*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 (5:15 PM)
   2. Roll Call
   3. Opening Reflection
      1. “Brave, Fearless, Bold and Strong”
      2. Remind yourself in tough times that you
   4. Approval of the Minutes
      1. Stand approved
   5. Approval of Agenda
      1. Motion to amend by VP Robinson to change motion to reconsider to motion to vote ballet.
      2. Motion fails 3:10:0
      3. Motion but PR Zeng to add candidate speeches to Open Forum under Guests
      4. Motion passes 14:0:0
2. Guests
   1. Extending the Link
      1. “Think globally, act locally”
      2. Student run documentary team. 17 Students advocating social justice, cohort of learners, receive no compensation for work. Diversity in majors and backgrounds.
      3. Over the summer research different topics and select one and hold events, fundraising around that topic.
      4. Social Change travel for about three weeks. This is the 12th year of documentaries. Always focus on how to change about selected issues. Think of Bennies and Johnnies.
      5. Premier is April 25th
      6. Events on Campus
         1. Tabling at Gorecki
         2. Presenting in FYS classes
         3. Work with different clubs and organizations
      7. For students- How does it affect them?
         1. Try to bring in the Benedictine Values.
         2. Greater global awareness
         3. International recognition
         4. Increased student involvement
         5. Partnership with SJ Prep
         6. Education platform for students
      8. Resided more with Germany since they struggled with immigration in 2015
      9. Conflict in Identity- CSB/SJU is home for some but not for others.
         1. Engaging students to see what barriers exist at CSB/SJU.
      10. Asking for total of **$7215.00**
          1. Covers 3 Bennies/ 3 Johnnies.
          2. Airfare $1,000
          3. Ground transportation $500 (travel between cities in Germany)
          4. Lodging $850
          5. Travel insurance $55
          6. Per student $2,405.00
          7. 19% of annual revenue.
      11. Fundraising Efforts
          1. Also ask for funding from the Presidents, Undergrad research, CSB SJU Senates, Donors, Fundraisers. Approx. $37,235.46 generated.
      12. Advisor stipulations
          1. Rule that mandates pay of additional cost for travel of an advisor.
          2. Requires more funding and increases lodging to $1,672.00 Additional cost per travel member is $537.83
      13. Specific Barriers
          1. No $5,000 grant this year
          2. Equipment checkout difficulties
          3. Faculty advisor costs (no department or center support)-will increase fee for travel team
          4. Delay of flight bookings (cost increase)
          5. Exploration of department/research funds: each passes us to the other
          6. Start-up funding to comply with institutional rules on international travel.
      14. Long-term Value
          1. Former ETL member has created her own filmmaking network and has hired ETL former members
          2. Currently in Antarctica
      15. Since joint meeting they have acted under the assumption of 100% funding.
          1. Give week is 10/22-10/27
          2. Avg cost increase of flight is $150
      16. Questions
          1. VP Robinson
             1. How is the beginning balance acquired?

Over time by fundraising balance

* + - 1. Trustee Thomas
         1. Why do you think that people aren’t willing to fund or contribute if they are so supportive of your actions?

A lot of people are from clubs so it wouldn’t be fair for them to donate from their $500-dollar fund. As far as academic departments, they have been asked to decrease their spending and although they support us, like partnerships, they don’t have money sitting around to be able to donate. Our partners are struggling themselves rather than being able to donate.

* + - * 1. International flights, does is state that 60% does not apply for International travel?

Rule states 60% for domestic, not arguing that it is inapplicable for international but please reconsider since it does not apply to this case. Case-by-case bases, so consider unprecedented factors.

* + - * 1. Advisor increase confusion, are you stating the payment out of pocket? But the room situation

The added cost is divided by the 6 travelers. Small private room is about the same.

* + - 1. Advisor Terharr
         1. Specific conversation with admissions to see if they are able ton contribute

Appointment coming up to be able to see if they are able to help

* + - * 1. Partnering with IA to reach out to alumni who have been a part of this program. Melon-Grant, have you talked to anyone specifically to see if they can assist?

Alumni don’t have any money to give but there is some hesitation for donors to have ETL as a specific group

* + - 1. Senator Vang
         1. Talk about the three Bennies and their roles so we know they are not going on vacation?

Waking up, preparing for interview. In the past they have done about 23 interviews within 17 days. Sound, videoing, interview questions, emails, phone calls, debriefing, exhausting experience, but amazing way to experience the country. Will be getting both sides of the story.

* + - 1. Senator Stattelman-Scanlan
         1. Why do you think ETL should be prioritized for the Senate over any other club or organization?

We’re asking for funding for the full year, so we won’t be coming back. Other clubs will go to co-funding board, not here. Other people have already received their funding, especially those who require more funding. We don’t think we’re above anyone else, but we think that the voice of students won’t just be us but people who can voice their stories through our podcasts and look at the value of the experiences.

* + - 1. VP Robinson?
         1. Is the insurance an outside insurance or CGE?

CGE

* + - * 1. What is the plan for future funding if Senate chooses not to fund

Advancement, work out in the summer specially to plan ahead and it has been hard to navigate. Also, we do funding for the next year in the Spring, to have something tangible to be able to share. Constantly asking and looking for grants.

* + - 1. Packer
         1. Can you explain the $2,000 increase from $5,000 last year to $7,000 this year?

Increase of the faculty and the loss of the $5,000 fund.

* + - 1. Thomas
         1. Directly affect the issues on campus?

Trying to act globally AND locally and see how it is affecting issues on campus and that these conversations are happening across the world in other places. w

* 1. Peer Resource Program
     1. Student run organizations that facilitates personal growth, trust, and creativity. Hold on-campus events, challenge courses and a trip.
     2. Collaborate with JEC substance free kickoff for Johnnie Tommie weekend.
     3. Event requesting money for
        1. Waste-less cook off ($200)
        2. Appleooza Oct 21st at Collegeville apple orchard 12-3pm 250-300 people. ($350) for transportation and supplies
        3. Pumpkin painting and Apple Cider at the CSB mall. 40+ people. ($200)
        4. Concert on the raft. ($100) cider and hot chocolate.
        5. Swayed Pines ($1000) Nov 9th at Brother Willies.
        6. Haunted Arboretum Safari- Substance free alternative for Halloween night people approx. 50-75 ($70)
        7. Bonfire on WATAB ($50) fire permit included.
        8. Minneapolis Day trip open and available to all members
        9. Minneapolis Bouldering projects. ($200) Sat Nov 3rd
        10. BANFF Mountain Fil Festivals ($1000)
        11. Roller disco- Dec 11th ($1000)
        12. 101 Series: Open for all groups and clubs
            1. Climbing canoeing Nordic skiing camping outdoor skills.
        13. Collegebound 2018 Scholarships
            1. 8 students received $375 full scholarships.

3 first generation students

1 admission sponsored

* + - * 1. 18 received partial scholarships 100
      1. Asking to potentially fund need based aid for wilderness trips over school breaks.
      2. Grand Total of $4,170. CSB is $2,085 SJU is $2,085
    1. Questions
       1. VP Robinson
          1. Events that passed, generated funds?

Used SJU funds

* + - 1. Vang
         1. Are you returning next semester?

Yes, but asking for less money, less costly events

* 1. Open Forum
     1. Candidate Speeches
        1. Umana
           1. VP Robinson

Do you have any ideas to make sure that we allocate our money accurately?

Excel sheets and communications

* + - * 1. Engling

Getting involved where

Anything

* + - * 1. Zeng

More outside of the meetings, how will you balance it?

Ill figure it out, good at using resources

* + - * 1. Packer

Tough funding decisions, past experience?

Don’t have past experience, but will follow my gut and vote for the student body.

* + - 1. Cynthia Stewart
         1. VP Robinson

Hoping to get out of

Arm me with ability and skills, want to go into public policy and I want the skills required

* + - * 1. Zeng

Super involved on campus, huge time commitment. Balance it?

Use time wisely to serve the Senate

* + - * 1. Packer

Difficult decisions funding?

I am very blunt and see the best for the students and the clubs.

* + - * 1. Thomas

How to handle what the clubs are asking for and issues presented.

Communication is key, but getting to know the members and letting them know that I am a resource for them.

1. Board Reports
   1. President’s Report
      1. Big thank you, probably the best debate since my three years here.
      2. This is all for the students so don’t take them personal.
      3. Elections are on Friday, please encourage everyone to vote, shows women empowerment.
      4. This Sunday from 12:30-3:30 PM Halloween in the halls. 3-4 senators for volunteering.
      5. Nov 14th, invited to the CSB illuminating event upper Gorecki, volunteers to represent CSB senate. 6-7PM
      6. Student Input
         1. Huge response, but students have given feedback on what they want to see so committees should start working on
      7. When we have visitors, let remember to be respectful to them.
      8. Questions
         1. FYR Vang
            1. Can we vote

Yes.

* + - 1. Engling
         1. Joint meeting on Nov 14th?

Nov 28th

* + - 1. Packer
         1. Start/end vote

8am-8pm

* + - 1. Vang
         1. Location of Halloween

First Year halls and Fireside.

* 1. Advisor’s Report
     1. Pass
  2. Executive Report
     1. Talked about revisiting these different motions, committee updates, survey,
  3. Co-funding Board
     1. Allocated $445 for PRISM
     2. Allocated $50 ELAC for day of the dead table
     3. Current balance $138,754.48
     4. Did not allocate balloon project funds
  4. Budget Update
     1. Including $13,478.94 for the rest of the year. Will get $10,000 or so in April. $23,859.54 (includes $3000 for leadership summit) without PRP or ETL is 22,778.94 + $10,000 = $33,159 further in the year, possibly with be another 27,000.
  5. Saint John’s Senate
     1. Modeas
        1. Father came in for student development
        2. Board reports
        3. PR account
        4. Johnnie day $450 t-shirts
        5. Senate leadership event
        6. Take care of yourself, love yourself, you all deserve it.
  6. Open Forum
     1. Health & Wellness
        1. Goal is to promote holistic health of Bennie through collaboration of existing clubs and organizations.
        2. Collab email to different clubs/ organizations
        3. Tabling event to get out to student body, we are a resource.
     2. Aware of voting changes to constitution
     3. Thomas
        1. Please look at the constitution, look at your position
     4. Flores
        1. Concert at 2 pm Sacred Heart Chapel

1. New Business
   1. Motion to reconsider allocating $7,215 to Extending the Link for their documentary (Desert).
      1. Chairwomen Packer, reconsidering the motion because of concerns of Quorum, in favor of reconsidering to allow more time
      2. Thomas
         1. Debate time was cut, so it did affect us to move to vote when things were unclear.
      3. Precourt
         1. We all agree that ETL is awesome, am against reconsideration because although there are new senators, this is a first. This is a question of consistency and if we make mistakes, we should own up to it. Remain consistent because it reflects on us and may make others question coming to us in fear of taking it away.
      4. VP Robinson
         1. I agree, but we need to make sure that we are following our constitutional procedures.
      5. Thomas
         1. I feel like we were forced into making a decision because we *had* to move to vote without us necessarily agreeing to it. Our decision wasn’t done properly
      6. Packer
         1. At the joint meeting it was centered in the SJU funding guiding lines, but on our side, we did not dive into it enough.
      7. Gates, Precourt, Thomas
         1. Didn’t reach the end of speakers list.
         2. Has happened before
         3. But hasn’t happened where we would have to vote right away.
      8. Gates
         1. Against reconsidering because I had my mind made up at the previous meeting, not because I didn’t have anything to say.
      9. VP Robinson
         1. Point of reconsideration is because we weren’t meeting our meeting guidelines. Meeting procedures in conduct, not conversation, but conversation is important.
      10. Vang
          1. In reference to admission, our money should go to students now, not students in the future that this ETL project might attract.
      11. Gates
          1. You can assume there is bias but you should not accuse someone besides them doing their job.
      12. Zeng
          1. I voted to support ETL not because I had friend on ETL but because of what they are doing and what they are bringing back to campus.
      13. VP Robinson
          1. Understand that there might be bias, but that is why packer brought the voting neutrality. We fund groups of one person to bigger groups, not just on the larger groups, but we are responsible for allowing a discussion to those groups.
      14. Desert
          1. Reconsidering because of bias?
             1. No, because of parliamentary procedure
      15. Thompson
          1. Did not mean to insult anyone when I said that I felt there was bias, but voting wise I felt like there should not be bias.
      16. FYR Vang
          1. Don’t have voting rights, but I fear for our students because we have to be considerate of future allocations.
   2. Motion to move to previous question by VP Robinson
      1. Move to Vote to reconsider allocation.
      2. Motion passes 10:3:1
      3. Motion to allocating $7,215 to Extending the Link for their documentary
      4. Chairwomen Packer
         1. Should consider the 60% rule and the request has increased by $2,000. Everything seems to be increasing so we should be considerate of our budget. Only allowed to fund 80% (cap) for international travel for co-funding. 60% is $4,329.
      5. Thompson
         1. Question for everyone, if we are all about for following guidelines, parliamentary rule, would it be possible to follow co-funding board guidelines which is 80% rather than the 60% to accommodate them and our budget.
            1. Because we have different guidelines, it is hard to interchange the guidelines.
      6. VP Robinson
         1. Thompson’s point is important to note and consider is anyone wants to make that compromise. Also consider covering part of the cost for the advisor cost especially considering that this is a mandate brought upon them.
      7. Thomas
         1. That is a nice middle-ground because it brings into consideration Senator’s opinions and what ETL does. It is fair for ETL and future students who may come in later in the year.
      8. Precourt
         1. Not completely opposed to any compromise but there will be a deficit for the Johnnies. This shouldn’t be an organization where you have to be wealthy to join.
      9. Thompson
         1. Can we assist them in fundraising?
         2. Yield to Gates
            1. Would be awesome, but there is a time crunch.
      10. Packer
          1. 80% would be $5,772. + ½ cost of advisor = $8,828.50
          2. 60% + ½ cost of advisor is $5, 942.50
          3. 80% + ½ cost of the advisor = $7,385.50
      11. Engling
          1. Rather pay for students than advisor. No matter how we spend our time, we should support ETL
      12. Stattelman-Scanlan
          1. Unfortunate that Bennies would have to pay more over the Johnnies to go on the same trip.
      13. VP Robinson
          1. Should get 100% because they were added costs that they have nothing to do with.
             1. Yield to Zeng

100% because we are debating for everyone to be clear in their decision and because ETL has done so much for their cause.

* + 1. Flores
       1. Funding clarification, at the end of the year we always end up with money and get reabsorbing money so we get some back. I rather give our funding now rather than not use it at the end of the year.
    2. Thomas, motion to table
       1. 80% would be fairer on both sides, students and ETL.
    3. Desert
       1. People aren’t coming to Senate knowing that they will get funding, but hoping that they will. I think we should do the 100% because ETL had the right timing and it would be unfair for Bennies to pay more than the
    4. Gates
       1. Cannot base our decision on the what if?
          1. Yield 7215-80%= 481 would be added on to the 500 which would be 981 out of pocket cost.
    5. VP Robinson
       1. Agree with 100% but want everyone to have an equal vote with some compromise.
    6. Thomas
       1. We are responsible for the student’s money and have to consider the future and other students because when they come in we cannot say “you should have come earlier” especially knowing around the time they do come in. Also, there will be many students who cannot pay so we cannot judge what is too much for a specific person to be able to pay out of pocket.
    7. Precourt
       1. Consistency point, we made a decision and we should stick to our decision and own up to our mistakes.
    8. Thompson
       1. What is everyone’s common ground where ETL doesn’t end up with zero. If 80% is not common ground, what is?
          1. Yield, Iteghete, motions would fail up until there is a decision made.
    9. Motion to move to previous question by VP Robinson
    10. Motion to amend $7,215 would switch to $5, 772.
    11. Motion fails 6:7:1
    12. Motion to move to previous question by PR Rep Zeng
    13. Motion to allocate $7,215 to ETL for their documentary
    14. Motion passes 7:6:1
  1. Motion to reconsider allocating $2,085 to the Peer Resource Program for their yearly operations.
  2. Motion by VP Robinson, second by Desert.
  3. Robinson, we already went over this, and it was fair to reconsider because the rest of the groups have already presented.
     1. Thomas
        1. No valid reason to reconsider.
  4. Motion to reconsider allocation $2,085
  5. Motion fails 3:8:1

1. Announcements
   1. The next meeting of the Saint Ben’s Senate will be on Wednesday, October 31st at 7:30 PM.
   2. President Iteghete will attend the next St. John’s Senate meeting on Monday, October 29th at 9:20 PM.
2. Adjournment @ 8:36 PM
   1. Motion by VP Robinson and second by Senator Dames