



**Student Government Association
Senate
Minutes**

- I. Call to Order-** 5:10 pm
- II. Roll Call-** Please see attached
- III. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda was amended to add Brianna Egers report after Nejesea's report. Brianna motioned to approve the amended agenda; 1st by Camelis, 2nd by Tiarah. Amended agenda approval unanimous.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were amended to change Stephanie Galindo's attendance to ½ absent on 4/3/18. Brianna motioned to approve the amended minutes; 1st by Maylene, 2nd by Mildaury. Approval of minutes unanimous.
- V. Nejesea Brown, EVP of SGA**
 - 1. ATMOSS**

Matthew Castro, President of the ATMOSS Club was in attendance to explain the purpose of the club and why he would like it to be chartered. Senators asked questions and Matthew answered them thoroughly. Dylan pointed out that Section B # 5(a) in Article IV tab button moved the sentence too far and should be changed. Matthew C. stated that the button on the keyboard was pressed in error and will be changed. Matt Mullins pointed out discrepancies within Article II Section B and Article VI. He suggested that changes be made so that they coincide with each other. Matthew C. assured senate that the change will be made. Brianna motioned to charter the ATMOSS Club; 1st by Nejesea, 2nd by Chica. ATMOSS Club chartering passed **36-0-4.**
 - 2. Nominations/Elections**

Nejesea stated that nominations start this week and if anyone is interested in a workshop please come to the SGA Office to sign up. Also, next Thursday meet the candidates will take place on Caldwell Plaza and the following week elections will start.

VI. Brianna Egers, President of SGA

1. Awards

Brianna distributed Senator of the Month Certificates for the month of March to Yazan and Stephanie for their extraordinary service and hard-work towards the betterment of the Student Government Association.

VII. Jackeline Reyes, VP of Allocations

1. Budget

Before Jackeline gave her report Brianna Reyes motioned to limit discussion to 20 minutes, 2nd by Tiarah. Motioned passed **33-4-2**.

Jackeline stated that this is the 2nd round of voting for the Budget. She distributed the numbered budget sheets to all senators and reminded them not to leave the room with the budget sheet, nor should they take pictures of the sheet. Jackeline gave a quick re-cap of the budget plan. She explained that for the past 2 months the Allocations committee met to discuss the budget. She explained the color coded sections as being the following: **green**- increase, **yellow**- decrease and **red**- cut out. She also explained why cuts and decreases were made. Jaime explained how the overall budget is impacted. He stated that the numbers come from Business Services and that cuts are made due to the decrease in enrollment. Jackeline then opened the floor for discussion and questions. Nahshon discussed his issues that he has with the budget. He distributed a packet that he created before the senate meeting began. The issues that Nahshon discussed were addressed by Jaime. Jaime reiterated the aforementioned and stated that senate is voting on fiscal year 2018-2019. He also pointed out that Nahshon was the only person who had an issue with the budget. No other committee expressed any disagreements with their portion of the budget. Brianna Reyes stated that she felt Nahshon was only concerned about not having food at one of his forums. She pointed out statements within Nahshon's packet to support why she felt the way she did. Jackeline stressed that the budget can change and increase going forward. Nahshon motioned for a blind vote when senate votes on the budget, 2nd by Joel. Motioned passed **24-14-1**. A blind vote was conducted and the budget passed the senate stage with a vote count of **28-7-2**. Jaime informed senate that Auxiliary will meet on 4/24/18 and they will have the final vote.

VIII. Isabel Galindo, VP of Academic Affairs

1. Faculty Senate

Isabel stated that Faculty Senate had their ad-hoc meeting today. During that meeting the Retention Support Committee discussed why enrollment is down and why students are leaving. She mentioned that the committee will focus on 3 items which are:

1. Technology
2. Open Educational Resources
3. We Care

IX. Maylene Angeles, VP of Public Relations

1. Meet the Candidates

Maylene reminded senators that will be running in the upcoming election that “Meet the Candidates” will be this Thursday on Caldwell Plaza. Even though this event is not mandatory she encouraged them to attend. She reminded senators that in order to be a part of this event their workshop must be done and all papers must be in before Thursday during common hour.

2. Color Walk

Maylene mentioned that the Color Walk will take place Friday from 10:30 am – 12:30pm. She asked that those interested in helping out to meet her in the SGA Office around 9-9:30. She stated that CASL will be having different activities for Unity Day. Donna mentioned that this Friday is a combination of all themed celebrations. Maylene asked that if any senators that are running in the election to please give her their flyers for the tabling event Public Relations will be having in the library.

X. Nahshon Bolton, VP of Student Life

1. Important Objectives

Nahshon mentioned that his committee members will be tackling individual objectives. They are as follows:

Yazan- talking to Rec. to see if students can receive 2 guest passes

Sierra- looking into a safer walk to High Mountain East

Marvin- improve options on campus for people with disabilities

Dena- parking garage signage

Sahir & Jaser- Do workshop with Campus Police to build a better relationship between students and police.

XI. Advisor’s Comments

Donna- 2 more weeks of senate; SGA banquet and stipend review is coming up; keep in mind that you have office hours and reports to complete; think about your priorities.

XII. New Business

Dylan- talked about the MSU Leadership Academy he attended. He stated that one of the components of the event was the “Ellen Card”. He explained that the card was used for individuals to give to people as an act of kindness. Dylan then passed around the cards for members to take if they wanted to.

XIII. Old Business

Maylene- rsvp by 4/12 if attending SGA Awards Dinner. She stated that Greeks are allowed to bring 2 representatives per organization; SAPB e-board has to rsvp.

Brianna- thanked everyone who attended the suicide prevention event; this Thursday @ 6pm Take Back the Night event.

Jackeline- next week is National Volunteer week.

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Donna- Bowling team are the 2018 National Champions! They are the first program to win back to back. Their coach was named Bowling Coach of the Year; Ice Hockey finished 5th in the nation.

XIV. **Announcements-** Brianna stated that she will put the announcements in the SGA group chat.

XV. **Adjournment-** 6:34 pm