*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 (Alejandre)
      1. Senator Flores- excused.
   3. Opening Reflection (Trustee Thomas)
      1. Short prayer- Be the best we can and make good decisions.
   4. Approval of the Minutes
      1. Motion to approve Vice President Robinson
      2. Second by Senator Precourt
      3. Minutes stand approved
   5. Approval of the Agenda
      1. Motion to Amend (Chairwoman Packer) – New Business
         1. Change $0.00 to $210.79
2. Guests
   1. Institute of Women’s Leadership
      1. Mission- “To empower women to become local and global leaders by engaging in inclusive dialogue, reflective thinking, and values-based leadership that celebrates and recognizes women as shapers of our world.”
      2. Gender Summit
         1. Platform to discuss gender within CSB/SJU
         2. November 29th, 2018 5:00-8:00pm, Upper Gorecki
         3. Request for $600 ($200 for advertising materials and T-shirts)
      3. Women’s Month
         1. The Panza Monologues
            1. Centering the voices of women of color (Latina perspective).
         2. March 2019
         3. Request for $500
      4. Natural Beauty Day
         1. Marks the beginning of Women’s Month
         2. Canvas Bella Unisex T-shirt from Awardx
         3. The SBS logo will be placed on the back of the shirt
         4. 800 shirts rather than 600
         5. Friday March 1st, 2019
         6. Request for $2,000
      5. National Speaker
         1. i.e. Yara Shahidi, Aly Raisman, Halima Aden
         2. $20,000 total, SBS is being asked to contribute the $5,000
         3. Have requested from Melon Grant and other organizations.
         4. Need money now to make a national speaker a reality.
         5. TBD (time and place)
         6. Request for $5,000
      6. Request for a Grand total of $8,100
      7. Trustee Thomas
         1. Thank you for your presentation and appreciate the work put into it.
      8. Treasurer Ferguson
         1. How many Bennie’s would receive a shirt?
            1. 30/40 go to students.
      9. Chairwoman Packer
         1. Do you know approx. cost of the shirts for National Beauty day? Approx. $6.80-$7.00
      10. Senator Vang
          1. Have you reached out to the specified speakers?
             1. Yes, big portion of that work happened during the summer and realized details of the timeline but could not confirm due to the lack of detail of funding.
   2. Alpha Kappa Sigma Service Sorority
      1. Mission- “We, the sisters of the Alpha Kappa Sigma Service Sorority, seek to fulfill human excellence, fellowship, and service. We will promote Benedictine Values and the amelioration of the College of Saint Benedict” – AKS Constitution.
      2. Problems right now.
         1. Exclusivity due to lack a campus wide event
            1. No funds to create larger events
         2. Dues ($40 for incoming members, then $20 for each following semester) but not this year to be more inclusive.
         3. Would like funding to remain consistent from year to year
         4. Fundraising is used to cover the costs of the events
            1. Left of funds are donated to charities
         5. Last year, the dues covered the cost of events
         6. Rush week funding request $90.80
            1. Events include

Bonfire

The blankets for Humane Society (charity event)

Casino Night (social event)

Paint Twister (social/ women’s empowerment)

Kickball

* + - 1. Bid- Day funding request $148.87
         1. When new members meet current members
      2. Initiation funding request $24.01
      3. Retreat funding request $183.90
         1. One night, chance to bond
      4. TOTAL RUSH WEEK = $447.58
      5. Love Your Body Week funding request for $130
         1. Campus-wide Natural Beauty Photoshoot
         2. Small fundraising event for feminine hygiene products for girls in Africa in Gorecki Fireside
         3. Women’s Empowerment Talk by RD Elle Larson
         4. Campus- wide Kickboxing and Kettle Corn Event
         5. Walk to St. Joseph Farmer’s Market
      6. Service
         1. Cookie making $5.00
         2. Nice way of saying thank you to everyday people.
      7. Social/ Service Events
      8. Grand Total of $570
      9. VP Robinson
         1. Will the money be a reimbursement?

No, will be a funding for Spring Rush Week.

* + - * 1. Our money will be donated?

No.

* + - * 1. Will you come back in the Spring?

From what we know, no but we cannot be sure.

* + - 1. PR Rep Zeng
         1. Only for members or student body?

Yes, only for AKS but everyone is welcome.

* + - * 1. What events are for the entire student body?

National photoshoot and volleyball, is open to everyone and some others.

* + - * 1. Will the money we give be used to replace the fundraising money?

No, no more dues so we have to use our own money

* + - 1. Chairwoman Packer
         1. Closer to $582 not $570.

$570 is roughly what we need.

* + - 1. FYR Vang
         1. Another rush week, with new members?

Yes, to give more opportunity to those who missed out the first time.

* + - 1. Senator Engling
         1. What kind of events for campus wide people?

More events to get our name out, and fundraising events (like the photoshoot) to get closer to human excellence.

* + - * 1. Where is our money going to, organizations, events or fundraising?

If funded, money would go towards events, not organizations.

* + - * 1. Fundraising for feminine hygiene?

Senate is paying for the event, but money raised is going to AfriPad organization

* + - 1. Senator Gates
         1. Don’t know where budget is? Where did money come from event?

This year we have too treasurers, new training old, so we have money in the club, but don’t know how much.

* + - 1. President Iteghete- Pass to VP Robinson
         1. $500 has already been funded because it is a women’s club. Anything we fund today, will be additional to the $500 (passed back and accepted)
      2. VP Robinson
         1. Are campus wide events (generally Bennies) do they have to pay to participate in anything?

Volleyball was a fundraiser so they paid. Campus wide campaign, to address those who called others out on the way they dressed, there was a prize for those who those who tweeted the most.

* + - * 1. Did you reach out to other clubs/ groups to partner with them?

Senate is the first stop but we haven’t tried to partner with other groups or partner money wise.

* + - * 1. How many people are actually in AKS?

70 recruits /120 members

* + - 1. Zeng
         1. Table cloths are what kind?

The ones on the list would be as backgrounds, not reusable.

* + - 1. Dames
         1. How many of the events are for the entire school body?

Events change depending on student popularity.

* + - * 1. Funding asked for now is for members only?

Yes majority

* + - 1. Thomas
         1. As of now fundraising money is used to fund events, so is it possible to fundraise to continue to cover the cost because it is personal to sorority not Bennie population? Can you fundraise to cover costs and donate to organizations?

We can bring the dues back but that strays people away and takes away the opportunity to join but there is a chance that fundraising more can help.

* + - 1. Thompson
         1. (Suggestion) If you reintroduce the dues but not so high
      2. FYR Vang
         1. Strike
      3. English
         1. Did you go from paying to not paying?

Yes

* + - * 1. Did anyone ever say they couldn’t pay?

No, they payed along the way if anything, when they were able to pay.

* + - 1. VP Robinson
         1. Besides lifting dues, is there any other thing you did to make it less exclusive?

Executive members create vibe to be more inclusive. (Internally)

* + - * 1. Externally though.

We had more tabling time for different grade levels, door knocking to answer more people’s questions.

* + - 1. Flores
         1. Strike
      2. PR Zeng
         1. Thank you for staying and answering all of our questions, we appreciate the work you do.
  1. Moment of Silence Taskforce (Thompson)
     1. Address issues of mental of health on campus
     2. Act as a resource, connectors, network of support
     3. Promote self-love and self-care
     4. Moment of silence 4:30- 5:00 every Thursday (at your own leisure)
     5. Campaign kickoff is Wednesday Oct 10th SJU / CSB senate tabling outside Sexton/ Gorecki
     6. Mental health awareness pledge- interactive
     7. What do you do for mental health/ stress relief? – interactive.
     8. 1500 green ribbons- 750 available at both schools (funding for this)
     9. Resource handout
     10. Snapchat filter at CSB/ SJU.
     11. Collaboration with residence life / MDI/ IWL/ Active Minds/ OLC/ counseling/
     12. 750 green ribbons- $125.97 // ads/pledge $50// Snapchat $35 total of $210.97
     13. Questions
         1. Gates
            1. Could be cool to collaborate with her professor to work with active minds
         2. Engling
            1. How does it personally affect and goals you might have?

Deals with depression and anxiety, so I want people to know that you don’t have to feel alone with this struggle so it is important to get this information out there.

* + - 1. Robinson
         1. The Record allows us for ads so ask them
  1. Student Input Committee
     1. Request for $150 for gift cards for the student body
     2. 5 x $10 = $50
     3. 4 x $25 = $100
     4. Along with the survey being sent out by Mary Geller, (might be more effective coming from different email)
     5. Gift cards are an incentive to pursue students to fill out the survey.
     6. Questions
        1. Dames
           1. Tend not fund more the $100 for prizes on the guidelines.

Yield to VP Robinson

Typically for departments.

* + - 1. Precourt
         1. Gift cards for what store?

Usually with the bookstore, maybe other organizations.

* + - 1. PR Rep Zeng
         1. Dames has a valuable point because guidelines suggest not more than $100, so suggestion to cut some gift cards.
      2. S. Vang
         1. Can you explain why its 4 $25 cards and 5 $10 cards?

Wanted to give out more gift cards to attract students, but we are open to change up the prices of gift cards.

* + - * 1. One survey for a chance to win a gift card?

Some kinks with the process, but we need to make sure.

* + - 1. Engling
         1. Have you thought other advertising ways?

With a survey, there’s only so much advertising so of course an email, but printed out posters might not be effective, but we can think of it.

* + - * 1. QR code maybe?

That’s a possibility to make the process quicker.

* + - 1. Dames
         1. Suggestion to change price on card
      2. FYR Vang
         1. Entire student body?

Only for Bennies and email will be sent out by Mary Geller.

* 1. Open Forum

1. Board Reports
   1. President’s Report (Iteghete)
      1. Chair passes and accepted
      2. Hope that everyone is doing well and that you are taking care of yourself.
      3. Beginning of semester meeting, if any time does not work, then we can meet whenever works best
      4. Joint meeting oct 1 at quad 920, no meeting
      5. Oct 10, wed after long weekend, will be cancelled, to practice what we preach and take care of yourself.
      6. Give CSB Day, Oct 3rd. at Gorecki fire side have been asked to volunteer, super laid back, 12:00pm- 1:00pm, let’s make sure there is a senator present.
      7. Chair passed back and accept
   2. Advisor’s Report (Terhaar)
      1. Board meetings took place last week
      2. Really good presentation to explain and describe Senate
      3. Trying really hard to promote voter registration. Trying to partner with other organizations, encourage all of you to participate, too many people don’t vote so we should engage those to vote
      4. Compliment you to keep up that discussed at the retreat and work on that and getting stuff done.
   3. Executive Board (Robinson)
      1. Board on Monday
      2. Survey, mid semester meetings
      3. 25 to boost up the incentive
      4. Give to CSB is an all-day thing, so you can be there for longer, but 12-1
      5. Bennie Day shirts will not be the same situation because it’s not fair to give free after some people paid.
      6. Will send out info before joint meeting, so if you want to add let me know
   4. Co-Funding Board (Packer)
      1. Met on Monday 4 allocation
      2. Bowling $494.00 jerseys
      3. International affair 8000 for Model UN trip $14,9257.03
      4. Record operational funds $24,195.88 for the year
      5. Magis Bro Willies rental $1,560.00 (Total)
   5. Budget Update (Ferguson)
      1. 37,510.32 including allocation of last week for Magis and conference but it is pending.
   6. Saint John’s Senate
      1. Williams,
      2. New menus at reef and always looking for response
      3. 3500 Johnnie day taskforce, 1 Johnnie, 6 Oct 19th
      4. $210.90 moment of silence
      5. Budget update $ approx. $56,849.37 (tribune not included)
      6. Trustee update as well.
   7. Open Forum
      1. Inclusion and Community Committee (Precourt)
         1. Dames and Precourt working on variety of things, we are trying to receive feedback
      2. Thomas
         1. It is nice to see taskforces moving forward.
      3. S. Vang
         1. On Oct 17th, Amy Reynolds, co-author of building multicultural community on campus. Supervisor and myself are having lunch with here 11:30-12:30, lunch at Gorecki. 6 students total
      4. PR Zeng
         1. Would love to invite everyone to come to the Chinese week autumn festival, lots of food and games, highly recommend everyone to come to event. Festival is 530-830 at great hall.
      5. Terharr
         1. Food committee, Friday a group will be meeting with Josh and Erica Hime, already going in attendance.
         2. Please look at constitution, look at what board you are apart of and keep up with them.
            1. Yield to Thomas- look at the constitution carefully, and understand the wording, make a schedule and make it clear to whichever club you are apart of.
2. New Business- be concise it is late
   1. Motion to allocate $8,100.00 to the for Women’s Leadership for events for the school-year (Gates)
      1. Motion by gates second by dames
      2. Gates
         1. I am an employee, Lucy tries really hard to put events together. We are trying to bridge gap between IWL and senate. Important to fund because we are trying to make more events for women of color.
      3. Open for debate.
         1. PR Zeng
            1. As international student, previous IWL students and managers I appreciate the work they have done because they try to empower women.
         2. VP Robinson
            1. Within our guidelines, can’t go to cofounding, development board. We should support for sure.
         3. Move to vote.
         4. Motion passes 12:0:2
   2. Motion to allocate $570 to the Alpha Kappa Sigma Service Sorority for their programming (FYR Vang)
      1. Motion by Vang second by Robinson
      2. I like the work that they do and the service, but if they knew their budget than we can possibly lower the asking price, not sure if it will be spent well.
      3. Open for debate
         1. Thomas
            1. We should fund the love your body week, other things seem personal and not inclusive, mainly food and didn’t see where it is bringing back to the Bennie community. They could try to partner with other organizations. Some things are cloudy and we should figure that out before we fund.
         2. VP Robinson
            1. Mainly is reimbursement and we do not reimburse this. This should be tabled and discussed
      4. Motion to table by gate, second by dames.
      5. Co-funding board is for clubs to fulfill their mission. And AKS cannot get their funding from there. Part of the mission is to serve to the greater community. AKS is set up to allow anyone to participate that wants too. When motion comes back, put on cofounding board mood to fund, not the activities.
      6. Gates
         1. Wants to emphasize what Terhaar said and want to know the budget.
      7. Thomas
         1. Next is a joint meeting so not there, and next one is cancelled, so it will be tabled for a while.
      8. Zeng
         1. When do you need the money by- mid Oct// would be comfortable to fund 130 for love your body week.
      9. Thomas
         1. Explanation motion to table, we will go back to discussion regardless and decide amendments we want to make. Rn is the discussion to table, then discussion to vote on it.
      10. Considering they can take questions to their treasurers, we can do an email vote, because everyone was present because we know the numbers, we just need clarification
      11. Terhaar
          1. Who is the auditor for AKS?
             1. Packer needs to be a part of the conversation
      12. Motion to table
      13. Motion passed 14:1
   3. Motion to allocate $150 to the Student Input Committee for gift cards for the student body.
      1. Motion by Robinson second by Dames
         1. Engling
            1. Excited to get input on a large scale, gift cards are a big part to give an incentive
         2. Gates
            1. Concerned about the numbers, important to receive feedback so important to fund what is being asked for even if it 150 and goes over because this group has no funding
         3. Thomas
            1. Concise questions to find out information/ gift cards will help so in favor
      2. Motion to allocate money
      3. Passed 13:0:2
   4. Motion to allocate $210.97 to the Moment of Silence Taskforce for the fall kick off (Dames).
      1. Motion to move by Dames
      2. Second by Thomas
         1. Dames
            1. Important to fund so that everyone can take a moment for themselves to destress.
      3. Thomas
         1. Proud that this moved along quickly, idea from DC conference, and it becomes something that is automatic. Lots of students will appreciate the effort that senate is doing.
      4. Thompson
         1. Kickoff is Wednesday but emails will be sent Thursday
            1. Zeng

Who will send out the email? Posters?

You please, posted will be made by Alexander Modeas.

* + 1. Move to vote of allocation to fund for the kickoff
    2. Passed with 6:0:8
  1. Motion to rescind funding of $1,297.65 from Cormac Quinn for AASHE (Zeng).
     1. Received word from Trish from SALD the sus office had already fully funded them, if we allocate the money, it will be a reimbursement not for the conference.
     2. Motion to move by Zeng
     3. Second by FYR
     4. Discussion
        1. Zeng
           1. Didn’t hear last week that is was funded.
        2. Thompson
           1. Conference happened?

Yield to Robinson- everything was purchased since August, but money has not been moved.

* + - 1. Terhaar
         1. Missed last meeting, why did we fund a Johnnie.

We didn’t name was on submission.

* + - 1. Ferguson
         1. Conference is Oct 2-5th. they did not present this information, made it seem like them still needed to fund but it was paid.
      2. VP Robinson
         1. Can have it be a thing that people guilt trip us. Wants to rescind money.
      3. Precourt
         1. They could have gone but it would’ve taken a lot from the budget.
      4. Thomas
         1. We feel misinformed, should have mentioned that it was a reimbursement. It wasn’t what they presented last week
      5. Dames
         1. We asked several times and they said that any funding they had said that –VP Robinson looked at receipts and seeing how everything was set to go.
      6. Zeng
         1. If we take the money away, is it taking too much from sustainability office funding that is intended for student body events

Yield to Ferguson, last year they went on the trip and still had money for student body. –Zeng- Sustainability office might have a chance for more events.

* + 1. Motion to move to previous question.
       1. Terhaar
          1. Did anyone reach out to sus office to clarify. No, because we got the receipt and saw that it was paid for so it would be a reimbursement not allocation.
       2. Thomas
          1. When will money move?

Won’t be transferred until the treasurer moves it.

* + - 1. Packer
         1. Communication that we had with group, was Trish with sustainability office
    1. Voting on the motion to move to previous question
    2. Motion by gates second by desert.
    3. Motion fails 5:8:1
       1. Dames
          1. Motion to table and second by Engling.
       2. Dames
          1. Best interest to reach out and get the full story before deciding to reimburse or rescind.
       3. Precourt
          1. Fully in favor to table to listen to the people involved.
       4. VP Robinson
          1. Reminder that they are going next week. If tabled recommend at joint because it involves both SJU/CSB.
       5. Stattelman-Scanlan
          1. We can hold the money until we want so tabling is a good idea before
       6. VP Robinson
          1. Can’t wait as long as our next meeting, would have to be decided at joint and or this meeting to maintain our rules.
       7. Vang
          1. Can we email vote?

VP rob says we have more higher up questions that rather be discussed through email.

* + 1. Motion to table discussion.
    2. Motion passed 11:3:1

1. Announcements
   1. Saint Ben’s Senate meeting will not be meeting on Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018 at 7:30 PM.
   2. The first Joint Senate meeting will be held on Monday, October 1st, 2018 at 9:20 PM at SJU Quad 264
   3. Vice President Robinson will attend the next St. John’s Senate meeting on Monday, October 15th, 2018 at 9:20 PM.
   4. The Food Relations Committee will be presenting at the next Saint Ben’s Senate meeting on Wednesday, October 17th, 2018.
2. Adjournment
   1. Motion by VP Robinson and second to by PR Rep Zeng
   2. 9:56 pm