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

**Call to Order – 9:22 p.m.**

* Land Acknowledgement – Senator Laughlin
* Blessing – Vice President Cabellero Gonzalez
* Roll Call – Executive Assistant Otto

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

**Open Forum**

**Senate Goal Setting - Advisor Connolly – 9:27 to 9:51 p.m.**

* Summaries and opinions of last weekend’s retreat was shared. Being more genuine, approachable, and inclusive were common thoughts.
* Advisor Connolly: Do your best to do everything outside the meetings. Two ears and one mouth – remember that.
* Vice President Cabellero Gonzalaz: Make sure this is not just a checklist. People listen to what they hear outside of these meetings.

**Decolonization and Reparations Committee Update - Senator Laughlin – 9:54 to 10:34 p.m.**

* The Multicultural Center has a new home in Murray at CSB. DEIJ Coordinating Committee would like to create a senior diversity officer position and ensuring that they are central to new presidential hire. Will go up on website soon. Hopefully will open on the 24th.
* The Cultural Affairs Board is comprised of leaders from numerous clubs to further cultural events on campus. Please be available and open to listen and help with events.
* Four new suggested additions to the senate: replacing one auditor with cultural affairs, move Johnnie issues, etc.
* Adding tribal flags to Sexton Dining Room. Making SJU more disability friendly. Replacing historical photos and adding more information.
* Sending new bylaws to Constitutional Review shortly. Complete CSB bylaws soon. Write transition notes to each role. Voting!
* Auditors have a lot of work on their plate with clubs up and running again. Club auditors work could be transferred.
* PR Representative Bullard: Cultural Affairs is a name that should stay. Progressive pride flag should be added.
* Senator Fisher: Tribal flags went missing after orientation. Room for them in Sexton too.
  + Advisor Connolly: Only up during highest traffic days.
* President Diaz: A lot of hesitations in CSB Exec Board. Would not be confirmed until next year anyways, take our time through the process. With no suggestions taken from others, blindsided by decision made by only a couple people. As a member of the committee, this proposal does not include every idea shared. Felt as though this is being handed to us without other options.
* Senator Heimer: Usually clubs have to order foods via dining services, not always representative of what they intended. Hopefully some way to bypass this and allow them to make their own food during the Festival of Cultures.

**Johnnie Weekend - Senator Mattson – 10:34 to 11:07 p.m.**

* Johnnie Weekend is September 24-26. 750 t-shirts with Twins inspired logo. About $7,000 for the shirts. Working on golf carts, must take Canvas course. About $250 for the carts. Other events include food, Friday night dance, Johnnie football announcement at halftime, and campus mass on the grass. Requesting up to $8,500.00 just in case. Cost of DJ was not factored in.
* May need more shirts, could move to homecoming weekend. Food should be local, St. Joe Meat Market? Everyone is invited to celebrate Johnnie Day. CSB Senate could fund shirts.
* Trustee Cleare: Motion to lay on the table until voting to finalize our date and t-shirt count.

**CSB Senate Update – President Diaz – 11:07 to 11:09 p.m.**

* Estimated budget is $113,000.00.

**Involvement Fair - Trustee Cleare - 11:10 to 11:11 p.m.**

* Involvement fair is in the fieldhouse at St. Ben’s. Requesting up to $500.00 for small giveaway items. Campaign promotion as well. Starts at 5 p.m. Will need help setting up starting at 4 p.m.
* Senator Fisher: Did anyone wash the mustard off the tablecloth? Might need to leave it out.

**New Business:**

**Motion to allocate up to $8,500.00 for Johnnie Weekend – Mattson**

* Senator Mattson: Motion to lay on the table.

*VOTE: 17:0:0 PASSED*

**Motion to allocate up to $500.00 for the Involvement Fair – Cleare**

* Trustee Cleare: Please give me $500.00.

*VOTE: 17:0:0 PASSED*

**Board Reports:**

**President’s Report (Kockler) 11:16 to 11:18 p.m.**

* The President gave several remarks:
  + Thanks for the great energy during this meeting and the retreat.
  + Please get ahead of schedule in the future, good communication for attendance.

**Vice President’s Report (Caballero Gonzalaz) 11:18 to 11:20 p.m.**

* Please show up on time!
* Like a Boss: Senator Konneh
  + Senator Konneh: Being in the booth for the football game.

**Advisor Report (Connolly) 11:20 to 11:27 p.m.**

* Institute for Higher Learning will be visiting about integration of campuses. Incredibly important.
* Come early two Mondays from now for meeting.
* Treasurer McMahon: Is there an official enrollment number?
  + Advisor Connolly: Not yet, admission goal was 420. Today they hit 410.

**Trustee Report (Cleare) 11:27 to 11:30 p.m.**

* Thank you to the Brother Willie’s Pub staff for being here.
* At the end of the month there will be a couple Board of Trustees, might need more on the 23rd.

**Executive Assistant (Otto) 11:30 to 11:32 p.m.**

* Sad to be leaving to run for the St. Ben’s Senate. :(

**PR Representative Update (Bullard) 11:32 to 11:36 p.m.**

* Lots of support to promote the Senate, request form if you need PR. Please send a couple days ahead of time.

**Budget Update (McMahon) 11:36 to 11:37 p.m.**

* No ten-day numbers yet.

**Question Time 11:37 to 11:46 p.m.**

* Chairman T. Thompson: First year elections will be coming up soon. Constitutional Review will be coming up after that. Keep this one short.
* PR Representative Bullard: Important for us to acknowledge issues and be transparent to all internally and externally. The retreat could have been more inclusive and less performative.
* Senator Laughlin: I hope we can all be resources for each other.

**Announcements 11:46 to 11:47 p.m.**

* The Saint John’s Senate will meet next on September 13, 2021 in Bro Willie’s Pub.
* The next CSB Senate meeting is September 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

**Adjournment 11:47 p.m.**