**Student Government Association**

**Senate Meeting**

**9/22/2015**

1. **Called meeting to order at 5:09 pm.**
2. **Attendance:**

**Present:** Esaul Helena, Mohammad Marey, Barbara Frace, Cheyenne Jacobs, Jacahri Smith, Roshelle Fondeur, Alyssa Medina, Drew Dumsavage (Beacon Rep), Crystal Clark, David Colon, Devyn Del Baso, Kristine Byram (Greek Senate Rep.), Joshua Pinnock, Kevin Jacas, Khalid Shakur, Nashon Bolton, Nejesea Brown, Raheim Raymond, Stefania Camacho-Jimenez.

**Absent:** SAPB Rep., Cindy Nazario, Jackeline Reyes, Jacqueline Villanueva, Jada Toledo, and Mohammed Ismail.

**Resigned:** Ana Polanco

1. **Approval of Agenda**
2. Changes made by Cheyenne Jacobs to add two appointments for at-large of student life positions.
3. Changes made by Barbara Frace to add under IX for two appointments for at-large of public relation positions.
4. Agenda approved 21-0-1
5. **Approval of minutes**
6. Minutes approved 21-0-1
7. **Esaul Helena, SGA President**
8. Esaul stated that Ana Polanco resigned from her position as V.P. of Academic Affairs. The position is currently open and can only be filled by senate members. He also stated that interviews for this position will be held this week and those that are interested should forward him an email to set up a time to meet and discuss the details of the position.
9. Esaul stated that the monthly report can be found on Blackboard and is due on Wednesday, September 30th, 2015. For those members that currently do not have access please inform him so that he can add you.
10. Esaul stated that Blackboard is the new senate management system and that everything dealing with the senate will be listed on Blackboard. Towards the end of the semester you will be able to see where you stand as far as requirements are concerned as well as how much your stipend will be.
11. **Mohammad Marey, Executive Vice President**
12. Mohammad stated that Camp Linwood McDonald has been booked for the retreat on October 3rd, 2015 – October 4th, 2015. Parking for members that will be attending will be available in Lot 6. All members that are attending have been advised to be here no later than 8:00 a.m. bus will be leaving at 9:00 am.
13. Mohammad asked that office hours be documented in the 3rd box of the sign in/sign out binder. A description of where and what you are doing being listed as well. Signing out is permitted. However, if you neglect to sign out you will only be granted ½ hour of time for that day.
14. Esaul further stated that working a lot of hours during one week doesn’t mean that you work less hours during the following week.
15. Mohammad advised members that there will be no senate meeting next Tuesday. The senate meeting will be held at the retreat instead. He asked members to be mindful that they are only allowed four (4) absences. After the fourth absence the member will be out of the senate.
16. **Cheyenne Jacobs, Vice President of Student Life**
17. Cheyenne motioned to suspend the rules.
18. Motion to appoint Yamena Acasto as an at-large member of the Student Life Committee 1st by Cheyenne Jacobs 2nd by Mohammad Marey.
19. Cheyenne stated that Yamena is a Nursing major and that she was very involved with SGA last year, student life as well as public safety; she is a part of the feminist collective. She feels that with the students transferring in being kind of new Yamena would be a great asset especially since she’s worked with SGA previously.
20. Motion passed 20/0/1
21. Motion to appoint Christian Contrez as an at-large member of the Student Life Committee 1st by Cheyenne Jacobs 2nd by Barbara Frace.
22. Christian stated that he served on the SGA committee in high school. He enjoys helping out with student life and he feels that being a member of the SGA committee would not only benefit himself but others as well.
23. Motion passed 20/0/1
24. Cheyenne discussed the Open Forum being held on October 20th and November 19th. November’s Open Forum will be held in rm. 211. The location for October’s forum will be given once a room has been reserved. She will be reaching out to Hospitality to find ways to get student opinions on their interest.
25. Cheyenne stated that donations have been received and that donations are still being accepted for the clothing drive. Currently the committee is in 17th place but has moved up to the 5th place for the Spirit Cup. She encouraged members to promote the clothing drive.
26. Esaul mentioned getting administrators involved and possibly having a common hour clothing drive.
27. **Roshelle Fondeur, Vice President of Allocations**
28. Motion to appoint Diane Issa as an at-large member of the Allocations Committee. 1st by Roshelle Fonduer 2nd by Jacahri Smith.
29. Motion to appoint Henrietta Eugene as an at-large member of the Allocations Committee. 1st by Roshelle Fondeur 2nd by David Colon.
30. Roshelle met with both and expressed why she felt they would be assets to the at-large Allocations Committee. Roshelle read brief bios from both Diane Issa and Henrietta Eugene in their absence.
31. Motion passed 20/0/1 (Diane Issa)
32. Motion passed 20/0/1 (Henrietta Eugene)
33. Cheyenne stated that people interested in at-large positions are not chosen randomly. People that they appoint are met with and interviewed before they motion to have those individuals voted on.
34. Roshelle stated that Allocations will not be meeting next Tuesday because Tuesday will be Monday’s schedule.
35. Vice chairs report –
36. Two (2) clubs will be having an event in October. October 10th Kinesiology Club is going to be having an event during Homecoming called the Can Jam. They will also be promoting the Pioneer Walk Event. Pioneer Players requested money for the script that they will be using for the event on October 13th and October 14th. Allocations has spent $449.84 towards these two (2) clubs.
37. **Barbara Frace, Vice President of Public Relations**
38. Motion to appoint Cody Geudes as an at-large member of Public Relations. 1st by Barbara Frace 2nd by Khalib Shakur.
39. Need info for this
40. Motion passed 18/0/1/2
41. Motion to appoint Jailene Guiterrez as an at-large member of Public Relations. 1st by Barbara Frace 2nd by Cheyenne Jacobs.
42. Jailene was previously a Senator. However, due to her school schedule she could not hold her position but she still would like to be involved with SGA.
43. Motion passed 20/1/1
44. Esaul stated that Reem Eldaba who is currently a freshman reached out to Jacahri to be an at-large member of the Academic Affairs Committee. She also met with Ana before her resignation. Ana met with Reem and gave her a break down on her point of interest. Reem stated that she would like to join to help out people under her college.
45. Motion to appoint Reem Eldaba as an at-large member of the Academic Affairs Committee. 1st Esaul Helena 2nd Barabara Frace.
46. Motion passed 21/0/0
47. **Advisor’s Comments**
48. Jaime Oyola mentioned that club council expressed that there has been very little programming and that there is money that needs to be used.
49. Donna encouraged members to go out and vote and that members should encourage their friends as well as others to go out in vote too. Also Campus Compact information needs to be in by Friday.
50. **Old Business**
* None
1. **New Business**
2. Greek Senate Rep mentioned that Blood Drive will be held on October 7th, 2015 and where students should go to sign-up.
3. Esaul mentioned that all Senate members are invited to a formal dinner with President Waldron on October 14th, 2015 from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm in Ballroom C.
4. **Announcements**
5. Nomination of Homecoming King and Queen are located in the office.
6. NPC Recruitment Week is currently going on.
7. **Meeting Adjourned at 5:55 pm**