

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF 18 APRIL 2006

MLK ROOM CAMPUS CENTER

4:34PM

ATTENDANCE:

Absent: M. Cogliano, D. Mazza, J. Runyan, S. Smith, D. Daye, C. Cabral, A Lavoie, J. Perez, M. Berry, S. Gelarderes, K. Meadows

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

Guests: Meghan Griffin (SSC Log), Heather Hopkins (SSC Log), Matthew Delman (SSC Log), Sasha Rosen (MASSPirg), Erin Buckley (RHA)

I. MINUTES: Vice President Mitchell called the meeting to order. The following housekeeping announcements were made to the 2005-2006 Senate:

- Black Binders need to be returned to Sharon as soon as possible.
- The end of year dinner will be next Tuesday 27 April 2006 at 7pm. It will be held at Victoria's Station on Pickering Warf. There will be a meeting beforehand for the 2006-2007 Senate. Attire is business casual.
- President Cogliano sent his regards and his apologies for being unable to attend his last meeting as President. One of his close friends passed away in a car accident over the weekend.
- Vice President Mitchell thanked everyone for this years work.

Vice President Mitchell entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the 11 April 2006 meeting.

Greenman/Dingle
(Unanimous)

At this point the 2005-2006 Senate was dismissed and the 2006-2007 Senate officially took office.

ATTENDANCE:

Absent: K. Meadows, H. Paquin, S. Erickson, A. Grasse, S. Brennan, P. Yerramaneni, T. Cook

Arrived Late: D. Daye, J. Perez

Left Early: J. Alfonzo, J. Cabrera

Guests: Meghan Griffin (SSC Log), Heather Hopkins (SSC Log), Matthew Delman (SSC Log), Sasha Rosen (MASSPirg), Erin Buckley (RHA), N. Finn, C. Milan, J. Bowling, N. Porter, S. Morrison

I. MINUTES: President Mitchell called the meeting to order. There were no prior minutes since this was the first meeting of the Senate.

II. PRESIDENTS REPORT:

MOTION: President Mitchell entertained a motion to appoint Julissa Alfonzo and Rita Bottoni to Senior Senate.

Vitalone/Charbonneau
(Unanimous)

MOTION: President Mitchell entertained a motion to appoint Alainna Grasse to Junior Senate.

Charbonneau/Sullivan
(Unanimous)

MOTION: President Mitchell entertained a motion to appoint Prasanthi Yerramaneni and Joadys Cabrera to Sophomore Senate.

Charbonneau/Sullivan
(Unanimous)

MOTION: President Mitchell entertained a motion to appoint Nikki Dingle to Junior Senate.

Charbonneau/Sullivan
(Unanimous)

MOTION: President Mitchell entertained a motion to appoint Alex Slazar to Rules Committee Chair.

Sullivan/Charbonneau
(Unanimous)

MOTION: President Mitchell entertained a motion to appoint Deb Demelo to Student Life Committee Chair.

Charbonneau/Sullivan

(Unanimous)

MOTION: President Mitchell entertained a motion to appoint Van Pech to Judicial Affairs Committee Chair.

Sullivan/Vitalone
(Unanimous)

MOTION: President Mitchell entertained a motion to appoint Fatima Berry, Keon Savory, Jose Santiago to Senior Awards Committee.

Daye/Charbonneau
(Unanimous)

- President Mitchell announced that Dr. Cahill sent him an email regarding the Sustainability Committee. The Sustainability Committee looks at recycling and other similar issues around campus. The committee meets biweekly on Thursdays at 9.00 AM in the Administration Conference Room. The next meeting is 27 April. Any interested students, particularly those in SGA and RHA, should contact either Tom Osborne or Steven Keyes. Mr. Osborne is also available to answer particular questions regarding SSC's sustainability.
- President Mitchell noted that all senators would be appointed to contract and non-contract committees. Student input is important and it is vital that you attend those committees. Senators will need to contact the committee chairperson after being appointed to find out when the committee meets.
- President Mitchell noted the last of this school year's Speaker Series events was last week. Dr. Brossoit, Nick Porter and he attended. Next year is the Speaker Series' 25th anniversary.
- President Mitchell mentioned that the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education Day is next Monday 24 April. Jeremy Bowling sent around a sign-up sheet. Candice Milan attended last year and discussed the event. Students will meet at 7.00 AM at the Tennis Courts on North Campus and return around 5.00 PM the same day. Dr. Brossoit will be presenting at the event. For those attending, permission will be requested via the Student Life office.
- President Mitchell noted the Merrowvista retreat in the fall. This year's dates are 22-24 September. This is a mandatory event for the entire Senate. The foci of the retreat are leadership training and team building.
- President Mitchell thanked the graduating seniors present: Candice Milan & Noreen Finn.

III. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- No Report.

IV. ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT:

- No Report.

V. PUBLIC RELATIONS EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:

- Public Relations Executive Vitalone mentioned hoping to get a weekly spot on WMWM and coverage for SGA in each issue of the Log.

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Secretary Greenman noted there is an attendance policy for all members of the Senate. It is in the Constitution and should be reviewed by everyone.
- Secretary Greenman pointed out that he is also chair of the ad hoc Project 120 committee. He discussed its importance and noted the last Faculty Forum will be Friday 21 April at 10.00 AM in the Faculty Dining Commons at Central Campus. President Mitchell noted that two more committee members are needed for the committee. Interested Senators should contact Secretary Greenman.

VII. SENIOR CLASS REPORT:

- Senators Bottoni, Alfonzo, and Charbonneau introduced themselves.

VIII. JUNIOR CLASS REPORT:

- Senator Dingle introduced herself.

IX. SOPHOMORE CLASS REPORT:

- Senators Cabrera, Perez, Sullivan and Miranda introduced themselves.

X. FRESHMAN CLASS REPORT:

- President Mitchell noted that Freshman Class Elections are to be held in the fall.

XI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RULES

- No Report. Chair Slazar introduced herself.

STUDENT LIFE

- No Report. Chair Demelo introduced herself.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- This position is currently vacant, but President Mitchell has someone interested in the position.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

- The position is currently vacant. Jeremy Bowling, the former chair, explained the duties of the committee and the chairperson.
- Mr. Bowling also informed the Senate of the “Let’s Get Out There” program as a tool for garnering student input.
- Mr. Bowling also discussed State House Day last week.

JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

- No Report. Chair Pech introduced himself.

XII. OLD BUSINESS:

- Senator Perez asked about the “Salem State Extravaganza”. President Mitchell has given permission to Matt Cogliano and Nick Porter to continue working on this.
- Jeremy Bowling asked about the progress of Vikings Go Biking. President Mitchell noted that due to the weather, it was deemed unwise to have the program launched for three weeks. It will be launched full force in the fall.
- President Mitchell noted that standing committee membership be appointed in the fall.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Jeremy Bowling requested if the Rules Committee could look at the Constitution and Bylaws regarding the wording and clarification of the amendment process. President Mitchell said that is being done over the summer.
- The Executive Board introduced itself.

XIV. DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy Birthday to Sharon Rivers!
- Sharon Rivers announced that some members have not completed their acceptance packets. If you have not returned yours, please get it to Sharon as soon as possible. Also, all binders need to be returned. They will be reissued in the fall. Senators and Committee Chairs will need to check their mailboxes, which are in the office downstairs, at least every other day.
- President Mitchell asked that anyone who sees Senators Henry Paquin, Taylor Cook, or Sean Brennan please notify them the next meeting is 25 April. He also noted the final meeting for this academic year is 2 May.
- Senator Dingle announced Spring Week for Program Council. Salem State Idol’s first night will be 18 April. The second night, where the students present vote on their choice for Salem State Idol will be 19 April. On 19 April, there will be Ice Cream at Central Campus from 11.00 AM – 1.00 PM. On 20 April, there will be a photo booth at the North Campus Dining Commons from 11.00 AM – 2.00 PM. Friday 21 April will have Bingo in the underground at 7.00 PM.

- Sasha Cohen from MASSPirg noted this is her last week on campus this academic year, but that she'll be back in the fall. She will send a report to Secretary Greenman regarding initiatives they are pursuing. This will be sent to the Senate. The main initiative for this fall will be the Voter's Project that is aimed at getting students to vote in the gubernatorial election. Her contact info will be avail in the office for the summer.
- Assistant Treasurer Daye announced MSA & HAAS Fashion Show this Thursday at 7.00 PM. There is a dance following the event. Assistant Treasurer Day is participating in the show itself.
- Candice Milan announced that the Theatre Department's production of "Country Wife" is opening this Thursday. Shows are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8.00 PM this weekend. Shows are the same time next weekend with an additional matinee on Sunday at 2.00 PM. The show is free for Salem State students.
- Dr. Brossoit reiterated the Board of Higher Education Day next Monday at 7.00 AM. Dress is business casual.
- Jeremy Bowling asked about the process of selecting an Advisor for next year. President Mitchell stated the process and that he has begun that process to retain Dr. Brossoit as the advisor for next year.
- Members of the Support Staff (Advisor Dr. Lee Brossoit, Administrative Assistant Sharon Rivers and Graduate Student Kate Cole) introduced themselves. Kate Cole is graduating this spring and sadly will not be returning next fall.

XV. ADJOURNMENT 5:40pm:

MOTION: Public Relations Executive Vitalone made a motion to adjourn.

/Dingle
(Unanimous)

SUBMITTED BY GREGORY GREENMAN