*Mission: As the women comprising the College of St. Benedict Senate we will develop strong, viable relations between the administration, faculty, and students of the College of St. Benedict community based on our Benedictine traditions. As the College of St. Benedict Senate, we will work to bring strong, ethical, service-based leadership as we represent the students of the College of St. Benedict, in conjunction with St. John’s University*

1. Opening
   1. Call to Order
      1. 7:33 PM
   2. Roll Call
   3. Opening Reflection
   4. Approval of the Minutes
      1. Motion to approve VP Robinson
      2. Second by Precourt
      3. Minutes stand approved
   5. Approval of the Agenda
      1. Motion to Amend PR Zeng
      2. Second by VP Robinson
      3. Motion to amend VP Robinson to do the Executive Board Report
      4. Motion
2. Guests
   1. AASHE Appeal
      1. Alyssa Brown and Victoria
      2. Had Bennies and Johnnies present from the conference Oct 1st-4th
      3. Senate had approved and then rescinded money allocated for the conference
      4. Questions
         1. Senator Precourt
            1. Can you explain the timeline for registering for the conference?

It is open for anyone interested in sustainability so I let the student employees in June if there was anyone interested in attending for early registrations. In order to handle the logistics, we decided to do a group travel, we had a sense that the guidelines matched up with the Senate’s guidelines, so we had to wait for the start of the school year.

* + - 1. Considering you knew before the fiscal year, why didn’t you organize the budget to be able to pay for it.
         1. Budget goes towards other things ($9,500 for the year) that benefit all students or for employees, so we chose to go ahead knowing that we could have paid from sustainability office, in hopes that we lined up with the Senate Guidelines. This money is about 20%-25% from our budget but it takes away from out activities
      2. Senator Gates
         1. Was the overall goal sustainability office purchasing prior, and wanted reimbursement?

Ultimate goal was reimbursement in order for the Bennie’s to go because trip fell in with Senate guidelines.

* 1. Chairwomen Packer
     1. Viewpoint Neutrality on Funding Decisions
     2. Would like Senators to consider while making decisions in a neutral point of view, not based on personal affliction or personal opinion of worth of club or organization.
     3. Questions
        1. Stattlelman-Scanlan
           1. Can you give an example?

Ex. If a college if going to fund a pro-life or pro-choice group, you decide based on helping them fulfill their mission, not personal afflictions.

* 1. Outdoor Leadership Center
     1. Provide outdoor equipment for every student free of charge.
     2. Review of events that have occurred and are still planned, what has been purchased.
     3. Questions
        1. Chairwomen Packer
           1. Do any of the events involve transportation?

Duluth trip will need transportation costs.

* + - * 1. What is the cost breakdown of the $500 for transportation?

The entire cost is for transportation.

* + - 1. Engling
         1. Why haven’t you pursued the $10,000 challenge again?

We haven’t done it because of the time commitment and requirements from the Outdoor University but we have thought about the PRP and OLC doing it again.

* + - 1. Gates
         1. How many Bennies go to OLC?

More Bennies that participate and also more Bennies sign up for events and more Bennie employees than

* + - * 1. Present more than once with Senate?

In the past we have done it about twice, but this year we tried to once.

* 1. Campus Ministry
     1. We wanted to apologize for the confusion from the previous meeting and are here to present numbers mainly and answer any questions.
     2. October 26th- 28th. At Camp Jim but it is 35 Johnnies and 45 Bennies, 80 spots available and 18 leaders. (As of now- 21 Johnnies and 41 Bennies).
     3. Total Expense is $11,130
     4. Total Income is $5,540 ($50 from each retreatant and $30 from leaders)
     5. Cost Per Retreatant
        1. $107 but because of $540 from leaders it comes down to $101.60 per retreatant.
     6. Questions
        1. Chairwomen Packer
           1. Can you explain how you came up for the $2,500 for CSB.

This year it went up more because of the bus confusion last year. Last year was $2,200, this year is $2,500 from CSB. Last year was $1,500 for, this year is $1,800 at SJU.

* + - * 1. More in depth.

This retreat has grown each year and we can only fund so much. When totaling the numbers, we had to make it as so it wouldn’t tank the rest of the Campus Ministry budget, so we ended up with the same requests since the bus cost hadn’t increased so much, it increased. Each Senate is roughly paying ¼ and the rest comes from Columbus and our campus ministry funds.

* + - 1. Senator Vang
         1. Can you walk through the cost breakdown?

Without any funding, we would have to ask for the total $107 but because of the retreat leaders, it comes down to $101.60.

* + - * 1. The incoming students pay 50, leaders pay 30, so are we covering the first years and students.

Our math is just based on the 80 retreatant spots available but about 100 totals including going, so the rest is coming from the leaders charge and campus ministry funds.

* + - * 1. In previous years, have you done evaluations?

We do them every year and they affect the students greatly.

* 1. Food Relations Committee
     1. We wanted to find different ways for those who have food needs to find ways to stay nutritious
     2. Bennie Food Shelf
        1. Competition to get food to be able to provide it.
     3. Equitable Meal Plan
        1. Students who are able to go home during breaks, don’t have to use bucks, so it becomes unfair to students who have to use flex. So instead of flex, you have to use your punches, so you would apply for punch eligibility so you have at least two punches.
     4. Meals on a Budget
        1. Possible partnerships
        2. Teach how to stretch your dollar and meal prep.
     5. Suggestions/Questions
        1. Precourt
           1. Have you approached administration for restructuring meal plan?

We got the idea for the food shelf last year, but have to find ways to keep it up to date and prevent the food from expiring.

* + - * 1. Administration level, like Culinary Services.

Haven’t yet tried but will for sure talk to culinary services.

* + - 1. Senator Vang
         1. If people are asking for donations or purchasing, be aware that there are a few dates after expiration that you can still use the product.

Olivia works with community kitchen so was aware of being able to use it.

* 1. Open Forum
     1. None

1. Board Reports
   1. President’s Report (Iteghete)
      1. Passes and Accepted
      2. Thank you for your patience
      3. Oct 28th- CSB Senate has been invited to assist with Halloween activities and will be helping out with games, and handing out candy.
      4. Nov 17th- Festival of Cultures, CSB Senate has been invited to assist with this event.
      5. Elections, special situation and we are looking for a treasurer and if you know anyone who is interested let one of us know.
      6. Chair passed back and accepted.
   2. Advisor’s Report
      1. Commend you all for preparation and discussion. You have to have 11 people present at the meetings, so participation is necessary for the voting and discussion
      2. Halloween in the hall, and it started in 1989 when Jacob was kidnapped, when there was a lot of distress, so CSB stepped forward and invited community to step in campus and provide a safe community.
      3. Half-way through the semester, please remember that you are here to be a student and it is important to prioritize academics and fit in Senate as well. Keep up the great work.
   3. Executive Board
      1. Talked about elections and had to change some dates.
      2. Talked about the re-voting, and decided to invite everyone back and are working out dates
      3. Checked in with committees to see their work.
   4. Co-Funding Board (Chairwomen Packer)
      1. $925 allocated for engineering club for space balloon pending security approval.
      2. $500 for drama club headshot
      3. $250 for Asia haunted house
      4. $104 for Taste of Korea
      5. $138,609.48 (co-funding board funds).
   5. Budget Update (Terhaar)
      1. CSB budget is tight because it comes from students who are here and there was less enrollment.
      2. CSB Senate, $23,000 from last year, carried over into this year.
      3. SJU carried over $34,000
      4. Currently, $23,859 for the remainder of the year. If the carry over hadn’t been there, CSB Senate wouldn’t have any money. Keep in mind while allocating and know what you can, cannot or should fund. ($23,000 includes 50 % of April funds.)
      5. Questions
         1. Zeng
            1. Do we have to advise students to plan ahead in case they want to request money?

No need for panic, but let people know that funding is short.

* 1. Saint John’s Senate
     1. Saunders
        1. Met on Monday, welcomed FYR’s and others
        2. Two funding requests, hockey team for student bussing to the games to St. cloud, includes Bennies as well. Campus improvements committee for the sauna.
  2. Open Forum
     1. PR. Rep Zeng
        1. Is there anyway to fix our sauna?
           1. Not repairable, sorry.
     2. Precourt
        1. Mid-terms, so sign up for door- knocking and offer resources to encourage people to vote and important that we support student engagement.
     3. Flores
        1. Emergency response committee, would fall under a current committee
           1. Yield to Vang- fall under student input and working on suggestion boxes, but more about when things happen on campus. Gates, special interests’ group
     4. Thomas
        1. We are doing great and every committee and taskforce is doing great.
     5. FYR Vang
        1. Office hours?
           1. Senate visibility and accessibility, a way to use office more and opportunity for students to see senators to express opinions, concerns and suggestions.

1. New Business
   1. Motion to rescind funding of $1,297.65 from Cormac Quinn for AASHE (Robinson)
      1. VP
         1. Don’t want us to get in the habit of reimbursements
      2. Gates
         1. Does it say that we tend not to fund reimbursements?
            1. No institutional practice of reimbursing.
      3. Precourt
         1. Cannot come to us last year and Alyssa was admin from reading guidelines, so important to keep in mind.
      4. Chairwomen
         1. Reimbursements are highly discouraged.
      5. PR Rep Zeng
         1. There is not enough money and funding to support our environment, and sustainability is using their money so there will be less programming for our students.
      6. Vang
         1. We should not reimburse them because everyone is low on budgets and there are other who can work around their budget, and we also have to serve our students without remaining money.
      7. Terhaar
         1. Originally funded because it fell within guidelines, but keep in mind that you would have funded them prior to knowing that they had already purchased the tickets. Sustainability had to take the risk and fund from their budget, so be clear about your rational.
      8. Engling
         1. Important to note that they had funding from a department before coming to Senate
      9. Thomas
         1. We did vote on originally and said yes, but we were missing an important fact that it would be a reimbursement so we shouldn’t set that
      10. Terhaar
          1. How should they have presented
             1. Thomas, I get the timeline, but they should have presented to facts and we would have done a
      11. VP Robinson.
          1. They had a department backing them, so we shouldn’t reimburse the department.
      12. Motion to rescind funding $1,297.65
      13. Motion ties 6:6:0
      14. Chair Passed and accepted
      15. Iteghete
          1. Listening to both arguments, understanding our funding guidelines and seeing the reality of the situation. Move to not rescind.
      16. Motion Fails 6:6:1
   2. Motion to allocate $3,217.50 to Outdoor Leadership Center for Seasonal Operation
      1. Chairwomen Packer
         1. Concerned about Duluth $500 cost and how much of it is for transportation.
      2. Engling
         1. I support OLC but I am concerned that they aren’t trying to win the outdoor challenge.
      3. Precourt
         1. Not OLC’s fault, but the Outdoor University and working for trying to bring back the challenge after the change in employees.
      4. PR Rep Zeng
         1. I have been to these trips and trip’s expenses are reasonable.
      5. Chairwomen Packer
         1. 60% would be a hundred dollars less, just putting that out there.
      6. Motion to allocate $3,217.50 for OLC
      7. Motion passes 11:0:2
   3. Motion to allocate $2,500 to Campus Ministry for the FYRE retreat
      1. Vang
         1. It was important for them coming in to this meeting, want to hear other’s opinions.
      2. Senator Desert
         1. I think we should because Bennies have the opportunity for leadership roles.
      3. Engling
         1. Agree because it is a great way for first years to pass their time and build bonds.
      4. Motion passes 10:0:2
2. Announcements
   1. The next meeting of the Saint Ben’s Senate will be on Wednesday, October 24th, 2018 at 7:30 PM.
   2. Senator Engling will attend the next St. John’s Senate meeting on Monday, October 22nd, 2018 at 9:20 PM
   3. Health and Wellness committee will be presenting at the next Saint Ben’s Senate meeting.
3. Adjournment
   1. Motion to adjourn by PR Rep Zeng
      1. Second by Precourt
   2. 9:05 pm