SGA Senate minutes

For the meeting of

9/15/2015

1. Called to order at 5:15
2. Attendance:

**Present:** Esaul Helena, Mohammad Marey, Ana Polanco, Barbara Frace, Cheyenne Jacobs, Jacahri Smith, Roshelle Fonduer, Joshua Pinnock, Cindy Nazario, Nejesea Brown, Jackeline Reyes, Edwin Barrios, Jacquelin Villaneuva, Stefania Camacho- Jimenez, Crystal Clarke, Alyssa Medina, Devyn Del Baso, Raheim Raymond, David Colon, Khalid Shakur, Nashon Bolton, Drew Dunsavage(beacon), Melissa Silvestri (SAPB)

**Absent**: Greek Senate representative

**Half Absent**: Kevin Jacas

**Also in attendance**: Donna Minnich-Spuhler

1. Approval of agenda
   1. Remove Open Forum from Cheyenne’s report
   2. Clarify that Kenisology club under Roshelle’s report is not an appeal but part of the protocol for events over 5,000 dollars
      1. Agenda approved Unanimously
2. Approval of minutes
   1. Minutes approved unanimously
3. Jacahari Smith, Vice President of Judicial Review
   1. Motion to appoint Geneva Fucci as an at-large member of the Judicial Review Board 1st by Jacahri Smith 2nd by Joshua Pinnock
      * 1. Jacahri said that Geneva was one of the writers of our current constitution and has been active within the student government for a great time and would be an asset to the committee
      1. Motion passed 17/0/2
   2. Motion to Appoint Zachary Thomas as an at-large member of the judicial review board 1st by Jacahri Smith 2nd by Devyn del Baso
      * 1. Zachary was a member of the Judicial Review Board last year and was diligent in his duties
      1. Motion Passed 18/0/1
   3. Motion to appoint Joel Trinidad as an at-large member of the judicial review board 1st by Jacahri Smith 2nd by Cheyenne Jacobs
      * 1. Joel is a senior in marketing and sales this is his first year being active and want to get more involved and give back to the campus
      1. Motion passed 17/0/2
   4. Motion to appoint Mariam Hammouda as an at-large member of the judicial review board 1st by Jacahri Smith 2nd by Barbra Frace
      * 1. She has held a number of positions in clubs and was part of patient experience at Holy Name Hospital and said that in these positions she developed skills that would aid the JRB.
      1. Motion passed 19/0/1
4. Roshelle Fonduer, Interim Vice President of Allocations
   1. Motion to approve funding for “Tough Mudder” by the Kinesiology club 1st by Roshelle Fonduer 2nd by David Colone
      * 1. Kinesiology club presented their event “Tough Mudder” and asked for 5,000$ in SGA funding. They said the tickets they would sell would be at a reduced price rather than buying the tickets from the event themselves. This specific race also did not disqualify you from the event if you were unable to complete it but offered alternative ways of completing the event.
      1. Motion passed 28/0/0
5. Esaul Helena- president of the SGA
   1. Black board page
      1. Esaul said that a blackboard page had been created for the SGA and on it were all of the pertinent documents for stipends and monthly reports; he also said that it could be used to track attendance at senate and committee meetings and that meeting minutes and agendas could be uploaded to the site.
   2. Nominations
      1. Esaul said that nominations were open as of yesterday September the 14th and would continue till September the 17th. He urged everyone to promote the elections and for all executive officers to schedule workshops for those interested in running. He also said that dates to keep in mind were the 21st to the 25th, when elections would be open, and that the first weekend in October the 3rd and 4th would be the SGA fall retreat. More details on the retreat would be announced soon. He also said that the ice cream social recruitment event would count as one hour and to inform Mohammad Marey about your attendance.
6. Mohammad Marey
   1. Club presidents
      1. Mohammad said that the first meeting was yesterday the 14th and that it went well, he had opened nominations for the club representative and sports representative to be elected.
      2. Office hours
         1. He reminded everyone that office hours had begun and that senators should sign out of their hours or else office hours with only a start time and no end time would count for half an hour.
      3. Committee minutes
         1. He also said that committee vice chairs should send him the minutes of their meetings preferably in digital copy via email.
7. Cheyenne Jacobs, Vice President of Student Life
   1. Late night meals
      1. Late night has been moved to the dining hall and SGA and campus activities are afraid that there may be a negative effect on night time events located in the student center as those events pulled people from the groups at late night when it was held in the food court. She is interested in doing a survey of students to measure the effects of the change especially since the food offered at late night has not changed from the food that is offered during the day. There is also a feeling among some students that the atmosphere that once surrounded late night at the food court has not been replaced or replicated at the dining hall and they believe that a significant part of what made living on campus enjoyable was late night in the food court and the people that it attracted gathered around it.
   2. Dosomething.org ranking
      1. We are number 14th out of fifty in total donation and seven out of ten in the spirit award ranking she encouraged everyone to keep posting pictures and using the hashtag #closetheloopcup and to tag it with #willyP or #twillyp the competition will conclude on October 3rd
   3. Help sheet
      1. She is also interested in making a help sheet to record complaints so that she can have hard data to work with when dealing with administrators rather than complaints that are passed along as hear-say with no details attached to it
8. Ana Polanco- Vice President of Academic Affairs
   1. Ana asked people to come and schedule their workshops with her for seats on her committee as she had only a few senators. In total her committee can have 10 people and it is currently under occupied.
9. Barbra Frace
   1. The Corq app is online uses the information posted on pioneer life to come up with the information on the app
10. Advisors comments
    1. Donna said that on October 15th -16th there will be a campus compact conference, it discusses civic engagement and student leadership anyone interested in attending should contact Campus activities
11. Old business
    1. None
12. New business
    1. Next week is president Waldron’s evaluation and Esaul and Mohammad have been invited to attend the evaluation
13. Meeting was adjourned at 6:02