

Student Senate Agenda

February 14, 2018

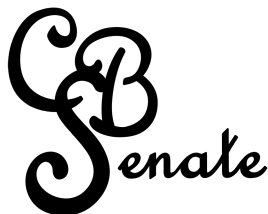
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I. Opening

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call (Ludwig)
- C. Opening Reflection (Grygar)
 - Lent is an opportunity to give more of ourselves
- D. Approval of the Minutes
- E. Approval of the Agenda
 - Chair amended agenda to allow for candidate speeches

II. Guests

- A. Josh Akkerman
 - a. Where/how to post Senate videos
 - b. Spaulding: who can see these videos?
 - Anyone
 - c. Elmi: is it safe to have these videos on YouTube?
 - That decision is for you to make
 - d. Thomas: What are safety issues? What is the protocol for editing videos?
 - If you want these meetings to be confidential to CSBSJU, adjust who can see them
 - Videos are stricken from the internet per request of someone in the video
 - Videos run from call to order to the final gavel strike
 - e. Grygar: are there other more secure options?
 - We can restrict viewing to CSBSJU login
 - f. Demeritte: if we were to restrict, how could an alumna view them?
 - Alumna are allowed to keep their CSBSJU email accounts
 - We can take the videos off the Senate website and limit it to a specific link
 - g. Spaulding: are the statistics on our views normal compared to other CSBSJU groups?
 - View counts are off the charts
 - h. Robinson: if we moved to OneDrive, would that be added labor for media?
 - No
 - i. Webster: difference between public, private, and unlisted?
 - Unlisted: can view with link
 - Private: only view if sent from originator

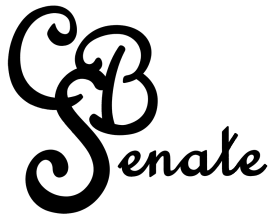


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- j. Akkerman: I will no longer be the contact going forward
- B. Ellen Newirk, Annual Giving
 - a. Overview:
 - Over 90% of Bennies receive scholarships
 - Last year: 2.5 million by over 10,000 donors
 - Tuition only covers 80% of school costs
 - Alumnae participation is only 16%
 - b. Tomorrow Made Possible, March 14th 10AM-2PM
 - c. Angarag: St. John's alumnae give back rate?
 - 20%
 - d. Nguyen: How do you win the video contest?
 - Review by Newirk and partner
- C. Ellen Munshower
 - a. NCUR Funding Request
 - Ecology of Galapagos Islands
 - Lava Heron Fishing Success: The Impact of Water Depth
 - Goal is to present research in the national conference in Oklahoma City
 - Represent CSB at a national level
 - b. Breakdown:
 - Grant from XPD office will be used for extra funds
 - Conference participation: \$225 each
 - Travel: \$100 each
 - Hotel: \$650... only need \$400 (\$200 each)
 - \$1,050 total (\$525 each)
 - c. Spaulding: is the biology department putting forth funding? How did Johnnies get funding?
 - No
 - SJU Senate, XPD
 - d. SJS Rep: Johnnies requested \$850
 - e. Angarag: if we fund in full, is there anything you pay for out of pocket?
 - Food
 - f. Precourt: What did you find in your study?
 - Only hunt in extremely shallow waters
 - Looked at how often they strike, whether they hit or miss
 - g. Iteghete: confirmation of the price breakdown
 - h. Gorman: Do you plan on coming back to present here?
 - Scholarship and Creativity Day
 - i. Robinson: are there any stipulations for the XPD grant?



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- We are required to present our data
- j. Webster: was grant \$750 per person?
 - Yes
- D. St. Joseph Inclusion Resolution
 - a. Cultural Bridges
 - b. St. Joseph
 - Composed of people of all backgrounds
 - Provides welcoming environment
 - “Tomorrow with Tradition”
 - Religious leaders and college presidents denounce hate
 - Remains committed to safety of all persons
 - c. Robinson: composition of group?
 - CSBSJU faculty, community leaders and members
 - d. Terhaar: motion was not made to adopt this resolution, wanted more time
 - e. Iteghete: can students become involved?
 - Can't change the resolution
 - Terhaar will get students in contact with leader
- E. Constitutional Review
 - a. Camera policy
 - Flores: CSBSJU community definition?
 1. Anyone with CSBSJU email
 2. Materials are archived
 - Robinson: can we change the timing of the camera policy form?
 1. That disrupts media's process
 2. Senators can motion request
 - Spaulding: how can students make this request after the meeting?
 1. Will have further conversation
 - Elmi: Can the policy be removed?
 1. Can be further discussed
 - b. Vacancies
 - Nguyen: if a senator assumes a new role then their position becomes vacant will that constitute a special election?
 1. Yes
 - Flores: will we be able to make further suggestions in discussion?
 1. Yes, however most things are fine as is
 - Robinson: how does community vote work?
 1. 2/3 have to approve it

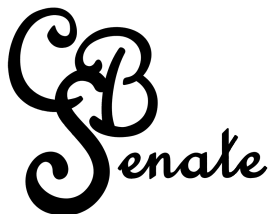


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- Nguyen: will we do anything to inform students what they're voting about?
 1. Yes, noting which sections will be changed
 - c. Title change to Women's Empowerment Representative
 - d. Co-funding board terms clarification
 - e. Beginning/end of Senator's term
 - F. Candidate Speeches
 - a. Bukowski
 - Robinson: issues on campus you're passionate about?
 1. Wants to make sure the Senate is always open to new ideas
 - Webster: How do you plan to keep yourself organized with this new position?
 1. She has the opportunity to choose when she wants to be involved in certain events/clubs
 - b. Ferguson
 - Robinson: something on campus you're passionate about?
 1. First-years being more involved with activities on campus
 - Grygar: What are you most looking forward to?
 1. Students' interests and needs
 - c. Jia
 - Weekley: what keeps you organized and accountable?
 1. Daily planner
 2. Be efficient with time, prioritize
 - Audience: How are you going to promote diversity while allocating funds?
 1. PRP has many action steps for increasing diversity
 - G. Open Forum
- III. Board Reports
- A. President's Report (Steenberge)
 1. Take care to be respectful in meetings
 2. Town Hall in BWP @ 7:30 on Thursday
 3. Joint Senate Meeting moved from March 14th to March 21st
 4. Elections on Friday
 5. VP Weekley uploaded goals for Senate
 - B. Advisor's Report
 1. St. Joseph Resolution

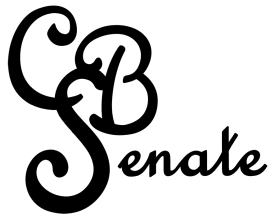


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- i. Decision will be made as a body, but use your individual voice to contact community political leaders
 2. Joint Meeting
 - i. Lots of perspectives
 - ii. Work with SALD, SJS to develop a stronger diversity and inclusion plan
 - Iteghete: SJS Senator Poole has started this initiative
 3. Highlights Ellen Newirk's presentation, encourages the practice of giving
- C. Executive Board (Angarag)
 1. Special election
 2. Camera policy
 3. Club email
 4. Constitutional review
- D. Co-Funding Board (Grygar)
 1. Club allocations
- E. Budget Update (Iteghete)
 1. Current budget: \$10,728.74
 - i. Spaulding: are we on track?
 - Low
 - ii. Weekley: is this number after the money we recently allocated?
 - Yes
- F. Saint John's Senate
 1. \$850 to NCUR students
 2. Tabled decision on Asian studies department for their research grant
 3. All SJU Senators will be at Town Hall tomorrow, encourages CSB Senators to do the same
- G. Open Forum (Flores, Gorman, Grygar)
 1. Weekley
 - i. Spring Committee assignments
 - Iteghete: Why is community rep not the chair for the Community Relations committee?
 2. Flores
 - i. Weekly words of wisdom for first-years
 - ii. Attended Culinary Task Force meeting
 3. Iteghete
 - i. Happy Birthday, Senator Thomas!



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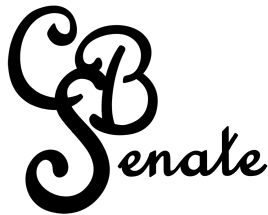
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4. Robinson
 - i. PRP reps want to know of any senators want to work with them to discuss joint meeting
 - ii. Quinceañera April 6th
5. Grygar
 - i. Funding guidelines
 - ii. RISE committee
6. Thomas
 - i. Black History Month
7. Gorman
 - i. RISE committee
 - ii. Bookstore rep. wants to come talk with us
 - iii. Richard Ice
8. Webster
 - i. Happy Valentine's Day!
9. Angarag
 - i. MANDATORY EVENT: Alumni Brunch March 18th, 1-3:30

IV. New Business

- A. Motion to allocate \$1,050.00 to students attending NCUR (Gorman).
 - a. Gorman: women in science is important
 - b. Thomas: beneficial to campus, bringing presentation back
 - c. Iteghete: funds low, transportation costs need to be adjusted
 - i. Grygar: should we keep in mind XPD money?
 - ii. Weekley: we take 60% of what they ask us
 - iii. Total will be \$810
 - iv. Webster: motion to amend the total
 1. Motion passes: 16-0-0
 - v. Motion passes: 16-0-0
- B. Motion to endorse the St. Joseph Inclusion Resolution (Thomas).
 - a. Thomas: unclear about the resolution, we need more answers, effectiveness? No until we have stronger communication
 - i. Weekley: agree, compelled by Terhaar, don't have to say what everyone else says
 - ii. Iteghete: motion to table
 1. Motion to table passes: 13-3-0
- C. Motions to approve the proposed changes to the Constitution (Weekley).
 - a. Weekley: agrees with clarifications made
 - b. Camera policy

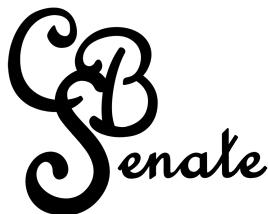


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- i. Thomas: does not agree with policy, gives Senate a loophole
 - ii. Thompson: there should be more room for editing
 - iii. Robinson: people say hateful and emotional things, Senators should review what is privacy vs. hate speech
 - iv. Thomas: we need to create a firm editing policy
 - v. Spaulding: important to have meetings recorded for transparency to students, holds us accountable. Review is also necessary though
 - vi. Flores: privacy/safety concerns vs. personal thoughts
 1. Robinson: What steps are there?
 - a. Blur information about personal details regarding events/trips
 - vii. Weekley: we like having it just CSBSJU students for privacy reasons, this is something we can come back to
 1. Iteghete: motion to remove 10.6c of the constitution to be revisited at a later date
 - a. Flores: what will we do while there's not a plan in place?
 - i. This is why we're creating a task force
 - b. Motion passes: 16-0-0**
- c. Vacancies
 - d. Internal Elections
 - i. Robinson: what is the process for changing roles within the senate?
 1. Terhaar: should address issue as a senate
 2. Iteghete: senators should have to resign
 3. Thomas: asks for clarification
 4. Weekley: this is a very uncommon situation
 - ii. Thomas: confusion among senate, should we table this?
 1. Angarag: there are more chances to re-visit this issue
 - a. Webster: smart to have this policy in place at least for the next 2 months
 - b. Weekley: these sections are being re-vamped now because they have been unclear in the past. Suggests it would be best to pass this tonight and re-visit in the future
 - iii. Robinson: Motion to end debate
 1. Passes 16-0-0



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e. Motion to approve constitutional changes:

i. Motion passes 16-0-0

V. Announcements

- A. The next meeting of the Saint Ben's Senate will be on Wednesday, February 21st at 5 PM.
- B. Trustee Angarag will attend the next St. John's Senate meeting on Monday, February 19th at 9:20 PM.

VI. Adjournment