



**Student Senate Joint Agenda**  
March 21, 2018



Saint John's Senate

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call (Ludwig)
- C. Roll Call (Captain)
- D. Opening Reflection (Weekley)
- E. Approval of the Minutes
- F. Approval of the Agenda

II. Guests

~~A. Richard Lee~~

B. Senate Employment Positions

1. Endorsed by Senates in spring 2016
2. To allow President and Vice President to be employed and on Senate simultaneously
3. President: 10-12 hour work award
4. Vice President: 5-6 hour work award
5. Senate does not pay for this work award, funded by Student Development
6. Questions:
  - a. Kline: do you have a boss through Student Development?
    - i. Advisor serves that role
  - b. Olley: asks SALD representatives in audience to clarify
    - i. Not paid directly from Student Development, more through Student Employment
  - c. Poole: can VP be moved to higher work award? How does that work for Pfhaning as an RA?
    - i. Able to balance time, but VPs don't put as many hours in
  - d. Robinson: were students who had different work awards not considered? How do they decide the work award amount?
    - i. Created to reflect the amount of work done
  - e. Peterson: you don't have to take the money if you don't want to right?
    - i. Correct
  - f. Eichten: why only 2 Executive Board spots? Would you consider to adding trustee positions?
    - i. Started as a trial
    - ii. Flexibility of funds from Student Development and Student Employment
    - iii. We don't have the ability to make that decision, but not opposed to the possibility of it

C. Joint Events Council

1. New structure
2. Attendance info:
  - a. 173 average attendance
  - b. \$13.44 –average cost per head
3. Demographics (matches overall college demographics):



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- a. 70% white
  - b. 15% people of color
  - c. 4% international students
  - d. 11% unknown
4. Highlights: Funny Money, Treat Yourself, Little Sibs Day, Ashlee Haze, Drag Show, Blacklight Dance
    - a. Pines: Lupe Fiasco
  5. Inclusivity
    - a. All-council presentation & activity
    - b. Change in JEC Exec Board requirements
    - c. Student surveys & Pines input
  6. Questions:
    - a. Cummings: what has been the most effective method in attracting a diverse population?
      - i. That work is mostly done by committee chairs
      - ii. Personal invitations, open communication
    - b. Robinson: sensitive comments have been made by JEC members, how are you holding them accountable?
      - i. Continuing to have conversations in multiple facets
    - c. Flores: can you explain how the executive board is selected?
      - i. Co-chairs sat in on interviews that were conducted by management team
      - ii. Application open to all, emails, info sessions
    - d. Grygar: do you have more information on demographics compared to other years?
      - i. Not at this time
    - e. Zeng: in conversations with other clubs, I have heard that they don't like to collaborate with JEC because they take all of the credibility. How do you plan to change this?
      - i. We agree that this should be more equal
      - ii. Probably a greater presence because of JEC logo on shirts
      - iii. Not about the money, about the experience
      - iv. Con-sponsorship allows groups to not compete with each other
    - f. Kline: how do these numbers compare to last year? Higher/lower?
      - i. Not sure
      - ii. Pines is higher already
    - g. Robinson: Can you explain new committees?
      - i. Changed Arts & Culture to Life & Culture to focus more on the culture aspect
      - ii. Contests & Competitions to Sports & Recreation, added Contests
      - iii. Concerts split to Dance, Music
      - iv. Spotlight
    - h. Eichten: all of these chairs are paid positions? What does JEC do differently to warrant this student employment position more than other clubs?
      - i. Co-chairs and marketing have a 15-16 hour work award



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- ii. Everyone else 10-12 hours
  - iii. Number of events we do
  - i. Ferguson: is there a certain amount of events each committee has to put on? Do you try to plan events around other big things on campus?
    - i. 3-4 each semester, plus big events like Pines, Family Weekend, SALD programming
    - ii. Not trying to program over other campus events, reach out in summer to get dates early
  - j. Iteghete: if you're collaborating with all these clubs do you see the need of a paid position if these clubs are working just as hard? Don't become too comfortable with co-sponsorship with minority clubs
    - i. Yes, lots of work, every weekend
    - ii. Requirements for clubs are different than ours
    - iii. Clubs reach out to us and our co-sponsorship is not limited to minorities
  - k. Angarag: you mentioned a time change last semester, has that been going well? Has that ever caused a staffing issue?
    - i. Yes, they all start at 9 PM
    - ii. No
  - l. Connolly: JEC is not a club, they do an excellent job of tracking student participation. JEC and Senate are partnership groups that respond to student body
  - m. Eichten: do you have any funding guidelines?
    - i. We try not to have prizes be the majority of our funds, focus more on the program itself
  - n. Flores: Have you thought about making start times later?
    - i. Changed from general late night programming to 9 PM every event
    - ii. We have not seen a need for this
  - o. Turnham: I think the data you're collecting is really good, but should be looked at on different levels (time, type of event, location) to understand trends
    - i. Having a board member moved to 10-12 hours will give us more time for this
  - p. Cummings: have you noticed a change due to the elimination of alcohol?
    - i. Not a large change, those events are still well-attended
- D. Newspaper Task Force
- 1. New York Times
    - a. 71 papers daily
      - i. 50 @ SJU, 67% taken
      - ii. 21 @ CSB, 93% taken
    - b. App
      - i. 597 active users
    - c. Costs
      - i. \$9,940 (\$4,970 per Senate)
      - ii. App: \$4,858.54 (\$2,429.27 per Senate)



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2. Star Tribune
  - a. Lump sum
  - b. Almost always all picked up
3. Wall Street Journal provided by outside donor
4. Recommended funding
  - a. Continue funding in full
  - b. More evenly distributed between campus
  - c. Change SJU's location
5. Questions:
  - a. Flores: have you looked at maximum usage? Do libraries fund newspapers?
    - i. There are days when all papers are gone
    - ii. Libraries fund a lot of databases
  - b. Robinson: have you reached out to the Political Science department for help with funding?
    - i. Budget too tight
  - c. Poole: all of these motions are for next year's budget? Can we ask these academic departments for PR?
    - i. NYT gives us swag and pizza to promote this
    - ii. We should start to ask professors to promote this resource
  - d. Kline: do we get papers in the summer?
    - i. ST no, NYT not sure
  - e. Olley: do we pay per user on the app or broad usage? Can we change to 100% digital?
    - i. Might be a package deal
    - ii. Papers *are* being taken so we don't want to get rid of that
    - iii. Don't want to cut that access to people who don't have devices
  - f. Zeng: does Senate inform students that they can get the app? Could this be included in orientation? Can we put a sign by the newspapers?
    - i. We put on an event each spring for advertisement
    - ii. Cummings: the library webpage has links to all of these
  - g. Robinson: will we do all these allocations for next year's budget?
    - i. Yes
  - h. Iteghete: will we vote on this today?
    - i. Yes
- E. St. John's Outdoor University
  1. Maple Syrup Festivals: Saturdays March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1-4PM
  2. Continue 76-year tradition
  3. Requesting \$500 from each senate
  4. Last year: 224 CSB students, 172 SJU students
  5. Questions:
    - a. Webster: can you purchase the syrup?
      - i. No, but you can volunteer
    - b. Turnham: is this open to community members? What do you do to engage local community?
      - i. Yes



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- ii. Newsletter, flyers, returning community members
- c. Cummings: \$500 is a flat fee and all Bennies and Johnnies can go?
  - i. Yes
- d. Poole: how many local people come?
  - i. More than students
- e. Nyguen: do alums come back?
  - i. Yes
- f. Zeng: how many festivals? Funding for both?
  - i. 2
  - ii. Yes
- g. Williams: how many students are you expecting?
  - i. Numbers listed above are average
- h. Kline: does event revenue go to Outdoor U? Do they make a profit?
  - i. This money covers what it takes to put the festivals on: food, beverages, carriages, maple products
- i. Olley: are the Senates your only source of funding? I suggest reaching out to alums
  - i. Yes

### F. Open Forum

#### 1. Eichten and Grygar: Funding Review

- a. Student activity fee: 5% to business office, 26% directly to JEC, 30% goes to CFB, then 13% left to Senate
- b. We allocated all of our money  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through the year
- c. We need to hold ourselves accountable

### III. New Business

- A. Motion to allocate \$1,000 (\$500 per Senate) to Saint John's Outdoor University for the Maple Syrup Festival (Precourt).
  - 1. Spaulding: thinks it's a great tradition
  - 2. Poole: this is a SWEET motion
  - 3. Kline: I would like a better cost breakdown
    - a. Iteghete: we're technically funding less than we should be
  - 4. Vote
    - a. SBS: Motion passes 13-0-1
    - b. SJS: Motion passes 14-0-0
- B. Motion to endorse an allocation of \$4,858.54 (\$2,429.27 per Senate) for the New York Times app (Eichten).
  - 1. Eichten: it is being very well used, it is our duty to promote civic engagement
  - 2. Grygar: motion to amend motion to include the terms "2018-19 academic year"
    - a. SBS: approved
  - 3. Iteghete: commends Senate's work to present this. Do we have the power to allocate next year's funds?
    - a. Eichten: this is a line item, we've been doing this for a few years
    - b. Pphaning: we fund it now so the papers will be ready right away next school year
  - 4. Farquarharson: supports the moving of the papers in Sexton



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5. Weekley: the app is very important for us to remain engaged citizens, encourage your friends!
  6. Poole: if PRed properly (The Record, Johnnie Bennie Media) we can make sure all students know about this
  7. Flores: why does promotion event take place in the spring and not at the beginning of the school year?
    - a. Depends on when we get the swag and funding
  8. Vote
    - a. SBS: motion passes 12-2-0
    - b. SJS: motion passes 14-0-0
- C. Motion to endorse an allocation of \$9,940 (\$4,970.00 per Senate) to the New York Times for the CSB and SJU Senates of the 2018-2019 academic year (Angarag).
1. Angarag: it's important for us to become educated and active members of society. Not everyone has access
  2. Olley: we can't have one without the other
  3. Vote
    - i. SBS: motion passes 11-2-1
    - ii. SJS: motion passes 13-1-0
- D. Motion to endorse an allocation of \$2,400 (\$1,200 per Senate) to the Star Tribune for the CSB and SJU Senates of the 2018-2019 academic year (Johnson).
1. Cummings: in favor of having a local newspaper on campus
  2. Vote
    - i. SBS: motion passes 11-2-1
    - ii. SJS: motion passes 13-1-0

#### IV. Board Reports

- A. President's Report (Steenberge)
  1. Elections are coming up
  2. Transition notes due April 4<sup>th</sup>
  3. TED Talk RSVP
  4. Mid-semester meetings are coming up
  5. World Café on Friday @ 5
- B. President's Report (Cummings)
  1. Elections
  2. World Café
  3. Day at the Capitol
  4. Transition notes due April 4<sup>th</sup>
  5. Johnnies in Action event
  6. Kids Fighting Hunger this Sunday, 8 senators needed
- C. Co-Funding Board (Grygar)
  1. Reabsorbing some money
  2. Meeting again to allocate
  3. Constitutional review
  4. Questions:
    - i. Poole: how do you plan to allocate if you already told clubs you had no money?
      1. Sent out an email to clubs and gave them time to plan events
    - ii. Weekley: how much money?



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1. About \$6,500 from Marketing Club reabsorption
- iii. Robinson: how do you decide how much each club gets?
  1. The option is there for us to not fund a club's event in full
- D. Budget Update (Iteghete)
  1. Current budget: \$20,856.83 (includes 5% we're getting back from business office)
- ~~E. Budget Update (Johnson)~~
- F. Open Forum
  1. Robinson: Senators can apply for OLs
  2. Ferguson:
    - i. Student Affairs Board event, Mix It Up Monday (March 26<sup>th</sup>). Goal is to get students to reach out to people they don't already know
    - ii. Anti-school shooting events
  3. Kline: Sustainability Fair April 20<sup>th</sup> 2-5, the Tundra
  4. Angarag: constitutional review due on March 28<sup>th</sup>
  5. Eichten: thanks to everyone who came to interaction dinner. Come to more events!
  6. Thompson: thanks to those who helped with Feast of St. Benedict
  7. Spaulding: Day at the Capitol, important for us to go advocate for our students
  8. Webster: I am creating a new way to inform students of what happens in each senate meeting, need volunteers to help make a video
  9. Peterson: displeased about Senate's use of parliamentary procedure tonight
  10. Gorman: RISE committee, we will be endorsing the new common curriculum. Survey is extremely important
  11. Flores: thanks to everyone who has sent in words of wisdom
  12. Turnham: would like help with elections promotion and logistics. Requesting SBS funding breakdown
  13. Poole: SJS members arrive 10 minutes before meeting next Monday to film PR video
  14. Weekley: commends seniors for hard work
- V. Announcements
  - A. The next meeting of the Saint John's Senate will be on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:20 PM in Brother Willie's Pub.
  - B. The next meeting of the Saint Ben's Senate will be on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in Gorecki 120.
- VI. Adjournment