



## Student Government Association

### Senate

Minutes- 9/15

- I. Call to Order: 5:06 PM
- II. Roll Call: Yazan Jubran, Claudia Mmorales, Aashish Andrew, Amelia Medici, Anthony Figuerora, Antoniette Arce, Ariana Brown, Citalli Luque-Perez, Donovan Taylor, Hannah McErlain, Huda Qasem, Makayla Abraham, Nour Muhajer, Riley Gracia, Shawn Gaffney, Zyanya Cordova, Zach Hertz, Andrea Gaviria, Asia Tabili, Jacob Rosario, Kendall Godfrey, Joselito Paz, Rozan Jubran
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yaz asked if there's changes that need to be made to the agenda. Yaz motion to approve the agenda 1st by Ariana, 2nd by Hannah.
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Yaz said he's going to motion to table the minutes until next week, since they weren't ready yet. He motioned to approve it, 1<sup>st</sup> by Nour, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amelia.
- V. Reports:
  - AJ's Report (Retreat and Club Council): Donna started off by saying that AJ met with Jamiee and her, she said that AJ is looking on 2 days for the retreat either Friday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> or Saturday Oct 3<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM- 02:00 PM, and she needs to know which one of these dates works best for everybody, since some people might have classes on these dates, Donna said to email AJ what days' work best, or she can tell AJ to make a poll, Donna added that they're thinking to do the first 45 minutes for the new senators that got elected in the spring last semester, and the new senators that are getting elected this week, to introduce themselves and get to know other senators, She also added that presidents of each committee need to be there for that so they can talk about their committee and what their goals are for the semester, Donna said they're also thinking to bring in a speaker that Jamiee was able to get in touch with and bring to the retreat, Jamiee then added that AJ reached out to him and he told her that he would be available on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, but AJ wanted to see what the majority of the senate prefers which date, Jamiee also added that they're going to ask the speaker if he's not available to attend if he could bring one of his team to come and speak to us. Donna told the senate to write in the chat what days they can do best and for someone to collect the information and give it to AJ. Next on AJ's report was Club Council, Donna said they met, and they agreed that they want to do another club fair on Sep 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00- 6:00 PM, it's only for clubs, there won't be any Greeks this time, she said flyers are already being put up around the campus. She added that they have elected 3 new members for the club council, none of them were attended because they didn't get the zoom link. That concluded AJ's report.
  - Amelia's Report: Amelia's started off by saying that elections are open they opened yesterday and they're closing at 5:00 PM on Thursday, she told the senate that she wants us to be able to promote it by telling our friends that got to WP and to make sure they all vote she also posted the link in the teams group chat and she also posted the election flyer so we can share it on Instagram, and send it to any group chats we have with classmates, she also added that there's also a link is also in the Instagram bio but she just wanted to emphasize that we should all vote, that concluded her report. Donna added to Amelia's report by saying that only 17 people have voted in the elections, she told the senate that we should all vote, and to the people who are running for the committees they all need to vote and get their friends to vote because without 25 votes, they can't get elected.

- Yaz's report: first thing on his report is zoom, he said he sent an email to the VP's, he said they should forward to the senate, he also added that he sent everything on the email to the teams group chat, so we could all have access to the data, he said the email was the new zoom link, because the old zoom link was only for 50 minute meetings, and the new link lasts about 2 hours 3 hours, that will be the link we'll be using for the rest of the semester, He added that he wrote a paper add to it or take things off just as we go to see what's needed and fit, since this is a new situation so we will adjust as we go. In the paper Yaz wrote 5 main zoom meeting expectations he went over them 1. having camera's on, he thanked everybody for having their camera's on, and he said he was very happy that everybody had their cameras on. He then added if anybody has any questions about why certain things are that way to feel free to reach out to him with any suggestions or comments. 2. is taking attendance in the beginning and in the end of the of the meeting, 3. not to be late so we could all start on time and finish on time, and to be respectful of everyone's time, 4, if you're running update your VP', and let them. 5. Participate so they can know that you're active and on track of what's going on. Not following the se rules will follow a 15% decrease of your stipend and your performance. Makayla asked Yaz about the sign tasks he said we're trying to do a system where they assign tasks to senators, the expectation of when they have a list of tasks , as office hours and senators are expected to complete the task by committees, he said it's not finalized at the moment, then he added if anything is confusing you can ask any questions. The Next thing on Yaz's agenda is the board of trustees, he then preceded to introduce Kendall who is running to be on the E-board, and told him to tell us about himself, Kendall started off by saying that he is a junior at William Paterson University, he's a double major in criminal Justice and Sociology with a minor in Ethics, he's also a brother of Lambda Sigma upsilon Latino fraternity incorporated, He then explained that he's running for the nom-voting position on the board for the trustees, he said it's a 2 years position on year non-voting and the second year you get to vote is to your position, he said that he's ready for my first year, he also added that he's been very active on campus, his first two years he was with SGA, his first semester as senator and his second as a VP of JRB then he pulled down as a senator of JRB, he added that he's been involved with numerous clubs on campus like Caribbean Student Association and black student union, the criminal justice club on campus, after he finished he asked if anybody had any questions for him, Yaz continued that Zach who's serving as the 2nd year on the board of trustees sent him a statement to read to senate about Kendall to speak on his behalf since he couldn't be in the meeting, since he had other commitments, Yaz continued on reading the letter, after he finished reading it, Yaz added that he has worked with Kendall before and he's one of the best people he has worked with hard worker people he knows, he then said if anybody has any questions to Kendall to ask him, someone asked him if he's sufficient with time management, he said he tries his best to be sufficient with his time and get things done when it's due, Claudia then asked him how long does he plan to join us and give reports, he said every time he has something to speak on, he will join the meeting so about 2-3 times a month, which is whenever he meets with the board of trustees and an development on the student life on campus he will come in to update us and give us a

report, he also added anything we want to transfer to the board of trustees he will make sure to forward it to them. Yaz then motioned In Kendall as the non-voting board of trustees' member 1st by Nour and 2nd by Ariana, Yaz said everybody in fever to type "I" in the chat, up- staining, opposed, the vote was 25-0-0. Donna added that she will reach out to the board of trustees and let them know that he was appointed, and they will reach out to him directly for further steps. That concluded Yaz's report.

- VI. Advisors Comments: Donna sad the most important thing at the moment is to get the word out about the election, because it's very important, she said it's sad that we only got 17 votes and it's 2<sup>nd</sup> day of election, she said to post it on social media and just get the word out.
- VII. New Business: none
- VIII. Old Business: Yaz thanked everybody for having their camera's on and participating.
- IX. Announcements: Amelia said this Thursday at 8:00 PM, OK so this Thursday at 8:00 PM, her sorority incorporated as having their first ladies night of the semester, she said follow them on Instagram at MSU\_siksika for more information or you could just hit her up. Josilito then said he just hope everyone is doing ok and is having a good time also the new food company that services are on campus he said it's amazing. Kendall also added that Thursday Lambda Sigma fraternity incorporated is having their first Salsa at 8:00 PM via zoom, he said you can follow them on Instagram on wp\_isu and the link is in their bio. Anti then added that she's now the PR chair for OLAS now, so If anyone want to collaborate with them to let her know, or if they have any ideas they want to do to that can collaborate with OLAS to let her know. Nour then added if anyone has anything to say about campus whether it's good or bad to reach out to her, since she is meeting with somebody to see how everything is going and how everyone is doing, and just give her your feedback. Yaz then added that he's meeting with Nicki the VP of student development, he said any feedback they have they can send it to him, and he can bring it up in their meeting tomorrow. Donna then added Latinx celebration opening is tomorrow during common hour, she said she will put the link in the chat and there's more information on pioneer life.
- X. Adjournment: 5:45 PM