

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF 30 JANUARY 2007

MLK ROOM CAMPUS CENTER

TIME: 4:33pm

ATTENDANCE:

Absent: Mariana Guicho, Sahira Fernandez, Katherine Lopez, Elizabeth Roccoforte, Meghan Charbonneau

Arrived Late: Evelyn Flores

Left Early: Mimosa Long

Guests: Janine Legere (RHA), Zadina Cadyma (MSA), Debora DeMelo (HAS), Christian Mielcarek, Yamuka Arias, Nikki Dingle (CSC), Rosie Conway (START)

I. MINUTES:

MOTION: Vice President Greenman made a motion to accept the minutes of December 12, 2006.

Holmberg/Baez
(Unanimous)

MOTION: President Mitchell made a motion to accept the minutes of January 1, 2007.

Runyan/Finn
(Unanimous)

II. PRESIDENTS REPORT:

- President Mitchell handed out an article regarding political apathy and a fair and accurate reporting on what is really happening in Iraq called, "Shooting the Messenger."
- President Mitchell discussed the program "Hands for HAWC" which is held by the National Residence Hall Honorary in which they raise money for rape victims.
- President Mitchell handed out pieces of paper where Senators could trace their hands and donate a quarter which will go to the National Residence Hall Honorary.

- President Mitchell discussed the possibility of Dashboard Confessionals attending the College in the spring and will have further information at the next meeting.
- President Mitchell discussed the Board of Higher Education Leadership Day on March 1st in Framingham and inquired if anyone would like to attend you can contact him after the meeting.
- President Mitchell noted that Dr. Brossoit would be presenting a session at the Board of Higher Education Leadership Day.
- President Mitchell stated that the President Search's review process has begun and by the end of the month there will be some semi-finalists.

III. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Vice President Greenman handed out a Student Government Evaluation Form for the senators to fill out about the E-board members and their progress. He anticipates this will help SGA as a group.
- Vice President Greenman stated that the High School Leadership Conference, which discusses diversity, communication and leadership styles, which is on March 24th and if there is any interest to contact him after the meeting.
- Vice President Greenman stated that all groups and clubs must write their letters of accomplishments by February 8th.
- Vice President Greenman noted that there is a mandatory groups and clubs meeting on February 8th.
- Vice President Greenman stated that if anyone is interested in how to update the SGA website to meet with him after the meeting.
- Vice President Greenman mentioned getting SGA apparel and is open to ideas from senators.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Treasurer Meadows noted that Finance Committee met Thursday night where they heard two proposals, one from START /CSC and one from START.
- Treasurer Meadows introduced Nikki Dingle, President of Catholic Student Community (CSC), and Rosie Conway (START), who proposed for a trip to New Orleans during Spring Break where they would look at environmental restoration, mold removal, interior/exterior framing. This would be a non-profit event in which they could better serve the community.

MOTION: Executive Meadows made a motion to grant CSC/START in the amount of \$2,000 for their trip to New Orleans.

Delle Chiaie/Perez

(Unanimous)

- Treasurer Meadows introduced Rosie Conway from START. Rosie Conway proposed for a donation to help fund the Annual Speakers Series which will include Robin Frost, Linda Smith, and a panel of clients from the North Shore Community to discuss hunger and homelessness.

MOTION: Executive Meadows made a motion to grant START in the amount of \$1,200 for the Annual Speakers Series.

Vitalone/Mann
(Unanimous)

- Treasurer Meadows stated that there is now \$11,142.78 left in the Finance Committee budget.
- Treasurer Meadows noted that he talked to Steve Jervey (Budget Director) who verified the \$320,000.00 as the starting budget for next year.

MOTION: Treasurer Meadows made a motion to appoint Gregory Greenman and Molly Delle Chiaie to Budget Committee.

Meadows/Finn
(Unanimous)

- Treasurer Meadows re-introduced Nikki Dingle and Rosie Conway who proposed for \$500 which would be a donation from SGA, as apposed to the Finance Committee, for their trip to New Orleans.

MOTION: Vice President Greenman made a motion to donate CSC in the amount of \$500 for the trip to New Orleans.

Greenman/Holmberg
(Unanimous)

V. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- Executive Vitalone thanked the committees and the senate for their hard work this year.
- Executive Vitalone mentioned his progress on the open position fliers which will be out soon.
- Executive Vitalone mentioned the possibilities of using the new TV screens on the shuttle buses for advertising.
- Executive Vitalone noted that there were no articles for the Journal and suggested that anyone who attended that Masquerade Ball last year write about the event and put it into the Journal.

- Executive Vitalone suggested that student write about governmental issues to put into the Journal.

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Secretary Sullivan passed around the standing committees and asked senators to put down which committee they would like to be in or to confirm the committee they are currently in.
- Secretary Sullivan reminded senators to do their office hours and noted that we keep track of senators doing them.
- Secretary Sullivan reminded senators to check the SSC Mobilized and their personal mailboxes.

MOTION: President Mitchell made a motion to appoint Zadina Cadyma to Senior senate, Deb DeMello to Junior senate, and Janine Legere to Junior senate.

Barry/Grasse
(Unanimous)

- President Mitchell noted that Senator Cadyma and Senator Barry were being inducted into the Hall of Black Achievement due to their accomplishments at the College and were nominated by faculty at SSC.

VII. SENIOR CLASS REPORT:

- Senator Runyan noted that the light at South Campus is slow and is looking into working with the City Counsel to fix it.
- Senator Finn noted that the Senior Award application is due March 23rd at 5pm and reminded seniors to get recommendations.
- Senator Finn noted that on Friday the Senior Applications are due.

VIII. JUNIOR CLASS REPORT:

- Senator DeMelo noted a typo on the calendar that was handed out noting it's the "Masquerade *Ball*".

IX. SOPHOMORE CLASS REPORT:

- Senator Perez mentioned her trouble at the Bursars office and was directed to call Julie Collins.

X. FRESHMAN CLASS REPORT:

- Senator Delle Chiaie stated that there were no quarters in the laundry room and was directed to talk to the Ray Gordon.
- Senator Jones discussed his findings about compensations received at other SGA's nationally.
- Senator Delle Chiaie noted that there are two new pool tables at Bowditch and was curious why Peabody didn't receive any and was directed to talk to Ray Gordon.

XI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE

- No Report.

RULES

- Chair Slazar announced that her committee would be meeting after the meeting.
- Chair Slazar stated that she looked over the Constitution and handed out a proposal with the proposed corrections (attached).

MOTION: Vice President Greenman made a motion to accept the change in Article 6, Section B in the Bi-laws.

Greenman/Finn
(19 in favor/1abstention)

STUDENT LIFE

- Chair Marte announced that February 1st is the last day for residence to give housing deposits.
- Chair Marte noted the students are guaranteed two years for housing and juniors and seniors are put into a lottery.
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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- Chair Villemaire stated that he would get the word about Project 120 to the College students.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

- No Report.

JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

- Chair Jusino mentioned there is a trial next week.
- Chair Jusino noted that he talked with President Mitchell and Dr. Brossoit about the possibilities of holding a mock trial within the senate to give member a better idea of what goes on in a hearing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- No Report.

XII. OLD BUSINESS:

- Dr. Brossoit noted that next Wednesday the Student Life Contract Committee will be meeting at 2:30pm in the Presidential room.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- No Report.

XIV. DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dr. Brossoit announced the Diversity Panel that Senator Barry sponsored was fabulous.
- President Mitchell announced the Kent State Revisited put on by Dr. Cahill was well received.
- Chair Slazar announced the “No Place for Hate” kickoff on Thursday, January 1st is at 7pm and is free.
- Chair Jusino announced that HAS movie night on Wednesday at 7pm in Vets Hall where they will watch, “The Pursuit of Happiness.”
- Chair Barry announced that February is African American month and there is a Black History Feud in the first week at 6pm in Vets Hall.
- Senator DeMelo announced the “Untold Stories of Iraq” sponsored by PC will be in Vets Hall at 4:30pm on February 5th.
- Senator DeMelo announced the Masquerade Ball on February 23rd from 7-12pm and is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple, the theme is “Masquerade.”
- Vice President Greenman announced that anyone interested in helping with the Woman’s Dinner should contact him after the meeting.

XV. ADJOURNMENT TIME: 6:20pm

MOTION: Executive Vitalone made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Vitalone/Jones
(Unanimous)

SUBMITTED BY KELSEY SULLIVAN