Staff Minutes for November 20, 2002
325 HUB
7pm

I. Roll Call
Mike Cooper, Nikkie DeSimone, Chris Zegar, Steve Cuppett, Olney Pray, Anthony Bizzaro, Crystal Saverioni (late), Jayneel Patel, Brett Kluskiewicz, Tara Minchin, Brian Marko, Kevin D'Ausilio, Drew Lavenberg, Joe Curigliano, Thom Slaski, Liz Eisenhart, Kevin Homan, Michelle Armstrong, Vera Spina, Lauren Cycak, John Dingfelder

II. Approval of Minutes
   a. November 6, 2002
      i. Motion to approve the minutes by Brett, seconded by Drew
   b. November 13, 2002
      i. Motion to approve with changes by John and seconded by Kevin H.

III. Breakouts
   a. Caucuses – Chris
   b. Committees – Mike
   c. Departments – Nikkie

IV. New Business
   a. No meeting next week

V. Old Business
   a. Council Discussion
      i. Marko – problem with the Diversity Summit coming into Caucus meetings, would be better if you made the announcements to Council as a whole; Brett – 2 hour committee/caucus time, was a great thing, First Year seminar distribution and legislation writing helped that there was a lot of time; John – saw some lateness of people getting to the council meeting, don't think there is a lot of respect at some locations for other locations, some do not want to talk, hostile; Mike – committees and caucuses, when you are in a meeting and you aren't

a director you should not be talking more than the director, is disrespectful, not giving them time they deserve, legislations – if you want to submit lunchtime legislation you must see Nikkie as soon as you know, must touch base with Nikkie to write it the proper way, lateness is inappropriate; Bizzaro – FYS really important, Josh Troxell said that it would make CCSG look bad if they campuses did not adopt the surveys, with legislation – I don't think with reading the legislation that not a lot of people understood what was being said, may be an introduction to some legislation; Drew – thank you for the psych up activity before the meeting, the lasagna was good, Jayneel thought it was good, he ate a lot, I think that before meetings it is good for us to get together, we didn't talk about CCSG and that's good; Brett – wanted to thank Lauren for helping everyone get to their rooms for the meetings; Joe – Ellie Fluder, very disappointed in the way that staff handled themselves, we need to be respectful of other club members, should engage in dialogue, felt like she was alienated, didn't like the fact that they weren't allowed to talk to the Student Affairs committee, didn't like the fact that she wasn't recognized, felt like she drove up from York to give a 5 minute report and then went home, felt like she wasn't seen as the other representative, treated like she didn't represent anyone at all, should introduce herself to everyone, let her know if she wants to talk about the Student Affairs thing she should email Mike, sometimes there is no other way for people to do their jobs but at Council meetings, should be more leeway in committee times, would be nice for the committee directors to do, if you know anyone who is a Faculty senator let Mike know so he can tell Spike and announce them at the meeting, for CLRC and any members of the committee can say their opinion about the

legislation, would give council the idea that we didn't agree with Nikkie, undermine her position as Vice President, what would you guys like to see at Caucus Info Sessions? Liz – could compile what the caucuses had to say about the info sessions, Northeast liked the caucus info sessions, Northwest is going to start doing Random Acts of Kindness; Joe – looking for other input on the Caucus Info Session, Thom – every campus did individual things, Drew – club manuals for all 19 locations; Mike – don't want to see what other campuses have done, need to have some relevant for everyone, don't brag about your campus; Crystal – communication issue in how they presented their information sessions; Brian – info session is going to be on ANGEL and how the campus utilized them, will not be the main focus of the presentation; Tara – the people who have not done their info sessions, it is not your deal so don't be stressed about it; Thom – you can't take it personally because you aren't presenting it, it is all about the campuses, you can't mother them, this was their project and they did it themselves; Drew – I am a control freak and a perfectionist, after I figured out that I wasn't doing it, I am not part of the caucus, I am a student at University Park, I was a facilitator, I put everything together for them, more beneficial to be hands off; Kevin D. – can each campus present a different part of the session? They can do whatever they want, but make sure they don't brag; Mike – the whole point of the platform goal was to take CCSG back out of the information sessions, usually done by CCSG president, Council didn't like that; John – the caucus meetings, found out that morning that we were going around to the caucus meetings, it was a heads up to me and Brian's caucus read to much into the Diversity Summit, wanted to get some brainstorming but it went too far; Zegar - sounds

like there is a lot of confusion with the logistics with the Council meetings, I think we should go over everything at the staff meeting before Council, will have time to iron out everything; Liz – when we break out into caucus/committees we should be spread out more, important to have presence at campus and caucus meetings, don't refer to council as kids, Diversity Summit is a huge undertaking, this staff should be as supportive as possible, thanks to 2 location for all the good feed back; Joe – I am willing to share people, there are 7 people from southwest; John – summed up report and said kids, it is what I always say, I am sorry if that's the way it came off, going other places – we were told to go to our respective caucus where we were from; Thom – thank Liz and Anthony for helping me out during the meetings, gave information which I did not know much about, the other thing, I thought we usually had more people, not everyone has to come; Brett – thank Joe and Ellie for presenting Commonwealth College Faculty Senate report, thanks to Chris, Josh and Anthony for supporting me throughout the FYS legislation; Mike – next Council meeting we will be having an activity about how to use a microphone, we can't understand what people are saying, you have to speak directly and clearly, need to spread out more to make sure people aren't sleeping

b. Penny Wars
    i. Nothing to worry about or count – didn't bother
c. USG Rally
    i. Anthony – we went to Harrisburg on Monday, we learned a few things that a few representatives will support us, taking this as a lesson, would like to do a lot better than what was done, no press was there, only about 12 students were there, in January we are going to start planning for the next

Rally; any campuses at the Rally? Just Shenango was there but not at the Rally

VI. Executive Reports
   a. Secretary – Olney
      i. Hand out one on one session time sheets
   b. Financial Manager – Steve
      i. No report
   c. Chief of Staff – Chris
      i. Bad news – 5 times food was left, had to clean up, no food or drinks allowed in the office until after Thanksgiving Break
      ii. Good news – Mid Year Reports due at the last meeting of the year, cute little shindig with food and drinks sing songs and be merry, don't forget your secret pals; thanks for a GREAT November Council, good constructive criticism
      iii. Thank Lauren for being great ☺
   d. Vice President – Nikkie
      i. Good job at Council, CLRC Sunday at 9pm, Diversity Summit looking for new dates, if anyone thinks of anything in the next week that would conflict with the Diversity Summit please let them know; Mike's committee is going down tonight
   e. President – Mike
      i. Trustee's on Friday, highlight will be a discussion on Greek Advisory Council that they want to create, want to take power away from IFC, problem – has not consulted any of the fraternities or sororities, Kris Ankarlo is looking for people to join the Union of Off Campus Students, will be equivalent of ARHS, I was dead serious about everyone meeting someone from USG, if you haven't done so then you now have to meet with two people, after break you will be paired up with someone from USG for a lunch date to talk about similar issues, USG will be doing the same thing that we did, I am very disappointed in someone in who was in trusted with

the bowling championship, congratulations to Crystal and the SAC committee ☺

VII. Open Forum
   a. Help Lauren PLEASE!!
      i. Need people to help her tonight or Friday, might be cutting or putting the favors together tonight; Friday – someone's bright idea was to start decorating at 4pm, if people want to go before that and help that would be really great
   b. FYS Surveys
      i. Brett – personally I was working on the First Year Seminars at Hazelton, first survey for the entire University, will be directed to the University Faculty Senate in the Spring, survey will be the prime source of information, extremely important that as many campuses as possible participate, not a big deal financially, haven't had anyone mention the FYS survey being funded through SAF, putting a whole lot of time and effort on this survey, very significant project, to have adequate results need everyone; Tara – why do the campuses have to pay for this? Student initiated survey, has to pay for the copies and processing fees of the surveys; John – about the legislation, it seemed to me it was rewrote before Council, was it looked at before? Nikkie - It was looked at but I can't look at everything, didn't want it to go before Council, had a time constraint; Crystal – should have went through the Committee, very unfair because there was a time constraint, would have made Brett look more prepared if it went through the committee; Joe – what students wanted these surveys? This has gotten pushed too fast, president's did not understand it, they made their budgets in the fall, Josh Troxell wants it done so he can compile the results over holiday break; Zegar – point of information – information was placed on Academic Affairs ANGEL site for members to post questions;

Zegar – unfortunate about our organization is our time constraints, some ideas are rushed but they are still good ideas, it is not easy to get them out there, if people waited until next semester to start talking about the surveys, it wouldn't work; Joe – no campus has to spend any money, so what was the point of doing all of this; Brett – cant' force people to do this; Drew – I get bothered by mandatory and non mandatory activities, CCSG is not mandatory, you are in it to do a job, and you don't attend meetings because it is mandatory, you do it because you want to see things get done; Anthony – I disagree, it should have said mandatory, and the people who voted no should still have to do it, makes the legislation seem stronger, the reason it seemed rushed is because of CCSG, they are waiting for us, all the logistical problems are our problems, this is the best time to do things; Brett – time sensitivities, this was enacted after the October Council Meeting, this semester makes the most sense, less sections of First Year seminar classes in the spring; Drew – if any forcing of anything it should be the Council to us, they elected our leaders who appointed us, as far as waiting to get this done, what they kept doing was looking at it and waiting until the next semester, they just pushed it back; Brett – mandatory – couldn't make it mandatory because their SGA's didn't already have their budgets approved, 6 presidents signed the bottom of the piece of legislation, you could also think of it as 2 presidents bringing up new business; Brian – how much does each packet cost? $3.80, 20 surveys per packet, I hope you get all the campuses to do this but I don't think you are going to get too many of them because of the way it was approached, if it was introduced at the October meeting, the money would be an issue, I will push it at my caucus, will

look into SAF funding; could think about ways of bringing down the cost of the surveys; want the entire breakdown of the budget for these surveys; Bizzaro – there is no option about whether we do it or not, if we do this they will listen to us, the next time USG has an idea they will not ask CCSG to help, they will listen to USG without CCSG and the Commonwealth, I don't think people understand that, they asked us to do this with them and if we don't they won't ask us again; Drew – if you are going to say something is mandatory you better make sure there are consequences; Zegar – punishment will be not taking a campus seriously

c. Tara – will be using the office from 6pm-7pm, if you don't mind will be a touchy meeting, no interruptions during that meeting, 3on3 basketball – can't play, so we need to get people to play, Cuppett, Marko, Joe, Drew, Kevin D., Jayneel cost per person, put information in the boxes, Crystal will support people if they want to play, Washington trip and New Jersey February 14,15,16, 2003 – (also the same day with Zegar canning trip, Brian is offering his home, so we need to know who is going home with him so he doesn't stress out his parents also for Zegar); places to go for January canning – Marko is checking out Williamsport
d. Liz – meeting at 8pm for Councillor

VIII. Announcements
a. Operations Take Back/Stupid Joke of the Week

IX. Adjourn