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### I. Opening

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

### II. Guests

- A. Brad Sinn
  - a. SD 2020 Building Projects
    - i. 33.7 million in bonding
    - ii. 10 million in fundraising
    - iii. Holistic Transformational Development of Women
      1. College Ave. Sports fields
        - a. Opens Spring 2018
      2. First year dorms
        - a. In progress
    - iv. Liberal Arts
      1. Main building renovation
        - a. Full completion Fall 2019
        - b. Nursing, psychology, computer science, economics, math
      2. Caedmon, Wendelin, and Artisan studio
        - a. Opens Spring 2018
      3. HAB and Richarda remodel for more effective teaching
      4. Clemens adjustment
        - a. Student Success Center
    - v. Shared Future sustainable future
      1. Utilities
        - a. Added a third boiler
      2. Claire Lynch and Field House
        - a. Improvements
      3. Building Exteriors
        - a. Improvements
    - vi. Questions
      1. Will SJU have a student success center?
        - a. They have a lot of these things in the Learning Commons
      2. XPD
        - a. They will likely move there.
      3. What space is being renovated in Clemens
        - a. The computer lab will be renovated since students will not be used.
        - b. The amount of study room will not be cut down at all for students.
          - i. We actually might be making more space.
      4. Great idea to move admissions
      5. What is the large building by the sports fields going to be used for?
        - a. Used for concessions, restrooms, spectators, locker rooms, training rooms, laundry, classroom
        - b. We want to make it focused on athlete support



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- B. Hmong Women's Summit
  - a. We went two weeks ago.
  - b. It was incredible to be around so many passionate women.
  - c. Transportation issues
    - i. We were not able to reserve another bus and they only gave us one 5 person car.
    - ii. Asking for \$132.36 in reimbursement funds because of the difference between the mini bus and the 2 drivers that had to drive separately.
- C. Angelliott Thomas
  - a. FOC improvements
    - i. Problems
      - 1. Decline in performances and booths
      - 2. Intercultural students feel threatened and upset
      - 3. Most attendees use it for a free meal and don't show appreciation for cultures.
      - 4. The intercultural students feel as if it is a circus.
      - 5. This is a apoor reflection of the school's claim to be 'inclusive' and 'diverse'.
    - ii. How to improve
      - 1. FOC pamphlet that will contain riddles and requiring them to go to different booths and actually learn about the culture.
      - 2. Use prizes for incentive to get your pamphlets checked off.
      - 3. Have a table there with IISS and provide supportive workers behind that table.
    - iii. Prize breakdown
      - 1. \$100 from SJU and \$100 from CSB
        - a. SJU actually gave \$200
    - iv. Why should Senate assist?
      - 1. Promote diversity
      - 2. Set the standard for the rest of the student body.
      - 3. We need to be on the forefront and promoting respect for all cultures.
    - v. Questions
      - 1. Are you going to have people stay for the fashion show?
        - a. We are trying to focus more on the learning that occurs at the booths rather than the shows that occur.
      - 2. What kind of gift cards?
        - a. Random assortment.
      - 3. Why did SJU Senate give \$200 instead of \$100.
        - a. Since we were so supportive of the event and wanted to give out more giftcards to get more students involved
      - 4. Could we add age and ethnicity to the pamphlets?
        - a. Scanners record the age.
      - 5. How in depth will you be going into the questions-opinion or factual?
        - a. We don't want them to be a test, but we want to ask questions that require them to have some sort of conversation with those at the booths.
      - 6. There is not any money that is going toward the printing costs of the pamphlets.
        - a. We had not thought about that yet and were hoping to find a place on campus-maybe come back and ask for additional money?



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- b. Could you make it electronic?
    - 7. Maybe it would be good to have a panel or discussion about how things went at a later date or at the end of the night.
      - a. We don't want senate to overstep the boundaries, but we want to help out. It's not about senate, but I will suggest it.
- D. Sydney Robinson
  - a. Thanksgiving Meal Packages
  - b. We want to provide meals for our students staying on campus and make it enjoyable instead of just a lonely break.
  - c. Three options
    - i. Mac and Cheese and veggie variety pack
    - ii. Spaghetti and veggie variety pack
    - iii. Gluten free option
  - d. Funding
    - i. \$600.24 is the required funds
      - 1. \$35 from Campus Ministry
      - 2. \$35 from AKS
      - 3. \$548.45 requested.
  - e. Questions
    - i. Senate Logo?
      - 1. Yes.
- E. Constitutional Review
  - a. Campaigning Guidelines
    - i. Check changes on Canva.
      - 1. Red=additions
      - 2. Strikethrough=taken out
  - b. Notes for Trustee Angarag
    - i. Define joint campaigning→change to split ticket.
    - ii. Add something about joint campaigning.
    - iii. E-endorsing candidates.
    - iv. F-You have to go to Res. Life directly in order to get a solicitation permit.
    - v. J-It might look like endorsement and it could cause problems and you can't regulate how people will perceive this. (Thomas)
      - 1. It's not really necessary to add. (Thomas)
      - 2. Great for visibility (Spaulding, Webster)
      - 3. I would think that Senate is endorsing this candidate or they were previously on the Senate (Spaulding).
      - 4. Either require everyone to put it on there or nobody puts it on there (Robinson).
      - 5. Fully in favor-I believe everyone should be required to put it on there (Grygar).
      - 6. Make sure that we are adding the logo to them in order for them to include it on their posters or advertisements (Wear).
        - a. Would there be a penalty if they don't put the logo on there?
      - 7. I don't think that they are a part of senate yet so they don't need the logo, it will also require a lot more work for all of us (Weekley).
      - 8. It makes it clear enough without the logo (Thomas).
      - 9. Informal vote: no logos (8) logos on all (5)
      - 10. NO LOGOS
    - vi. K-only CSB students can run for CSB Senate.



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- vii. B/D-put the publicity information into one letter, and leave the split ticket by itself in D.

### F. Open Forum

## III. Board Reports

### A. President's Report (Steenberge)

1. Take time for yourself this weekend!
  - i. Get back in touch with why you are doing what you do on Senate.
    1. What is your vision for Senate?
  - ii. Keep your eye on the goal!
2. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Olaf from 2-5 pm MN Private Colleges Week
  - i. First come, first serve for 3 additional students that can go.
  - ii. They will be talking about government practices, mental health practices, see what we are doing well and what we can improve on as a Senate.
3. Special Elections
  - i. Speeches are on the 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Elections on the 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. Make sure you are not endorsing any candidates.
5. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 5-7:30 FOC
  - i. We will be doing volunteer shifts with IISS
6. Day of Giving Wed. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>
  - i. We need more volunteers
    1. You just facebook livestream for 15 minutes and it's fun!!
    2. Sign up.
7. Senate Calendar
  - i. Accept that so you can see it on your own calendar.
8. Spring retreat January 21<sup>st</sup> 11am-5pm
  - i. MANDATORY
  - ii. There will be food and snacks!
9. Brandon Woodard is coming after our meeting today.

### B. Advisor's Report

1. We are working to get answers to your questions about Alcohol Task Force 2.0 by Friday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. If students have things that they want to share is if students bring forward information to those students or other people on the task force.
    1. This doesn't mean it will all be enforced, but we want to evaluate it all.
2. Sexual Assault Process
  - i. It would be helpful for me to go through this process with me at a meeting
3. "Finally deciding you're good enough can quietly change the world"
4. Women's Congress for Future Generations
  - i. Really to create just systems and the importance of sustainability.
5. Rice Krispie Treats are here!
  - i. Thanks Senator Weber!

### C. Executive Board (Angarag)

1. Special Election updates
2. SLS update
  - i. THIS SUNDAY!
3. Constitutional Review
  - i. Give it to me today!
4. Town Hall



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- i. Isn't realistic in the semester
    - 5. Bonding
      - i. Let Allocations Chair Stotz know your ideas!
  - D. Co-Funding Board (Stotz)
    - 1. \$90 various clubs for their FOC after party to bring in a DJ.
    - 2. \$2,579 HAISS for their New Year
    - 3. \$100 to ELAC for their Latin American Food event.
  - E. Budget Update (Iteghete)
    - 1. \$20,803.94
  - F. Saint John's Senate
    - 1. FAP presentation to get feedback
    - 2. SJU Hockey-\$1,800 for bus transportation for students to come and see games.
    - 3. FOC \$200 for prizes.
    - 4. MDI-\$900 for Gender Summit.
  - G. Open Forum
    - 1. Pictures during spring retreat (Webster)
      - i. Keep 11-6 available.
    - 2. Town Hall
      - i. SJU is having housing forum during that time, so we are moving it to end of semester recap. (Webster)
    - 3. Lunch with Advisors (Webster)
      - i. Email them directly if you want to have lunch!
      - ii. We can also have coffee or a different date and time
    - 4. There is not an agenda yet for spring retreat (Weekley)
      - i. It's MANDATORY so block of that whole day.
      - ii. Please let me know your allergies by email so I can email them to Adrian.
    - 5. Future Senators? (WEekely)
      - i. Highly think about the event at St. Olaf!
    - 6. Campaigning (Weekley)
      - i. Be cautious of liking and commenting on photos-it could be considered an endorsement.
    - 7. SLS on Sunday (Angarag)
      - i. Wear business casual
    - 8. Privilege Simulation (Robinson)
      - i. I'll get more details for you.
    - 9. City Council Meeting (Grygar)
      - i. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm in St. Joe Government Center
    - 10. Wear
      - i. I will be stepping down next semester-it's just too much with Student Teaching.
- IV. New Business
  - A. Motion to allocation \$128.88 to refund the travel costs for students attending the Hmong Women's Summit (Weber).
    - a. It's unfortunate, but they 3/5 it correctly so it follows the guidelines.
    - b. Amendment \$136.36 (Weekley)
    - c. VOTE: 14-0-0
    - d. VOTE: 14-0-0
  - B. Motion to allocate \$100 for prizes and pamphlets at the Festival of Cultures (Wear).
    - a. I love that we can give a helping hand and think that we should.



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- b. Our discussions about prizes are very concerning this semester-and it does follow our guidelines but we haven't been giving out a lot of money for prizes lately. (Webster)
  - c. Are we just giving the money because it is a senator that came to present? (Weekley)
  - d. We have to be consistent in what we do and we should be supporting the events, not just the prizes (Weekely).
  - e. We are funding more than just prizes, we are funding educational experiences for our students (Weber).
  - f. We should really be supporting these people and our campus and the morale behind this event (Thomas).
  - g. The money that we are giving could also be used for pamphlets (Robinson).
  - h. VOTE: 13-0-1
- C. Motion to allocate \$265.12 to help fund meal care packages for Bennies staying on campus during Thanksgiving Break (Nguyen).
- a. This is a great way to show that we care about our students and provide them with meals other than McGlynns.
  - b. I love that it is a meal that they can cook because part of the fun is in the community that you celebrate and it goes well with SD 2020 (Weekley).
  - c. Great way to foster community and they still have meal options (Spaulding).
  - d. Great visibility opportunity and a great idea for us to be involved in (Pelkey).
  - e. VOTE: 13-0-1
- ~~D. Motion to approve the changes made to the Saint Ben's Senate Campaigning Guidelines (Weekley).~~

### V. Announcements

- A. The next meeting of the Saint Ben's Senate will be on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM.
- B. Senator Grygar will attend the next St. John's Senate meeting on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:20 PM.

### VI. Adjournment