Student Body Meeting  
January 28, 2015

I. CIAA

i. Regarding the CIAA scholarship, Milan stated as of right now, we are in the lead among other HBCUs by having the most students to apply for the scholarship.

ii. Milan said Bowie State being in first place allows for the school to receive sponsorships and students can earn money towards their education.

iii. Milan said the deadline to apply for the CIAA scholarship is January 31st.

iv. Milan said the price to for CIAA is $125, which includes the $50 game ticket, the hotel, and the bus.

v. Milan stated the fee for two buses to go to CIAA is $9,500.

vi. Milan said the hotel that students are staying in is located in the city and as of right now, the fee is $200 a night.

II. Election Committee Chairperson

i. Milan said the Election Chairperson would preside over the 2015 elections for the 2015-2016 academic year.

ii. Milan stated the Election Chairperson would be in charge of running the elections and making sure that everything runs smoothly.

iii. Milan stated that the Election Chair applications would be due Friday, January 30th because this has to be presented at the senate meeting.

iv. Milan said voting the process for the Election Chairperson goes through the legislative branch, the executive branch, and the Office of Student Affairs.

III. Communication Fee

i. Regarding the communication fee, Milan said she emailed Provost Jackson, Dr. Vaughns, and Dr. Travis, and they are looking into why the fee exists.

ii. Milan stated the Communications Department could not provide a reason for the fee.

iii. Milan stated after talking to Dr. Brockenbrough, he’s looking into how the communication fee can be refunded for this semester because the school is not providing a radio station or a television station right now.

IV. SGA Executive Board Proposals

i. Milan indicated that the executive board has been working very hard to create various proposals to get passed on campus.

ii. Milan said the executive board is trying to obtain a wet campus.

iii. Milan stated this is going to be hard because it’s rare that HBCUs have wet campuses.

iv. Milan said after doing some research, she and the executive board thinks that the wet campus could be possible for those that are 21 and over.

v. Milan stated that alcohol is served at the 5th quarter alumni event, which is on campus.

vi. Milan stated that at Miss. Bowie’s Tea during homecoming, Thompsons served rum cake even though rum cake was not requested.
vii. Milan said in the wet campus proposal, it does provide different ways that the campus can control the dissemination of alcohol such as carding students, monitoring the number of drinks distributed, and determining a cut of time for serving alcohol.

viii. Regarding the party policy, Milan stated that as of right now, organizations are not allowed to have parties.

ix. Milan said the ban against organizations having parties is not documented in a policy.

x. Milan stated there was an email sent from the Office of Student Affairs to Student Life therefore, it’s more of a moratorium.

xi. Milan said the executive board is writing a party policy to add where student organizations can have parties.

xii. Milan said the executive board is following some type of strategy/structure, which indicates that the organization would have to partner with department or SGA because as of right now, SGA is the only branch that can hold parties.

xiii. Milan indicated that when submitting space request with SGA, the party form is due 30 days prior to the party.

xiv. Milan said in the party policy proposed by the executive board, it states that the form should be due 15 days prior to the party.

xv. Milan said the homecoming committee is based off the university officials.

xvi. Milan stated the issue with the homecoming committee is they basically try to dictate how homecoming should be planned.

xvii. Milan said in the homecoming committee policy it states that the committee should consist of all students and three advisors.

xviii. Milan stated that SGA can’t afford to fund Mister and Miss Bowie State alone.

xix. Milan said Mister and Miss Bowie State are ambassadors of the university so the executive board is trying to see if they can go under institutional advancement.

xx. Regarding student fees, Milan said the RHA fee is for them to program.

xxi. Milan stated in the student fee proposal, the executive board has requested to remove the RHA fee due to lack of programing.

xxii. Milan said if the request to remove the RHA fee gets passed, then students will not see this fee next semester.

xxiii. Milan stated that some students in the last student body meeting said that they wouldn’t mind if the student activity fee were increased.

xxiv. Milan said we might have to revisit increasing the student activity fee because tuition could possibly go up to 5-7% next semester.

V. Lobby Day & Constitutional Convention

i. Milan stated that Lobby Day is when council members of the University System of Maryland Student Council (USM) go out to Annapolis and lobby on behalf of the institutions underneath the USM.

ii. Milan said we fall under the USM along with Morgan State, Towson, Salisbury, and UMES.

iii. Milan said the date for lobby day is no longer February 17th and it has been changed to February 27th.

iv. Milan said students would be lobbying on several issues such as tuition increase.

v. Milan indicated that if anyone would like to have a list a list of the issues just let her know.
vi. Milan stated they voted on December 31st for the resolution to keep students on sexual assault cases on campus; the vote passed 13-2.

vii. Milan stated that Bowie State could only take up to six students so she’s looking for three students that would be interested in going along with three executive board members.

viii. Charles said he would be drafting a signup sheet if anyone were interested in participating.

ix. Charles stated that he would be spearheading this lobby day along with Mrs. Boardley.

x. Charles indicated that Mrs. Boardley wants about 30 people to attend.

xi. Milan stated that the constitutional convention would be held on February 16th and the 17th.

xii. Milan said that everyone is free to submit bills for the constitution to Charles Marshall via email at ccmarshall24@gmail.com.

xiii. Milan stated that the constitution would be in effect for the fall 2015-2016 academic year and thereafter until the next constitutional convention.

VI. Auxiliary Services

i. Milan said she met with Mr. Elliot from auxiliary services.

ii. Regarding Chick-fil-a in the pub, Milan said they can still come but the students would have to be willing lose everything else.

iii. Students would lose Asian Bistro, the chicken boxes, rotisserie chicken, etc.

iv. Milan said with Chick-fil-a, students wouldn’t be able to use their meal plan only flex.

v. Milan said the Chick-fil-a menu would include chicken nuggets, chicken sandwiches, and waffle fries.

vi. Milan said we wouldn’t be able to get the whole menu because we are not a large school like Towson.

vii. Milan stated Mr. Henley is still working with Thompsons to get food trucks on campus, possibly two times out of a month.

viii. Milan said that Mr. Henley informed her that we could do Chick-fil-a mobile at football games.

ix. Milan stated Mr. Henley wants to do a dollar menu in the pub and he wants our suggestions for the menu.

x. Milan said Mr. Henley is willing to let the students craft the dollar menu.

xi. For the dollar menu, Milan said she suggested mozzarella sticks and cheese fries.

xii. Other suggestions for the dollar menu included: Bowie wings, nachos, donuts, Caesar salad, breakfast sandwiches, cookies, and chicken nuggets.

xiii. Regarding the late night pub, Milan said they are doing a trial run this semester, which will include pizza and wings.

xiv. With the late night pub, Milan said the deals would reflect Dominos Pizza’s deals.

xv. Milan said students could pay for the late night pub with cash or flex.

xvi. Milan said no orders would be accepted after 10:30pm and orders would have to be picked up by 11pm.

xvii. For to-go boxes in the café, Milan stated that Thompsons has not come up with a solid system for this yet.
xviii. Regarding other apparel that we have in the bookstore, Milan said Mr. Henley wants to start a bookstore advisory committee.

xix. Regarding the discount cards, Milan said Travonn would be working with Mr. Henley.

xx. The discount cards will be for T.G.I Friday, Jiffy Lube, Chick-fil-a, Chipotle, Auto Zone, Metro, Glory Days, Fitness 4 Less, and Footlocker.

xxi. Milan said we would be able to show our bulldog card and they will give us a discount, but she’s not sure about the percentage of the discount.

xxii. Milan said we do have Starbucks products on campus that they use to make the coffee.

xxiii. Milan stated that Mr. Elliot is going to reach out to the Starbucks representative to get more promotional items (i.e. the Starbucks cups and more Starbucks products).

xxiv. Milan said they are trying to extend the C-store outward more towards the sidewalk because they want to turn it into a deli and an ice-cream shop.

xxv. Milan stated that the café provides black bean burgers for vegetarians it just has to be requested.

xxvi. Lindsey said she has requested the black bean burger and she was denied three times.

xxvii. Lindsey stated she was told to eat a salad instead.

VII. Student Grievances

i. Chunky soymilk
ii. Fries taste like they are fried in fish oil
iii. Dirty dishes
iv. Staff needs more sanitary training
v. A request for was made speakers in the café to play music
vi. A request was made for the café to stop serving onion rings