Council of Commonwealth Student Governments
Council Minutes
March 21-22, 2003
Heritage Hall, HUB Roebson Center

Friday March 21, 2003

I. Call to Order – Jason Clinger
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III. Review Weekend's Agenda – Jason Clinger
IV. Welcoming Address – Nikkie DeSimone

Good evening everyone and welcome. It's great to see all of you once again. I hope everyone was able to enjoy their Spring Break. I actually went away for break and upon my return received quite a few emails that had gone over the list-serves during the week, so I know that even when you were given the opportunity to rest, you were still dedicated to discussing issues and getting things done.

I'd first like to apologize for Mike running in here. The Board of Trustees met today in Hershey, which is where he is coming from. This is always the most important meeting for CCSG because the president is able to make a statement on behalf of all 19 locations. He will update you on the meeting during his address tomorrow.

DIVERSITY SUMMIT

I would like to briefly address the cancellation of the Penn State Student Summit on Diversity for those of you who may still be wondering what exactly happened with this event. As you may recall, the purpose was to create a forum where students from all over the Commonwealth could come together, discuss the issues concerning their locations, and network with other leaders from both the Commonwealth and University Park. While we initially were able to generate an impressive amount of interest, we unfortunately did not receive the confirmation of that interest necessary to go forth with the Summit as planned. All of the information and contacts that we used have been compiled and will be placed into my report for the year so that if the next administration would like to pursue this initiative, they will have something concrete to refer to. If there are still any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to approach me this weekend with them.

PSU DAY OF SILENCE

Penn State will be holding their Day of Silence on Thursday, April 3rd to draw attention to discrimination and prejudice on the many types of differences

in our communities and our world. Mike and I fully support those planning and participating in this day. If any campuses are interested in getting involved there are informational fliers in the folders as well as on the back table. If you have any questions, you can email Manish at socialjustice4all@hotmail.com.

BANQUET INVITATIONS

In front of each of you is the invitation for the Eric A. Walker Memorial Banquet to be held at the Nittany Lion Inn. Inside you will find the RSVP cards for your campus. Please remember to write only the total number of people attending and the total number of each entrée selection required on the front, with each individual's name attending and their entrée selection on the back. The cards need to be returned to Lauren as soon as you have completed them prior to adjournment tomorrow afternoon. We apologize for the limited number that each campus is being allowed to bring this year, however, we are working with a smaller room than last year and space is very limited. Also, Lauren has begun a first come first serve waiting list should any tickets become available. You can only get on the waiting list by emailing her with your campus name and the number of additional tickets you would like. We decided this would be the fairest method and we also did not want a bunch of people running at her all at once with their requests. Please remember that getting on the list does not ensure getting more tickets. If you have any questions about the banquet or the waiting list, she'll be happy to address them throughout the weekend.

PROGRESS

There has been progress within the committees and other areas since we last met: Student Affairs has been active in pursuing stricter guidelines for smoking on campus and designating areas in which students cannot smoke. Governmental Affairs is making the final preparations for the upcoming rally in Harrisburg on Monday, April 7th; Diversity Affairs has been concentrating on the individualized concerns and issues at each location; THON was successful once again for all the Locations. Congratulations to everyone involved! The FYS surveys have been completed under Academic Affairs and the committee is also addressing individual location concerns in the academic realm.

Additionally, in our attempts to better the communication among Council, our IT Specialist, Stephen Cuppett, has created a list serve for the Vice Presidents which is currently up and running. We have accomplished our platform goal to make the *Councillor* digital – Elizabeth will be addressing this further during her report later in the weekend.

Also, if you aren't already aware, it has been determined by the Administration and Deans within each College that the first day of class - a Tuesday - will follow a Friday schedule. In a sense, the week will go Friday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday. We are trying to get the word out now, especially as the period of transition for the next year is upon us. You may want to inform your new administration of this change, so that they can do what is necessary to prepare and aide the incoming freshmen through use of programs prior to the semester start such as Orientation.

A FEW COMMENTS ABOUT THIS WEEKEND...

First a message from our Program Director: Please be extremely careful when using and passing the microphones around the table because the cords are only so long. Also, not every microphone is off and can be shut off. Please keep that in mind when having side bar conversations. The Council Discussion on the *The Past, Present, and Future of CCSG* will be addressed during the Explanation of New Council Procedures. In your folders, you will find the agenda with the breakout rooms listed on the back, the amendment regarding CLRC that will come under discussion during new business tomorrow, and common questions regarding the elections procedure. I'd like to quickly remind any potential candidates for President, Vice President, Campus Chair, and SAF Representative that you will be required to attend the Candidates Meeting directly following the adjournment of Council tomorrow. Our guest speaker this weekend will be Dr. Janis Jacobs, the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and International Programs. Dr. Jacobs has replaced Dr. Cahir in this position, for those of you who may remember him, and we are looking forward having her join us tomorrow morning as she is very interested in getting feedback from students on many issues. We also have the final information sessions being presented by the Southwest Caucus and the Northwest Caucus. The President's session for this evening and tomorrow will be here in Heritage Hall. This concludes my address. Once again it is great to see you all here this weekend.

Thank you.

V. Student Activity Fee Report – Kyle Templin
   a. Hello everyone, there is no report because we did not meet today because Mike wasn't here today, wouldn't it be great if I just stood up here and talked about nothing, since I always get 5 minutes, anyone wanting to run for SAF rep. Should come talk to me, it will be fun
VI. Undergraduate Student Government Report – Kris Ankarlo
   a. Rubina has got issues, and I am the stand in guys, Rubina's birthday is tomorrow, off campus student union – midst of recruitment cycle, will bring job descriptions and applications for next year, laws for the best interest of students who live off campus; events – Movin' In – kind of like Movin' On, a forum to provide information, local leaders introduced, brainstorm for some cool bands, 2 hour period of time that they will not drink alcohol and will be diffused, because of the move in day in Wednesday and the first day of classes is Tuesday with a football in between for change of assignment, elections for USG Wednesday and a half away, governmental relations – I have had to assume the role because of a Collegian mishap, will show up at the Rally in the Rotunda, Action Alert – George Bush, the Texas guy, decided to cut Pell Grants in half, its only 2% of the total budget anyway, in the House right now, Senator Specter involved in this, send letters to him and who ever represents your location, will email to Mike, a letter written by a higher education lobbyist in D.C. was sent to all the newspapers, helping Greeks out at University Park, USG is trying to be all inclusive, Coaches vs. Cancer – Saturday of the next Council meeting, check it out on the website, you can run, USG is going to be looking a lot of different issues, one of them is to validate why I am talking to you today, nothing in the constitution that says the president and vice president has to be at our meetings, all fighting for undergraduates, Day of Silence – really get involved, contact meenesha, trying to get as many people involved, FYS surveys – Troxell will talk about it, USG – the guy we had was really good and he went to Europe, had people come in and look at it but they were not as good as Scuppett; Questions – Ben Jordi, Berks – could you say that one more time about the Pell Grants, the best way to put it is Pell Grants, most students are eligible for them, kind of like PHEAA but on a national level, the budget has been cut, has been proposed in one form, was cut by the House and then President Bush cut it again; thank you all for the privilege
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X. University Faculty Senate – Mac Stanley

XI. Commonwealth College Faculty Senate Report – Joe Curigilano and Ellie Fluder

XII. Newspaper Readership Report – Elizabeth Eisenhart

XIII. Explanation of New Council Procedures – Mike Cooper

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III. Approval of January-February 2003 Council Minutes – Jason Clinger
a. Minutes are approved

IV. President's Address – Mike Cooper
a. Good morning ladies and gentleman. Once again, it is a pleasure to be here with you at our fifth council meeting for the 2002-2003 year. Although it has been a month and a half since we have last met, so much has happened in such a short amount of time that I hardly know where to begin. However, there is something that I think should be addressed before I begin my presentation. In this time of great uncertainty, I believe it is important before I begin my presentation. In this time of great uncertainty, I believe it is important that as we go through today's agenda, we keep constant and conscious thoughts and prayers for the men and women who are currently over seas. Currently 170 Penn State students have been called into active service, some very close to this organization. Carlos Rodriguez, former member of the Fayette delegation and now current member of the Applied Research Lab at Fayette, it is currently serving with the United States Army. Also, last year's USG Liaison and former Wilkes Barre President, JD Krohn, an extremely close personal friend to Nikkie, Chris, and myself is currently with the Marine Corps. I know that they are both two of the finest leaders to come out of the group, and our armed forces are lucky to benefit from their spirit. I'm sure all of us would wish them a safe and speedy return home. Many people have asked me this week; do you think it's appropriate to hold the council meeting given our situation in Iraq. What I have told them is that despite the merits of this war, our nation is one that pirdes itself on democracy and leadership. CCSG, although miniscule in retrospect to our federal government, is part of this democratic way of life that makes our nation what it is. By continuing to serve our constituents and attend CCSG, we are making a strong statement that we will allow democracy to cease for no one and we will not let this danger stop us from living our lives freely. The attacks of September 11th have only reaffirmed the power of a democracy, and I think CCSG's continuous fight to represent commonwealth locations is based on principles that this very nation was founded upon. However, for the sake of our friends and loved ones who are currently in harm's way, I do ask that we take a few moments of silence to reflect on this situation and our own lives. Thank you.

As I said earlier, so much has happened this past month and I am so excited the progress of this group of people. Central Staff has been continuous and dedicated in their respective positions, and Nikkie and I couldn't be more excited with the way things are going right now. I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank Tara Minchin and the members of the CCSG THON committee on their incredible organization and hard work to make THON what it was. Despite canning weekends of tremendous snow, and even the Washington DC sniper, Penn State was still able to raise 3.6 million dollars for the Four Diamonds Fund. Commonwealth locations once again had a very visible and active presence in THON, through money donation and the crowds in the stands. Congratulations go out to anyone and everyone involved with this great university tradition. Next, I unfortunately have to move onto matters that are not so uplifting. Last week, Penn State received the 6th budget cut of the year, making the total amount of state money taken back up to 29 million dollars. Governor Rendell's recent budget proposal also shows a strong cut in appropriations to Penn State, and a double-digit tuition increase is likely to be the ultimate result this summer. Because of the dominance of the House and Senate by the Republican Party, the budget has been moved through the Appropriations Committee in a matter of 48 hours without much debate, meaning that President Spanier will not have the opportunity to plead our case to the state legislature in an appropriations hearing. This voice that has been taken away from us must be reinforced by a strong and united student front, and I can think of no better place to do so than the 2nd Annual Rally in the Rotunda. Anthony, Vera, and the other members of the Governmental Affairs Committee have worked hard to organize this event, so I must urge all of you to call now to set up meetings with your legislators, and plan on standing tall and proud in our state's capitol, and fight for our rights to a state subsidized, public higher education, as was originally given to Penn State through our land grant mission. I am confident that we will receive the same, if not better, media turnout as last year, so this event will catch the attention of Penn Staters all over the state. Don't be left out! Next, at the Trustees meeting in Hershey I attended yesterday, I regret to inform you all now that the rates for Room and Board next year will all increase by approximately 5%. This raise, although not severe and sporadic, is accounted into the service and quality of the Penn State Housing and Food operation. And because Housing and Food is an auxiliary enterprise, it makes no money off of our tuition and must therefore be forced to be self-sustaining. It's important now more than ever, that if you have

any issues with Housing and Food, you can see Crystal to get them ironed out. Another issue I raised yesterday in Hershey was the idea of safety and security of our locations in a time where terrorism is a large threat to our nation. President Spanier and Gary Shultz have made sure that each campus has an emergency action plan, should any incident or threat occur, to insure the safety of all students and staff. Police Services also have been increased at all locations and I believe our administration has been very responsible in that effect. As we slowly approach the end of this council year, I always look back at the months that have passed us and the experiences that I have had as your President. I have seen so many sides of Penn State, and as much as this pains me to say, commonwealth locations seem to not be a major priority on our administration's agenda. The people you see in this room really are the majority of those actively seeking to make life better for students as commonwealth locations. Yet our unfortunate situation only unites us more, and I hope that we can all being to recognize the power and influence this organization is capable of, if only we could increase commitment and participation. I would like to finish my remarks today by giving you the exact same speech I gave yesterday to the Board of Trustees and President Spainer in Hershey. Please know that these comments were intended to express these very points, so listen to this in the context of a Penn State Trustee, and your constructive feedback would be welcome. Here it goes… I've been active in student government for all four years here at Penn State. I have had a specific focus on bettering the commonwealth locations, through my involvement at Penn State Abington as well as CCSG in University Park. I can say that I started off with a very optimistic approach to this position; I wanted to push our platform goals to the limit and do everything in our power to work for the equality of all of Penn State's locations. However one stark and harsh reality I have come to know all too well is that the branch campus stigma, unfortunately, is very alive and well within our university. While this Board continues to build more elaborate and luxurious learning spaces at the University Park campus, students from commonwealth locations continue to use under funded and inferior facilities. Commonwealth locations, especially the smaller commuter locations, have easily gained enrollments larger than the facilities permit, yet we continue to advertise the specialized, individual experiences of a Penn State Commonwealth location. Community Colleges are now the primary competition for these locations, yet our tuitions compared to private institutions. In the next five years, we will be looking at graduating classes of student in University Park and all 19

commonwealth campuses that are equal in size. Yet I am not totally sure that their educations are equivalent, not because they are less intelligent or less capable, but because they have not been given the same learning opportunities and support as a University Park student would get, despite the comparable tuition. Obviously, we all know that with Governor Rendell's recent proposal for Pennsylvania's budget, a severe cut in appropriations can be expected. In turn, students are also well aware that a double-digit tuition increase may also be implemented. It's just the sad reality of the economy we live in, and student, administrators alike must bear the burden in order to create a better foundation for Pennsylvania's future. All of us here know that enrollment in University Park will never stagger, short of a systematic breakdown in educational departments. However with the tuition increase to come, our campuses will be the ones to be caught in the recruitment and retainment struggle. As you approach this budget next year, I urge you all to consider the future and incredible need to maintain our commonwealth campus system. Only with your help and leadership can we find ways to improve facilities, information technology, and increase degree options at Commonwealth locations in turn fro the rising costs of our tuition. While the 19 locations my not be the largest, or the main cash cow of the University, we are 42, 000 strong. We are Pennsylvania's future. We truly are Penn State, and we are proud. And with that Mr. Chairman I conclude my report. Nikkie really did highlight the majority of the issues I was going to speak on yesterday in her address, so I thank you once again and I look forward to a productive meeting.

b. Questions - none

V. Recess for 10 minutes and will reconvene, I am sorry that my report was cut shorter because Nikkie talked about a lot of things that I was going to talk about, be back in 12 minutes

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VIII. Department Reports
a. Councillor – Liz Eisenhart
    i. A little bit of background about Councillor, will have a large Councillor edition for the last meeting, next Friday March 28 anything that is going on at the campuses please send them to Liz, also just a little thing about next year, I won't be here next year, and would love to have someone to transition into the position, could give them ideas about what to expect, and keep the improvements going, I would like to see continued progress, if you know of anyone give them my email address or call me at the office
b. Information Technology – Steve Cuppett
    i. The Digital Councillor is up in PDF format, the next two hybrid issues will be up, looking for page maker for last year, minutes are up, some are not recent and that's because they aren't approved, every thing that is affective will be posted on the Web, more slide show pictures, need more from campus, there is going to be a festival at Beaver, they would be cool, we are going to put up a Word document, a template for how to write legislation, will make it easier
c. Programming – Lauren
    i. End of year banquet is April 5 at Nittany Lion Inn 6pm-12-am, need response cards turned in my end of today, to be on the waiting list you must email me, and need to email me with the number, after that point, I will get back to you with how many you can bring, not having an after council activity
d. Public Relations – Vera
    i. Alumni interest group – thanks to Brandi for the past presidents, any of you that are graduating, and are interested in this and want information, you can be a part of the group; working with Anthony about the Rally, press releases will be going out, Collegian – they are invited to every one of our meetings, this semester we have sent them

two letters explaining our purpose, this week in the editorials they referred to us as satellite campuses

IX. Guest Speaker: Dr. Janis Jacobs, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and International Programs

a. Introduction – Mike; thank you I am pleased to be here, I had trouble parking, in talking earlier, I didn't want to give formal remarks, I will just talk about a few things that we are working on, then will have questions, the job has changed somewhat, put international programs under undergraduate education, will integrate international education, would love to hear ideas about how you would further that, Schreyer institute to put several ideas together, directly impacts what faculty does, ROTC reports to me, DUS reports to me, and all Learning Centers, Morgan Center for student athletes, some of things we are working on – First Year seminars – we are trying to do evaluations of first year seminars, trying to decide if we are meeting our goals, open ended charged committee, faculty, staff, and students, will get a preliminary report at the end of the semester, directions they are going to go, and who they are going to talk to, have urged them to talk to student groups, next year is when we will get a final recommendation, I am hearing very mixed opinions, some students have great experiences and other don't, want to make it more consistent, moving the placement tests to become web based (FTCAP), students who don't live close to campuses is a big deal, can take them from their homes, piloted last year, students who did it liked it, everyone will do it 16,000, everyone will get a notice and have a 24 hour help line, that's something that is new and student friendly, student centered university, customer service sort of thing, access the university, a bigger and more important part, is finding ways for students to interact with faculty and making sure their classes are relevant to what they are studying, more way for students and faculty to interact, more ways for students to have out of class experiences, these are what I see as important

b. Questions – Ben Jordi, Berks – What are the goals of the First Year Seminar classes? When you said you would like faculty and students to interact more, I'm concerned that faculty don't care about students, have more professors than teachers? First question – to get more student faculty interaction, to have small classes, orient students to the university and how it works, and in some cases to have this be integrated with subject matter, this is a good example of a committees goal, we have three versions, 1 credit – orientation 3 – credit – course within a contact area, meet some of the goals, 3+1 model – content plus orientation, when I talk to students the orientation classes most are happy, and the other two

some are happy and most are not, when the Faculty Senate many people do not think we should be giving credit for orientation classes, too inconsistent the way you are bringing it up, yes we do have professors, we have people who do have masters or PhD.s teaching the classes, sometimes some faculty have taking into account what the students need and what they think we should have, the wonderful thing about attending Penn State is that it is a research university, creating new information, doing more than just teaching out of a textbook, that's the part that puts students off the most, teaching is competing with the research, I would like to change this, sometimes teachers don't know how to bring their research into their teaching, putting incentives in place for teachers to bring undergrads into their labs; Derek Dureka, Mont Alto – At Mont Alto our Learning Center is partially funded by the Perkins Grant? I have not heard about that, I am going to be at Mont Alto on Thursday, I can check it out for you, the campuses fund them but the university coordinates them; Ray Mastre, New Kensington – the one credit seminar is working well, the 3 + 1 is not, my question is
about FTCAP, have you ever thought about incorporating foreign language into the test? I don't know if they have thought of that before, when you test out of foreign language is it a verbal test; at new ken it is a written test; Todd Dietrich, Lehigh Valley – is there any move by the university to have continuing education credits count? I don't know there are a lot of issues to have the continuing ed model work into the rest of the university, we have a task force working on it, what counts as academic credits, is that actually academic content, have to look at the class and see if we could have more academic content, as the world changes, we will keep looking at it; Muhammed Qadeer – concern that student who are taking the web based FTCAO aren't cheating? Most obvious questions, we can't completely make sure no one cheats, the pilot showed that students who have misplaced themselves, which would happen if students cheated, if students cheated they are only hurting themselves, there are a series of screens that prepare students, then there is a strong warning that suggests what happens if you misplace yourself, wanted the message to be strong, there is also the academic integrity statement and then they have to take a test, have made it very clear that students could hurt themselves; Bridget Daly, Abington – you mentioned DUS, talk about advising, how professors don't know what they are suppose to say, is there any direction about where the university is going with that, maybe university wide training program? Students are usually unhappy with it, we have the advising council, heads of

advising, have been talking a lot at these meetings, especially transfer students, advisors at the campuses have a the hardest job, have to know all majors, difficult job, if we have more requirements becomes harder, one of things we are doing to putting more information on the web, making that available to students, went up two weeks ago, leads to less misinformation, the other part is we do try to send out information all the time, open to suggestions, how we insure consistency, its hard for them to keep up; Jeff, Berks – FTCAP, has there been talk about adding a composition part? Yeah, for the past few years, makes very difficult to grade, had talked about it, very desirable, SAT and ACT are adding written components, thinking of using that, because essays will already have been graded and students have already done it; Steve Cuppett – going back to academic integrity of FTCAP, it is timed, in a lot of different tests they are timed, and should be timed? They are timed and the bigger issue is having someone else taking it for them; Kevin D'Ausilio – you have been talking about talking to student groups and wondered if you have personal opinions? I do but do not want to say them because I want to hear what the committee has to make, I do want to see consistency, and people do appreciate and need the orientation class, hope we do not end up with just academic; Crystal Saverioni – non English speaking professors, wondering how you feel about that and has anyone come up with issues about that? I think its an issue that comes and goes, the non native speakers, its harder to listen to them, however we do have strict rules at Penn state, graduate students are TAing have to pass these standards, students who can't understand should go to the department head, even if they passed ESL courses they will have to take them again, we have things in place that work well, urge students who are having problems should go to the department head and faculty; Claudia Vitelli, Worthington Scranton – how do commonwealth locations add more major specific FYS and diversity classes? Should go to a division or department head to see why they don't have enough, up to CEO to make sure there are enough FYS classes; Neil Wells, Worthington Scranton – courses that should be added to majors, noticed that I am not getting what some companies are looking for, how do they analysis and decide what classes should be in the major? That is up to the departments and majors, BSB is being looked at right now, being considered and discussed, its at that level, division or department head to decide the extra classes; Scott Finlon, Wilkes Barre – how do you do the test if they don't have their ID's? if people don't have computers they can do it anywhere, they are sent stuff in the mail to register; Bridget Daly, Abington – many

students take a survey after the end of the semester, what happens to the surveys? SRTE's are looked at by department heads, used for rewards and then they are centralized, students may not think about that many people do not like a professor, but other people like them, may be that someone thinks they are inadequate but others think they are, talked about with professors; Ryan Melling – look at standardized testing, how is the university justifying the use of standardized testing? Still the fairest way to test people that we have right now, writing sample part because that's a big edition, the best way of getting some overall measure when students come in, the only thing they are used for is 1/3 for admission to college and 2/3 is from high school grades

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XIV. Caucus Information Session – Southwest Caucus
   a. Suspension of Robert's Rules by Ryan Glover, Beaver and seconded by Ray Mastre, New Kensington; Welcome to the Southwest Causus information session, featuring Fayette, McKeesport, Beaver, and New Kensington; Fayette – the bookstore, I would like to ask everyone how many people buy their books online, many, may seem like it is saving you money, in the end it really isn't saving

money, the bookstore is helpful, let's take a trip – 67% goes back to the publisher, 9% of the cost is returned to the university to fund activities on the campus, after you are done with your finals you can sell them back for 50% of the original price, the professors are the ones that determine how much you get back, if they don't order them , the bookstore can't buy them, what can we do as students – publicize the bookstore, aides in tuition costs, make sure your professors know what books they are using and turn them in early; Matt Stahl, McKeesport – ANGEL, many of you know what ANGEL does, the website is cms.psu.edu, PROS – the best thing is enjoying seeing what they have to do, course assignments on line, interact online with professors instead of office hours, club websites, you can access many other websites, people search, access email, one stop for everything, full customizable to students, can put personal links on there, an example – my own ANGEL page, upload files, CONS – problem lies within the professors who really use it, the professors some don't like them, like the old school way, moving into a new age and a lot of student prefer to do their work on line, not many students know about ANGEL, a lot of us know about it but many do not, I talked to a few students and they had no idea what I was talking a bout, a few solutions – tell your professors and explain it to them or send them to the website, I'm sure they've heard about it, best way to advertise is word of mouth, if you tell fellow students that you like it it will catch on; Marcus Wayne, advising, basically it's a problem its going to take a lot to solve it, a lot of things you can do to help, done a pretty good job solving problems, main problem – students never meet with their advisor or find out who they are or the advisor doesn't contact the advisee, implementing programs during orientation, where students can sit down with students, making a handbook, one side is going to be for students and the other side is for faculty including websites, website www.psu.edu/advising during orientation let everyone know their jobs, DSA and SGA co present something about advising, show an interest in advising, SGA can go to DAA for help to solve problems, there are a lot of issues and hopefully set up some good models, University Park does not send information about changes in enough time, if you have any questions about the handbook; Mac Stanley New Kensington – First Year Seminar, started in the summer of 1999, still fresh, purpose is to introduce students to a purposeful learning community and establish study habits, teach students to take charge of their own education, you need to find out how to do things for your self, your initiative, academic survival – note taking, active reading, time management, stress management, self

evaluation; communication – active listening, critique your work, basics of giving oral and written reports, interview skills; research – biggest point, being able to use the library, using ANGEL and all resources Penn State has to offer, data bases, source strategies, invalid and valid sources, learning – problem solving, concept mapping, cooperative learning, learning to write and peer tutoring, learning sessions; behavior – diversity civility, conflict management, academic integrity, makes student aware of what it means, alcohol awareness, Penn State is no substance abuse, information regarding the discipline you are in, guest speaker or field trip, can bring in and give info on particular fields, included some links, www.psu.edu/oue.gened/fys;

b. Comments and questions – Ray, Matt's background is Steelers and much better than the Eagles, more serious is file storage so you don't have to carry around disks ANGEL; Ben Jordi, Berks – how does the bookstore aid in student activities and THON? The bookstore donates money to THON and other student organizations; Craig Jackson, Altoona – how does the bookstore affect tuition? How was the FYS done? The bookstore, my knowledge some of the money is given to keep tuition at a lower cost, FYS question – I have a sample FYS syllabus, I realized that I picked up a lot of skills in another class, curricular drift is going to be addressed, this was the best information to get out of it, puts everyone at the same playing field; Richel – bookstore comment, the bookstore at every location is given a certain amount of money to enhance student life, being at Penn State Fayette helps with play, may go to something great, encourage you to find out, the bookstore buys the tshirts for the Leadership Conference, there is suppose to be a bookstore committee at every campus as well

XV. Comments by Mike –
   a. Immediately after lunch caucus meetings will reconvene right after lunch, did this because of the past, present, future discussion a lot of people said they were upset with reconvene/roll calls, promptly at 1:35pm
   b. Caucus meetings – Southwest and Northwest are different

XVI. Lunch

XVII. Reconvene – Jason Clinger

XVIII. Roll Call – Olney Pray
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XIX. Before the caucus meeting, if you could all look at the resolution presented by Altoona over the course of the afternoon

XX. Caucus Information Session – Northwest Caucus
a. Suspension of Roberts Rules by Craig Jackson, Altoona and seconded by Becky Ramp, Shenango
b. Dramatization by Altoona, Shenango, DuBois, and DuBois about the ANGEL website
c. Questions about ANGEL - none

XXI. Committee Reports
a. Academic – Brett Kluskeiwicz
i. Good afternoon, spent Friday talking about academic issues, posting of semester schedules and time period that they are up, advising and office hours, and teachers/advisors keeping office hours, student giving other people advice, students at campus about academic integrity, FYS report, skip patterns – relationships between different demographics and questions asked to draw conclusions; foreign language testing during FTCAP, restriction would be the amount of languages included, putting a poll on the FTCAP website to see how many people would do it, and which languages would be interesting, transition to next year, what to make better for next year and before the leadership conference, academic integrity, all of you have a fantastic day
b. Diversity – Ryan Melling
i. 13 campuses in diversity committee, which is way up, would like everyone to represent, please find someone for the next meeting, we were working on the diversity summit, trying to establish a mentoring program to start at the campus locations to work with local middle and high schools, I think that's about it, a wide variety of diversity programs; questions, none

c. Governmental – Anthony Bizzaro
    i. Who like freedom and democracy? Everyone does, Governor Rendell cut funding to Penn State, there will be no chance for people to voice our opinions, we will be going to the capital on April 7 to voice our opinions, the Rally is from 11am-12pm, Parul is going to see if we can go early, we went over our last meetings with our representatives, going to have an extensive campaign to have thousands of people lobby
d. Student – Crystal Saverioni
    i. Yesterday we talked about the war and what we can do at the campuses, it wasn't about if we were for the war or against it, we need to remember that we should do something on our campus for the soldiers, important for the campuses that aren't doing anything, applaud the campuses that are, splash guards on the urinals, a lot of people don't want to see funding going to that but the campuses don't want to pay for it, commend Lehigh Valley on the smoking issue, 250 feet outside the building will be smoke free, going forth on the issue, publicity on campuses, York's webpage announces the events, call box going someplace and then coming back to campus, bookstore at the end, art students to paint murals, janitors
e. THON – Tara Minchin
    i. Suspension of Robert's Rules, THON 2003 line dance with gallery participation
    ii. Poem about the commonwealth locations
    iii. Introduction of THON committee members

XXII. Caucus Reports
a. Northeast – Kevin D'Ausilio
    i. I don't know if I can match that dance, we aren't going to do anything, we are going to do Hats Off for Cancer, kjd191@psu.edu for more information, April 27 last OCM barbeque and Kevin will cook, snow days, spring flings and weeks, elections going at each campus
b. Northwest – Brian Marko
    i. Discussed with Academic and Student Affairs smoking huts and policy, FTCAP testing with foreign language portion,
c. Southeast – Drew Lavenberg
    i. We had an exciting packed meeting, talked about proxy lists, really important for people to send them in so the committee directors will know who is sitting there, Mont Alto will be hosting caucus Olympics, workshop on transitioning officers, will be placed on ANGEL website,

d. Southwest – Joe Curigliano
    i. Wrapping up for the year, transition, discussed my office hours, campus reports, Spring Flings and Beaver Fest, new issues and concerns, discussed excitement over spring break, pair up with another caucus for an OCM for leadership skills, IT fee and how it is affecting our campuses, detail on how it is set up, different set ups and issues, everyone had a good spring break, have a safe trip home
e. Two Location – Thom Slaski
    i. Very busy this month and a half, Harrisburg – election woes, not enough participation, if you have any suggestions for them, please contact them, working with faculty senate to get more students involved, caucus wide discussion, working on smoking legislation, create smoking huts, spring luau; Berks – many people coming back, held a debate about the war between a professor and two students, looking to use the web for elections can vote on line; Lehigh Valley – Monte Carlo night, elections going well, had a talent show, 200 people showed up at $3.00/person, really amazing, campus beautification, Kick Butt Day April 2 as already said by Crystal, congratulation by everyone in my caucus; spring luau is April 15, Parul Luthra, Harrisburg

XXIII. Old Business
a. Any old business that should have been listed

XXIV. New Business
a. Constitutional and Legislative Review Committee – Nikkie DeSimone
    i. If anyone doesn't have a copy of this resolution they are on the back table; sponsor's info, a lot of discussion about the committee and how we enforce regulations, main problems, confusion and distinctions about whether it deals with the constitution, this was the conclusion – **insert sponsor's introduction** legislation template will be placed on the website, can always contact any of us, document will be changed as the following – **insert the legislation**
    ii. Move that we recess to legislative caucus, Ray Mastre and seconded by Derrick Dureka
    iii. Moved by Ryan Glover, Beaver and Becky Ramp, Shenango to discuss legislation; New Kensington, Ray Mastre – I have been one of the people speaking out against the CLRC, should be an Ad-Hoc committee, you exhaust all opportunities, we removed something about commonwealth college faculty senator position, Kris Ankarlo, USG representative – author of the legislative review committee legislation, passed last year as a long term goal, Ray brings

up an excellent point, the point that we have reached is that we are just picking stuff apart, the purpose of the committee was because a lot of legislation has been lost, someone who was in charge of a certain committee decided that they didn't want to do it, there is legislation that has been ignored, initiate structural process, surprise legislation can be brought up at lunch and don't have time to go back to campus, grow into legislative process, over confusion whether the legislation is about the constitution, every piece of legislation deals with the constitution, if you don't have a committee to make sure legislation isn't against your own constitution would not be good, very important to make sure everything makes sense, interpret legislation, checks and balances, right now the president is the only person who interprets the constitution, the changes that I propose have two committees, legislative review committee and an Adhoc constitutional review committee, everything is much more orderly and defined, I feel passionate about this, and consistency is the strength of this council, Joe Curigliano – lost legislation, to combat that potential problem all legislation will be added to presidents and vice presidents reports and the secretary will send it out, the committee has 4-5 members and the vice president which council has empowered, other members on CLRC will vouch that we have gotten into debates about what a constitution is, an adhoc committee will need to be added to the constitution

iv. Repealing something will require a 2/3 vote, approving, 22 in favor, 8 opposed, 5 abstentions, motion fails

2.Recognition of Gallery Legislation – Stephanie Schroth, Altoona

i. read legislation, moved and seconded by Altoona,
j. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised
k. I think this is a really good idea, Ray Mastre, New Kensington; Altoona, has increased a lot of participation in gallery members, a lot of people come now and voice their opinions, this is student government, we want their opinions, not just being called upon, get more CCSG involved; Chief of Staff, Chris Zegar – agree that this is a good idea, but it will become confusing, easier for Campus Chair, addition of the microphones and the ability to line up at the microphone, campus chair knows central staff's name, would be a logistical nightmare; Altoona, Craig Jackson, we have heated debates and the campus chair knew who was next to be called upon; Dean Stephens, DuBois – will this still allow campus chair to limit time to speak; president, Mike Cooper – the spirit of this legislation, the campus chair still

remains control, what if a philabuster happened, a campus chair can halt all talk and call for a vote; Anthony Bizzaro – about the ease that the gentleman from DuBois spoke, I don't think its an issue; Delaware County, agree with Mr. Bizzaro, those who are sitting in the gallery should contribute their ideas, I don't think it would lead to any kind of pandemonium, clarification, I'm not in favor of this legislation, Michael Cooper – seeing as how this about the gallery would you like to have a legislative caucus;

l. Legislative caucus for five minutes by Ninad Pendharker, Abington

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XXVII. Last piece of legislation – there fore because of the 30 votes received 22 were in favor, that exceeds the count, CLRC exceeds CRC; New Kensington, Ray Mastre, if someone abstains would that count as a non vote? Chris Zegar – would give 66% of votes to pass; Spike – this was passed at the second meeting last year; DuBois – are the people who abstained understand what that means; Ben Jordi, Berks – we've been over this every time that we've had a vote, must be informed about sitting on Council; Shenango – correct me if I am wrong but the chair said that they count as no votes; resolution has passed

XXVIII. Discussion on gallery member legislation

a. Ryan Glover, Beaver – still need to walk to the microphone to talk; Altoona – still have to go to microphones to speak, intimidating to

ask central staff members to yield the floor; Chris Zegar – still be intimdating will have to do the same activity; Worthington Scranton – call to question and seconded by Ryan Glover, Beaver, voting to vote right now, abstentions don't count; motion passes; vote on legislation with friendly amendment; stand up when you vote, point of clarification will be be allowed to sit back down, Leigh Valley yes you will

XXIX. Open Forum
   a. Candidates who are declaring candidacy will not be allowed to sit back down
   b. Motion to go into open forum David Mory, Lehigh Valley and seconded by Katie Sior, Mont Alto
   c. Drew Lavenberg – do you yield the floor during open forum; Berks Lehigh Valley – introduce an honor code during Academic Affairs committee, when you become a students at Penn State you will live up to everything to you do at penn state, elevates you as a student and faculty way of thinking, protects students and pleases the faculty, because they say that they will live by the code, would have to come together as USG and CCSG; interest of university, moved toward student centered university; questions – Ryan Glover, Beaver – If I heard you right, when you go into school you must sign a paper, would that mean if they didn't sign it they would be a cheater; Tara Minchin, THON – do it in the southern schools, instills pride and honesty in yourself, those who break the code are hard on by their peers, its unacceptable; Wyatt MacGuire, York – penn state already has a policy on this, and somewhere I'm sure you sign a paper, a lot of unnecessary legislation; Ben Jordi, Berks – sat on committee, what this move does it empowers students in accusations, ultimately holds students responsible, their peers are harder on them than the university would probably be, provides a student outlet; Derek Dureka, Mont Alto – AI committee served, on the syllabus it is required to have the statement on there, gives both students and professors equal chances to plead their cases, can just read the syllabus; Ryan Melling, Diversity – had to sign an honor code at Bringham Young University, broke people into two groups, obvious distinction, are you suggestion if you don't sign this paper you will not be able to attend this university? Faculty senate would have the final say, wanted to know if we could do it, my local college is looking at this, if it was adopted university wide then it would probably be that way; York, stressed to us enough, seems to be a little bit ridiculous, by being in college I know by cheating I know the consequences; Mike Cooper, president – has to be on every syllabus, it is a binding agreement after introduced in class, I think this problem is addressed and I'm think this need is

already met; Crystal Saverioni, Student – if you have the students sign it they know if they cheat, if you know that you signed it and get in trouble that's your fault; I'm going reach out on others, address other things; Mac Stanely – mentioned in 2001-2002 semester, there were 268 of breach in academic integrity, issue has been clearly addressed over time, there was an increase in cases but that's because professors are more aware, honor's code at Wilson, the code went forth to say that if you know someone has breached it you must turn them in, must look at other colleges honor's code; the topic should be closed unless if there is something else to say; Brett – code is trying to look at AI from a students' perspective, if we keep telling them it helps, would empower each other, our degrees are going to become more valuable; Hazleton, Rob Pierce – I am against people signing a piece of paper to say they are going to help others, if they refuse to sign this and don't let them into penn state then aren't we discriminating against them; Delaware County – AI is stressed upon, at penn state del co it is not stressed by a lot of faculty, a lot of professors don't care and students don't know, this issue isn't addressed very much; Chris Zegar – who would support looking into this for the future

d. Bizzaro – Scott made a copy of a packet about state funding, 30 pages, well done, if you want a copy, Cooper yours is coming on Monday, gave permission to pass out to every member in the House
e. ON March 28, McKeesport will be holding a diversity summit, can direct your questions to gentlelady from McKeesport
f. Alex, Lehigh Valley – thank my people from Lehigh Valley for participating in THON, in this world we need more smiles especially kids smiles, if you save someones life you save the world for them, and that sums it up for THON
g. Derek Dureka, Mont Alto – Derek Dureka, President of Mont Alto and Bridget Daly, Vice President of Abington would like to announce our intentions for candidacy
h. Joe Curigliano and Kevin D'Ausilo would like to declare our intentions for candidacy
i. Mac Stanely – candidacy for campus chair position
j. Lauren – only 4 people turned in their response cards, please turn them in no later than 5 pm
k. Brian Marko and Anthony Bizzaro announce our intent to declare candidacy for president and vice president
l. Chris Zegar, Chief of Staff and Stephen Cuppet, IT director and financial manager – due to a fluke in the registrar's office, we are announcing our intent to graduate; have Mike's endorsement

m. Kris Ankarlo – anyone who is running, would contact Rubina and I to discuss relationships between USG and CCSG
n. Steve Cuppett – because I know none of you have real music, I have a copy of the line dance on my lap top, who would like to have the line dance as a download on the website, I'll let the caucus directors know and they can send it around
o. Closing Comments – Mike Cooper, Nikkie DeSimone,
    i. Information session 233 in the Donovan Room, held by Richel, Nikkie, and I, candidates must have proof of GPA, identy crisis is now starting to unfold, although our next council meeting will be elections, we are going into it having one more meeting, we are not ready to let the goals die, and won't disband the administration this year, elections will be something going on the side, an amazing council meeting, Nikkie and I are has beens; please get back to Lauren about the banquet, it's the Nittany Lion Inn so it will be good, please get back to her ASAP, I will see you all in two weeks
    ii. Nikkie – I think Mike summed up everything, Lauren has been working VERY hard, special thanks to Tara and her committee, Northwest and Southwest caucuses good job ☺, please have a safe trip, see you in two weeks

Adjourn
Motion to adjourn meeting Charlie Ridgon, Wilkes Barre, and seconded by Mike Butler, Hazelton

Respectfully Submitted by Olney Pray, CCSG 2002-2003 Secretary