

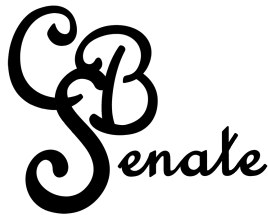
Student Senate Agenda

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- I. Opening
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call (Ludwig)
 - C. Opening Reflection (Flores)
 1. Empathy
 - D. Approval of the Minutes
 - E. Approval of the Agenda

- II. Guests
 - A. Raj Chaphalkar
 1. Cultural Bridges
 - a. Faith-based group
 - b. Aim to make St. Joseph a welcoming and inclusive town
 - c. Drafted resolution to present to City Council
 2. Precourt: City Council has not adopted this text?
 - a. No, it needs to be a consensus
 - b. Working on what it really means to be inclusive
 3. Spaulding: who is all involved in this process?
 - a. Resolution drafted by Cultural Bridges
 - b. CNCEO (St. Cloud groups helping refugees and minority populations)
 - c. CSBSJU Presidents
 - d. Various other inclusion groups in St. Cloud
 - e. St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
 4. Thomas: what is the real goal with this statement? Is this a push for a reaction? Is this something you've been working on or did this come as a result of the signs?
 - a. We are saying that something must be said by our elected officials
 - b. To inform the community that we need to come together
 - c. Goal is much larger than this text
 - d. Provoked by signs, but tried not to make it a reaction to the signs
 - B. CSB Women's Choir
 1. Still I Rise
 - a. Benefit Concert in its 5th year
 - b. CSB hosted in 2015, will host again in 2020
 - c. Collaboration of other college's women's choirs



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- d. Awareness of sexual abuse and domestic violence
- e. 2018: College of St. Scholastica, Duluth
2. Women's Choir
 - a. Theme: Finding your voice within
 - b. 37 members
 - c. Concerts and service projects throughout the year
3. Funding request
 - a. Change in total to \$1400 from \$840 originally asked for
4. Angarag: money will just be for transportation? Is this your first time coming to senate?
 - a. Yes just transportation, full amount
 - b. We came in 2014 to ask for funding for event but also for sponsorship of senate then again in 2017 for Duluth trip
5. Spaulding: other funding sources?
 - a. Unexpected costs so Women's Choir cannot afford this transportation
6. Webster: how many people usually attend this event? Is choir is its own entity?
 - a. Free benefit concert to surrounding community
 - b. Invite women from those local shelters
 - c. Choir is part of music department, but has its own budget
7. Robinson: since you are only requesting travel, who is paying for other costs?
 - a. St. Scholastica is paying for lunch
 - b. Dinner on the way home is on our own
8. Gorman: if we don't fund this, what will you do for funding?
 - a. We might have to drive ourselves
9. Spaulding: you're not receiving any money from the music department?
 - a. No, but the Women's Choir budget will hopefully cover food
10. Grygar: How many CSB women will be attending?
 - a. Full choir
11. Demeritte: did you only look one place for a price quote?
 - a. Yes, only place we know of
- C. Residence Hall Association
 1. Community-building events
 2. Promote women's empowerment
 - a. Wanted to introduce RHA to Senate
 3. Goals:



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- a. Making connections
 - b. Improve our atmosphere
 4. Kheng: are your meetings open to other people? Our Residence Hall Task Force might be interested in coming
 - a. Monday 4:30-6
 - b. Might begin to have open forum
 5. Flores: how do you address everyone's interests? Do you focus only on events?
 - a. Survey, event based on what the residents wanted
 - b. Continue doing outreach to other organizations
 - c. Small engagements like posters/bulletin boards and individual conversations
- D. CSB Athletics
1. Asking for \$150 to fund 100 student tickets to MIAC competition
 - a. Webster: when is the game?
 - i. Tomorrow
 - b. Zeng: how can the tickets be distributed so fast?
 - i. First 100 people get free entry
 - c. Elmi: How much are the tickets?
 - i. Grygar: \$3 per student
 - d. Steenberge: CSB athletics is probably funding other half
 - e. Terhaar: Once playoffs start, you have to pay to get in so CSB Athletics doesn't want that to limit people.
Game is Thursday 2/22 @ 7PM
 - f. Gorman: SJU Senate funded Johnnie athletics
 - g. Steenberge: we did this for CSB soccer last fall
 - h. Precourt: what do they do with leftover money if not that many people come?
 - i. Not usually a problem
- E. Open Forum
1. Eichten and Angarag
 - a. Intentional Interaction
 - i. Inspired by open forums
 - ii. Meeting with cultural clubs to set up a 12-day series of events
 - iii. Dinner that fosters learning about the experiences of others
 - Hoping for a trickle-down effect
 - iv. Tentative Calendar, March 12-24
 - v. Senate Dinner



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- March 13th @ 5PM in Founder's Room
- President Hinton
- b. Webster: how are 140 students being selected?
 - i. Asking club student leaders, SLS participants
- c. Robinson: suggests asking future club leaders
 - i. If turnaround hasn't happened yet, we'll invite current leaders

III. Board Reports

- A. President's Report (Steenberge)
 - 1. Cut the Current Week
 - 2. Black History Month
 - i. Colorism in Our Communities event tonight
 - 3. Requests senators' presence at cultural events/clubs
 - 4. Tough co-funding meeting, thanks Senators Elmi and Zeng
 - 5. Committee assignments
 - 6. Register for Care Workshop March 14th
 - 7. Mid-semester meetings
 - 8. Tentative video plan
 - i. YouTube as unlisted
 - ii. Uploaded to Sharepoint
 - 9. Flores: Can we encourage others to attend Care Workshop?
Can we post videos with the minutes?
 - i. Yes, open to public
 - ii. They are on Sharepoint together
- B. Advisor's Report
 - 1. Appreciates Raj's presence in meeting
 - 2. Budget is in better shape than we think!
 - 3. Call to action, make time for the things you can most effectively contribute to
- C. Executive Board (Webster)
 - 1. Met Monday night
 - 2. Discussed tonight's allocations
- D. Co-Funding Board (Grygar)
 - 1. Money is tight
 - 2. Allocated \$26,000 at last meeting
- E. Budget Update (Itteghete)
 - 1. \$9,918.74
- F. Saint John's Senate
 - 1. ROTC marathon, tabled
 - 2. Intramural Department
 - 3. Basketball and Hockey playoff games

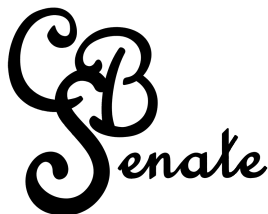


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- i. Both Johnnies and Bennies
 4. Senate Interaction Dinner
- G. Open Forum (Iteghete, Khang, Nguyen)
 1. Khang:
 - i. Senate open office hours
 1. Webster: 1 hour/week
 2. Robinson: suggests Monday and Friday
 3. Demeritte: work with visibility committee
 4. Zeng: put names on the schedule to make certain students feel more comfortable
 5. Grygar: names and positions to specialize concerns
 6. Flores: have schedule available ahead of time
 2. Robinson:
 - i. March is women's month
 1. T-shirt help, March 12th from 8AM-2PM
 3. Demeritte:
 - i. Senior events, need senators to help
 1. Grad Finale
 2. Bennie Brunch, April 15th 12-2 PM, HCC
 3. Bennie Ball, April 14th, 8-11 PM, HCC
 4. Senior Farewell, May 11th
 4. Angarag:
 - i. You should be halfway done with your projects at this point in the semester
 - ii. Be fiscally conservative
 5. Weekley:
 - i. Volunteer for senior events!
 6. Nguyen:
 - i. Suggestions for dining halls
 - ii. Orientation committee
 7. Flores:
 - i. School shooting dialogue
 - ii. Suggests recess between Open Forum and New Business to improve our discussion
 - iii. Requests slowing down New Business decisions
 8. Demeritte:
 - i. Bennie parking issues at SJU
 1. Robinson: talk to someone on the committee
 2. Grygar: potential for Bennies to purchase SJU parking passes
 3. Elmi: Frustrated, dangerous to walk alone in dark



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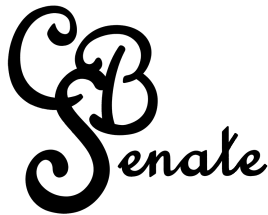
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4. Grygar: CSB students are allowed in guest parking after 4 PM
9. Zeng:
 - i. Thanks people who reached out after co-funding meeting. HAIS event at Reef
 1. Robinson: sign up for later times, free meal!
 2. Elmi: would like to see more senators
 3. Spaulding: what happened at co-funding board meeting?
 - a. Grygar: allocated funds to HAIS. They were not aware of our guidelines so we could only fund 60% of 2 of their requests. The institution needs to address this issue
 - ii. Students have to pay a lot of extra money that they don't necessarily have
 1. Elmi: we can change the constitution to change funding guidelines. We need to step up and help people find the funds they need
 2. Thomas: ^^
 3. Grygar: there will be constitutional review
 4. Terhaar: regarding people who can't participate, not everyone can do everything. The co-funding board will never have the money to address all these issues. You as Senate have the voices to address these things at an institutional level

IV. New Business

- A. Motion to allocate \$840.00 to the Women's Choir for their trip to the Still I Rise Benefit Concert (Demeritte).
 - a. Demeritte: great cause, building awareness among Bennies
 - b. Weekley: motion to amend budget to \$1400 instead of \$840. This money will benefit a large number of Bennies
 - i. Motion passes: 13-0-3
 - c. Precourt: speaking from experience, this is an important event to highlight sexual and domestic abuse issues
 - d. Spaulding: in favor, asks that in future choir looks for funding elsewhere
 - e. **Motion passes 13-0-3**
- B. Motion to allocate \$150 to CSB Athletics for 100 students tickets to the MIAC basketball playoffs (Webster).
 - a. Webster: \$150 for 50 students or \$300 for 100 students?
 - b. Grygar: \$300 for 2 games in case the Bennies win



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- c. Weekley: suggests allocation of up to \$300
- d. Thomas: motion to amend motion to allocate \$300 for 100 students in the event of a Bennie win
 - i. Ammendment passes: 16-0-0
- e. Motion to end debate: passes 13-3-0
- f. **Motion to allocate funds passes: 13-3-0**

V. Announcements

- A. The next meeting of the Saint Ben's Senate will be on Wednesday, February 28th at 5 PM.
- B. Senator Demeritte will attend the next St. John's Senate meeting on Monday, February 26th at 9:20 PM.

VI. Adjournment