**Official Joint Meeting Minutes - St. John’s Senate                                                  September 20, 2021**

**Call to Order – 7:30 p.m.**

* Roll Call – Executive Assistant Doyle
  + Roll Call – Executive Assistant Otto
* Opening Reflection – Chairwoman Millsap
* Land Acknowledgement – Vice President Goff

**Approval of the Minutes 7:43 p.m.**

**Approval of the Agenda 7:44 p.m.**

**Community Update – Mayor Rick & Chief of Police Pfannenstein – 7:45 to 7:52 p.m.**

* Mayor Rick gave an update of new changes to the community.
* The Chief of Police noted that this has been the best fall season in terms of student behavior.
* Senator Richter: What efforts are being made to ensure a diverse pool of candidates? Implicit bias training?
  + Answer from Chief Pfannenstein: Currently, many people don’t want to be police officers. We wish we had a bigger pool of candidates, but we are happy to have bodies to respond to emergencies. It is a standardized practice now to advertise wider than in the past. We are reaching beyond newspapers. By MN Post Board standards, we must take in a certain number of hours of critical thought, implicit bias, and mental health training. It is required across the whole state of Minnesota.

**Multicultural Center – Sydney Robinson – 7:53 to 8:04 p.m.**

* Aspire to model transformative inclusion in our immediate and global communities. The space is fully open for any use. Many organizations are inside the center – Cultural Affairs Board and IWL. Events are also coming up – Festival of Cultures, MLK Week, graduation celebrations (Multicultural, Lavender Q+, and International), BBqueer celebration for national coming out day, Mai Der Vang, green card voices, study abroad fair, and more.
* Rebecca Kotz is an affiliated speaker with St. Cloud State who will present on domestic violence. Asking for a $500.00 total speaking fee, $250.00 from both Senates.

**Associate Director of Student Engagement – Andrew Kroska – 8:05 to 8:11 p.m.**

* Here to make a formal introduction as the Associate Director of Student Engagement. After Family Weekend, looking to foster a direct connection with the students and the Senates.
* Vice President Goff: What will leadership development look like?
  + Answer from Andrew Kroska: Direct one on one connection will be prevalent. Hoping to have focus groups with students.
* Bulk of Family Weekend events will be on Saturday - football game and carnival at CSB campus, tours of abbey and monastery, CSB and SJU soccer games, and Outdoor U will lead a guided chapel hike.

**Outdoor Leadership Center – Marta & Graham – 8:12 to 8:18 p.m.**

* Requesting $100.00 for office supplies (laundry detergent and pens), $450.00 for new recreational gear (softball and baseball mitts, new balls, hammock supplies), $180.00 for craft supplies, $350.00 for the Adventure Race supplies (refreshments and pumpkins), and $1,900.00 for the Banff Mountain Film Festival. Requesting $1,490.00 from each Senate.

**Student Leadership Summit – Executive Boards – 8:19 to 8:30 p.m.**

* Last week, the St. John’s Senate tabled the speaker fee from Andrea Jenkins. Her management has come back with $11,000.00 or $1,000.00 less. The individual cost for each will now be $5,500.00.
* Treasurer McMahon: Will the fall and spring SLS be combined?
  + Answer from Vice President Goff: Yes, unless someone wants to present in the spring for free.
* PR Representative Bullard: Will she speak on mental health?
  + Answer from Vice President Goff: She will focus on her intersectionality.
* Senator Hamak: Who is she speaking to?
  + Answer from Vice President Goff: She will speak to the entire student body but will have a lunch for student leaders.
* Senator Lobe: Is the $1,000.00 lunch still included?
  + Answer from President Diaz: It is still in the works, included in the price.
* Senator biles: Where?
  + Answer from Vice President Goff: Humphrey, but still in the works.
* Senator Sadik: What student leaders will be invited to the private events? Will anyone need to pay?
  + Answer from President Diaz: We have a list in the works, but we are working on solidifying. No cost, even for lunch.
* Senator Fisher: Would it be possible to skip lunch altogether? Dining service is short-staffed, student don’t want to use their punch, the price is a lot for lunch, etc.
  + Answer from Vice President Goff: I like your idea.

**Board Reports:**

**President’s Report (Diaz) 8:31 to 8:34 p.m.**

* Congrats to the Bennie Senators who worked hard on Bennie Day. Shirts were gone by 2 p.m.
* A joint taskforce is being formed to make sure our decolonization and reparations efforts are moving forward.
* Senator Laughlin: Has ISA been notified about this task force?
  + Answer from President Diaz: They have not but regardless we should continue. We have lost track of all the work we need to do.

**President’s Report (Kockler) 8:34 to 8:37 p.m.**

* It’s great to be in person tonight.
* PR Representative Bullard received a hateful comment last week. We need to make sure to discover who sent it.

**Vice President’s Report (Goff) 8:37 to 8:39 p.m.**

* Senator Hamak did such a great job on Bennie Day.
* I apologize for forgetting to bring Ted Gordon to this meeting.

**Vice President’s Report (Caballero Gonzalez) 8:39 to 8:42 p.m.**

* Please attend Festival of Cultures this weekend.
* Like a Boss: Treasurer Wallace.
  + Treasurer Wallace:  Founded a club!
* Like a Boss: Senator Lobe.
  + Senator Lobe: Being here tonight.

**Budget Update (Wallace) 8:43 to 8:44 p.m.**

* The current budget after allocations is $342,735.63.

**Budget Update (McMahon) 8:43 to 8:45 p.m.**

* The current budget after allocations is $67,758.11.

**Co-Funding Board Update (Millsap & Thompson) 8:45 to 8:48 p.m.**

* The current budget is $137, 276.69.
* Senator Mattson: Can we have organizations to the co-founding board instead of the Senate?
  + Answer from Chairman Thompson: Currently, we could not. It could be changed.
  + Answer from Senator Lobe: It would have to benefit both campuses.

**Open Forum 8:48 to 9:24 p.m.**

* Student (Audrey): The student body of St. John’s University calls for the impeachment of Connor Kockler as Senate President effective immediately.
  + Answer from President Diaz: This is an internal matter of the St. John’s Senate. The Ethics Committee is currently investigating and would take your statement into consideration.
* Student (Ryan): What are senators doing to make sure that non-binary students are included? Are they ensuring that non-binary issues are passed through? Are senators actively looking to have these conversations? What is stopping you?
* Senator Laughlin: I have plans to reach out to President Mullen in the next couple days, especially about the issue.
* PR Representative Fredericks: We need to be actively better at using gender neutral terms within Senate.
* Senator Richter: Should be incorporated into programming for student leaders.
* Senator Millsap: Need to be more aware of how engrained it is in our school, especially within resident halls.
* Senator Sadik: We need to educate through each other. Multicultural center could help.
* PR Representative Bullard: I have only received one message from a SJS senator. Haven’t heard anything about the petition from my fellow senators. There is a lack of community values.
* President Kockler: It takes courage to challenge a student government. This will be handled in the correct process.
* Senator Fisher: PR Representative Bullard, you just lied to every. I personally reached out to you, and you left me on read. With consideration to the non-binary student comment, there is only so much work can we do. Admin needs to be held accountable. I have homework to do.
  + Student (Ryan) You are the pathway. You cannot call yourself an ally if you deny you.
* PR Represeantive Bullard: At 100 votes, the petition gets sent to the Ethics Committee.
  + Advisor Connolly: All discussion of the St. John’s Senate impeachment should be halted until next Monday’s meeting.
  + Student (Michael): It is easy to feel attacked when you are being held accountable. Listen and grow.
* Chairman Kirchner: SJU campus ministry needs more Johnnies to attend the first-year retreats.
  + Senator Lobe: If students are not Catholic or Christian, how should we pitch the event to them?
  + Answer from Chairman Kirchner: Huge emphasis on team building and finding yourself. There are elements of prayer, but you do not have to be Christian. There is a $50 fee, but campus ministry is very willing to make large discounts.
* PR Representative Bullard: It is important for us to speak up and hold each other accountable.
  + President Diaz: Mike Connolly asked the conversation to stop.
* Senator Richter: Let’s be more transparent.
* Vice President Goff: We throw words around a lot. We want transparency but not many students are interested.
  + PR Representative Fredricks: We should hold office hours for the Senate.
* Chairman T. Thompson: Mental health week coming up.
* Senator Laughlin: Festival of Cultures is coming up.

**Announcements 9:24 p.m.**

* The Saint John’s Senate will meet next on October 13, 2021 in Sexton 200.
* The next CSB Senate meeting is October 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

**Adjournment 9:24 p.m.**