September Council Meeting
September 6-7, 2002
Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center

I. *Call to Order* – Campus Chair, Jason Clinger
II. *Roll Call* - Olney Pray
   a. Abington – Ninad Pendharker, Bridget Daly
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   r. Worthington Scranton – Renee Collins, Claudia Vitelli
   s. York – Rachel Schroff, Will Brander
III. *Review of Agenda* – Jason Clinger
IV. *Welcome Address* -
   a. Chair Recognizes Ms. Nikkie DeSimone

Welcome. Thank you all for coming out this weekend. It's nice to see everyone made it, hopefully safe and without any troubles. Mike and I are very excited to get the year started and we are looking forward to it being a successful one.

Before I continue, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce some of the people joining us here tonight. First is Richel Perretti, the new advisor to CCSG. Richel has a lot of experience with CCSG, as she once sat on council and then was the Chief of Staff for CCSG. She really understands how our organization works, and Mike and I are extremely excited to have the opportunity to work with her this year. Dr. Hilton is here also; he is the Director of Student Affairs at the Hazleton campus. Next is Nicole Lobaugh, the new Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees. Finally Rubina Javeri is the Undergraduate Student Government President. She will be giving a report a little later on what USG is working on.

As for the Luncheon at the Schreyer House, we will depart the Penn Stater at approximately 11:40 and will begin our return at

approximately 1:15. We have 3 vehicles at our disposal to run the shuttles, a Trolley that hold 60 people, and 2 vans holding 15 each. Members of Central Staff will be dispersed to help you with any problems or concerns. Our Staff Assistant, John Dingfelder, will be in charge to make sure everyone gets there and back. Name Tags for all of you will be given out in the President's meeting tomorrow morning.

As most of you know, President Spanier will not be speaking at our meeting this weekend, due to not feeling well from a surgery a few days prior. He will return in October, on Friday night, to address your concerns. This gives you ample time to research any areas that you may want to ask and have him address. Therefore, Dr. Diane Disney will be here tomorrow. She is the Dean of the Commonwealth College and one of Mike and my favorite people to talk to. Tomorrow, she will be speaking about lobbying.

This summer Mike and I attended the Association of Big Ten Students at the University of Illinois. Here we had the chance to network with our cohorts within the Big Ten. We discussed many issues that affect every campus, particularly the effect the tuition increases through the Big Ten have had on students, which Mike will address a little more about tomorrow.

Also for tomorrow, there will be a discussion on the Leadership Conference. This was one of our main focuses over the summer, particularly when it came to getting more students input on the decisions made. We are looking for your comments and thoughts on how this past Conference was; as well as your suggestions and ideas to make it better, stronger, and more beneficial to you.

A few more announcements before I close. There is a sheet coming around from the secretary. Please indicate your office address and phone number so that we have an updated list. Please keep your flags with you until recess tonight and then turn them over to Madam Program Director, Lauren Cycak, who also needs to meet with all the presidents briefly following recess. I also need to see a representative from the following Campuses: If you haven't noticed already, the Councilor's are underneath your seats—Please take them with you tonight. I think that about does it. We hope this weekend is productive for all of you. Thank you.

V. *Information Session*: Parliamentary Procedure, Jason Clinger
   a. There won't be anything interesting no power point, or strippers and midget, developed by a man named Henry Roberts cause he wanted to have a structured meeting, points will be discussed will have to do with this meeting,
   b. Points of personal preference – must pass a note if need to use the bathroom, gallery members doesn't matter
   c. Set precedence last year to get up and move around, make guest speakers feel better
   d. Wait to be recognized by the campus chair

e. Gallery members must find a CCSG staff member and they will yield the floor
f. Will make a list if a lot of people want to talk and will point to you
g. Proper way to make a motion, wait to be recognized, I move that Council…. ask for a second and wait
h. Only one motion at a time can be considered, one has to be voted down before another one can be put up
i. Unanimous vote Suspension of rules – will ask for a motion seeing none will continue
j. Moving to the previous question – stagnate discussion, raise hand and will say move previous question, will vote right away
k. Declaring recess – will just declare without asking for votes
l. If catch an infraction of Robert's rules and feel that it will be a determinate, call a point of order get a microphone and say point of order, he is not perfect will screw up and will try not to make any mistakes
m. Motions, main – I move that…seconded, debate, can make a motion to amended, can make a motion to amend the amendment
n. Any questions, sometimes gets hairy
o. Quick reference chart will try to have a copy for everyone tomorrow sometime
p. Any thoughts questions concerns anyone

VI. *Undergraduate Student Government Report* – Rubina Javeri

a. Good evening, I was running late planning for a retreat, introduce herself to everyone University Park Undergrad Student Government, who is at retreat, had a productive summer, looking forward to working with everyone, goals are University wide, PH server – make sure server was more secure, a lot of hate mail last spring, choice about making personal info on the web option more available, after drop/add period will be both number and address, faculty can only have office, CATA hours – students go out on Thursday nights, want to extend hours until 2:30, lobbying initiative statewide a lot of numbers wanted in Harrisburg, JD Krone have been working with our Governmental Director and getting together to go lobby, talked to Political Science majors and they will be going to get experience, upping numbers for voter registration, 13.5 tuition increase, want a committed and unified voice in USG, 4 platforms – did a lot in the summer, expanding the on campus eatery hours, Barney's open until 11pm, want to make it more convenient for students, online services at Ritenour, make appointments on line and cancel prescriptions, online waiting list made

easier for commonwealth students to get into a class, will send an email if a space opens up, platform isn't hard or costly right people working on right things, off campus living is an issue for people who move to UP working on fall housing fair, easier for commonwealth students to get downtown apartments, not fair, advocacy for students who think things aren't fair, Kris has worked really hard on that, Historical ordinance was not passed biggest victory, questions for Rubina, thanks and have a good meeting

VII. Amend agenda

a. Please move away from the door sorry about the lack of seating in this room
b. Motion from council to move everything up on the agenda up 25 minutes, Ben Jordi from Berks made a motion to move agenda up, Teresa O'Brien from Wilkes Barre seconded the motion

Mike Cooper explained to the council that parliamentary procedure is hard at first but it will come as we continue
Rubin Javeri and Nichole Lobaugh are now sitting as non voting members of council to filter more information have the right be recognized on council can speak, cannot vote or add legislation, Rubina left for a retreat, Nichole will be here,
Microphones are on the whole time don't whisper profanities in your neighbors ear…everyone will hear it and we will laugh at you
Caucus and committee meeting places explained by Mike
Motion made by Ben Jordi from Berks to switch caucus and committee meetings on the agenda because there are 2 guest speakers coming for THON, Ninad Pendharker from Abington seconded motion, no discussion, and vote motion approved

VIII. Committee Meetings

IX. Caucus Meetings

X. Reconvene

XI. *Roll Call –*

a. Had to wait an additional 3 minutes
b. Nichole Lobaugh would like to speak for a few minutes (2) to speak, chair recognizes Ms. Lobaugh, presidents remarks from Dickinson Law school in folders

XII. Recess

a. Recess at 9am presidents at 8am no objection

Saturday

I. *Reconvene*

II. *Roll Call*

b. Abington – Ninad Pendharker, Bridget Daly
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III. *President's Message* – Mike Cooper

a. Good morning ladies and gentleman. It's great to see everyone here in University Park and looking forward to a fun and valuable weekend. It's been an extremely busy summer for Nikkie and myself. Aside from work in CCSG, I got the opportunity to take the Spanish Intensive Class offered through Continuing Education. Yeah, the one that is Spanish 1, 2, and 3 in one summer, 12 credits, 4.5 hours a day five days a week! Yeah, try getting up at 8 am everyday all summer, but in the end I am proud to say I got straight A's and became pretty fluent in Spanish! Entonces, vamos a hablar por muchos cosas mas importante de este grupo. Este verano pasado era muy dificil, pero en el fin, creo que tener un "Central Staff" muy talentoso y inteligente y con Nikkie, now representimos las problemas importantes por todos estudiantes en Penn State. In all seriousness, this has been an extremely productive summer. Coming into this position, we had a lot put on our plate in a very short amount of time. ON top of reconstructing the inner workings of a very demoralized Central Staff, we found ourselves thrust onto the frontlines of the student body's main battles, pardon the analogy. When I speak of these "battles", I mainly refer to our recent increase in tuition, the re-occurrence of hate crimes to Penn State students, an

incomplete CCSG Council, a broken relationship with USG, difficulty being heard on the Summer Leadership Conference Planning Committee, all on top of our budget that was cut $8,000 in one year. However, I am please to report that we have rise to the occasion and I'd like to believe we would have made you all proud. Take a look around the table. What do you see? Not only do I see a Council full of eagerness, competence, and leadership, but I also see all 19 locations here. Coming from last year's staff experience, for this organization to truly represent the students we claim to speak for, we must unite every single location within the Commonwealth system. It is with both pride and please that we start the year with a full, active, motivated Council. Your presence here is more than just a formality. These long trips to University Park are proof of the dedication you all have to bettering your own Penn State communities. All we can ask is for you to help us reform this organization into one cohesive unit, which remains focused, energized, and dedicated. Personally, I think we're on the right track. One slogan that CCSG has always embraced is the "20 locations: One University" line. And while I believe Penn State pride is very alive within this room, I don't think a true Penn Stater could ever understand the responsibility that is associated until you see a fell Penn State student in pain. This past spring, four death threats were sent to members of the LGBT community, echoing the events 2 years ago when similar threats were placed upon members of the University Park Black Caucus. This past year, our nation has experienced a new and frightening type of hatred, more fierce and hard hitting than anything in recent memory. In many aspects, our nation has come together to support the families of victims, and the countless men and women who gave their lives that dark September morning. We have begun to relearn the true meaning of the America Dream. However, our nation still suffers from a type of terrorism that has been just as much a part of American culture as any other pastime. These threats based upon hate are just as much terrorism as any other crime, regardless of how small they may seem in retrospect. As student leaders, we must come together, here and now, and proclaim that terrorism, in any shape and form, has no business at Penn State University or in the United States. CCSG has taken a very strong and supportive stance on the issue of protecting our fellow students from acts of hate. And it is with that support that I announce our plans to spearhead the first ever, Penn State Student Summit On Diversity, tentively scheduled for early

spring. This summit will give all Penn State students, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, and now even campus location to express themselves freely and unite with the other leaders of Penn State University in support of a truly tolerant and safe Penn State community. Look for more information on this project in the months to come. It is still currently in it's planning stages, however I have every confidence that this summit will become a reality and will ultimately have an effect of the cultural climate of Penn State. Next, we come to an area that I personally have a lot of experience with over the past year. It seems that now, so much frustration and concern can be displayed simply by saying the name of that one thing that we all pay in one way or another, but seems to keep rising every year. Can anyone guess what I'm talking about? Tuition. Obviously coming from my position last year as Governmental Affairs Director, I have a high degree of sensitivity when I received word that the proposed increase was 13.5%. Last year's lobbying efforts were nothing short of amazing. For the first time in the history of student government at Penn State University, CCSG led the way for an organized and well-equipped student action movement. Student sin this very room empowered themselves, and went to Harrisburg looking for an explanation. Why is it that a full-time student is given almost 50% less from our state than a fulltime student at Lincoln University or Temple University, when it is well known that a Penn State degree is superior in every aspect and enrollment at these other institutions has been in a steady decline since 1995? Why is it that our state government continues to find public relation initiatives designed to recruit and retain its college students, yet Pennsylvania ranks second to last in funding higher education? Although we have only begun to scratch the surface, our lobbying efforts of last year have not gone unnoticed. If Governor Schweiker's original proposal had been approved by our legislature, we might have seen an increase in tuition of almost 20%. And while 13.5% in itself is so demoralizing and difficult to accept, I have to believe that the efforts of last year had a major part in the ending motion that gave Penn State that extra bit of money to help offset the increase as much as it did. Yet it is a new year, and the student of Penn State have not yet accomplished what we set out to do last year. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are going back to Harrisburg. At the same time, these tuition increases are coming directly from our administration. We must continue to work with our

administration and our trustees to find alternative ways of funding besides tuition. All of you should have received a copy of my address to the Board of Trustees this past July. Please take the time to read these comments, as they raise a lot of issues relating to the mission of Penn State as Pennsylvania's only land grant institution. We have reestablished our relationship with USG after last year's Conservative Coalition severed any lines of friendship. We have gained more respect and input on the Summer Leadership Conference Planning Committee. We have begun work on advocating for Career Services and programs. WE have raised issues relating to the quality of first-year seminars and academic advising at Commonwealth locations. We continue to fight for the cure for cancer and we continue to show all the Greeks at University Park the true meaning of Courage, Wisdom, Honesty, and Strength. We have begun to establish a new department in Central Staff that will focus on the Judicial Affairs system at Commonwealth locations and protecting students. As I close my report today, I am pleased again to inform you that the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments is thriving and growing stronger everyday, and is on course for an exceptional year in student activism. Thank you.

IV. *Student Activity Fee Report* – Mike Cooper
   a. Activity Fee Board met for the first time yesterday, nothing serious happened, orientation process, accustom to how feel board works, headed by Mr. Asbury Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Latta, Richel Perritti, USG President Rubina Javeri, Mr. Clinger, Kyle Templin, unable to come due to personal circumstances
   b. Addition of UPAC Chair (University Park Allocations Committee) Russell Martin, version of Student Activities fee at University Park, Commonwealth has 3 reps, and University Park has only 2, I personally believe we should have equal representation because our populations are relatively equal, Rubina Javeri, USG will be in charge of selecting a person to join the Fee Board from University Park population, I think this is a very good idea and I am in very much support of it
   c. Went over new procedures, accounting, overall end of year reconciliation,
   d. Very productive first meeting
   e. Questions – no questions for Mr. Cooper

V. *Newspaper Readership Report* – Elizabeth Eisenhart
   a. Good morning everyone, the Newspaper Readership committee has yet to meet for September, overview of

committee and what the newspaper readership program, program started 6 years ago at University Park, 3rd year university wide, supplies all locations with New York Times, USA Today, and a local paper, get the papers using you ID Card, funding for this is paid for from an allocation from the Presidents' Office $5/student,nationally recognized program at Penn State, its what other universities look at when they want to start a Readership Program of their own, last year went with USA Today to North Carolina to introduce to all their schools because of success at Penn State, primarily university wide, more problems to be addressed, major problems, faculty usage and vending problems, goals – more communication between SGA and faculty representative for program, can get in touch with people who will help, get in contact with if have any problems, do best to get communication lines open between campuses and University Park, next meeting will be in September and will email if there are commonwealth issues to be brought up during meeting

b. Questions – none

VI. Committee Meetings Reminders

a. Will be meeting in same location as yesterday
b. Please put chairs back if you are using this room for your committee and caucus meetings

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IX. Lauren Cycak – Tailgate Party Information

a. Planning a tailgate for All-U-Day, send around sign up sheet to write down what the campuses will bring, all the information is on the sheet

X. *5 Minute In House Recess*

a. An in house recess means that if you are at the table you may not leave but you can talk to each other, so we don't have to take roll call again
b. We need an in house recess so that all our attention will be focused on Dean Disney and her speech
c. No objections

XI. *Guest Speaker* – Dr. Diane Disney, Dean of the Commonwealth College

a. Introduction – Mike Cooper
    i. It is my honor and privilege to introduce today's guest speaker Dr. Diane Disney, Dean of the Commonwealth College, for 7 years Dr. Disney formed as the Deputy Assistant Secretary Defense, surveying all civilian personnel issues, Nikkie and I have decided to give her the award of being the coolest person at Old Main
b. I am very pleased to be here, but I have a question, should I sit or stand or does it matter, it doesn't matter, when I got the phone call about the opportunity to talk today I was wondering what to talk about, and then I thought lobbying, in many different aspects (state, president, or other constituents), definition of strategy (must have idea in mind before you being lobbying) achieving the group's goal, must have before effective lobbying, broad program for achieving mission, from Greek work stratego, lobbying is term that has a different connotation, strategy sounds grand and important, lobbying to some can sound sleazy, bedrock of democracy, set of ideas to induce someone else to adopt your point of view not sleazy at all, my remarks in context to background in lobbying, has been doing in one way or another for whole life, city level – president of a non profit organization developing housing for one family low income families, most being built for the elderly this was profitable, could move them in, and out, try to build housing for children, chaos, stuff everywhere, a lot of activity all the time, don't make as much money, not as appealing to many people, had a shortage of housing in Rhode Island, coalition of government and private developers to construct housing, fascinating endeavor, syndicated with a bunch of dentists in Denver, rehabilitated an old jewelry factory made into 40 5 bedroom apartments, needed a place to play, had an adjacent lot about a block, lobbied the mayor to give it to

them as a top lot, convinced him to give it to them, and then asked for something else and ended up redoing whole neighborhood, state level - lobby Governor for matching funds, federal - lobby for impending doom of the National Endowment for the Arts, periodically senators sponsor things that offend people, happened in 1981-1982, we needed to do two things, persuade congressman to stay on side, couldn't have them weaken, also persuade people who weren't on side that they weren't loony, and people in the middle to move to their side, international level involved in labor negotiations, US Department of Defense employs many people from 50 different countries, had to know labor laws from all the other countries and in US, no country has the same approach to employment as the United States illustration – employment in US is based on employment at will freedom in labor markets (an employer can dismiss you and an employee can leave whenever they want), protections against job characteristics (race, religion) other countries people have a property right, if have job they plan to stay there for the rest of their lives, get rid of someone or eliminate a job you have a big problem, caught someone stealing on the base, zero tolerance for theft, very obvious to us what needed to happen, US thought they should be fired, the other countries thought it was stealing their soul, and their families, have an international incident over cigarette theft, lobbying happens at all levels, How do you do it? How do you succeed? Preparation, first I read not long ago I read about the four seasons of PA, many from here, almost winter, winter, still winter, and road construction, with lobbying preparation, more preparation, even more preparation, and follow up

c. Know your goals and what key points that support them, trying to induce someone else to take up your point of view or do something you want, must be able to express in measurable, memorable, do able terms, must be memorable, we are a bumper sticker and T-shirt society, have to be memorable, when I talk about making it understandable – I want to stress that – if it takes you three paragraphs to get to your point you have already lost, must get points/key message out early and keep coming back to it, useful techniques, list all points that support arguments and then develop arguments against them, these are all the things that your opponent might say, you better have an answer, you can not be caught flat footed, always know what you are going to say

d. Know your opponents goals – never enough to know what you want to say – opponent is doing the same thing, the only way you win is to, I want to make sure you know that President Spanier is not your foe, develop an end game, people are trying to persuade are you opponents what do you want from them and what do they want from you
e. Some of us grew up knowing how to think that way in the dark ages prior to 1982, I had a Chinese checkers game and it was marvelous, pre internet Chinese checkers game has 6 different colors develop a personality for each color of the game blue person behave like this, and then I would play all 6 positions as if I were all 6 characters had to be consistent with personalities, brother's take was on baseball he played all 18 positions, trust me it worked he was only 7 may not want to yell that around your dorm, Chinese checkers was good preparations, visual aides – how many have played stratego? Old fashioned board game, board with a terrain, 2 sides have characters (men/women) are identified on one side, nothing on other side, each person can arrange their characters any way they want, objective is to lay out characters so that you capture the opponent's flag, the other person does not know what you have but if they land on a place where you have a character and the higher ranking character takes it, you have to remember what was there, it teaches you how to think like the other person thinks, only if you begin to think like the opponent thinks are you going to stand a chance to win the game, pass around game
f. A little bit more sophisticated, another game – the generals, electronic, can be plugged in, forces you to think like the other person, if you play bridge also have to do that as well, must bid and there is a code so that your partner will know and if you are sharp you will figure it out the other teams code
g. Debate – ladies debating society for a number of years, by the wives by industrialist, because didn't think speaking skills were as good as they were not what they should be, on Tuesdays afternoons engage in cut throat debate, and then rebuttal, it is really cool, would then adjourn for formal tea, you can have this experience on the baseball field or a formal tea, the people who would win would know their counter arguments before they got to the debate, they would not be caught flatfooted
h. Next Saturday – I guarantee that Joe Pa has a play book and Nebraska has one as well, tried to figure out what they are going to do, watched game films of the opponents, figured out what their opponents are going to do

i. Every person you are going to see has a life and a set of goals, if you can figure out what the other person wants you can present your desires in a way that will be understandable, going to talk to legislatures, what do they want more than anything in the world? Votes – without will have no power, or careers, will give them information and publicity that they need to help them gets votes, won't be able to give them money, also have to remember that legislatures don't live for you, constantly bombarded by people who have other issues 50-75 different issues all at once, in a course of a day many people will come talk to them and tell them about their problems, must stand out, all have limited time, 15 min is all (maximum amount of time) for federal officials, don't care all about the history up front, want your message, legislatures never have enough information, city and state level officials don't have staff to dig stuff up for them, if can give them facts you become valuable, maybe 3 months down the road, being to trust information you have an IN, when they do have staff rely heavily on them, it pays to be nice to staff, the speeches read by elected officials are not written by them, they are written by the staffers, those are the people you stay in contact with in between meetings, horse trading, will get back to your group on something if they do something for you
j. Plan strategy = whom should you see when, this may not seems as important as the other stuff, there is a lot of protocol involved, would it be wise to see the individual members of a committee before the chair, or the other way around
k. When – events can dictate when the best time is for certain things, you know that things will be going on on September 11, not the day you want to go see you legislature to lobby for tuition, may lose points if try to lobby for tuition, have to look at calendars for anniversaries
l. Very important to build coalitions – listening to a group talk about whether to have single issue advocates to go with you when you lobby, you may not want everyone with you at every session, some folks will use your efforts to gain access to push own agenda, must tailor points to the official you are talking to – know who to talk to about certain things, trying to give you guidelines for certain things that I think works
m. Prepare yourself and your materials – urge to use briefing books, a general loose-leaf notebook with all information about topic and people you are going to see, all facts and factoids – able to convince members of congress to pass 4000 laws on things that would extend money to help

support workers who were losing jobs over no fault of their own, enter retirement easily, make job training earlier, good laws, every law had to have a briefing book, had to testify before Congress many times, nothing prepares you for that moment when you are sitting at the table and there is an elevated group of elected officials and cameras and stand up and swear that what you say is the whole truth and nothing but the truth you feel like you are going to die right here on CNN, you wonder if you can be humorous, someone might take it the wrong way, you see your life flash before your eyes, the rules of Congress are to get your testimony into Congress 48 hours before you testify, can't say all that stuff, prepare 3 or 5 minute remarks, then have sections in your book for every supporting piece, after opening questions can come at you and can come from anywhere, members are not restricted to the topic of the day, second time I testified before Congress on Personnel issues, happened right after elections, from a district in Florida were I used to live and the rest of my family, wasn't worried about testifying before him, the night before the testimony, the phone rang, my mother started talking, whatever you do don't look at his toupee, it fills your mind, it was a very windy day, the room is huge and packed, I was seated where Nikkie is, sort of at an angle to the microphone, could see a bit of the profile, very windy and the toupee wasn't on right and their was a piece of hair sticking up just like Alfalfa, representing the President of the United states and the only thing I could think of was what if it falls off, those are the things they don't tell you about, that's why you need the briefing book, because the information is at hand, the course was he was very nice to me, he ran out of questions, and asked me how many pages of personnel law there was and I said many and he said ok, I got away with it, never know what is going to happen

n. Develop information papers and background sheets – give to staff, elected officials may as the staff what are the details on this issue, makes the staff member look good, essential to have leave behinds, leave something on the table, when you are gone you leave someone there for you to be remembered
o. Murder boards – before you want to testify have your staff question you, ask any hard question imaginable, must respond and will know what to say, must dress appropriately, nice to look around and see people in professional garb, when you go see elected officials, at the risk of sounding like your mother, lose the chewing gum and superfluous jewelry, if it jangles there this something wrong,

you are trying to appeal to someone who is from a different generation, no plunging necklines, may get attention right away but then will be dismissed, be appropriate, no tobacco or other things

p. Meet with the individual
q. Follow up – the relationship doesn't end with you visit, sure you aren't the last thing they see before they vote or take an action, have to find a way to keep in touch and have a good relationship between staff members helps
r. Examples – National Endowment for the Arts didn't think that cultural programs should be part of the government, want evidence to know there is a constituency out there besides one person, wrote half dozen letters in support of continuing and expanding funding, different points of view, board member owned a printing company, printed 1000 of each, and went to every arts event in the state for a month, distribute, anyone who wanted to send them could sign and I sent them to handwritten to Senator Leahy, he had a huge stack of letters saying that this was an important bill, individual letters would have been better but we didn't have time for that, low cost strategy for getting our point across – international contrast, negotiating labor treaty with Portuguese, employing about 500 citizens, important as a refueling stop, historic bilateral agreement with the Portuguese, big part of this was the labor agreement, most of things were resolved, sticking point - US Sovereignty, we can not give up sovereignty, the ruling of a Portuguese court would be the supreme rule, couldn't do because we had to have control over our employees, boiled down to three words and how they were translated, change in Portuguese government, at night reception at the Portuguese embassy, that's one of the nice things about clearly there was a triple team offensive to try to get me to change my mind, first one tried a purely profession approach, second one was very collegial approach, third on had a "have some Madera my dear" approach (reference to an old song about seduction) considerably older, he kissed hand, I love that, he kissed it and was holding it talking about the historical relationship of the two countries, he knew that in my heart of hearts that I could not endanger the mere decades of relationship and he couldn't believe that I in my heart of hearts I wouldn't want to endanger things over three little words, so I looked in his eyes and said that when a man says that I expect it to be I love you, he cracked up and lost, and then we figured out a treaty and didn't give away sovereignty and the relationship between the countries, Victory goes to the lucky and the

prepared, prepare to go forward with our CCSG agenda, I wish you luck

s. Questions – How many have done lobbying with legislatures? Some are experienced but many are new, Michael Cooper met with a representative from the farming community with a prosthetic hand from a farming accident and when he shook his hand was very surprised, stood there for a while in shock, didn't know what to say, so that's why I was laughing at the toupee reference – How do you conduct research for background sheets, find hard core facts? Internet is a good source, get close to librarian can help navigate library, public record everything they voted on, can find family status, religion, geographical information, wanted to have a state wide town hall for the Commonwealth College for the Democratic candidates, was going to hook all campuses up by Pic Tel did it with base in Worthington Scranton, had staff pull together briefing books, pulled down all policy statements off the website, get copies so you can see how the candidate views issues, elected officials will have done that sometime in order for them to be elected, go to index for major newspapers, get copies of articles that have appeared with candidate, any bond of commonality you may have and how you can related with the bonds, any bond gets you started, I have tons of briefing books and will be happy to share with leadership if you think they will be helpful models, if I can find them in my basement– Think about leave behinds, what are your salient points, and very important what do you want the person to do? You aren't going there just to say higher education is good, want them to take action, make sure your leave behinds are something that reminds them of that
t. Its been great to see you I am glad I recognize some faces and hope to get to see you again
u. Jason Clinger – before we recess to lunch I would like to introduce Ms DeSimone to explain how we are getting to lunch?
v. Will now go to lunch at President Spanier's house and reconvene at 1:45

Recess for lunch

XII. Roll Call
a. Abington – Ninad Pendharker, Bridget Daly
b. Altoona – Craig Jackson, Amanda Van Over
c. Beaver – Ryan Glover, Emily Grant
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q. Wilkes Barre – Teresa O'Brien, Jonathan Sinclair
r. Worthington Scranton – Renee Collins, Claudia Vitelli
s. York – Rachel Schroff, Will Brander

XIII. Department Reports

a. Councillor, Elizabeth Eisenhart – Councillors are out, you should have received them last night distribute throughout campuses, thanks to the campuses who sent in articles, need stuff from campuses, exe311@psu.edu, Michelle doing a great job, putting in a lot of work, looking at 16 pages, that's up four pages, keep reading and I'll get back to you soon, next deadline is September 25, 2002

b. Programming, Lauren Cycak – after council activity Mt. Nittany Hike, leaving at 7:30 sharp HUB parking deck, make sure to be thinking of interesting stories about your campus, also make sure you wear appropriate clothing for hiking no skirts, anyone with medical problems tell me before we leave today – All-U-Day vs. Iowa, September 25, 2002, need flags from some campuses, flags need to be mailed to the CCSG office attention Lauren Cycak, keep in mind if you are carrying a flag need to wear navy blue shirts and khaki pants, planning on having a tailgate party an hour or two before hand, CCSG will be providing some of the stuff, campuses are being asked to bring stuff, must RSVP by September 23 don't receive flag by next week can't participate, October meeting waiting for confirmation about location, tentatively scheduled hayride for Shaver's Creek, Friday night will be having an open house, Dr. Spanier will be at meeting, will have pizza and soda at the Open House

c. IT – hard act to follow, will not be able to follow Cuppett's act from last year, started working on a new web page, Steve Cuppett designed it three years ago, Mr. Cooper would like me to make it easier to use than the current one, more user friendly, new features, going to have staff profiles and pictures and a little bit of information, can associate names

with faces, picture page as well for various CCSG functions, caucus and committee section which will have relevant information, bulletin boards for more caucuses, LISTSERVs are up and running, one email address which has a bunch of email address on it, all you have to do is type in the address, if you have anyone who needs to be added or deleted from the LISTSERVs let Kevin know, please watch what you send on the LISTSERVs be careful about what you send on them, Kevin will remove someone if it is inappropriate material being sent out on the LISTSERVs, they are for business purposes, no forwards or random emails

d. Public Relations – Vera Spina
    i. Working on making a contact with the Collegian to have someone do stories on Brochure, info sheet, and fact sheet
    ii. State of University Address – next Friday, traditionally there is a state of the student body address, instead will write a state of the student body in the collegian, had poor attendance in the past and more people will be able to hear message
    iii. Budgets have been cut so will be in charge of fundraising
e. Staff Assistant – John Dingfelder
    i. Not much to report, being doing stuff in the office, I am here help everyone on staff if you have any questions contact me, see you at the Mt. Nittany Hike

XIV. Caucus Meetings - Caucus Information Sessions
a. Platform goal by Nikkie and Mike, our big goal is to establish Caucus Information Sessions, Nikkie and I thought it was not the most effective way to present information, by CCSG president, we thought it would be more effective to get everyone on Council and in the gallery to take more ownership of these meetings, we will be reporting on each topic of what they want to do, each caucus will present an information session at a later meeting
b. Unless there is an objection if we are running ahead by more than 10 minutes we will just carry that through, and we will reconvene 8 minutes early, recess to caucus meetings which will be all in the same place as last night
c. Reconvene 8 min. early

XV. Reconvene

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XVII. President – Michael Cooper
a. Explanation of how next part of agenda will work, will have delegations of each caucus not including the committee directors, will be called up one at a time, will talk about subject of caucus information session, don't give too much detail but give enough detail to council, caucus director will then give a report, then will have a random selection on dates for Caucus session, make a motion to suspend Robert's rules for the duration of session
b. Motion to suspended Robert's Rules made by New Kensington and seconded by Ninad Pendharker, Abington seconded, Rules are suspended

XVIII. Caucus Information Session
a. Northeast Caucus – Info Session Idea
i. Career Services on Campus – program, Coordination of Career Services in the Student Body, reason is because career services is not being used, students need better internships, to achieve this goal get in contact with someone who is in Career Services (SGA) also have a Career Services director in SGA, then get in touch with the IST department to put information on the web – like a blue screen, then have non internet advertising i.e. posters, assemblies about internships, Post available internships available, job shadowing, internships and the requirements of the job, a description about the job, whether or not it is paid or unpaid, learn a little bit about the companies you will be working for, networking between caucuses and networking with all of PA, commonwealth wide goal, because many people go to one location but live closer to another one, incorporate into FYS classes, have a

representative from Career Services go in and show how to make resumes, fill out job applications, finding an internships, questions – Nikkie DeSimone's baby last year, excited that they chose this topic, approach them do not ask them to find them internships you find it yourself, just wanted to make sure that everyone knows that, purpose of sessions is to show students how to find the internships, give them all the tools they need

ii. Report – Community Service – VA Nursing Home, war veterans hand out packets, November 12, 9-2 dance, out of council meeting at Scranton sometime in October, posting internship opportunities on internet, caroling for cancer, singing and all the fun stuff that Kevin D. can't do, raising money for THON, questions talk to Kevin later on

b. Northwest Caucus – Info Session Idea
    i. Number one problem that we went over was communication between students, faculty, and administrators, want to use utilize the ANGEL website as an organizational tool, want to create online groups with caucuses and other groups, LISTSERV interaction between students, preventing student apathy with faculty and students, diversity, figure out how to promote apathy, all diversity groups would come together and do events together
    ii. Report – Friday, get to know each other, talked about caucus info session, issues that are concerns at the campuses, Saturday, more about info sessions, election wrap up and expectations
    iii. Questions – Info session about creating better communication between students, campuses, classes using the ANGEL program
c. Southeast Caucus – Info Session Idea
    i. Have a club manual, some already have, all clubs will have rules and ways to know how to get certain things needed for the clubs, all the numbers and email addresses of SGA officers, also have campus and caucus wide manuals, could swap ideas between clubs, template – contact info for every campus, treasurer stuff, expectations of clubs to SGA and SGA to clubs, SAF requests, SGA requests, Frequently asked questions, want to create a standardized manual throughout commonwealth locations, nothing rigid, just a guide, ideas for everyone to use, at end open up and see how the template can be improved

ii. Report – very busy coming up with ideas for info session, trying to come up with something for everyone to take back to campus and personalize, introduce myself, had mono and wasn't at the leadership conference, talked about who I am, expectations of me, focusing on action and being able to attain all of our goals, 2 campus goals, strengthen caucus by lobbying and canning together, student involvement by 25%, strengthen caucus with out of caucus activities, we are the best caucus and we can only get better ☺ , have a lot of goals and looking forward to attaining those goals and then making new ones

d. Southwest Caucus – Info Session Idea
   i. Faculty relations divided into 3 subcategories, FYS, advising, and book list, everyone not getting same qualities from FYS, get standardized teaching, advising, not getting information that you need, try to set up seminars for advisors to inform them, book lists, should be posted prior to classes starting so that you can get them cheaper, looking to have ANGEL network post syllabi so you know what books they need for their classes
   ii. Report – comedians all over the campuses, root beer blast/floats at all campuses, movies at all campuses, Southwest is in the swing of things, out of council meeting September 21, getting an early start and hope to keep momentum up during the year

e. Two Location Caucus – Info Session Idea
   i. Lack of participation from commuters – talk about common hour, some don't have one some have a lot, trying to get a University wide standardized common hour, work on times events are scheduled, events during the day and in the evening so more people have a chance to participate, another way is advertising, if they don't know about events they can't participate, carpooling system, some people have no way to get to these events, set up a message board, organize rides to get to off campus events, what do they commuters want? Ask them or have surveys, prizes for people who have great ideas, try to cover a little bit of everything so that it would relate to commuter and resident campuses so that it would apply
   ii. Report – last night talked about a bazillion and one things, we had a lot of stuff to talk about, Lehigh Valley working on an issue about smoking, work on finding an area where they can smoke, people

skateboarding on campus at Berks to see if they can do it will try to find out, Common hour, Schuylkill doesn't have one and Berks has three, Community Participation, getting people involved, we got a lot of ideas from our caucus meeting last night, money problems, everyone is looking for it, advertising and raise money for various groups, and how to get people involved

Topics for Info Session
Northeast – Career Services
Northwest – ANGEL network
Southeast – Club Manual
Southwest – faculty relations
Two Locations – lack of participation
Good Luck ☺
November Council Meeting – Friday November 15 - *2 Location Caucus*
Saturday November 16 - *Southeast Caucus*
January Council Meeting – Friday January 31 - *Northwest Caucus*
Saturday February 1 - *Northeast Caucus*
March Council Meeting – Friday March 21 - *Southwest Caucus*

I want to thank everyone for the time and understanding with this new goal. I understand that this is a vague goal – understand it was created on purpose to see what you wanted to hear about, caucus directors are not responsible for putting this together, only there to help you set up and help out, looking forward to hearing what to you have to say, and want to learn to your experiences

I. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs – Brett
      i. Past Monday attended first Academic Assembly meeting, act as liaisons between CCSG and Academic Affairs, introduction meeting, did not hear anything about commonwealth
      ii. Brainstorming on Friday, initiatives, FYS need complete restructuring at most campuses, need a lot of work, advising – also needs work, course selection guides, Info Tech Fee regulations, some have a committee, most don't, want IT Rep. on each board, money is paid for by students and students should have some say, campus honors program availability, most students don't know about them, want to make them more accessible, learning centers on campuses, higher level math courses don't have tutors,

expressing individual faculty member problems, SRTE's and open ended questions Saturday – more in depth discussion with issues, increase student awareness with everything on campuses i.e. FYS, student mentorship and advising at the campuses, utilize first year seminar classes to inform students, thank academic affairs committee, Lastly I would like to thank the people on my committee who are all intelligent and I've had a great opportunity to work with

b. Diversity Affairs - Jayneel
    i. Committee expressed interest in joining USG in a diversity brunch, MLK Day university wide moment of silence (university wide effort), another idea presented by USG to have a Diversity Leadership Conference, still looking into the details, would take place in the spring, network and sensitive issues, have a lot of good ideas, hopefully get some action and not just talking about things, 3 years working on diversity focused classes and more diverse faculty, taking this issue and having some action either for or against the decisions, will have an action plan ready by the end of next council meeting, there were a few personal issues brought to attention about diversity issues (racial discrimination) on campuses, if something like that happens again make sure you either contact Jayneel, your SGA, or your DSA
c. Governmental Affairs - Anthony
    i. Picking up where left off last year, continuing with the 3-phase plan – Lobbying initiative has 3 steps1. Meet with representatives 2. Bring representative on campus and show around and then lobby for funding for tuition 3. Rally in the Rotunda, discussed bills are going to be lobbying on House Bill 221 - 5th year PHEAA bill and House Bill 1493 - adding ancestry and sexual orientation to current Hate Crimes bill, Rock the Vote, voter registration and hope to have a big turn out since it is a mid term election, going through University Relations and having certain debates on Penn State Campuses
d. Student Affairs - Crystal
    i. Got to know each other, short conversation on career services websites, jumped into issues on campuses, main issues food – housing and food, private contractors, lack of food, hours, closing hours, smoking and littering issue, on the ground, and people

seeing litter on the ground, non smokers having to walk through the smoke, parking, some places lost parking or building another building, printing charges and other computer problems

e. THON – Tara
    i. Both meetings went well on Friday, speaker came in, Heather - Hospitality Overall want commonwealth more involved in committee positions at University Park, explanation of THON committees, all organizations that are involved at University Park, never open to commonwealth locations because there are meetings every week, trying to open those doors this year, Heather contacted and they are working together to try to get stuff settled for this, Hospitality and commonwealth locations can start working together this year, other committees working with to start this year, think about individual and group goals, increase involvement and awareness, want more people involved at their campuses, wanted THON experience to be fun, didn't want to be an added responsibility for being on SGA, should do it because you like it and not because you have to, want to change that aspect of it, want to set a monetary goal at conference set $210, 000, didn't want to set a monetary goal at all, would rather focus on the experience, what you get out of THON, work with a bunch a different people from all different areas who never knew about THON, more involvement more money, even though we don't have a monetary goal DO celebrate your earnings, positive reinforcement will go along way, did make a final decision, focus back on the kids and family, not about how much money you make, its whatever you and the kids get out of it, bring focus back to kids, campus events – fashion show - celebrity models, and musicians, Sovereign Center THON families be involved, proceeds will go to THON, kids walk down the runway with models, Jell-O wrestling, Jail and Bail - DuBois, lock people in rooms, and pay to get out money, Rock-A-Thon sit in rocking chairs for 24 hours, sign up for one on ones with Tara, committee meet outside after for a picture

II. Discussion on Summer Leadership Conference
    a. A little history…got a lot of calls and emails about the leadership conference about how good we did or how bad we did, so were happy about the conference other were not, CCSG is not in charge of running the conference, it is run by

a committee made up of Student Affairs staff…ideas will be presented to new Leadership Conference Chair…would like to have an open discussion suspend Robert's rules and would like to have ideas from gallery

b. Unless there is an objection Robert's Rules will be suspended
c. Would like to hear random opinions – We all know that the water was cold, we all know that don't say it, Nikkie did not take a cold shower, be sure to thank her on the way out, a lot of discussion about the food, also noted, don't talk about that…we want to hear actual ideas about program, overall comments about conference, Ray Mastre – New Kensington, thanks to CCSG for all the hard work, seemed like you all put in a lot of hard work, when I collected feedback from student leadership on my campus they wanted to know why were committee meetings at leadership conference? 12-14 people who came and 7 will not ever come up to CCSG, is it worthwhile for committee meetings into be included in the program – Ben Jordi - Berks, Committee meetings, we mold our SGA after CCSG, have committees back on campus clubs are clubs are required to participate on one of them, good information for them to have, specific sessions on specific officer positions, general good topics, session on leadership were good, the ones I went to were very good, I want to defend the committee meetings at the conference – Ninad Pendharker - Abington, overall conference was enjoyed, good idea to have committee meetings but a lot of students felt that it was rushed, recommendation by some students could have set goals at conference, extend conference by a day and have a CCSG day and discuss pertinent information, Delaware County – were the sessions only geared for different types of students (beginning and returning leaders)? Wasn't designated that way on program, weren't sure where they were to go, sat through remedial sessions, and if you have been in leadership positions in the past you can take stuff back to campuses from conference, not enough opportunities for advanced leadership, Bridget Daly - Abington – a lot of session were repetitive, same concepts being addressed too much, communication sessions there were 4 or 5 sessions that were teaching the same thing, really confused about some sessions, new treasurers are really confused about some of the things they need to know, treasurer session should be longer is stressful, Derek Dureka - Mont Alto – caucus blocked together in hotel, better way for everyone to bond, Delaware County – that is a great idea Mont Alto, ice breakers, weren't utilizing skills – some of them did but others were just

thrown together, want better things from that, just a waste of time, ways to utilize other useful ice breakers, Brian Marko – Northwest Caucus Director, location concern, noticed a big difference between Carlisle and 7 Springs, more seclusion at 7 Springs, only Penn State people, would like to be at more secluded place, a lot of financial reasons about why it was held in Carlisle, resort more expensive, Beaver – ice breakers, more team building exercises, I liked how it was emphasized on teambuilding, Lehigh Valley – most of the people who went to the conference, their car keys were taken away, if you chose not to do things at hotel you were stuck, some location was taken to town and didn't appreciate that, upset a lot of people, Richel Perritti, you were the responsibility of Penn State while at the Leadership Conference, most locations were brought in vans, so you would not be able to leave unless your advisor took you somewhere, Shenango – comment on 3rd day of CCSG breakout sessions, it gets into the finances and might be too costly, maybe having different breakout sessions for SGA and for non SGA members, John Dingfelder – earlier check in time, not have keep stuff in cars, Richel – all of the off site locations are not able to switch check in times, York – grading system for sessions is a great idea, Treasurer session didn't really do anything for me, tell who should go to the certain session, Brandi Hovis, Behrend – alcohol issue, felt like she was 15 again, other issues about how they were like little kids, a lot of people did not like that, have gone three years – same thing every year haven't taken anything from it, would be willing to host it at Behrend, seems like a vacation at the resort, we are at the conference to work and if it was at the campuses that would mean we were really working, Drew Lavenberg – shake neighbor in audience and wake them up very important, Harrisburg – very excited about open and kind and helpful excited about a whole new resource, went back to campuses excited about having a whole new resource, Ninad Pendharker, Abington – resort, facilities were a little bit better, not a lot to do at the leadership conference, at the resort there was more to do at the actual site, Delaware County – most beneficial part was the president's meeting, would be beneficial to have past Executive Board members come and talk about their experiences, this is what I did about things and how they works, when we all sat down in a group and talked that cleared things up completely, would make you a better leader overall, talking about the one led by Sharon Christ, Mr. Asbury meeting 50-50, Ben Jordi, Berks – leadership

information packs were missing, activities were lacking and food was expensive, treatment – I am 21 years old and I don't have a problem with not drinking for 3 days, we are adults and all dry campuses anyway, great conference, Teresa O'Brien, Wilkes Barre – felt unwelcome at conference, seemed like they wanted us out of there, cleaned up while we were still dancing, lots of games at 7 springs, really got to bond, Derek Dureka, Mont Alto – didn't feel like he was treated like a 15 year old, felt like they had to do what they needed to do, we weren't at a top notch facility but that's ok because we were not there for recreation there for a leadership conference, not there to goof off there for student government, Gentle lady from McKeesport – first year at conference, felt like did not learn a lot, felt like being sheltered because keys were taken away, issues about being treated, many issues that arose while we were there, being talked down to, I didn't appreciate it, my parents weren't there and don't need to be treated like they were, should be treated as an equal, Brandi Hovis, Behrend – the way the drinking issue was presented to the students was her point, was misunderstood, we should be expected not to drink because we are there for a reason, Shenango – disrespected by people who were running everything, there were people who knew what was going on, was not CCSG treating everyone like children, how you respect each other as adults, having shuttles or a van transport off site if you are going to take the keys away, 2nd year, most important at the Leadership Conference was meeting everyone, thanks CCSG, Ray Mastre, New Kensington – about survival guide? Are we ever going to be getting them? We are working on it, summer brought on a lot of sudden and unexpected crisis, we did not have central staff in the office, Mike, Nikkie, and Chris were the only ones there this summer, survival guides by October, fell behind, get everyone's executive staff's email addresses, email addresses would be very helpful, support conference at a resort instead of at a campus, I am going to be sitting in class for 15 weeks I do not want to be sitting in a classroom a week before school starts, if the resort does not have adequate facilities does more harm than good, rules are in place for a reason, some people who are asked to come to the Leadership Conference may not have same respect, DuBois – would have been better if it would have been at a campus, check in times would not be a problem, cost would be cheaper, benefited more if sessions were run by students, more open for discussion if a peer was running it, Crystal Saverioni, Student Affairs – liked meeting a lot of people from

different campuses, liked the ice breaker session by Maria Madigan, did a really good job, didn't like the trip to the Capitol felt like we were rushed through, shut the lights off when we were in a room, we were the last tour of the day, Richel – thanks for your opinions, looking forward to seeing report and want the conference to be the most productive conference as possible, you were all very professional

d. Important for all of us to talk about this and when it is finished it will be sent around to the president's list serv

New Business

I. November Council Meeting

a. One resolution changing the council meeting in November hold meeting on Friday and Saturday instead of Saturday and Sunday, change the two dates and take effect immediately, McKeesport accept resolution, Derek Dureka second, no discussion, accepted

b. Any new business to be brought before council at this time, seeing none we will move on

Open Forum – Beaver, second Katie Leary, Behrend, approved

I . USF rep from Penn State Altoona, UFS very important, important that they come to very CCSG meetings, decide important things, Faculty Senate will be meeting at every campus

II. Dr. Higginson

Commonwealth College has a student representative as well

III. Ray Mastre, New Kensington – Did we approve the minutes?

Michael Cooper - This is my first time creating an agenda so I accidentally added them on and the minutes were not taken at the April meeting so they would be approved in October,

Jason Clinger - Thus the reason it was struck on Friday

Closing Remarks – Nikkie DeSimone

Thanks for the conversation about the Leadership Conference. I was taking notes and now my hand hurts. But anyway, I want to start off by saying how cool it is to finally get to sit at the Big Kid's Table. Seriously, Thank you all once again for coming out this weekend. I hope you have absorbed a wealth of information to take back to your campuses. Also, thank you for conducting yourselves in an appropriate manner at the Schreyer House. You represented the organization well, with class, professionalism, and pride. I think President Spanier and the administration in attendance were as impressed as Mike and I were. I think you should applaud yourselves for a job well done.

You've all come here this weekend with energy and enthusiasm – ready to start the year out right. Now it's up to you to take that pro-active attitude back with you to motivate others.

So here's to a productive meeting and a successful year. I hope to see you at the hike this evening. For those returning home, have a safe trip. See you in October. Thank you.

Closing Remarks – Mike Cooper

Mike Cooper, having a talk with Chris Zegar, Steve Cuppett, and Kevin Homan, without a doubt this meeting has been the most impressive first meeting in past years, anyone who was here last year I don't think could say that it went so smoothly, thanks for an open dialogue, honesty, and great conversation, Please come out to the hike it will be a great time, the hike will not go until 2 in the morning, enjoy each other as friends in a non Robert's Rules manor, it's kind of cool sitting at the Big Boy's table, take everything back to locations, great Council and excellent Central Staff, October meeting, info session on tuition task force by Mr. Cooper to give a better understanding of the tuition, if everyone could come in business casual attire on Friday that would be great, Dr. Spanier will be here for the Friday meeting, honor and privilege to work with everyone, see everyone at the hike

Motion from Berks to close open forum, seconded by Worthington Scranton

Motion to adjourn made by Wilkes Barre and seconded by DuBois and opposed by Lehigh valley

See you next month ☺

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