



Student Senate Joint Agenda

November 1, 2017



Saint John's Senate

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order
 - 1. 5:01 pm
- B. Roll Call (Ziemer)
- C. Roll Call (Captain)
- D. Opening Reflection (Webster)
- E. Approval of the Minutes
- F. Approval of the Agenda

II. Guests

- A. Joint Events Council
 - a. Structure Change
 - i. No PR committee, but a PR rep on each committee
 - ii. Added back the traditions committee
 - 1. Pines is in this event.
 - b. Events
 - i. Bubble Soccer-159
 - ii. Jose Barrientos-219
 - iii. Involvement-1,224
 - iv. Steven Brundage-494
 - v. Neon Lights Dance-335
 - vi. Haunted House (w/ Asia Club)-408
 - vii. Said the Sky600+
 - c. Task Forces
 - i. Inclusivity
 - ii. Engagement
 - iii. Leadership Development
 - d. Updates
 - i. All events start at 9pm
 - ii. No alcohol even if cosponsoring
 - iii. Gustavus meeting to see what their All-Council Leadership board is doing.
 - e. Questions
 - i. PR Reps are more engaged with this format.
 - ii. Attendance
 - 1. Why not Juniors and Seniors?
 - a. Most events in fall semester at the beg. are focused towards welcoming students so first years and sophomores need that most.
 - iii. Attendance has been about the same for past years since we have switched the time to 9pm.
 - 1. It was a decision that was decided between the advisor and the Co-chairs.
 - iv. There will no longer be any 21+ sections (ex. Bingo) because we have to have a permit and additional complications.



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1. It was passed down through administration so there is not a separation of space for those who do not want to be in an environment with alcohol.
 - v. Inclusivity Task Force
 1. Making sure that our events are welcoming to all students and that all students want to go to.
 2. We are asking students to provide feedback on our events to provide information on our environment and making sure it is inclusive.
 3. We are looking at both inclusivity for being on JEC and our events.
 - vi. Co-Sponsorship
 1. During Club Training we get to meet all of the leaders and then we decide who would work well on which events.
 - vii. Gustavus
 1. We chose to go there instead of other schools because they are most like us.
 - viii. Concert artist selection
 1. We look at genre and how often we bring someone and opening students minds open to various types of music.
 2. Budget is the next consideration.
 3. We also want them to reflect the Benedictine Values.
 - ix. Leadership and Development
 1. We are bringing in a speaker to our All-Council in order for our members to grow as leaders.
 2. We also trained our exec. chairs to delegate leadership roles in all of the event planning.
 - x. Collaboration with intercultural clubs
 1. We don't have any trainings for members before our specific events.
 2. We are going to focus on intent vs. impact.
 3. In future years we want to make sure that this is addressed in our All-Council meetings.
 - xi. Difference than other schools
 1. We differ in structure primarily.
 - xii. Haunted House incident
 1. There was an insensitive comment made toward a student in the environment during the run-through.
 - xiii. Administration and student collaboration
 1. All of our events are student planned and student run so there is no faculty and staff input in planning but they can suggest changes or give advice.
 - xiv. Demographics of students
 1. We can't keep track of these because there's not a good way to keep track of this.
- B. Alcohol Task Force 2.0
- a. Information and action based on statistics and surveys that students have taken.



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- i. Please fill out our surveys because they guide us in making decisions
- b. Why 2.0
 - i. There was one previously that worked on similar issues but that morphed into health and wellness committee.
 - ii. We want a group to look at alcohol use in particular.
 - iii. Administration recommended that we start this again because of the need that we saw on the campus and on individuals.
- c. Primary and secondary consequences.
- d. Purpose: To reduce high-risk alcohol use.
 - i. Individual and environmental strategies including policy and enforcement to be changed.
 - ii. This is NOT about making judgements about students who drink or do not drink. We want it to be an educational process.
- e. Framework
 - i. Assessment
 - 1. Research based nationally and locally.
 - ii. Capacity
 - 1. What can we actually provide/accomplish.
 - iii. Planning
 - iv. Implementation
 - v. Evaluation
- f. Members
 - i. Mike Connolly
 - ii. Jody Terhaar
 - iii. Lori Klapperich
 - iv. Mike Ewing
 - v. Christy Brown
 - vi. Alyssa Tuebner
 - vii. Mike Simpson
 - viii. Marcia Mahlum
 - ix. Lacey Solheid
 - x. Bob Alpers
- g. Access and Availability of Alcohol
 - i. Goal: reduce access and decrease availability for all students.
 - ii. Interventions
 - 1. Reduce campus events that allow alcohol
 - 2. Eliminate alcohol at JEC events
 - 3. Strengthen substance-free housing
 - a. Students have expressed a want to be on a floor or area that is alcohol free.
 - 4. Bars-Restrict happy hours and price promos.
 - 5. City-social host enforcement.
 - a. We want students to know that this exists and be educated on what the results are.
- h. Party Culture
 - i. Goal: Safety, decrease underage drinking, advocate for JEC programming.
 - ii. Interventions



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1. Working with the city
2. Re-education
- i. Enforcement and Sanctioning
 - i. Goals: Policies, consistency, equal, and staff understanding
 - ii. Interventions
- j. Social Norms Misperceptions
 - i. Goals: Understanding, participation in campus activities, knowledge of high risk drinking, moderation, health risk understanding
 - ii. Interventions
 1. R-education
 2. Motivational interviewing
 3. Skills training
 4. Feedback
 5. Parent-based alcohol communication.
- k. Student Alcohol Taskforce
 - i. We want to make sure that students have input.
- l. Questions
 - i. What do you mean by enforce social hosts?
 1. We want to provide education on what policies are.
 - a. Prohibits those providing an environment that underage drinking is happening as well as providing underage students with alcohol.
 - ii. How many campus wide events do provide alcohol?
 1. What kind of programming is being held that separates 21+ from underage students.
 - iii. What was the internal debate about students being on the task force?
 1. We just debated on how to go about choosing students and making sure that we are not expecting too much from them.
 - iv. What is high-risk alcohol behavior: hospital visits, detox, BAC level, injuries related to alcohol, drinking and driving, damage because of alcohol.
 - v. Why are we taking away happy hours etc. because we are punishing the whole this way instead of just those who are abusing it?
 1. We don't want to demonize alcohol, but instead to challenge students to enjoy events without alcohol.
 - vi. Health and wellness floor at SJU?
 1. We are working on it again.
 - vii. How are we influencing businesses?
 1. We can't, but one of the proven strategies is to ban drink specials. We want to bring information to the city to consider.
 - viii. Has the new SJPD alcohol matrix influenced the way admin. Is looking at policies?
 1. This is looking at liquor licenses and penalties there.
 - ix. What is the matrix?
 1. It outlines what the violation is and what the penalty is and who will be taking care of it.
 - x. Is there significantly more cases at CSB/SJU rather than other campuses?



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1. We can't tell because it's not information that is typically shared. We are just seeing an increase in the level of incidents instead of just the quantity of them.
 2. Crime statistics on each campus can sometimes tell how alcohol has affected but it is difficulted.
 - xi. How will decreasing accessibility affect binge drinking?
 1. Students are already binge drinking, so if we do these acts correctly what will they show? Research shows that it should make a positive impact not negative.
 - xii. Why are we pushing away events that are promoting alcohol usage in moderation and in a scholarly environment (Theology on Tap, Politics and a Pint etc.)?
 - xiii. Did case day affect why we created this task force?
 1. No-but it does always play a role.
 2. I would like to see persistence in how staff and students handle incidents regarding the social climate as well (sexual assault, health etc.)
 - xiv. Age demographic of students that have experienced incidents?
 1. We will look
 - xv. Why are we punishing the people who are being responsible with their alcohol use?
 1. We will pull together data that student sponsored events show.
 - xvi. What is normative re-education?
 1. We want to make sure that we are educating students on what is actually happening in the drinking culture.
 - xvii. Has the student task force been constructed already?
 1. Yes.
 - xviii. Can the students who are on the task-force talk about what was said?
 1. Yes-reg. update during our meetings.
 2. Students want more clarity on what happens.
 - xix. Are you planning on implementing anything this year?
 1. SJU housing is working on training for RA's and for a substance free area.
 2. We improved on off campus housing visits.
 3. Added an orientation part that the SJPD to provide education.
 - m. Discussion ended... **email your additional questions to PR Rep. Webster.**
- C. Student Leadership Summit
- a. Proposal: we want to create an environment for student leaders to network with each other and learn leadership skills.
 - b. Why?
 - i. We have great leaders on campus that we want to help them foster their skills to make sure their skills are being used to their fullest potential.
 - c. When/Where
 - i. November 12th, 2017 10:45-3:30 Great Hall, Founder's Room, Quad
 - d. Who
 - i. Student leaders
 - e. Schedule



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- i. Registration
 - ii. 11-1 lunch
 - iii. 12-1 keynote speaker (Ryan Penneau-Take back college)
 - iv. 1-1:55 breakout session 1
 - v. 2:05-2:50 breakout session 2
 - vi. 3:00-3:30 feedback and closing statement
- f. Budget
- i. 200 attendees
 - ii. Snack-\$112.50
 - iii. Lunch-\$950
 - iv. Keynote-\$1,583.50
 - v. Break out session gift baskets-\$250
 - vi. Mics-\$75
 - vii. TOTAL=\$2,904.00
- g. Questions
- i. Correction on the total amount-it's correct on the agenda
 - ii. When will the snacks be?
 1. All day
 - iii. Cap number of members from each club?
 1. We are asking for 1-2.
 - iv. Did we see anything change on campus based on the summit?
 1. Not yet because it's new, but that's why we are doing it earlier this year.
 2. We are trying to measure this more clearly with our registration and feedback.
 - v. Clarification-how many?
 1. We are hoping for 200, but we will realistically probably get around 100-150.
 2. If that happens the money will go back to the senates.
 - vi. How did you choose the breakout speakers?
 1. One is Ryan.
 2. Contacting trustees on CSB-not confirmed yet.
 3. Heather Thompson-CSB Alum, firm manager at an accounting firm who specializes in HR and staff management.
 4. Tom Nickel-Trustee that is the President of Excelsior Insurance Firm.
 5. Contacting additional SJU speakers but not yet confirmed.
 - vii. What about this event is okay that Senate is trying to plan?
 1. Since we are the governing bodies and essentially the student leaders, it makes it appropriate.
 2. We have been working with Lacey from JEC to make sure that all of the details are handled well.
 - viii. Are the breakout session speakers local?
 1. Yes.
 - ix. What topics have the breakout speakers planned on talking about?
 1. We gave them our goals and let them decide what they feel like their strengths are to talk about.
 - x. Would the Joint Club Board be a good thing to involve in the event?



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1. Maybe at the end. Additional conversation with John's Senate
- xi. Are we making sure that our breakout speakers are representative of class, race, and gender.
 1. We started with a goal to do that, but we are at a point where we just need people to commit and give a good talk on leadership.
- xii. Have you linked up with any additional clubs to contact speakers?
 1. McCarthy center
 2. We really did target trustees because it has been brought to our attention that students and trustees feel a lack of involvement on campus.
- xiii. Do you think this event should be passed onto another club or organization?
 1. Yes, we think it would be better spread out among the entire senate.
 2. We should move towards a better system in knowing what to delegate in the future.

D. Open Forum

III. Board Reports

A. President's Report (Steenberge)

- a. Mid-semester meetings are coming up! Please sign-up for a slot.
- b. Special elections are coming up.
 - i. Packets go out Nov. 13th and are due the 17th.
 - ii. Campaigning will start the 27th.
 - iii. Voting is on Nov. 30th.
- c. Pizza with the profs.
 - i. Dec. 11th 5pm at the Renner House.
- d. Constitutional Review
 - i. Please have your edits into Trustee Angarag by next Wednesday.
 - ii. Bring a hard copy to the meeting.
 - iii. There is a Word doc on Canvas.
- e. Be working on your transition notes as you go!
- f. Next Wed. Brandon Woodard will be coming in to do a cultural sensitization with us after our meeting.

B. President's Report (Cummings)

- a. Thanks for Johnnie Senators that helped with St. Joe Cleanup
- b. Halloween Event-good job!
- c. NSVLE
 - i. Program where somebody studies the voter turnout on your campus so you can improve areas that need more voters.
 - ii. Please reply to emails regarding this!
- d. Men's Mental Health Awareness
 - i. McGee is leading that.
- e. Nov. 2nd 4:30-8:30 Care Workshop Quad 170
- f. Nov. 6th City Council meeting
- g. Nov. 14th Housing Form at SJU
- h. Nov. 19th We are thankful packing event from 11-1 in St. Cloud.



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- i. If anyone wants to lead this let me know.
- C. Advisor's Report
- D. Co-Funding Board (Stotz)
- E. Budget Update (Iteghete)
 - a. Return the 2.5% back to the discretionary funds
 - b. \$20,707.94
 - i. \$23,707.94 (next weeks budget) with Bennie Day revenue added in.
 - c. We have 4-5 weeks left of the semester so fill out stipend information.
- F. Budget Update (Johnson)
 - a. Basecamp update
 - b. \$26,759; 45% of our budget.
 - c. Capital improvements \$9,500
 - i. Bring those ideas to the exec. Council because we want to improve our campuses.
- G. Open Forum
 - a. Ambord-painting for the office begins tomorrow morning
 - b. Weber-4:30-8:30 Care workshop in the Quad.
 - c. Wear-JCB voted on not having dues anymore.
 - i. We did this to make it more inclusive of students.
 - ii. Students already make a
 - d. Torres-United Politics met the first time. Bennies try to make it.
 - e. Simonet-Sustainability fair is next week Gorecki 204A at 4:15
 - f. Weekley-Please tell me these events by Sunday night so I can put them in motivational Monday.

IV. New Business

- A. Motion to allocate \$5,809 (\$2,904 per Senate) for the Student Leadership Summit (Spaulding).
 - a. Spaulding-it's important that we bring in professionals to give our students some additional knowledge.
 - b. Questions
 - i. Speaker fee is so high.
 - ii. His price is typically higher than what we are paying because JEC is covering it. It's a good deal.
 - c. CSB VOTE: 16-0-0
 - d. SJU VOTE: 17-0-0

V. Announcements

- A. The next Joint Senate meeting will be on will be on Monday, February 6th at 9:20 PM in the Founder's Room.
- B. The next meeting of the Saint Ben's Senate will be on Wednesday, November 8th at 5:00 PM in the Board Room of the Main.
- C. The next meeting of the Saint John's Senate will be on Monday, November 6th at 9:20 PM in Brother Willie's Pub.

VI. Adjournment