**Official Meeting Minutes - St. John’s Senate December 6, 2021**

**Call to Order – 9:22 p.m.**

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

**Approval of Minutes** - **9:26 p.m.**

**Approval of Agenda** - **9:29 p.m.**

* Motion to add Johnnie Coffee and related $500.00 allocation to the agenda.
* Motion to move Constitutional Review to after New Business.
* Motion to make the St. Joe Christmas Lights Competition to an up to amount.

**Open Forum – 9:29 to 9:33 p.m.**

* Johnnie Spotlight & Senator of the Week

**PRP Everglade Trip – 9:33 to 9:36 p.m.**

* Building community and developing Johnnies. For the past semester, Res Life staff has been preparing Sunday night meals at $2 a meal. Our average attendance is about 70 per meal, about 250 live in Flynntown.

**St. Joe Christmas Lights Competition – Senator Scanlon - 9:36 to 9:43 p.m.**

* Inviting all residences in St. Joe to participate. There will be $500 in prizes for 2 houses, one Bennie and Johnnie house. Three runners-up will receive $100 each. Categories are best display, most creative, and overkill. Requesting up to $550.00 for the competition plus the potential addition of a videographer. So far only one household has signed up but a message could be sent in the senior group chat.

**Johnnie Coffee – 9:33 to 9:46 p.m.**

* The first 100 Johnnies will get a free drink at the Schu.

**CSB Senate Update – 9:47 to 9:48 p.m.**

* The current budget stands at $311,111.14.

**New Business – 9:48 to 12:32 a.m.**

**Motion to allocate $2000.00 for Flynntown Community Meal – Caballero Gonzalez**

* Vice President Caballero Gonzalez: This is a great way to keep the lower campus engaged. The food won’t go to waste.
  + Senator Loeb: They could come back next semester for more funding.
  + Chairman T. Thompson: Even $1,000 will be okay for now.
  + Senator Fisher: $2,000 is reasonable. It is so much work.
  + Trustee Cleare: It’s less work for both parties to fund it now.

***VOTE: 16:0:0 (Motion Passed)***

**Motion to allocate up to $550.00 for St. Joe Christmas Lights Competition**

* Senator Scanlon: This is a very loose up-to amount. It’s a holiday tradition.
  + Treasurer McMahon: I don’t want to waste money. I’m worried that people won’t participate with finals week approaching.
  + Chairman T. Thompson: It is an up-to amount. Students know that this is happening. It will boost community engagement.
  + Trustee Cleare: Students continue to live here over break. They’ll decorate eventually.

***VOTE: 16:0:0 (Motion Passed)***

**Motion to allocate funding for the Tundra Ice Rink**

* Treasurer McMahon: It’s such a staple. We have massive support from administration.
  + Senator Laughlin: After we approve it, could we ask for money from clubs to rent out the rink for the night?
  + Chairman Kirchner: I think it will fiscally be irresponsible to spend such a large amount of money. There are already other rinks. People walk to the beach during the fall.
  + Vice President Cabellero Gonzalez: I think we should hold until we come back.
  + Chairman T. Thompson: We should encourage people to use the natural resources we have. We do not have the money and students have always used the lakes.
  + Advisor Connolly: You should approve it now because physical plant can do it now. It was a significant purchase last year; we should continue to use it. It will be well lit and better for programming.
  + Treasurer McMahon: It can be used in the dark and it is close to the OLC.

***VOTE: 11:4:1 (Motion Passed)***

**Motion to allocate Johnnie Coffee**

* Trustee Cleare: No brainer. We do this every year.

***VOTE: 11:4:1 (Motion Passed)***

**Constitutional Review:**

* Proposed Change: Ethics Committee
  + Members will be appointed by the Judicial Board & chaired by Judicial Board chair unless the chair is under investigation or bringing charges up.
  + Vice President Caballero Gonzalez: That is a lot of responsibility into one board.
  + Chairman Kirchner: The judicial board already has other duties. Exec board has this responsibility for a reason.
  + ***VOTE: 0:16:0 (Motion Failed)***
* Proposed Change: Constitutional Review
  + The Committee will approve changes before sending them to the full senate.
  + Senator Laughlin: Approve should be replaced with review.
  + Chairman T. Thompson: Already says review. In the past, it has been interpreted as approving.
  + President Kockler: There should be more language to clarify the level of review.
  + Senator Mattson: I shouldn’t have to come to the whole senate to change a word.
  + Treasurer McMahon: Add a petition of five senators if they feel so inclined to bring it to the full senate.
  + Chairman T. Thompson: The board should be able to clarify. Something simple to approve small changes.
  + **Motion to amend to read:** To review and make suggestions to edit all proposed constitutional amendments before they are voted on by the SJS (Laughlin).
    - ***VOTE: No roll call (Motion Failed)***
  + **Motion to table:** 
    - ***VOTE: No roll call (Motion Passed)***
* Proposed Change: PR Rep & Executive Council
  + Completely strike PR off executive council.
  + Senator Scanlon: It is necessary for PR to have input on council, but not necessary to vote.
  + Treasurer McMahon: It’s the face of the Senate, they would have valuable input.
  + Senator Mattson: There are checks and balances already in the SAB & President.
  + Chairman D. Thompson: We should not base our choices off what happened this year. They still need voting power.
  + Vice President Caballero Gonzalez: They are also part of the ethics committee and are a valuable part of student interests.
  + Chairman T. Thompson: They should be translated not creating.
  + Senator Loeb: Board boundaries are the dumbest thing.
  + Senator Laughlin: Every executive has access not just the PR representative. Information can be spread through word of mouth.
  + President Kockler: The person has the carry out the decisions made whether they voted for it.
  + ***VOTE: 15:1:0 (Motion Failed)***
* Proposed Change: Cultural Affairs Representative
  + New changes were presented by Senator Laughlin.
  + **Motion to amend:** Remove the part where you collaborate with other senators.
  + ***VOTE: 16:0:0 (Motion Passed)***
* Proposed Change: PR related motions
  + Trustee Cleare: Johnnie spotlight should fall under Exec council.
  + ***VOTE: 16:0:0 (Motion Passed)***
* Proposed Change: Changes to stipend
  + Chairman Kirchner: Looking for suggestions for additional requirements.
  + President Kockler: I like the idea, but it is very subjective.
  + Trustee Cleare: To be a good senator, you do not have to create initiatives. It should not be up to the entire Exec Council. Leave it to be decided by the president or VP because it is in his bylaws.
  + **Motion to table:** 
    - ***VOTE: No roll call (Motion Passed)***
  + **Motion to take up from the table:** 
    - ***VOTE: No roll call (Motion Failed)***
* Proposed Change: Sexual Conduct Committee
  + Wes: This is an important enough issue to make it in the constitution.
  + Trustee Cleare: It’s very vague.
  + **Motion to table: *VOTE: No roll call (Motion Failed)***
  + ***VOTE: 16:0:0 (Motion Failed)***
* Proposed Change: Term limits
  + President Kockler: This could work no matter what the new election process looks like.
  + Chairman T. Thompson: The student body could want the same person again and again.
  + Senator Laughlin: It’s not undemocratic to put term limits.
  + President Kockler: Just presidential limits then.
  + ***VOTE: 14:2:0 (Motion Passed)***
* Proposed Change: DEIJ
  + Chairman T. Thompson: A referendum will have to take place.
  + Senator Laughlin: We should have a referendum.
  + President Kockler: We do not want to weaponize a right to be represented. We would not be unconstitutional. It is possible to replace student issues with a new set of bylaws and a new name.
  + Advisor Connolly: As president, President Kockler has discretion. It can be challenged with a vote.
  + Trustee Cleare: It is a slippery slope of switching it up.
  + Chairman Cleare: We can approve it now and write a new constitution over the summer. There can be a referendum in the fall.
  + Trustee Cleare: The native population is declining, it is too specific to ISA, and it is not a student's job.
  + Senator Laughlin: It is not. We are having conversations with cultural clubs and they don’t seem upset about it. Having a student representative does not remove the necessity of administration or faculty assistance. They are advocates. We are paid. Student advocacy is always good, especially concerning the nature of reparations work.
  + Vice President Caballero Gonzalez: Are they okay with the name? Are people being hired?
  + Senator Laughlin: Everybody seemed to be good. Yes, there is a taskforce but there is no point person.
  + Senator Mattson: All we are doing is adding these bylaws under student issues and redispersing old ones somewhere else. What are we voting on?
  + President Kockler: For now, we are voting on adding to the constitution, not under student issues. If we want it, it needs to be known.
  + **Motion: The SJU Student Senate supports a position with presented bylaws of decolonization and reparations justice until the implementation can be discussed at the next constitution review. These bylaws are subject to further development as we move forward.**
  + ***VOTE: 16:0:0 (Motion Passed)***
* Proposed Change: CRP
  + ***VOTE: 16:0:0 (Motion Passed)***

**Board Reports:**

**President’s Report (Kockler) 12:32 to 12:33 a.m.**

* The President gave several remarks:
  + Basecamp updates.

**Vice President’s Report (Cabellero Gonzalez) 12:33 to 12:34 a.m.**

* Fill out excel sheet for stipend.

**Advisor’s Report (Connolly) 12:34 a.m.**

* Strike.

**Committee Report (Cleare) 12:34 a.m.**

* Trustee meetings next week.

**Budget Update (McMahon) 12:34 to 12:35 a.m.**

* Our budget is $31,297.48, or $2,407.49 each week.

**Question Time 12:35 a.m.**

**Announcements 12:35 p.m.**

**Adjournment 12:35 p.m.**