

General Session of the Saint John's Senate and Saint Ben's Senate
February 5th 2018
9:20 p.m. Founders Room

I. **Call to Order**

- a. Blessing – Turnham
- b. Roll Call – Captain

II. **Approval of the Minutes**

III. **Approval of the Agenda**

IV. **Special Orders**

a. Outdoor Leadership Center

1. Ice Fishing Clinic (\$50), S'mores Making - February 16th (\$50), Snowman Building Competition CSB Mall (\$15), Broomball Tournament – February 23rd (\$75), Paracord Clinic – March 8th (\$80), Ski Film @ Bro Wills (\$175), Decorate Own Camp Mug – March 15th (\$100), Duluth Trip - April 21st (\$200), Triathlon - April 28th (\$400) for PRP, Pines, and OLC, MTB Trip – April 29th (\$300), New Gear – roller blades/ golf discs (\$210)
2. \$827.50 per senate
3. Eichten: Are the two events going to conflict with each other on March 15th? - One on each campus
4. Eichten; For the Duluth Trip how many students does the additional \$200 cover? – 28 students so 14 more
5. Poole: How do you plan to PR this to students of diverse backgrounds? – We would love to meet with you after to discuss how to provide this.
6. Ferguson: What strategies did you use last semester to attract students from different background? – We are open to discussions on how to appeal better to students. Are any of these events repeat events? – Yes Duluth as well as the triathlon
7. Jones: How far in advance did you think of these events' dates? - at the beginning of the semester we meet and decide on the dates
8. Khang: Are these events all free? – Yes for the most part
9. Robinson: Any other sources of funding? – We are the only funders as a senate
10. Ambord: Are students allowed to bring their own Mountain Bikes? – up for discussion
11. Turnham: How do you allocate your funds every semester and pick the events to fund? – We will send the exact breakdown of the allocated funds to senate shortly.
12. Flores: Why did you not reach out your PR to diverse students last semester? – We really need help and students to help us out on how to direct the PR.
13. Webster: What is the deal with the triathlon? – JEC wanted to help promote the event, but it is still just PRP and the OLC.



14. Elmi: What actual steps have you taken towards increasing diversity? – We have started to collaborate with JEC, but really are open to suggestions.
15. Weekley: Clarify if any of the events are over \$100 for prizes? – none of them are
16. Saunders: Is this the only funding request for this semester? – Yes, as of now.
17. Jones: Walk me through the process of selecting these events for the semester? – Each member of the OLC picks an event and maintains the event for the semester.
18. Olley: Have you made any strides toward increasing diversity for your events last semester? – No
19. Nguyen: Is there any reason JEC has not offered to help fund the event? – They approached us to help promote the event. This is all they offered.
20. Iteghete: Have you ever considered other sources of funding? – No senate has been our backbone for the past 10 – 20 years.
21. Williams: Do you have any set number for these events? – no
22. Do you know the breakdown of the percentages and class? – 41% Bennies
23. Jones: What time are these meetings and are they open to the public? – 8:15 pm and they are between staff with a faculty advisor.

b. Peer Resource Program

1. Couples Climb – February 14th , Lunar Lake & Skate – Feb 22nd (\$375), Tapping Day for Little Sibs day, Acro-Yoga – March 17th (\$350), PRP Wedding – April 7th (\$600), Contemporary Ballet, Sexton in the City (\$150), Willow River Day Trip (\$75) – fee for students is \$10 , Overnight in the Arb on CASE Day – April 21st (\$50), Balloon Painting (\$200) with Art club, Wild Minds – addresses mental health and positive social interactions through outdoor experiences; 7 sessions,
2. \$1800 total - \$900 per senate
3. Angarag: Acro Yoga – what is the cap for that event – 25 students Is art club contributing anything to balloon painting? – no contribution
4. Grygar: Is there any funding coming from Noteworthy? – no. In the future, maybe approach CFB for that money.
5. Webster: What is the cap on the Hudson, WI? – 14 students
6. Poole: I appreciate the diversity of your events. I like that you try to appeal to a large group of students. I like how the diversity in these clubs is changing and improving.
7. Olley: Do you have a contingency on the \$300 for skate rental if the weather is unforgiving or not enough skaters show up? – Yes we would move it to the next week
8. Klein: What are you looking at for music for the event? – It will either be campus DJs or other student run music groups
9. Ambord: Do the students change for the Wild Minds event? – no the same 7 students
10. Elmi: What are progress or steps have you made towards increasing diversity? – We have taken the settings from the outdoors elsewhere to help students who aren't interested in the outdoors.
11. Jones: Do you plan to increase the Wild Minds Event in the next years? – Yes, hopefully that will increase



12. Klein: Are we your primary source of funding? How do you get your funding? – senate is the main source of funding along with the environmental studies department and a grant to fund the Wild Minds
 13. Robinson: Scholarship process? – College bound scholarship process to fund students who cannot afford
 14. Farquharson: Do you know the distribution of students and PR? – Don't know now; word of mouth/ posters / emails
 15. Peterson: Did you ever talk to Mindful Meditation? – Yes we will – Do you ever consider getting funding help from other clubs through co-sponsoring funds? – Not as of now
 16. Poole: When are your meetings? – 9-10 pm on Tuesdays
 17. Jones: Do you plan all your events on the beginning of the semester? – Yes we do besides the late spring events / we will use the same funding method for scholarships like Collegebound
 18. Some students are from very diverse places, and do not have the experiences of the outdoors. I would suggest these groups to come to the CAB or BSA to discuss how to appeal to these groups of students.
- c. Joint Relations Update – Pfahning & Weekley
1. Inclusivity Based Committees: Faculty/ Administration, JEC, Orientation, Protest Demands, Admissions
 2. Sexual Assault Prevention/ Awareness Committee, Community Relations Committees
 3. Cut down number of the committees for each senator
 4. Separate Senate Committees: Housing Inclusion, Visibility (Crisis Communication Committee), Advocacy
 5. Each Senator will choose one committee
 6. Questions
 1. Steenberge: These are information gathering as well. Make committee meetings public to student body.
 2. Khang: Committees? - One joint committee to start and then we will go from there
 3. Viera: Is there a committee to be in support of a cultural clubs? I do not see any connection between these committees and cultural club support. – We will start with the executive board helping out those clubs. These committees and board members will go to these clubs' events/meetings. We do not want to make senators go because these senators should WANT to go already. There is not a perfect solution. We need more feedback for sure to help this issue.
 4. Webster: Include other organizations and clubs in senate committee meetings to help benefit the whole committee
 5. Flores: Intercultural Direction Committee is working with the RISE Committee to develop new connections with diversity learning etc. Trustees? – a voting member has been removed but the speaking rights are still there – if you have anything to be brought up at



these meetings you need to reach out to us – Mellon Grant only educating humanities professors? – students input is wanted for the grants

6. Robinson: Crisis Committee for CSB? – Webster is the connection to Muqka who is the chair – Student Activities committee instead of JEC
 7. Ferguson: MSEs- yield to Jones – the MSEs are to get us out there. The reflections are so that we can help with communication to the community. Keep senators accountable, and stresses the important findings at a meeting. Help the community as well. Yield to Cummings – Original intention was to boost community relations. We do not want the MSEs to be a check mark. They are meant to help with visibility and participation in the community. This seemed to be the best way to the address it at this point.
 8. Turnham: Is there any consideration to have a variety of grades between the groups? – Good point.
 9. Angarag: Phones shouldn't be out
 10. Iteghete: Let's refrain from only letting senators of color being on the inclusivity committee. Pick a committee that will challenge you.
- d. Open Forum
1. Kyle Rauch: Staff advisor to the OLC. I want to applaud you on the approach to this. Inclusivity and accountability for the outdoor leadership center will come. We appreciate your support and offering your ideas to us.

V. **New Business**

a. **Motion to allocate \$1,655 (\$827.50 per senate) to Outdoor Leadership Center – Pfahning**

1. ***Pfahning: I know there are repeat events, but the turn out for these events has been great. Make sure we keep debate on new ideas and be respectful to these speakers.***
2. ***Turnham: I think it is unfair to assume that there is a underrepresentation of minority students on campus. I would like to see a budget breakdown from these groups. This would help us really determine how we fund and where it goes. My instinct is to table this until we have this information.***
3. ***We shouldn't fund a group that is not all encompassing, and promoting to everyone.***
4. ***Ferguson: There is no diversity at these events. I do not think we should punish these individuals to have a good time. It is not our place to hold these students accountable.***
5. ***Grygar: It fits in our guidelines as of my notes so \$62.50 for prizes last semester. There were no additional charges for Banff.***
6. ***Flores: We would be breaking our guidelines for funding prizes.***
7. ***Klein: I would be very disappointed to hurt those students who are passionate about the outdoors. I know everyone bashes the emails, but they are the best ways to reach all students. It is a voluntary action for students to come.***



8. ***Iteghete: If we do not fund this motion, I do not see it as a punishment but as a learning opportunity.***
9. ***Jones: I am not in favor of this because there was no change from last semester to this semester. However, we need to go to some of these events to show support. This can be a more than just taking something away to teach a lesson.***
10. ***Robinson: Follow-Up on prizes.***
11. ***Steenberge: We have funded \$100 for the year.***
12. ***Weekley: Our overarching job is to provide events students can enjoy on campus.***
13. ***Elmi: The issue is that the OLC did not make a blatant effort to include other groups.***
14. ***Angarag: As a minority on campus, Kyle and the OLC really did try to reach out. They really attempt to help include me.***
15. ***Klein: If we don't fund them, these events won't happen. We need to be consistent if this is our rational. Peterson: We have been making sure clubs having more collaboration with each other.***
16. ***Webster: They didn't come back to us with tangible steps they have taken, but we did not reach out them as well.***
17. ***Thomas: We need to remember the stance we have taken on these issues with inclusivity.***
18. ***Eichten: Given the numbers it is more than appropriate for us to fund them again. Email is the most equitable way to reach all students. It's not only the diversity in promotion but in the events.***
19. ***Thompson: We should all take in to account that we get the emails. It is unfair to take away the funds for these students. Reach out to these organizations CAB, BSA etc. as employees of OLC. We as a senate can work to make these events better.***
20. ***Ferguson: I could have gone to these events and chose not to. Do not punish those students who enjoy these events.***
21. ***Iteghete: If it is not catered, toward me I am not going to go.***
22. ***Farquharson: The OLC's events do not exclude anyone ever. The majority far outweighs the minority. Attend these events.***
23. ***Turnham: In favor of tabling this. Lots of working pieces. Withholding, will help us due diligence towards this event.***
24. ***Motion to amend to read: Motion to allocate \$50 to fund ice fishing event with stipulation of returning to funding these proposals.***
25. ***Olley: Main focus is diversity not monetary funds.***
26. ***Klein: Needs to be voted on by both groups.***
27. ***Eichten: We are in stale debate now. We should vote on the original motion.***
28. ***Ferguson: It is on us to not differentiate between preference and inclusivity. Motion to move to previous question.***
29. ***Eichten: Move to previous question. **Vote back to previous question PASSES*****



30. *Turnham: Next week is not about fresh debate. I do not feel responsible to fund this tonight. Need better monetary details. 5-14 amendment fails SJS. Fails 4-12-0 for CSB*
 31. *Webster: Should table this due to the money we are actually funding and where it is going*
 32. *Muqka: It is late and Monday so we should table this issue.*
 33. *Pfahning: I commend the honesty and support from the OLC.*
 34. **Passes 17-1 SJS**
 35. **Passes 9-7-0 CSB**
- b. *Motion to allocate \$1,900 (\$950 per senate) to Peer Resource Program – Modeas*
1. *Motion to allocate \$1100 to PRP (\$550 per each senate.)*
 2. *Peterson: We as a CFB will help fund \$800 of the original funding request.*
 3. *Modeas: We want to create inclusive events where students can have fun.*
 4. *Weekley: Thanks to Peterson.*
 5. **Passes 19-0 SJS**
 6. **Passes 13-3 CSB**

VI. **Board Reports**

- a. President's Report – Cummings
 1. Enactus and SACC 7 pm Quad 246 = RSVP to Sam Olsen
 2. Dreamers Day of Advocacy Thursday Bro Willy's Pub – phone bank contacting representatives for upcoming
 3. Johnnies in Action 8 on Wednesday
 4. SACC discussion more details to follow
 5. Caucuses tmrw – look at your emails
 6. Feburary - 7th ISS event
 7. OLs – Johnnies needed
- b. President's Report – Steenberge
 1. On Basecamp
- c. Advisor Report – Connolly
- d. Advisor Report - Terhaar
- e. Question Time
 1. Pronunciation of names is important
 2. Email for Finals encouragement

VII. **Old Business**

VIII. **Announcement**

- a. The Saint John's Senate will meet next on February 12th, 2018, in Brother Willies Pub
- b. The Saint Ben' Senate will meet next on February 14th, 2018, Senator Olley will be attending

IX. **Adjournment**





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