



Student Government, Inc. Minutes of the Meeting November 16, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Student Government, St John's University Queens Campus Inc. (the Board) was held on November 16, 2020 virtually through the Student Government, Inc. Zoom.

In attendance:

Patrick Kohn
Julia Betancourt
Natasha Yangthito
Amy Ackel
Caitlin Cassidy
Chris Bernabe
Ethan Burrell
Adriana Odom
Alison Rowe Tacaderas
Amesha Diyunge
Anjali Rana
Anjolaoluwa Fashanu
Anthony Salvia
Anthony Catanese
Aqsa Ali
Brian Monahan
Bryan Tavarez
Christianna Ukponmwan
Connor Richards
Crystal Persaud
David Diano
Diamond Wilson
Ethan Snider
Hailey Pomara
Jackie Alvarez
Jenna Gallo
Jennalynn Fund
Jewel Antoine
John Hagan
Joseph Gandelman
Laiba Amin
Matt Ventura

Matthew Fontanez
Mikeshia Withanachchi
Natalia Acevedo
Nicholas Alexander
Nina Allen
Raya Keir
Richard Neri
Samantha Lanza
Serena Low
Shaeleigh Severino
Shannon Thearle
Tazia Sullivan
Tauryn Brown
Tracy Singh
Tyler Gulston
Victoria Gahn
William Pierre

Absent:

Michelle Chin
Greggy Charles
Victoria Graceffa
Angelina DeCoro
Anfernee Osandu
Christiana Vaccaro
Courtney Norford
Lauryn Simon
Jewyl Raikes
Christopher Davis
Kaitlyn Orsini
Marianna Riquelme
Andrea Vizzuett-Garci

Brandon Singh
Helen Li
Chelsea Whitten
Ian King
Nicolas Bautista
Tommy Giobardo
Antoinette Bastone
Samantha Reichert
Logan Aquino
Alex Cogger-Bonet
Joben Santos
Naya Lipkens
Samantha Moore
Sean Donnelly

I. Opening

A. Call to Order at 5:05PM est.

B. Patrick Kohn

1. Hello everyone. Today is the sixth and final assembly meeting of the semester. We want to take a moment to thank all of the chairs and representatives that have stuck through with us as we work with our virtual platform.

C. Attendance

1. Quorum was reached during this meeting.

D. Prayer - Chris Bernabe

1. We want to take a moment of silence for a fellow St. John's student that passed away this past week. We pray for the family and friends of Caylee Goldberger, may she rest in peace.

II. New Business

A. There was no new business

III. Executive Reports

A. *From the Office of the President*

1. *Patrick Kohn*

- a. Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Forum - Postponed until next semester (decision made by faculty)
- b. Presidential Search Committee Updates
 - i. 4 Students met with the three remaining finalists
 - ii. Myself, the SI SGI President, and two other students with many different roles on campus
 - iii. All the interviews went well
 - iv. In my personal opinion, there seems to be a pretty clear separation between 1, 2, and 3.
 - v. The Board of Trustees will make the final decision between the three of them, and the next president should be announced by the end of the semester.
- c. New York State Coalition of Student Governments
 - i. Groups of students from different universities across NY has started meeting regularly to work on common priorities through collective advocacy and through sharing of effective strategies on individual campuses
 - ii. Meeting this Friday and every other Friday
 - iii. If you'd be interested in being a part of these meetings or even holding a position within the group, please reach out to me and I'll add you to the group's communications
- d. Student Trustee Position
 - i. Julia will go into more detail in her slides.

B. From the Office of the Vice President

1. Julia Betancourt

- a. Sexual Assault Prevention
 - i. Meeting to discuss new standards for the Coordinated Community Response Team with Dr. Hutchinson in December and the possibility of enacting programs.
 - ii. List of programs have been added to our Research Document in our Link Tree.
- b. Tea time with Susie Pak
 - i. Postponed to before second lecture in February
- c. Board of Trustees
 - i. Emailed Chair of the Board, Bill Janetchek to ask to meet with the co-Chairs and then the entire BOT.
 - (a) Response was not ideal - Bill Janetchek stated that Administration is who we should be speaking to.
 - ii. Joe Oliva (General Counsel) is emailing the BOT to advocate for more student representation, and we are waiting for an update.

C. From the Office of the Secretary

1. Natasha Yangthito

- a. No Report
- b. Upcoming event: Monday, November 16th at 7:30pm, SOAR is hosting a viewing of “Athleta A”

D. From the Office of the Treasurer

1. Amy Ackel

- a. Chairs please email me your first and last name along with your mailing address.

E. From the Office of the Senior Senator

a. Caitlin Cassidy

- i. Giving Tuesday
 - (a) Global Generosity movement that SJU Alumni take part in
 - (b) Senior Scholarship will be advertised as one of the programs to give to!

F. From the Office of the Junior Senator

1. Chris Bernabe

- a. Molloy College Student Government
 - i. Meetings to go over possible programming events

- b. CRES
 - i. Forums are pushed to next semester due to faculty
- G. *From the Office of the Sophomore Senator*
 - 1. *Ethan Burrell*
 - a. Bylaw Review Committee Next Steps
 - i. New SGI Constitution, Bylaws, and Student Senate Bylaws
 - b. Sophomore Class Forum Topics
 - i. Online Classes
 - ii. New Dining Options? Popeyes?
 - iii. Representatives need to meet with College Deans
 - (a) Chris Bernabe and Academic Affairs are working on it
 - iv. Difficult registration process this semester
 - v. Programing Ideas?
 - c. Thank you to all the representatives for doing such an amazing job adapting into your roles this semester with it being virtual and with a brand new system.

IV. **Committee Reports**

- A. Academic Affairs Committee Report
 - 1. No Report
- B. Budget
 - 1. *Nick Alexander*
 - a. Jewish Student Association
 - i. Allocated \$1000 for speaker at a Virtual Challah Bake
 - ii. *Approved.*
- C. Elections
 - 1. *Tyler Gulston*
 - a. Spring elections are coming up if anyone wants to be a part of the team please email us at electionssgi@gmail.com.
- D. Equity
 - 1. No report
- E. Health and Wellness
 - 1. *Catie Cassidy on Behalf of Health & Wellness Committee*
 - a.
- F. Organization
 - 1. No Report
- G. Public Relations Committee Report
 - 1. No Report
- H. Research & Development Committee Report
 - 1. No Report

I. RedZone Committee Report

1. *David Diano*

- a. Men's and Women's Basketball 1st game of the season Nov 25th
- b. Cardboard Cutouts for Basketball season on sale now. Student Cutouts are \$10 - order here:
<https://am.ticketmaster.com/stjohns/fancutout#/>
- c. RedZone will be working on many projects over intercession to prepare for any scenario next semester may bring!
- d. Should you be interested in working together on an event for next semester never hesitate to contact me:
david.diano19@stjohns.edu sjuredzone@gmail.com
- e. Happy Holidays from the RedZone Committee!

J. Service Committee Report

1. No Report

K. Sustainability Committee Report

1. Planning a Philippines Donation Drive for December
2. Sustainability conference with climate activists and scientists are panelists
3. collaborations with sustainability groups at other universities in New York

L. Student Affairs Committee Report

1. Trying to plan something for the Christmas time virtually.

V. **Old Business**

- A. There was no old business.

VI. **Announcements**

1. Happy Holidays!

VII. **Adjournment**

- A. *Meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.*