**Official Meeting Minutes - St. John’s Senate October 25, 2021**

**Call to Order – 9:22 p.m.**

* Land Acknowledgement – Senator Laughlin
* Blessing – Senator Mattson
* Roll Call – Executive Assistant Otto

**Approval of Minutes - 9:22 p.m.**

**Approval of Agenda** - **9:22 p.m.**

**Open Forum**

* Treasurer McMahon: Our current budget stands at $50,086.48. To reach our final budget, we can spend $2,504.32 per week.
* Drew Jurek, The Record: If you have any questions related to what I put in the article each week, please let me know.

**BEST Training – Addie Fischer & Vice President Abby Goff – 9:26 to 9:52 p.m.**

* Stands for Be Equal Safe & Trustworthy. Parties are fun for our generation but can also be too much of a good thing. Some students are being victimized. Parties become problematic when male-identifying people create a status-quo of inequality via the patriarchy. BEST attempts to break this schema. Intervention starts at the individual.
* The sessions will be broken up into eight sessions with the total training equaling eight hours. Each session will focus on specific topics. The sessions will take place on Nov. 11 and 18 and Dec. 2, all from 6-8 p.m. The St. John’s Senate is part of the solution.
* Treasurer McMahon: Is the curriculum focused on any social gatherings or specifically those with alcohol and substances? It’s important that we understand we aren’t above the social construct of toxic masculinity.
  + Answer from Vice President Abby Goff: All social gatherings but with the assumption that many students incorporate substances into parties.
* Advisor Connolly: This has been an ongoing process started with a grant from the Department of Justice. Men as Peacemakers was started by a Johnnie alum. This would be an important ripple effect if the Senate actively participated.
* Senator Vassey: It’s possible I won’t be able to make the sessions. Is there reading material instead?
  + Answer from Vice President Abby Goff: Yes, but the reading material is only a small part of the curriculum. Actively seeking out these conversations would also be beneficial.
* FYR Belisle: Will the program continue after these sessions?
  + Answer from Addie Fischer: Hoping to make it an ongoing process. Will host a BEST Facilitators session soon.
* Senator Lobe: I was thinking about Zoom options but sounds like there will be more.
* Vice President Caballero Gonzalez: Is the cap 25 students?
  + Answer from Addie Fischer: Would love to have too many. We can always schedule more.
* FYR Popoca: Where will the sessions be?
  + Answer from Addie Fischer: Anywhere there is space.

**SJU Varsity Hockey – Auggie Moore – 9:53 to 10:04 p.m.**

* Hoping to increase support for Johnnie Hockey by providing transportation to the Herb Brooks National Hockey Center in St. Cloud. We want to build a great atmosphere.
* At least one bus for home games while school is in session.
* Two buses next week and for Augsburg game. 10 games 250 per game, 3500 per game.
* We will take care of promotion via our social media and in high traffic areas around campus.
* Senator Laughlin: How was the total reached?
  + Answer from Auggie Moore: The numbers were provided by the head coach.
* Chairman Kirchner: How many students usually come?
  + Answer from Auggie Moore: Few hundred, less and more. The center is really large.
* Senator Vassey: Will athletics be able to help cover?
  + Answer from Auggie Moore: In the past, the SJU Senate has covered it.
  + Answer from Advisor Connolly: If the coach sent you here, that is the answer.
* Senator Fisher: Could Johnnie Athletics repost? Make it more obvious that buses are provided.
* FYR Bills: Are the games free?
  + Answer from Auggie Moore: Never been to one myself, yes.
* Advisor Connolly: The hockey team is the only athletic program at SJU that has an off-campus venue. In the past it has been supported because having fans present creates a supportive environment. I’d strongly consider supporting.
* Senator Belisle: Would the busses be for both Bennies and Johnnies?
* Vice President Caballero Gonzalez: We could split with the CSB Seante.

**Sexual Conduct Task Force – Chairman Kirchner – 10:05 to 10:23 p.m.**

* We had our first meeting on Friday, it was very successful. The task force was formed to give a student perspective to administration about student needs. We also discussed the Pat 1 & 2 patrol.
* Senator Lobe: Students would come in and checkup. We want to troubleshoot issues before opening up to other student leaders.
* The building of skills through leadership programs will help for sure in those cases. The goal of the task force isn’t about making decisions but making suggestions to give us options for support. We also talked about transportation. Personally, I believe that we have the 2 a.m. rule for a reason. Other suggestions were floated - an area for overnight housing or some type of amnesty. Also discussed having a Lead R.A. in all dorms and reinstating the Johnnie Project for resources.
* The next meeting is on Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the alumni lounge. Everyone is invited.
* Senator Vassey: Who determines the Lead RA? Should we personally take more action in our halls?
  + Answer from Senator Lobe: Never hurts, but for the time being we will be focusing our resources on Pat Hall.
  + Answer from Chairman Kirchner: Make sure you aren’t overstepping and have a solid plan. Do what you think is best and communicate with residential leadership.
* Senator Mattson: In future, I’d like this to be a permanent fixture. We used to have RA Leaders, and they should want to meet with their group.
* FYR Belisle: Changing the RA selection process to find the best candidates. Pairing more experienced RAs with less experienced RAs. Releasing an RA schedule.

**CSB Senate Update – Senator Molitor – 10:23 to 10:25 p.m.**

* The current budget stands at $330,772.78 which does not include the ROTC presentation. We were disappointed in the need to discuss Chairman Kirchner’s task force.

**Motion to allocate $3,500.00 for SJU Varsity Hockey bussing – Caballero Gonzalez**

* Senator Lobe: I’d prefer to fund them a stadium. They are the only varsity sport that doesn’t have a venue.
* Senator Mattson: I think we should go half with CSB.
  + Senator Lobe: CSB has a hockey team too.
  + Chairman D. Thompson: Bennies ride the bus too.
  + President Kockler: If we ask CSB for a split and they ask us to split, it’ll end up being a complete wash.
  + Treasurer McMahon: We should only fund the amount for the week.
  + Chairman Kirchner: We should fund 10 of 14 games
  + Senator Holderness: Not all the games will be entertaining, we should ask them how they want to allocate the busses. We also need to stop trying to split everything with CSB.
  + Vice President Caballero Gonzalez: Need to consider our opportunity cost. We should fund 6 games for $1,750.00. It will not be the greatest, but it will be fair.
  + Senator Laughlin: They have some nights prioritized. If those are a success, they can come in for more money.
  + Senator Scanlon: Yes. Bennie hockey is exclusive. There is no reason they need to pay for Johnnie games.
  + Senator Fisher: Just give them the $1,000.00 and ask athletics for the rest.
  + Senator Vassey: Can we compare with previous years?
  + Senator Mattson: It is a little suspicious that they haven’t had good attendance in the past either.
  + Senator Laughlin: They are asking for funding now.
  + Senator Fisher: Last year was COVID. Not a fair comparison.
  + Trustee Cleare: We funded just under $2,000.00 last year plus an extra $550.00 for semi-final games.
  + FYR Belisle: We should fund for this semester then re-evaluate after break.
  + Vice President Caballero Gonzalez: We have to think about how large the impact can be for the least about of money. Decision has to be fair. What are we taking away for the future?
* After an informal vote on proposed amendments, the option for $1,700 received 11 votes. They will choose how to use the funding but the proposed amount will funding all bussing for all games for the fall semester as well as the first game of the spring semester.
* *VOTE: 15:1:1 (Motion Passed)*

**Board Reports:**

**President’s Report (Kockler) 10:52 to 10:57 a.m.**

* The President gave several remarks:
  + SLS is this week. I encourage you to attend more. Andrea Jenkins will be here on Saturday.
  + Goal meetings will be held next week.
  + Next joint meeting will be held on Nov. 22.

**Vice President’s Report (Caballero Gonzalez) 10:57 to 10:59 a.m.**

* Come to SLS-related events. We didn’t attack anyone today.
* Like a Boss: Senator Holderness.
  + Answer from Senator Holderness: Stayed up late playing a mobile game.

**Advisor Report (Connolly) 10:59 to 11:10**

* Leadership team met on Monday with IWL. You can anticipate an email tomorrow or Wednesday. I’ve seen things that are both aspirational and technical. It’s a proud moment that on a small campus there are many events over the week. Brighter days are ahead.
* I’ve started to work on some transportation projects for Christmas, focused more on longer break because of length and continued COVID concerns.
* There will be a safety audit on campus. We do a night walk to check lights, bushes, etc. From any point on campus, I need to be able to always see a blue light.
* The ice rink is an expensive but important item to put back out this winter.

**Committee Report (Cleare) 11:10 to 11:11 a.m.**

* Thanks for help over the weekend.

**Budget Update (McMahon) 11:11 to 11:12 a.m.**

* The current budget stands at $48,086.48. We can spend $2,530.86 at each meeting.

**Question Time 11:12 to 11:24 p.m.**

* Chairman Kirchner: Please show face at events.
* FYR Belisle: During the INTG Zoom presentation, racist comments were made at both the 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. sessions.
  + Answer from Advisor Connolly: Both workshops were recorded and I just received a statement from Kari Shane Davis Zimmerman. She could see inside a similar dorm room on both sessions.
* Senator Mattson: The election is on Nov. 12. We are working on recovering the password for Snapchat, TikTok, and Facebook. We are also getting the camera back.
* Senator Fisher: Thanks for participating in Sustainability Week.

**Announcements 11:24 p.m.**

* The Saint John’s Senate will meet next on November 8, 2021, in Sexton 200.
* The next CSB Senate meeting is November 3, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

**Adjournment 11:24 p.m.**