



## Student Senate Agenda

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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### I. Opening

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call (Ziemer)
- C. Opening Reflection (Pelkey) – “Your life has meaning and purpose...”
- D. Approval of the Minutes
- E. Approval of the Agenda

### II. Guests

- A. Mike Eveslage – lack of attendance during home games for hockey. \$150 to run buses (Outside source) to the MAC for every event. Bennie App to reward students for attending sporting events.
- B. Allison Grodnick- St. Baldrick fundraiser (dinner, get-together, head shaving). To increase awareness for childhood cancer. Asking to split the cost with the Saint John's Senate (\$300 for each senate). Saint Johns Senate has paid the full cost of the event but if funded tonight SJS will re-absorbed \$300.
- C. Take a Bennie to Lunch (Nomin) – Matches St. Ben's Alumna with a current student for an informal, career conversation over lunch. Free lunch also every CSB Senator has to participate.
- D. Open Forum

### III. Board Reports

- A. President's Report (Steenberge)
  1. Joint Senate Meeting
    - i. November 1<sup>st</sup>, Gorecki 204
    - ii. We will be following our rules.
  2. Student Leadership Summit
    - i. November 12<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Watch for the registration link coming out this week!!
  3. Nathan the Wise
    - i. GO SUPPORT SELA!! And we love FAE's
  4. Reminder to stay in Parliamentary Procedure
    - i. Step up and say what you would like to see during debate!
    - ii. Don't shut your brain off during debate...we have a responsibility.
- B. Advisor's Report
  1. 7 Meetings left after today (1 of them being a joint meeting).
    - i. Time doesn't wait, so make sure that you are really accomplishing what you want to in between meetings.
  2. Sexual Violence Climate Survey through Counseling Services
    - i. Helpful for somebody to come in and explain those results and help us gain some insight on the critical issues on our campus regarding sexual assault.
  3. Survey for us to express what we would like changed and creative ideas.
- C. Executive Board (Angarag)
  1. Long weekend happened so they did not meet.
- D. Co-Funding Board (Stotz)
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- E. Budget Update (Iteghete)
  1. \$25,152 is what has been spent thus far which is half of our budget (50%).
  2. \$24,965.94 is our current budget.





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- B. Motion to allocate \$300 to fund CSB student meals at the St. Baldrick's fundraiser (Ricker).
  - a. Event is a great idea, but conflicted to if we need to fund a full meal
  - b. Grygar
    - i. this is an off campus event that we would be funding a meal for, and since we debate about funding it on campus as well
    - ii. We are giving student dollars to a charitable cause, which is not really using our dollars to empower Bennies and allow them opportunities.
  - c. Robinson
    - i. Uncomfortable with the event being at Sals
  - d. Webster
    - i. It is a unique opportunity that it is off campus because being on campus in a room, it is expensive. This way it does make it possible to give more money to the cause instead of spending it on catering.
    - ii. Cool opportunity to engage in the community and to express that we like our St. Joe community instead of just at night on the weekends.
    - iii. \$5 will be going toward good and I think that is a reasonable price and request.
  - e. Weber
    - i. Could we suggest paying for a certain amount of student tickets.
    - ii. Is the St. John's Senate going to fund the full \$600 if we decide not to fund our portion of the \$300
      - 1. We are not sure if they will, but they assumed the CSB Senate would fund it naturally because it is a CSB event.
    - iii. Alex's Lemonade Stand
      - 1. This could be an opportunity for fundraiser
        - a. It's just different organizations.
  - f. Weekly
    - i. Off campus event is a unique opportunity since it originated in a pub.
    - ii. We are close in demographics and being off campus makes it more fun.
    - iii. I am not concerned about it being at a bar, because it would be closed off to the public.
    - iv. Regarding advertising, we advertise BWP which serves alcohol.
  - g. Pelkey
    - i. This is not the best use of Student Activity dollars because students are not benefiting from this event.
  - h. Elmi
    - i. I think we should debate about how this funding is being used and funding our bennies.
  - i. Webster
    - i. It's something new-and we always encourage groups to come in and be creative with how they would like to see funding.
  - j. Weber
    - i. It fits in our guidelines because it would be Benefitting our community which is something that the CSB Senate really encourages providing platforms to make changes.
  - k. Stotz
    - i. Co-Funding Board does not agree with directly funding charitable causes, but this is a meal.
  - l. Nguyen



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- i. Independent student based project is what this is considered and thinking about it this way would allow us to encourage Bennies to do this and that they felt comfortable coming to the Senate.
- m. Steenberge
  - i. It's not considered a donation because we are strictly covering the meal which allows them to donate more money to the cause.
- n. Spaulding
  - i. It's \$10 which covers the meal, so the \$5 that we are giving wouldn't actually be benefitting our students because they would still have to pay \$10.
- o. Angarag
  - i. It doesn't really break our guidelines. It is student initiated and it's nice that it is off campus for a different experience. I am in full favor.
- p. Grygar
  - i. Uncomfortable with the idea of our student dollars are being spent on charitable donations.
- q. Pelkey
  - i. Re-evaluate if a meal is really necessary for it to be an event that is useful.
  - ii. It is an event that has been done before, and they are just inviting campus to it so food is a part of it since it has been done in the past.
- r. Webster
  - i. I view it as setting a precedent for encouraging Bennies to come to the Senate to support them and their new creative ideas.
  - ii. A huge portion of what we allocate to other clubs is the food.
    - 1. Ex. PRP
- s. Elmi
  - i. It creates a good atmosphere, but we are treading on a very thin line that makes me uncomfortable.
- t. Spaulding
  - i. What we allocate as student activity funds is supposed to be helping the students fund an event, and in this case we are not discounting the students at all.
- u. Iteghete: **MOVE TO PREVIOUS QUESTION**
- v. **VOTE: 8-5-0**
- w. **VOTE: 6-8-0 FAILED**

### V. Announcements

- A. The next meeting of the Saint Ben's Senate will be on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM.
- B. Senator Robinson will attend the next St. John's Senate meeting on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:20 PM.

### VI. Adjournment