



# Student Government, Inc. Minutes of the Meeting February 22, 2021

*A meeting of the Board of Directors of Student Government, St John's University Queens Campus Inc. (the Board) was held on February 22, 2021 virtually through the Student Government, Inc. Zoom.*

**In attendance:**

Patrick Kohn  
Julia Betancourt  
Natasha Yangthito  
Amy Ackel  
Christianna Ukponmwan  
Caitlin Cassidy  
Chris Bernabe  
Ethan Burrell

Adriana Odom  
Amesha Diyunge  
Anfernee Osandu  
Anjolaoluwa Fashanu  
Anthony Salvia  
Brian Monahan  
Christiana Vaccaro  
Connor Richards  
Crystal Persaud  
David Diano  
Diamond Wilson  
Ethan Snider  
Gabiella Matatoff  
Ian King  
Jenna Gallo  
Jennalynn Fung  
Jerijah McCray  
Jewel Antoine  
Joseph Gandelman  
Kayla Liborio  
Laiba Amin  
Lauryn Simon  
Matt Ventura  
Matthew Fontanez

Michelle Chin  
Mikeshia Withanachchi  
Natalia Acevedo  
Nicholas Alexander  
Nicolas Bautista  
Nicholas Mebane  
Palak Seth  
Sean Donnelly  
Serena Low  
Tommy Giobardo  
Tracy Singh  
Tyler Gulston  
Victoria Gahn

**Absent:**

Anjali Rana  
Alison Rowe Tacaderas  
Alexander Cogger Bonet  
Tazia Sullivan  
Katelyn Johnson  
Lauryn Simon  
Isabella Guarino  
Marianna Riquelme  
Shannon Thearle  
Andrea Vizzuett-Garci  
Anthony Catanese  
Bryan Tavarez  
Tauryn Brown  
Courtney Norford  
Samantha Lanza  
Greggy Charles  
John Hagan

**Naya Lipkens  
Richard Neri  
Shaeleigh Severino  
Brandon Singh  
Jackie Alvarez  
Antoinette Bastone  
Hailey Pomara  
Samantha Reichert  
Logan Aquino  
Joben Santos**

**Helen Li  
Victoria Graceffa  
William Pierre**

## **I. Opening**

- A. Call to Order at 5:09PM est.
- B. Chris Bernabe
  - 1. Prayer
- C. Patrick Kohn
  - 1. Welcome to assembly meeting.

## **II. New Business**

- A. No New Business

## **III. Executive Reports**

- A. From the Office of the President

- 1. *Patrick Kohn*
  - a. Meetings with Admin
    - i. Tomorrow (2.23) meeting to discuss the faculty CBA
    - ii. Probably 1-2x in March to meet new President
  - b. OMA and IRC Trainings

- B. From the Office of the Vice President

- 1. *Julia Betancourt*
  - a. Food Pantry
    - i. Planning Committee Applications open!
    - ii. Instagram launch - @sjuqcfoodpantry
  - b. Reminder
    - i. Event with Dr. Pak
      - (a) If you have any ideas of what you would like to hear her talk about or discuss, please let us know.
    - ii. Complete OMA trainings
    - iii. CBA posts coming soon

- C. From the Office of the Secretary

- 1. *Natasha Yangthito*
  - a. CCRT
    - i. Looking for new SOAR Director
    - ii. Expect new changes to Title IX with the Biden Administration
  - b. Food Pantry Sign up:



i.

- D. From the Office of the Treasurer
  - 1. *Amy Ackel*
    - a. No Report
- E. From the Office of the Chief of Staff
  - 1. *Christianna Ukponmwan*
    - a. Committee Chair Bi-weekly meetings
      - i. Every other Thursday @2pm
      - ii. Schedule will be sent tonight
    - b. Committee Reports
      - i. Due Thursday @12PM (before our meetings) in Slack
      - ii. Finalized report should also be sent in Slack
    - c. Chair Functions + Stipends
      - i. Chairs serve their fellow students
      - ii. Spring 2021 stipends will be based on initiative completion & report submission
    - d. Switching from Asana to Microsoft Teams
- F. From the Office of the Senior Senator
  - 1. *Caitlin Cassidy*
    - a. Enter Yearbook Photo Contest
      - i. Every Thursday
      - ii. Your photo will be in the Yearbook
      - iii. Win a cool, fun, awesome, wondrous prize
      - iv. @yearbook.sju
    - b. Fill out the Food Pantry Survey!!
      - i. Data gets you very far :)
      - ii. 5 minutes at the most
      - iii. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Y5dkPikqoy1YMPJdasYM18cbbPo3eN5-H1gKJTVqyHQ/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Y5dkPikqoy1YMPJdasYM18cbbPo3eN5-H1gKJTVqyHQ/viewform?edit_requested=true)
- G. From the Office of the Junior Senator
  - 1. *Chris Bernabe*
    - a. Public Safety Meeting
      - i. Work with representative Amesha on Active Shooter drills
      - ii. Meet with Public Safety on Tuesday or Wednesday
    - b. *Anfernee Osandu*
      - i. Ask them if they are removing the red polls and students are uncomfortable with Public Safety having their information

and location on the app. Under-developed app and missing a lot of necessary

c. *Lauryn Simon*

- i. Active shooter drive question, can you explain what you hope to accomplish and what you want it to look like?

d. *Chris Bernabe*

- i. In the event that it would happen, Public Safety would hold classes for students if something were to happen to keep them safe in that scenario

e. *Lauryn Simon*

- i. Change the presentation and name of the initiative. Change it to a seminar or classes, change the marketing of the initiative.

H. From the Office of the Sophomore Senator

1. *Ethan Burrell*

- a. First-Year T-Shirts
- b. S.M.A.R.T. Program
- c. Dining Services meeting

**IV. Committee Reports**

A. Academic Affairs Committee Report

1. *Tracy S.*

- a. Diligently working to find effective ways to communicate with the student body.
- b. Instagram takeovers
- c. Flyers will be posted to spread the awareness to the committee on campus and offer easier access.

B. Budget Committee Report

1. *Nick Alexander*

a. JSA

- i. Requested \$400 for a speaker.
- ii. Recommending the full \$400.
- iii. *Passed for the full amount.*

b. JSA

- i. Requested \$350 for a speaker.
- ii. Recommending the full \$350.
- iii. *Passed for the full amount.*

c. Redhouse

- i. Requested \$1120 for a giveaway event.
- ii. Recommending the full \$1120.
- iii. *Passed for the full amount.*

- d. Gamma Iota Sigma
  - i. Requested \$153.37 for postage reimbursement.
  - ii. Recommending the full \$153.37.
  - iii. *Passed for the full amount.*

C. Elections Committee Report

1. *Joseph G.*

- a. Application Opens Feb 25th
- b. Application Due March 4th
- c. Campaigning Starts March 10th
- d. Presentation of Candidates to SGI Floor: March 22nd
- e. Executive Board Debate: March 25th during Common Hour
- f. Voting: March 28th-30th
- g. If you have any questions email [electionssgi@gmail.com](mailto:electionssgi@gmail.com)
- h. Attending info sessions are mandatory to run

D. Equity Committee Report

1. *Ian King*

- a. What has been accomplished:
  - i. Successful campaign for SGI's #withBLM initiative and Pride Month
  - ii. Instagram lives
  - iii. Collab with Sustainability committee and the Radicals
  - iv. Number of widely-circulated statements denouncing predatory behaviors from administrators on campus
- b. Urgent initiative
  - i. Students on the Staten Island campus are facing terminated on campus housing starting next semester
  - ii. A larger international population will be left without housing, especially with New York city renting issues
  - iii. RA's and GA's are at risk of losing jobs
- c. What can we do?
  - i. We must show allship with our Staten Island Johnnies.
  - ii. Publicize on Instagram
  - iii. Launch initiatives as a united SGI
  - iv. Virtual Q&A will be Tuesday 2.23, for more information
  - v. Draft a list of demands with Staten Island students and sign petitions and send emails to Staten Island Administration

E. Health and Wellness

1. *Jewel Antoine*

- a. Welcome our two new Assistant Chairs

- i. Ali Altaf
  - ii. Rajvir Kaur
- b. Plans for the semester
  - i. Zoom and instagram live with nutritionists
  - ii. Food deserts with Equity
  - iii. Increase membership
  - iv. Utilization of their budget
  - v. Social media
    - (a) Mental Health Monday
    - (b) Highlighting disparities in health minorities
- c. Contact info
  - i. Mohammed Shah (Chair) - mohammed.shah17@stjohns.edu
  - ii. Jewel Antoine - jewel.antoine17@stjohns.edu
  - iii. Ali Altaf - ali.ataf18@stjohns.edu
  - iv. Rajvir Kaur - rajvir.kaur18@stjohns.edu

#### F. Organization

##### 1. *Anfernee Osandu*

- a. No Report

#### G. Public Relations Committee Report

##### 1. *Matt Ventura*

- a. Nod Launch
  - i. Tentative launch date: March 11
  - ii. Creating a solidified time line and posting schedule for launch
  - iii. Connect with @StJohnsNow for promo help
  - iv. Sticker giveaway:
    - (a) Passing out laptop stickers with Nod Logos
- b. Budget
  - i. We are having trouble deciding what to use our budget for. We were thinking giveaways or collaborating with other committees.
  - ii. One idea we have is to do giveaways in accordance with our weekly check-in post we do on the SGi Instagram story
- c. Instagram Takeover
  - i. February - Julia (VP)
  - ii. March - Chris (JS)
  - iii. April - Natasha (Sec)

#### H. Research & Development Committee Report

##### 1. *Shaeleigh S.*

- a. No Report

## I. RedZone Committee Report

### 1. *David Diano*

#### a. Spirit Week Plans

- i. Sunday: Basket giveaway on Instagram to kick off week (5 winners)
- ii. Monday: TDB (ideas welcome)
- iii. Tuesday: T-Shirt Tuesday
  - (a) students can submit their own designs for a t shirt to be voted on via Instagram Story
  - (b) winner will have 50 shirts of their design ordered
- iv. Wednesday: Johnny Thunderbird Paint Night with RSA (best Johnny wins Bookstore Gift Card)
- v. Thursday: Trivia Thursday via Zoom (Amazon Gift cards for top three finishers in Kahoot)
- vi. Friday: Drive in Movie in Belson Parking Lot (RedZone will provide snacks) Partnering with Senator E. Burrell
- vii. Saturday: Basket winners are announced
  - (a) \*Bonus Entries in basket giveaway for each event attended

#### b. Senior Week Plans

- i. Working with Senior Senator Catie Cassidy to help with Senior Week\*
  - (a) Idea for a Senior watch party (virtually) of the St. John's Men's Basketball game in the first round of the Big East Tournament.
  - (b) I emailed Athletics to see when the dates are/what prizes we could raffle off to our seniors.
- ii. If this is successful maybe I can do one for all students in the NCAA tournament

## J. Service Committee Report

1. No Report.

## K. Student Affairs Committee Report

1. No Report.

## L. Sustainability Committee Report

### 1. *Jennalynn Fung*

- a. Growing social media presence through credible Instagram infographics
- b. Online community discussion and panels on environmental justice
- c. Flyers on campus for new committee members



## V. Old Business

- A. There was no old business.

## VI. Announcements

1. Legislative meeting for representatives next Monday at 5pm.
2. Last info session to run for elections is this Thursday at 1:50pm!

## VII. Adjournment

- A. *The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent of the Assembly at 6:03 pm est.*

## VIII. Campus Dialogue

### A. *Ethan Burrell*

1. Dining Services
  - a. Meal Exchange and the amount of food at Montgoris.

### B. *Palak Seth*

1. Should there be more vegetarian options? There are like no sustainable options.
  - a. Will bring it up to

### C. *Anjolaoluwa Fashanu*

1. When is graduation? Is it virtual?
  - a. We do not know when the date is. Would likely be May 16th, but not confirmed.
2. Do we have a time frame?

### D. *Matt Ventura*

1. Ideas to fundraise for Texas.
2. Collab with any Texas resources and funds.
  - a. Research different organizations.
  - b. Email and reach out to Service committee.
    - i. Use the SGI Instagram as a platform and amplify.
    - ii. Everyone in SGI should be involved in some sense.
  - c. Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities are the most affected in Texas and they need help.
3. Reach out to Redcross club on campus.