**Official Meeting Minutes - St. John’s Senate                                                           September 27, 2021**

**Call to Order – 9:22 p.m.**

* Land Acknowledgement – Senator Laughlin
* Blessing – Chairman D. Thompson
* Roll Call – Executive Assistant Otto

**Approval of Agenda**- **9:24 p.m.**

* Motion to amend PRP related motion to $230.00 instead of $460.00.

**Open Forum**

**Student Leadership Series – CSB Exec Board & SJU Exec Board – 9:25 to 9:40 p.m.**

* Andrea Jenkins, Minneapolis City Council member, who is an activist for black and transgender people. Fulfills our goals of being a intersectional leader.
* She will arrive on campus for a lunch with student leaders on Saturday, November 6. Requesting up to $13,000.00, split between both Senates for keynote speaking and networking lunch. $6,500.00 for SJU Senate.
* Senator Konneh: Would like her to talk about her experience as a diverse leader.
* Advisor Connolly: Students are incredibly busy, save the dates are likely necessary. FYX, classes, athletics, and other student leaders need a direct invite.
* Senator Fisher: Making it a DEIJ event possibility for their students. Talking to the departments directly to adjustment practices will be helpful. Larger spaces on campus or a Zoom option will be important.

**PRP Fall Break Trip – Chairman Kirchner – 9:40 to 9:48 p.m.**

* Taking a fall break trip of about 50/50 Johnnies and Bennies to the Superior Hiking Trail. Hoping to take a $90 cost to students to $30 with $460.00 support from SJU and CSB Senate. PRP’s budget is quite small, because we are an organization, we have asked in the past for Senate Funding.

**Senate Structural Changes - Senator Laughlin – 9:48 to 10:35 p.m.**

* Many ideas have been suggested. This has been a cause for confusion, so we need opinions. This is not a vote and will likely not be the final product. Cultural Affairs Rep. is likely to change regardless. An assistant is not a solution, as addressed by ISA and the voting rights they receive.
  + Idea: Disperse of Johnnie Issues.
  + Idea: Remove an Auditor.
  + Idea: Add a sixth senator to SAB.
* Senator Cleare: Could be more productive if we met, unmoderated, outside of the meeting. Motion to table.
  + President Kockler: Motion to suspend the rules. Motion failed.
* In summary: need to find the perfect number for the Senate, many are open to adding another senator, would need to go to student body to referend, reforming Johnnie Issues would avoid that, hiring an interim assistant would be a good idea.

**CSB Senate Update – PR Representative Fredricks – 10:35 to 10:41 p.m.**

* Our current budget is $46,772.88.
* Multicultural Center was a success.
* Debating between two options presented by our members in our ISA positions.

**New Business:**

**Motion to allocate up to $6,500.00 for the Student Leadership Series – Caballero Gonzalez**

* Vice President Caballero Gonzalez: She has an important perspective to share. We need to be more educated.
* After discussion of costs, Trustee Cleare motioned to table.

***VOTE: 16:0:1 PASSED***

**Motion to allocate up to $230.00 for the PRP Fall Break Trip – Kirshner**

* Chairman Kirshner: Bring down costs for students.
  + Senator Laughlin: Cost is not too much now that we know the budget.

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

**Board Reports:**

**President’s Report (Kockler) 11:22 to 11:24 p.m.**

* The President gave several remarks:
  + PR Assistant hiring will take place through the Senate email.
  + Big steps were taken this past week with the Health Center and Multicultural Center.

**Vice President’s Report (Caballero Gonzalez) 11:24 to 11:28 p.m.**

* Welcome new senators!
* Make sure to get involved on campus!
* Like a Boss: Senator Vassey.
  + Senator Vassey: Finally able to take some time for myself.

**Advisor Report (Connolly) 11:28 to 11:37 p.m.**

* There is typically a rental fee for fine arts spaces on campuses.
* Budget review from more normal years may provide some insight to what clubs usually come to Senate and how much to allocate.

**Trustee Report (Cleare) 11:37 to 11:40 p.m.**

* Send me meeting times and notes after meetings.

**Budget Update (McMahon) 11:40 to 11:50 p.m.**

* Our current budget stands at $75,519.00. Spent 19% of our budget so far.

**Question Time 11:50 to 11:54 p.m.**

* President Kockler: I have received a formal complainant against PR Representative Bullard. The Ethics Committee will meet within two weeks.
* Chairman T. Thompson: Transition notes are coming soon.
* New senators made their introductions.

**Announcements 11:54 to 11:55 p.m.**

* The Saint John’s Senate will meet next on October 6, 2021, at CSB.
* The next CSB Senate meeting is September 29, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Kirchner will attend.

**Adjournment 11:55 p.m.**