

## I. Opening

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call (Ziemer)
- C. Opening Reflection (Iteghete)
- D. Approval of the Minutes
- E. Approval of the Agenda

## II. Guests

### A. Mary Beth Thompson

#### 1. Off Campus Housing

- a) *It mostly becomes just Seniors*
- b) *We already have our housing numbers assigned the best number will be taken for a group of students to live off campus.*
- c) *We don't release those numbers until later because we don't want students to abuse the system.*

#### 2. Questions

- a) *Expected number for the current junior class is going to be closer to 100.*
- b) *Eligibility*
  - (1) Cannot be on disciplinary probation
  - (2) Cannot be on academic probation
  - (3) Must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA
- c) *How does the waiting list work?*
  - (1) Your number stays the same throughout the entire thing because so many things change up until room selection.
- d) *What will guarantee off-campus housing*
  - (1) Being married, having a child, a 5<sup>th</sup> year student, over 23 years old, internship/student teaching over 30 miles away.
- e) *Over 200 students apply each year.*
- f) *Are you planning on having an open forum to close the gap between students and directors knowing housing information.*
  - (1) She does table in Gorecki and will be in Gable on October 9<sup>th</sup> so people can voice their questions. We are considering focus groups.
- g) *Why is the gap to find out if you are selected such a long gap?*
  - (1) This time allows students and directors to communicate and get situated.
  - (2) We started a Canvas page for students abroad to share what is happening with housing on campus.

### B. St. John's University Campus Ministry

#### 1. \$101.61 per student. We are charging students \$50 per students.

- a) *We have received funding from SJS and are working towards getting money from the Knights of Columbus.*
- b) *Any additional funds that need to be met to allow students to go, SJU Campus Ministry will have to fund that, but if this is done additional retreats throughout the year will not be able to happen.*

#### 2. Requesting \$2,200 for the Senate to fund.

#### 3. Questions

- a) *Scholarships are available for students through fundraising and collection efforts from SJU Campus Ministry.*

- b) *Cost Breakdown is based off of what we have asked in the past because nothing has changed.*
- c) *The bussing charges have changed because of the issue that had last year where the bussing system did not charge them correctly.*
- d) *Projected number of Bennies is 55 participants and 45 Johnnie participants.*

C. Sydd Robinson

- 1. Tampons restocked
  - a) *Alcuin Learning Commons will be an additional location.*
  - b) *Cardboard is more sustainable so we are continuing with that process as well as mentioning Diva Cups.*
- 2. Funding
  - a) *Tampons \$2,330.40 and pads \$2,914.56 in order for 1,500 Bennies to have 1 pad and 1 tampon per month.*
- 3. Questions
  - a) *Could we put a location in the library or media services lab to make it more accessible for off campus?*

D. Rachel Benson

- 1. This is what a Bennie Looks Like
  - a) *October 18th at 7:30-8:45 pm in Upper Gorecki, 15 panelists.*
  - b) *Bringing awareness to different experiences that Bennies have to make every Bennie feel valued.*
- 2. Structure of the event
  - a) *Activity based on characteristics*
  - b) *Discussion on these identities on the wall*
  - c) *Panelists will take their identity from the wall and talk about what that experience felt like for them.*
  - d) *Panelist questions*
  - e) *Conclusion with President Hinton's definition and how to broaden the perspective of a Bennie.*
- 3. Questions
  - a) *Working with different departments and social media to try and get as many people there as possible.*
  - b) *Panelists have to be vulnerable and willing to take the feedback and questions that the audience will have.*

E. Theng Yeng Xiong

- 1. Hmong Women's Conference
  - a) *Authenticity Project*
  - b) *We want to attend this conference to hear the story of women since we typically hear about men's experiences.*
- 2. Why
  - a) *Being that we are all first generation and underrepresented students, we have to go out and find them.*
  - b) *This would provide employment opportunities and find mentorship and role model opportunities.*
  - c) *This will help us gain leadership opportunities.*
- 3. Cost
  - a) *Registration- \$100 per person*
    - (1) 15 Bennies attending = \$1500
  - b) *Transportation- mini bus and 1 car 334 miles.*
    - (1) Mini bus-\$240 car-\$140

- c) *Hotel- \$92 per night*
  - (1) 2 nights
  - (2) 4 rooms
  - (3) Tax-\$100
- d) *Total = \$2,720*
  - (1) \$1500 registration
  - (2) \$240 transportation
  - (3) \$140 car transportation
  - (4) \$840 hotel

#### F. Sexual Assault Committee

- 1. Bystander intervention
  - a) *We want all clubs to have the opportunity to do this training.*
  - b) *Chance to win \$500 for their club by signing up to attend.*
- 2. Questions
  - a) *You can only do it through one club even if you are in two clubs.*

#### G. Open Forum

- 1. First-year representative candidates
  - a) *Election Concerns*
    - (1) There is a rule in the Senate constitution that campus wide emailing is prohibited
    - (2) Senator said that there was a “loophole”
    - (3) SJU Senate has disqualified two of their members because they have not been following the rules while running.
    - (4) In the Mission statement, it says that CSB senate works closely with SJU Senate so there should be equal disqualification policies.
  - b) *Impact*
    - (1) A lot of people know about this issue, and it could affect the Senate’s reputation and how Senate is perceived among first-year Bennies.
    - (2) It might deter other Bennies from running for Senate.
  - c) *Rules*
    - (1) Rules should be used for students to abide by them.
  - d) *Questions*
    - (1) Flores-Why was this not brought to Flores before updating the CSB Senate.

### III. Board Reports

#### A. Presidents Report (Steenberge)

- 1. Photos
  - a) *Wednesday at 5 pm*
- 2. Meeting
  - a) *We will be meeting after photos in Upper Gorecki.*
- 3. Notes
  - a) *Please begin updating your transition notes now so you don’t forget what they are doing.*
- 4. Project updates
  - a) *Each week 3 Senators will be giving reports on their projects so we know what is going on.*
- 5. First Year Representative issue
  - a) *Importance of following our constitution*

- b) *Campus wide email does not consist of 175 people.*
- c) *Distribution lists are not available, but Flores did not use a distribution list.*
- d) *Regarding SJU Senators being disqualified, they were not getting their posters approved and had multiple warnings before they were disqualified.*

6. Questions

- a) *Flores' explanation*
  - b) *Is there any way that we can take more accountability to change our guidelines.*
    - (1) We will be changing our guidelines so no campaigning will be done via email.
    - (2) Our goal is to make our guidelines as clear to the first-year candidates as possible.
    - (3) Campaigning Techniques
    - (4) We cannot attribute Flores' win to the email that she sent. There are many techniques that could work for campaigning, so this does not have a large effect.
- c) *Apology*
  - (1) Do we owe our Senators and Bennies an apology because of the mistakes in our constitution.

7. Bennie Day

- a) *Please come on time and sign up if you have not.*

B. Advisors Report

C. Executive Board (Webster)

- 1. Pictures will take place on Wednesday at 5 pm!

D. Co-Funding Board

- 1. Pre-Law Club (2)
- 2. Communication Club
- 3. PRISM
- 4. Element
- 5. Noteworthy

E. Budget Update (Iteghete)

- 1. \$44,103.40 updated
- 2. Purchase orders/check requests
  - a) *Please use the form so Wendy can see where our funding is at!*
  - b) *It will be on canvas for access.*

F. SJU Senate Representative

- 1. Institutional Advancement
- 2. Dedication for Alcuin at 4 on Friday.
- 3. ROTC 10 miler
  - a) *\$1,583*
- 4. Bystander training
  - a) *\$250*
- 5. Johnnie Day
  - a) *Final preparation*
- 6. First year Representatives
- 7. Senate pictures are done!

G. Open Forum

- 1. October 23rd 5:30-7:30 Upper Gorecki
  - a) *Social Etiquette Event for Juniors and Seniors*

2. Sister Coleman's Funeral
  - a) *Let Chelsea know if you want to volunteer*
3. Bennie Closet
  - a) *Richarda 150 you can drop off any clothing or accessories.*
  - b) *October 15th is the big donation day.*
4. Focus Group for First Year Residence Halls
  - a) *Talking about desks and closets in FY halls*
5. Thanks for all of your inspirations senators.
6. Happy Birthday President Steenberge!
7. Wind Ensembles
  - a) *Monday and Wednesday at 7:30!! Come support Zelda*

#### IV. New Business

- A. Motion to allocate \$2,200 to St. John's University Campus Ministry for the FYRE Retreat (Nguyen).
  1. Great way for FY to get to know each other
  2. Great to see that there are over 50 leaders that applied.
  3. **VOTE: 14-0-1**
- B. Motion to allocate \$3,600 to provide feminine products in bathrooms on campus (Spaulding).
  1. This is reaching all Bennies and all majors so it is a great thing to continue.
  2. Positive feedback.
  3. **Motion to amend \$5,244.96**
    - a) *This would cover the entire year cost for this project.*
  4. **VOTE: 14-0-1**
  5. **VOTE: 13-0-2**
- C. Motion to allocate \$2,720 for the Hmong Women's Summit (Thomas)
  1. Great way to bring leadership onto our campus.
  2. Because they are first generation students, it is important for us to fund this.
  3. It does follow our Senate guidelines
    - a) *Because it is not more than \$100 per person, it follows our guidelines.*
  4. It's great that they are taking initiative to go.
  5. Great first-year participation and that makes this a sustainable thing for our campus for the next 4 years.
  6. **VOTE: 16-0-0**
- D. Motion to allocate \$250 to the Sexual Assault Committee to campus wide bystander intervention program.
  1. Friday the form will go out for clubs to sign up.
  2. **VOTE: 14-0-2.**
- E. Motion to Co-sponsor the This is What a Bennie Looks like with IWL
  1. **VOTE: 15-0-1**

## V. Announcements

A. The next meeting of the Saint Ben's Senate will be on Wednesday, October 11th at 5 PM.

B. Senator Elmi will attend the next St. John's Senate meeting on Monday, October 9th at 9:20 PM.

## VI. Adjournment