*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
2. Call to Order
   1. 7:30 pm
   2. Break off into committees

B. Roll Call (Alejandre)

Thompson Excused

Gates Excused

1. Opening Reflection (Flores)
   1. We Shall Overcome Event and Sing Along
2. Approval of the Minutes
   1. VP Robinson
   2. Senator Stattelman-Scanlan
3. Approval of the Agenda
   1. VP Robinson
   2. PR Zeng
      1. Motion to change IIb to IIa
      2. Robinson
      3. Approved
   3. Approved
4. Guests
5. Vincent Smiles
   1. Proposal submitted to both Senates
      1. Teach-ins, socials, etc.
   2. Discussed our resolution (no class with proper planning)
   3. Proposed to the Faculty Senate
      1. New committee for Inclusivity and Justice
         1. Faculty involvement in efforts on campus
   4. Working with IISS Director- support teach-ins
   5. Need student, faculty, and staff discussion
   6. Want to send to Presidents of both campuses
      1. There are concerns of getting students to events in a productive way
      2. Ways to motivate students to attend: faculty encouragement versus requirements
   7. Want SBS to discuss and talk to students, and then endorse to Presidents
   8. Questions:
      1. Treasurer Umaña: Thank you
      2. VP Robinson: Concerns that students of color would be the ones teaching at the teach-ins instead of learning at a higher level
         1. Not addressed yet, but faculty wants to help lead and teach it
         2. Students of every background should be involved
            1. Racism is a major issue and affects everyone
         3. Wants multi-sided conversations
      3. PR Zeng: How to involve students: attend the number of events that you would have classes on that day
         1. Students will only be as involved as they want to be
         2. Faculty encouragement and creativity
         3. People who go are the ones that acknowledge racism and the ones who don’t go don’t acknowledge it
         4. Trial and error
      4. Senator Larson: Need to start seed to get students to go. Students need push. Passive racism issues. May need a requirement. Appreciate his efforts.
         1. May need a minimum of attendance
         2. Needs to be discussed further
      5. Senator Sheikh: Political Climate: Promote constructive conversation and remove political partisanship. (Remove liberal and conservative labels)
      6. VP Robinson: How to make it a community effort, not just Faculty
         1. Brandyn Woodard working on gathering a group
         2. Need more than faculty
      7. President: Student committee invite
         1. Yes, would like to work with them
         2. Please contact Brandyn
      8. Senator Pederson: What would faculty and staff be doing during that day if it is a holiday off (training or workshops)
         1. Not a day off and need to be involved
         2. Possibly have events for staff and faculty to do and learn from
      9. Senator Varberg: Thank you, would you like to see a survey sent to the student body for ideas and opinions to show presidents for persuasion
         1. Unsure, SBS would be a better judge of reaching students
      10. Senator Flores: Thank you for taking this on, administration has fear of students not going, but what students are we supporting if they don’t. How much faculty are supportive, especially unrelated fields.
          1. Most faculty are supportive
          2. Once established by calendar, they will follow
          3. It may be tougher for some disciplines, but not impossible
          4. Doesn’t expect major criticism
          5. SBS can influence faculty
      11. Trustee Thomas: When does faculty senate meet so that members of committee could attend? Recording of Open Forum being shared-opinion?
          1. Need item on agenda then would like representation
          2. President of Faculty Senate supporter (Ben Faber) with VP
          3. Will request agenda item
          4. Glad to hear that there is record of it- would like to see and to be shared
          5. Wish he could have attended forum
      12. Senator Sheikh: Would every faculty having a mini session or groups? Mellon Grant-faculty side?
          1. Everyone won’t have their own
          2. Some faculty will be very keen to have a session
          3. Individual, panels
          4. Some will just attend session (like some students will just attend and some will be panelists, etc.)
          5. All members would be encouraged and motivated to all be involved
          6. Mellon Grant: beginning stages, last semester
          7. Faculty can apply for small amount for studies, workshops, project etc. About inclusivity
          8. Our campus and transferred to others
          9. Just gearing up now
          10. Head is chair of theology department
          11. Ask how SBS can become involved
          12. VP Robinson: Info on school website
      13. PR Assistant Ortizcazarin: She heard from some students that they would take the day off over celebrating MLK day. Like proposal. Contact RAD.
          1. Yes, RAD would be a good connection
          2. Did you think students would like the proposal or skip?
             1. Yes, it has the educational/discussion aspect
             2. In between day off and classes
          3. Need in between and education
      14. Senator Engling: How long has this proposal has been in the process. Possible training for staff and faculty (how to better classroom teaching)
          1. This proposal: new this semester
          2. Wanting no classes has been going on for year
          3. Some cancel class or have discussion
          4. Will still have whole week so it can be extended
      15. Senator Larson: Some classes don’t have a reward. Won’t be done right now, start steps not finished product now. Mellon grant has started. Want the fun aspect.
      16. VP Robinson: Has there been faculty concerns? Missing classes?
          1. Haven’t heard any that would insist on classes
          2. Joined Calendar Committee
          3. President need persuasion- Okays calendar committee
      17. Advisor Terhaar: This is similar to a model at open forum. Other would be MLK off and second day to have education/proposal happen.
          1. Would be bigger ask and bigger strain on calendar
          2. Need certain number of class day for accreditation
          3. See attraction of it, but concerned about it
          4. Prefer proposal
          5. Haven’t heard that proposal from faculty
      18. Senator Sheikh: does not want to have the day off for long weekend
      19. Senator Flores: Concern was brought up at forum. It is their choice (can’t micromanage)
          1. VP Robinson: It was brought up that we shouldn’t police people’s free time. Also, if they don’t the concern should be why is it happening at institution
      20. Senator Sheikh: Thank you for faculty support
6. Cindy Umaña
   1. PLEN: Public Leadership Education Network
   2. Late May in DC
   3. Want to see public policy with sociology and Pre-Med
   4. Requesting 600
      1. 60% Flight: 192
      2. Registration: 300
      3. 60% Lodging: 297
      4. Can fund 789
   5. VP Robinson: Attending or presenting
      1. Attending
   6. PR Zeng: How did you find out and are others going and topic
      1. Maybe 2
      2. From fellow Bennie
      3. Global policy topic and best time for her to attend
   7. Senator Sheikh: Bring back to campus
      1. Promote event
      2. Network
   8. VP Robinson: When do they hear back from places and did they say specific amount. What would you pay
      1. Waiting on Senate did say amount
      2. Maybe food and early lodging
   9. Senator Stattelman-Scanlan: Why this one versus closer one
      1. Don’t’ know about closer ones
      2. Want to look at it from future career possibilities
   10. Senator Flores: How will you cover the rest?
       1. Other sources or personal funds
7. Open Forum
8. Board Reports
9. President’s Report (Iteghete)
   1. Take care of yourself (sleep, etc.)
   2. Happy early Birthday to Trustee Thomas
   3. Flores: Beginning of semester meetings
      1. Soon now mid semester meetings
      2. Two-week range
      3. Talk about goals and check in also questions
   4. PR Zeng: 6:30 AM morning workout invite
10. Advisor’s Report (Terhaar)
    1. Board meeting 2/28 and 3/1: materials sent out soon
       1. Talk with professors if possible
    2. Send positive message: love yourself before you love others
       1. Three self love quotes
    3. Happy Valentine’s Day
    4. PR Zeng: Very sweet
    5. Senator Larson: Thank you
11. Executive Board (Thomas)
    1. Committee setup
    2. Possible Guests for SBS and Joint meetings
    3. Exec Board Meeting Etiquette
    4. Senator Larson: Joint Meeting
       1. SBS and SJS each host
       2. SBS in upper Gorecki 7:30 2/20
    5. Senator Flores: Trustee Dinner?
       1. Meet with VP Geller
       2. Calendar based- not planned yet
       3. Need earlier planning
12. Co-Funding Board (Packer)
    1. Allocated $210.00 to Asia Club
    2. Allocated $2,366.00 to BSA
    3. Allocated $2,259.00 to Education Club
    4. Allocated $1,521.37 to HAIS
    5. Allocated $1,231.50 to Noteworthy
    6. Allocated $609.98 to Nursing Club
    7. Allocated $1,442.72 Swing Catz
    8. Flores: How is it normally
       1. Similar to this year
    9. Engling: Repeat balance
13. Budget Update (Umana)
    1. Same as last week
    2. $5,940.30 with 5% $16,320.90
    3. Flores: We didn’t think we could cover the normal amounts. Are we expecting them
       1. Won’t know until we get requests
       2. VP: PRP/OLC will be at joint
          1. Varberg: PRP are finalizing and will be coming in
       3. PR Zeng: No OLC
       4. Senator Frederick; How will funding be divided between senates at joint
          1. May be split
          2. Presentation at joint but debate at our own meeting
          3. Trustee Thomas: May not be equal based on number of bennies
       5. Senator Sheikh: Are we allowed to debate at joint and decide
       6. Senator Larson: Do we pay for what SJS doesn’t want to
          1. No
       7. VP Robinson: does groups know it will be split due to time
          1. President: They are aware it would be split
             1. If another group requests, they would be notified
             2. Last semester issues and very different budgets
          2. Larson: Why is budgets different
             1. Packer: Disparity in student activity fees and carryforward differences
          3. PR Zeng: Split is not effective, may forget, make decision or don’t hear it
             1. President: Budget questions, but can be discussed later
14. Saint John’s Senate
    1. Funding Request: OLC ski trail grooming and triathlon- $1,500
    2. Mayor Rick Shultz: updates
    3. Committees are being filled with students involved
    4. VP Robinson: Thank you, will OLC be coming to CSB, congrats on MDI Director
       1. No
       2. Varberg: only to SJS
    5. Sheikh: MLK day discussion
       1. Exec board has talked and will move it forward to the group
    6. Thomas: Disappointed in SJS response to MLK Day (senators not coming to ours and not moving fast)
       1. Recommended and encouraged to attend
       2. Will bring up
15. Open Forum
    1. VP Robinson
       1. Sheikh
       2. IV to discuss plans for joint senate meeting (Robinson)
       3. Passed
    2. Senator Larson: Do we pick agenda
       1. VP: No just procedure
       2. Trustee Thomas: Explain process and concerns
       3. Should do what effective solves problem without excess meetings
          1. President: debate during motion
    3. Trustee Thomas: BSA and ASA African Night planning is happening
       1. Please attend- be inclusive
    4. Senator Vang: Asian New year 2/16 Rsvp for dinner
       1. Zeng: Asian New year 2/16 Rsvp for dinner
          1. Banquet at 5 in Upper Gorecki-Rsvp
          2. Performers after- no RSVP
          3. Vang will be singing
       2. Senator Flores: attire
          1. Semi-floral
    5. Senator Flores: Meeting with Barbara May. What should be brought up (committee)
       1. Trustee Thomas: notes from open forum, resolution, Smiles proposal, ask what they are doing, what are their reservations (does it have to be 2 years)
       2. Treasurer Umaña: How does she think we could get presidents on board
       3. Senator Flores: who is in charge of committee
          1. Thomas: under student input no strict chair but Trustee Thomas is leading it now, just starting to progress
       4. VP Robinson: Contact Provost Richard Ice
       5. Senator Larson: Richard Ice and Nancy Dueland are good contacts
    6. Chairwoman Packer: admissions concerns
    7. VP Robinson: please fill out drug and alcohol survey
       1. Newspapers: next year senate will pay
       2. Please read agenda before meeting and go to SJS if you are assigned
       3. Transition notes- elections moved up
       4. Frederick: Motivation Mondays
       5. Packer: transition notes to all
    8. Senator Sheikh: Meeting with SALD
       1. Senior events and calendar dates
       2. Want to move events closer to graduation dates
       3. Ask Admissions committee to help
       4. Staffing for senior events: don’t want only staffer but want input
          1. VP Robinson: Dahlia lead probably Belinda
          2. Chairwoman Packer: planning starts in fall reach out to Belinda and Trish
    9. Senator Flores: We shall overcome event
16. New Business
17. Motion to allocate $600 to Cindy Umana for the PLEN conference. (Fredrick)
    1. 2nd: Sheikh
    2. Senator Frederick: Great opportunity
    3. Senator Sheikh: Willing to fund, Alumna that promotes it, need women leadership
    4. VP Robinson: fits funding guidelines, under what we could fund
       1. Flores: why is it under:
       2. VP: 600 vs 789
    5. Passed: 12-1-1
18. Motion to discuss plans for joint senate meeting. (Robinson)
    1. 2nd: Senator Vang
    2. VP Robinson: Concerned about time constraints to guests, but understand that concerns
    3. Senator Sheikh: Don’t want to push off debate as character building exercise
    4. Trustee Thomas: The concerns are not just having SBS voice heard, but length of the debate and confusion caused. Last time SBS had to go back and re-debate. Need joint plan and layout ideas. More order or separate
    5. Senator Flores: what are we doing to prevent last time (training and ideas)
    6. Advisor Terhaar: Work well with common info but split debate is difficult. Previous senates went to separate room for debate (need two cameras). Each senate get 20 mins. Need to hold presentation to time limit. Need to separate discussion.
    7. Senator Larson: need efficiency. Needs to split up and be done,
    8. Senator Engling: did not feel scared to debate. Debate was unorganized and too long. Need to make good decision.
    9. VP Robinson: Clarify last semester issues. Split is good
       1. Thomas: strike
       2. Packer: review guidelines please
    10. Senator Sheikh: like separation concerned that funding is contingent on the others
    11. Trustee Thomas: motion to amend to motion to separate debate at joint senate meeting
        1. 2nd: VP
        2. Good idea, different senates, different discussion but need to be through. Shorten it
        3. VP Robinson: move to previous question
           1. 2nd: Vang
           2. Passed 14-0-0
        4. Senator Larson: split and come back in same day
        5. Amend: Passed 14-0-0
    12. Move to previous: Senator Sheikh, VP
        1. Passed 14-0-0
19. Announcements
20. The next meeting of the Saint Ben’s Senate will be on Wednesday, February 20th, 2019 at 7:30 pm. This meeting will be a Joint Meeting with Saint Joint Senate
21. Adjournment
    1. VP Robinson second by Senator Sheikh Passed