

# Student Senate Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 3, 2015

12:45-2pm in Room 314

## Meeting Facilitated by:

Derrick LaBranche (Student Senate President)

## Attendees:

Derrick LaBranche (President)

Julia Milos (Vice President)

Ashley Northrup (Secretary)

Nathan Soucy

James Dickson

Sam Caswell

Jacy Morales

Aileen Clay (advisor)

Justin Herrin (advisor)

Bonnie Gorman (guest)

## Meeting Items:

1. Meeting called to order at 12:45pm by President LaBranche.
2. Vice President Milos presented a recap of the Thanksgiving Feast.
3. Secretary Northrup reviewed the two previous meeting minutes that need approval from Senate.
  - a. October 29 Meeting Minutes:
    - i. Motion to approve: Senator Soucy
    - ii. Second Motion: Senator Dickson
    - iii. (none apposed)
    - iv. The minutes from 10/29 are approved
  - b. November 12 Meeting Minutes:
    - i. Motion to approve: Vice President Milos
    - ii. Second Motion: Senator Morales
    - iii. (none apposed)
    - iv. The minutes from 11/12 are approved
4. President LaBranche reviewed the Evening Student Appreciation Week volunteer schedule with everyone. Will happen December 7th through December 10th.
5. President LaBranche brought up some Senate "old business" from the 2014-2015 year. All the "old business" was previously approved by Senate but needed a quick motion to revote to execute due to the length of time since the "old business" was originally approved.
  - 1) Ping Pong table, was approved, verify interest, \$500
  - 2) Document the approval of awards from last year's two club fairs, and Spotlight on Leadership. Needed to transfer funds.

- a. Fall Club Fair (2014) \$100
  - i. Exercise Science Club
- b. Spring Club Fair (2015) \$100
  - i. Game Club
- c. Club of the Year (\$250)
  - i. Exercise Science
- d. Rising Star Club (\$250)
  - i. Cultural Exchange Club

3) \$15 gift cards to thank club advisors, \$195 not yet spent - to complete.

4) Bus amount of \$5000, which was approved last year. Will continue the discussion in relationship to the balance and to set guidelines for next year.

- e. Motion to execute all four of the "old business" items: Senator Soucy
- f. Second Motion: Senator Morales
- g. (none apposed)
- h. The 2014-2015 Senate "old business" is approved to continue and be executed as is

6. Budget Proposal: Re-felting of Pool Table

- a. Senator Soucy will be the point person on this item
- b. \$500 cap to get the project done
- c. Will use the same vendor as previous times (Mr. Cues, Matt Quintiliani, 603-759-6917)
- d. Motion to approve \$500 cap for re-felting project: Vice President Milos
- e. Second Motion: Senator Morales
- f. (none apposed)
- g. The motion and capped budget of \$500 is passed

7. President LaBranche discussed the revised Student Senate meetings/events schedule with Senate.

- a. First meeting back from Winter break will now be Thursday, January 21, 2016
- b. Spring Club Fair will now be scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2016
- c. Collaboration event with CAB, Student Ambassadors, and Admission was added to the schedule for Thursday, April 21, 2016
- d. Spotlight on Leadership event will now be scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2016

8. President LaBranche discussed the opportunity to have a Senate "welcoming/greeting" presence at the upcoming New Student Orientation event on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. Vice President Milos volunteered to be present at the Senate table and work with Major Wheelock on adding in an introduction speech during the event.

9. Budget Proposal: Spring Club Fair for January 28, 2016

- a. Secretary Northrup and Senator Soucy will lead the sub-committee
- b. Theme is still needed to be determined and relayed to the clubs/advisors
- c. \$750 capped budget for table clothes, refreshments, prizes, etc
- d. Motion to approve: Senator Soucy
- e. Second Motion: Senator Morales
- f. (none apposed)
- g. The motion and capped budget of \$750 is passed

10. Budget Proposal: Culture Exchange Club event for December 10

- a. Presented by Senator Morales
- b. Request from Senate of \$200 for the event
- c. Senators Soucy and Dickson revised the original budget proposal on the fly to meet the Finance Committee's standards
  - i. Notes were added to specifically define what the money was being spent on
- d. Motion to approve revised budget request: Senator Soucy
- e. Second Motion: Senator Dickson
- f. (none apposed)
- g. The motion and budget of \$200 is passed

11. Budget Proposal: Ted Talks

- a. Aileen discussed the proposal in Augustus' absence
- b. Request from Senate of \$373.50
- c. Motion to approve budget: Senator Soucy
- d. Second Motion: Senator Morales
- e. (none apposed)
- f. The motion and budget of \$373.50 is passed

12. Budget Proposal: National Conference on Student Leadership

- a. Presented and discussed by Aileen
- b. Conference is March 31 - April 2, 2016 in Denver, CO
- c. Anticipating 7 students and 1 advisor to attend
- d. Question of "is it even a good idea?" was raised and Senate responded, "Yes, it's a good opportunity for student leaders."
- e. Total request from Senate of \$5,599.96 includes:
  - i. \$3,938.76 for 7 students (at 40%)
  - ii. \$1,661.20 for 1 advisor (at 100%)
- f. Motion to approve budget: Vice President Milos
- g. Second Motion: Senator Soucy
- h. (none apposed)
- i. The motion and budget of \$5,599.96 is passed

13. Budget Proposal: Promotional Items for Senate/Texting Program

- a. Bonnie presented different item options she researched
- b. Requested a cap of \$2,000 from Senate for various items to be purchased
- c. Discussions and concerns from the Senators about which specific items would be purchased on their behalf. Due to time constraints (*both for this meeting and the ordering of the items in time before Spring semester starts*) a capped budget was going to be voted on.
- d. Motion to approve the budget cap of \$2,000: Senator Soucy
- e. Second Motion: Senator Dickson
- f. (none apposed)
- g. The motion and capped budget of \$2,000 is passed

Meeting adjourned at 2:07pm.

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, January 21st at 12:45pm in Room 314