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

**Call to Order – 8:00 p.m.**

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

**Approval of Agenda** - **8:02 p.m.**

* Motion to remove all PRP related motions.

**Open Forum**

**Presidential Search Consultants – Scott Flannigan – 8:06 to 8:45 p.m.**

* Much more than just sending out an advertisement. Need to discover the 3-5 most important things that need to get done in the next 5-7 years. Creating a profile to find the right person by November. The universities are creating an aspirational job. How can we measure success for the president?
	+ Being consistent with treatment of both campuses, attracting a diverse pool of applicants, being personally involved in the community, environmental justice, more than a figurehead, making sure policies are mostly symmetrical, outside of academics - policies are equitable.

**Presidential Report - President Mullen – 8:56 to 9:19 p.m.**

* I have a couple goals for this next year. I want to know every student that walks across the stage this May and well as each of you. Need to make sure the institution has momentum. I challenge you to genuinely say thank you to someone every day.

**Full Circle Greenhouse - Katie Barclay – 9:19 to 9:27 p.m.**

* Student-run greenhouse at CSB that provides vegetables for the community. Requesting $500.00 for routine costs and supplies. Already received $500.00 from the CSB Senate.

**Mental Health Gift Boxes – Chairman D. Thompson – 9:27 to 9:55 p.m.**

* Bennie and Johnnie boxes for Mental Health Week. Including only locally owned or student owned brands. Would heavily feature the SJU Senate logo and branding.
* Debate featured comments about the price of the boxes, directly supporting the E-Scholars program, the sustainability of the business, tax-exemption, etc.
* 2499.50

**CSB Senate Update – Trustee Kaluza – 9:55 to 9:56 p.m.**

* Estimated budget is $40,692.00 from last year.

**New Business:**

**Motion to allocate up to $500.00 for the Full Circle Greenhouse – Fisher**

* Senator Fisher: Let’s support students.

***VOTE 17:0:0 PASSED***

**Motion to allocate up to $2,499.50 for Mental Health Boxes – D. Thompson**

* Motion was amended to remove the tax as CSB SJU is a tax-exempt organization.
* Chairman D. Thompson: For Bennies and Johnnies, made by Bennies and Johnnies.
	+ Senator Fisher: This is student business with an offshoot from their traditional venture. Directly from the student. Taking the student activity fee and giving it right back to the students.
	+ Senator Mattson: Students will receive other resources besides the boxes.
	+ Senator Konneh: Hard to wrap my mind around the cost. Will cost a lot.
	+ PR Representative Bullard: Not about the product, it is about the price.
	+ Chairman T. Thompson: We can decide how the boxes get to the students. Believe that Chairman D. Thompson’s venture is a conflict of interest.
	+ Treasurer McMahon: This is the very definition of proper fiscal spending.
	+ Senator Lobe: The amount of care they have is outstanding.
	+ Trustee Cleare: Their price is their price.
	+ Senator Laughlin: Those investments into a student’s experience are 10 times more valuable than investing into the products themselves.
	+ PR Representative Bullard: About perception from the students.
	+ Senator Heimer: Even one person is enough.
	+ Trustee Kaluza: The boxes could be disassembled.
	+ Chairman Kirchner: The boxes are not a cure but an incentive.
* Chairman T. Thompson: Move to call the question.

***VOTE: 12:2:1 PASSED***

**Board Reports:**

**President’s Report (Kockler) 10:31 to 10:37 p.m.**

* The President gave several remarks:
	+ Calling the question is always available but everyone must be heard first.
	+ Basecamp and time cards need to be finished before the meetings.
	+ Yield is for clarification purposes only.

**Vice President’s Report (Caballero Gonzalaz) 10:37 to 10:39 p.m.**

* Keep it respectful.
* Please come to the Multicultural Center opening. Attend events on campus.
* Like a Boss: Senator Fisher.
	+ Senator Fisher: Did some great cooking this weekend.

**Advisor Report (Connolly) 10:39 to 10:47 p.m.**

* Only 20 students left uncompliant with COVID-19 guidelines. Weekly testing program will go into effect. Masks are trending in a good direction.
* Visits to health center are 36% higher than they were last year.

**Committee Report (Cleare) 10:47 to 10:49 p.m.**

* Student Deveolpment meeting on Thursday.
* Opening of Multicultural Center from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. Photo opportunity for the Senate.
* Dinner with the trustees.
* Schedule meetings with your committees.

**Budget Update (McMahon) 10:49 to 10:50 p.m.**

* No ten-day numbers yet.

**Question Time 10:50 to 11:08 p.m.**

* Senator Fisher: 11:30 a.m. Drag Brunch at CSB on Sunday.
* Chairman T. Thompson: Promote the election and voting on Friday.
* Senator Konneh: I am in full support of the product; hope I didn’t offend.
* Senator Heimer: Could we have a central location physically for the election platforms?
* PR Representative Bullard: Hispanic heritage month, attend events. Promote elections without specific candidates.

**Announcements 11:08 p.m.**

* The Saint John’s Senate will meet next on September 27, 2021 in Sexton 200.
* The next CSB Senate meeting is September 22, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

**Adjournment 11:09 p.m.**