**Official Meeting Minutes - St. John’s Senate September 13, 2021**

**Call to Order – 9:20 p.m.**

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

**Approval of Minutes - 9:23 p.m.**

**Approval of Agenda** - **9:23 p.m.**

* Motion to add Chairman D. Thompson to Mental Health Week Speaker in New Business.

**Open Forum**

**SJU Alumni Board Presentation - Rick Speckmann – 9:25 to 9:53 p.m.**

* The purpose of the SJU Alumni Board is to strengthen and perpetuate the bonds of friendship formed in college days, to advance the spiritual and temporal welfare of its members, and to further the interests of our alma mater.
* Formed strategic partnerships with many organizations, including with current students on campus.
* Several senators asked what the board is planning to do around the issue of diversity and inclusion. There are several chapters around the country, yet many do not include the same benefits of Minnesota chapters. Need more involvement.

**Mental Health Week Speaker - Senator Mattson and Chairman D. Thompson – 9:53 to 10:04 p.m.**

* Our speaker is Dr. Nathaan Demers. He focuses on trauma and administration and has a passion for working on college campuses. He also has connections with the [you@csbsju.edu.](mailto:you@csbsju.edu) He has actionable goals and plans. His final price is $3,000.00. He will be speaking on October 18th.

**Johnnie Weekend - Senator Mattson – 10:04 to 10:27 p.m.**

* The t-shirts have once again been declined. Part of the money will be going to the golf carts.
* The SJU Rat is now in the control of the marketing department.
* There was a lot of debate on the timing of Johnnie Day, Johnnie Weekend, CSB involvement, and a community day replacement.

**Health Clinic Opening – Trustee Cleare – 10:27 to 10:29 p.m.**

* Asking for up to $500 to provide healthy food for 200 people at the grand opening on the 21st.

**Senate Meeting Place – Open Discussion – 10:38 to 11:09 p.m.**

* Sexton 200 was approved as the meeting place for the St. John’s Senate
* *VOTE: 12:3:1*

**CSB Senate Update – Vice President Goff – 11:09 to 11:13 p.m.**

* New idea was proposed for the DNR position on CSB Senate.
* The remaining budget was $48,696.88.

**New Business:**

**Motion to allocate up to $1,400.00 for the Mental Health Week Speaker – D. Thompson**

*VOTE: 17:0:0 PASSED*

**Motion to allocate up to $500.00 for the Health Clinic Opening Ceremony – Cleare**

*VOTE: 17:0:0 PASSED*

**Board Reports:**

**President’s Report (Kockler) 11:15 to 11:29 p.m.**

* The President gave several remarks:
  + Thank you for your attention on this lengthy agenda.
  + Keep debate out of the group chat.
  + Setting up a forum to get comments on the joint president.

**Vice President’s Report (Caballero Gonzalaz) 11:29 to 11:30 p.m.**

* Talk to senators after meeting to go home with a clear mind.
* Like a Boss: Chairman T. Thompson
  + Chairman T. Thompson: Had a relaxing weekend!

**Advisor Report (Connolly) 11:30 to 11:34 p.m.**

* Student numbers have been decreasing due to non-compliance with COVID requirements.
* Hoping to have a picnic for students in Flynntown.
* Changing the bus culture.

**Trustee Report (Cleare) 11:34 to 11:38 p.m.**

* All chairs must schedule meeting with board this month.
* Please bring at least 3 guests to the health clinic opening.
* Gear should be here tomorrow.

**Budget Update (McMahon) 11:38 to 11:40 p.m.**

* Bigger budget next year.

**Question Time 11:41 to 11:44 p.m.**

* Chairman T. Thompson: Please promote election.
* PR Representative Bullard: The MCC will be opening soon.
* Senator Laughlin: Festival of Cultures approaching.

**Announcements 11:44 to 11:45 p.m.**

* The Saint John’s Senate will meet next on September 20, 2021, in Sexton 200.
* The next CSB Senate meeting is September 15, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Vice President Caballero Gonzalez will attend.

**Adjournment 11:45 p.m.**