevin; caucus event, ice skating, I didn't fall, there were a lot of people there, setting up a community service activity for after the break, Hats Off for Cancer, Vice Presidents listserv change, will email the change
   b. Northwest – Brian; ½ done with caucus info session, the rest of the portion is on the shoulders of DuBois and Altoona, sending emails, Altoona is in the middle of elections, Shenago and Behrend are having their elections after the last council meeting; Joe – please ask Kyle Templin if he received my email about Change of Assignment
   c. Southeast – Drew; I furiously fought to get the vice presidents names, we have a 50% return rate
   d. Southwest – Joe; Happy Spring Break
   e. Two Location – Thom; I am still trying to get in touch with Schuylkill to find out their vice presidents, Lehigh Valley is doing a lot of activities
   f. Student Affairs – Crystal; sent out email asking campuses about what's going on, two emailed me back, Hazelton brought up that University is charging for overdue books, also a war info session, wants to spread to all the campuses so they can all get involved; Zegar – the top kids in the feminist majority league wants to meet with you, have all of her information; Marko – smoking huts, policy for Penn State, (crystal gave it to him) email it to caucus directors
   g. Governmental Affairs – Anthony; went to Harrisburg on Monday with Cooper, met with 12 representatives, went well, most told us the same thing, some were rude and only concerned with being reelected, budget came out this week, Rendell does not like it, no increase for higher education, Republicans want to pass it tomorrow, March 25, budget presentation to increase taxes, 6% increase in tuition, somewhere around 13%, Kip resigned – Ankarlo taking over his place, Rally is April 7, caucus directors please hype

up, Pitt Johnstown – Craig is going to meet with them; Marko – this is just for your knowledge, Behrend is meeting with three of their reps. Next week; Cooper – congratulations to Anthony, he organized the entire day; Drew – what was the information again? Rally April 7; Thom – do you know if there is any organizations on campus who is in the protests? Yeah, the departments, do we know where our assets are? Mike – haven't heard anything

h. THON – Tara;

March 5, 2003 - THON Report

Since the past meeting, I have not done much with THON because it is over. I still receive emails with various (good) questions and have answered most of them and some are still pending a response from an Overall!
Those two questions are: (1) what are the completed totals raised for THON this year. B/c the overall Financial manager received checks and added in pledged books- she could have different numbers than I, so I'm waiting for her response! (2) Spirit Award- does 2nd place receive one? And- I am going to ask A.J. (Entertainment Overall) if he is providing this year's award or is CCSG probably going to be handed out at the next CCSG meeting- if not the last one.

I will get you a COMPLETELY detailed report of THON weekend and the EXACT comments, questions, concerns and issues that arose - that will be helpful to know for next year. (I'll get this to you on Friday I apologize for the delay - I have two major tests, papers, and being that my end of the year report is being handed in on Friday for Communications, this info will be included!)

THON RULES!

i. Mike – concerned with how the losers of the Penny War will be punished; Zegar – will meet with Tara to decide

i. Academic Affairs – Brett; progression with First Year Seminar, charged on a new committee, legislation for University Faculty Senate, problems and topics to address, going to have two more meetings next semester, will continue to meet next year, Josh Troxell will be working over Spring Break to do survey analysis; Tara – are we going to see those results? Should be able to; Brett – going to get the results for the campuses to see

j. Diversity Affairs – Ryan; got a phone call from someone who was suppose to be at the Diversity Summit, had someone email that they were the new senator of diversity at their campus, asking what their position was, I have no idea what to tell them, I would

be more than happy to give them information; Cuppett – what campus? Delaware County, will talk to Drew after the meeting, trying to get a speaker to come in for the next Council meeting, try to accomplish a little bit of what was suppose to go on at the Diversity Summit

k. Public Relations – Vera;
l. Programming – Lauren;
m. Councillor
n. IT – Cuppett; the Councillor computer crisis rages on, Digital Councillor will be done after the break, updated Cooper picture, Vice President list serv

IV. New Business

a. CLRC – Mike; what is going on with CLRC? Marko is going to write the template and Nikkie is going to write the legislation, Marko – I was under the assumption that the template is not going to be voted on, just going to be something to be put on the website
b. Leadership Conference – Joe; major key points, no bandanas at the next summer leadership conference, discussion about tshirts, brought up through curiosity, bookstore donates them every year, this year's shirt was used more this year, a lot of students wear it, looking at maybe donating portfolios, essential leadership skills – emerging leaders, advanced leaders, establish continuity within an organization, management skills, group dynamics, general topics, it is at Seven Springs, cutting costs in many ways, everyone who is there, all you can eat barbeque was really expensive, Richel's office used to be able to pick up the cost, looking for corporate donors for some aspects of the conference, there might only be 8 members of Central Staff going, next year's administration will have to look at, next meeting April 1 at University Park; Thom, you said the major topics was going to be time management, I sat in on that two years in a row, needs to be more beneficial; Joe – very interesting, you could tell that these people are DSA's who want their students to succeed in these areas, I voted for Diversity in Leadership, thought it would be more beneficial, I will tell them def. About that; Marko – any further discussion about our role in the conference; Joe – a few suggestions, make CCSG our last meeting of the year a training session for treasurers, an ADSA thinks we should start holding sessions, the reason Joe is there is to understand a better continuity to the leadership conference and CCSG; Zegar – please try to sneak in organizational skills into the time management sessions; Crystal – did you tell them why you wanted to session? At this meeting I took in everything, before I was able to fight for some thing, there was going to be a general session about diversity, didn't push for any particular programming, went over

overall goals, food; Crystal – was there an agreement when they talked about CCSG; pretty much had a blank stare; want CCSG to have a hospitality suite, people can stop by to get information, I took it as a suggestion, took everything and took notes, find it a little bit funny that they want us to take some of our council time to help them; Cuppett – I agree with Crystal, think that the leadership conference should be a time for bonding; if you have suggestions for Joe, email him and tell him, we are all in agreement jpc218@psu.edu

c. Council Discussion

V. Old Business

VI. Executive Reports

a. Secretary – Olney; reports are due
b. Financial Manager – Cuppett; Brett I have FYS money, and no one has requested it, any budget inquiries email, slide show picture scanning has begun
c. Chief of Staff – Zegar; would like to see Ryan, Crystal, and the people that I picked the last meeting, Brett, Lauren, Thom and Cuppett
d. Vice President – Nikkie; talked to Dr. Jacobs, assistant, she will be coming to our next meeting, Academic Integrity and the role of students, protect exams and answers, having more monitors, implementing clarification, syllabus requirements, revamp orientation and FTCAP stuff; Marko – did she mention anything about Academic integrity board? All she said was that the committee met on Monday and get people more involved with; Zegar – are you sure it is the same at every location? At Altoona it was the same through the Colleges; Thom – do you get to talk to her again? Monitors are a good idea, but they would be distracting
e. President – Mike; I have convinced student affairs to send pulse surveys to all student government offices, questions about holding peace or pro war rallys, refer to Mike, procedures given at ESL today, CCSG are suppose to be non partisan, done with Student affairs interviews, got to see 2 amazing candidates, will let you know when they announce the position, Council, next week I really need your help, I will not be around all week, Board of Trustees meeting in Hershey, will be able to give a long drawn out statement, please make sure you take care of your business, there is a possibility that I will be late on Friday, I am not going to be around at all, please take care of business, Monday that we get back USG election campaigning will go on, gets really big and political on the second floor, make sure it doesn't come into our office, everything must be left out of the office, you can talk among yourself, sometimes make people uncomfortable, don't want to

make CCSG a bargaining chip, otherwise respect it and we have our own elections to focus on, Sunday after our Council meeting Richel has invited us over to her apartment for breakfast, please set aside that time to come over her place, she is really excited and very happy about it; Zegar – so you know when it comes to CCSG elections I don't want to hear about it, no talking, period, don't openly have debates about who is better or worse USG candidates; Nikkie – Kris and Rubina are looking to keep it out of the USG office; Joe – wondering if you brought up the article about sororities and fraternities drink more; Mike – it was brought up in ESL; Tara – what is the pulse? Mike – a survey conducted by Student Affairs, call you, email you, random sampling, use the data to make changes in student affairs, done very accurately by a PhD in statistics

VII. Open Forum
   a. The Girls
   b. THON – when we went to Zegar's, friend of family gave us $300 and send a thank you; second place winner for spirit award, do they know how it went, should email Paul
   c. Crystal – mid year evaluations, and teachers would give you a grade, the teachers aren't very happy about it, didn't hear anything about it, is that going to be come an issue, give you a grade now; Ryan – had it already, for a Kines. Class, not the same thing; Zegar – in the past they did deferments, by college they were going to send you if you were failing; Joe – with Mont Alto, we had a big discussion about this, some are for it and some are against it, main purpose is to see if students are attending classes, last year Commonwealth College lost about $3 million dollars, takes attendance and put in the grades, a big process, college can monitor attendance, can cut student aid off if they don't show up in the first three weeks of classes, deferments can be sent out, allows students who would like to see their grades, professors do not like it because if they don't take attendance they have to, Dean Disney is telling the faculty that they have to do it, just started this year; Marko – I personally was taking a class, I got a deficiency at Altoona, attendance is also taking in to account; Crystal – pretty sure this is the same thing; Zegar – what you are talking about now is an attendance issue, which is now a participation issues, we don't seem to know completely about; Joe – should be dealt with
   d. USG liaison – was on CCSG my freshman year, have questions about the elections code; Zegar – do you revert back last year's code? Supreme Court decided to make changes, two senators voted against it, so we are back to last year's code, spending cap is $500 and the campaign is two weeks long; the other thing we deal

with is we have referendum questions, and were talking about them last night, tabled because the chair has mono, example, what do you think of fraternity and sorority involvement on campus? Should the SAF be raised every year? Should there be more gym facilities? Email - mey115@psu.edu all spring break if you have questions; rec. facilities on campus, pass on Tuesday sending a letter from USG and want people to come from town to have to pay for the use of the facilities, dealing with FTCAP issue, lighting on campus and Parking Lot 83, better lit, looking at downtown and what areas can be improved; Joe – I want to thank you for being proactive at your very first meeting; Thom – I think that the gym facilitates is a big thing; one thing is we were being told is that the complaints were being brought by the facility and is easier for student groups, passed a measure to audit the effectiveness of the USG structure, will let you guys know when the meetings are coming up; like the website

VIII. Announcements
   a. Stupid Joke of the Week

IX. Adjournment