



Student Government, Inc. Minutes of the Meeting September 21, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Student Government, St John's University Queens Campus Inc. (the Board) was held on September 21, 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
Anfernee Osandu
Angelina DeCoro
Anjali Rana
Anjolaoluwa Fashanu
Anthony Salvia
Anthony Catanese
Brian Monahan
Bryan Tavarez
Christiana Vaccaro
Courtney Norford
Crystal Persaud
David Diano
Diamond Wilson
Elise Faulk
Emely Yanes
Ethan Snider
Gabiella Matatoff
Greggy Charles
Hakeem Holmes
Isabella Guarino
Jennalynn Fung
Jerijah McCray
Jewel Antoine

John Hagan
Joseph Gandelman
Katelyn Johnson
Kayla Liborio
Laiba Amin
Matt Ventura
Mikeshia Withanachchi
Natalia Acevedo
Naya Lipkens
Nicholas Alexander
Nicholas Mebane
Nicolas Bautista
Peter Grabowski
Raya Keir
Richard Neri
Samantha Lanza
Sean Donnelly
Shaeleigh Severino
Shannon Thearle
Tommy Giobardo
Tracy Singh
Tyler Gulston
Victoria Gahn
Victoria Graceffa

Absent:

Tazia Sullivan
Michelle Chin
Matthew Fontanez
William Pierre
Lauryn Simon
Jenna Gallo

**Jewyl Raikes
Christopher Davis
Kaitlyn Orsini
Marianna Riquelme
Andrea Vizzuett-Garci
Brandon Singh
Helen Li
Cherokeesun Goodson
Jackie Alvarez
Antoinette Bastone
Hailey Pomara
Samantha Reichert
Logan Aquino
Alex Cogger-Bonet
Joben Santos**

**Excused:
Ian King
Christianna Ukponmwan
Tauryn Brown
Samantha Moore**

I. Opening

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

B. Patrick Kohn

1. Hello everyone, Thank you all for coming today and for meeting quorum. I call on the Junior Senator to say the prayer.

C. Chris Bernabe

1. Prayer

D. Attendance

1. Quorum was reached during this meeting.

E. Campus Dialogue

1. *Christina V.*

- a. Resident students. Turn stile at Gate 1 stopped working making it difficult for resident students on campus. The scanner turns green, but Public Safety says that they cannot check the green passes.

2. *Patrick*

- a. If you want, reach out to me and we can talk to Public Safety together. We can talk after this meeting and bring it up to Public Safety.

3. *Matthew V.*

- a. Issues with professors being strict with Webex and not being able to connect or cannot turn on the camera. Students have been reprimanded. Can there be something that does not require students to consistently have cameras on?

4. *Patrick*

- a. We will bring this up to administration. Bring this up with the Deans with Academic Affairs and Chris.

5. *Tracy S. (Academic Affairs)*

- a. Already brought up to the deans and will be brought up at the next faculty meeting.

6. *Brian M.*

- a. Motion to end Campus Dialogue.

7. *Patrick*

- a. For the sake of this meeting, we are avoiding all in favor and all opposed.

II. **New Business**

A. No New Business

III. **Executive Reports**

A. *From the Office of the President*

1. *Patrick Kohn*

- a. Senior scholarship promotional programs
 - i. Two programs
 - (a) Uber eats vouchers
 - (b) Custom Merch (spectrum designs)
 - ii. Discussed at org congress
 - (a) 57% merch, 43% uber eats
 - iii. Current plan - let organizations choose which one they want
 - iv. Uber eats system set up, waiting to hear back from spectrum designs on merch skus
- b. Meeting with Senior administration next week wednesday

B. *From the Office of the Vice President*

1. *Julia Betancourt*

- a. Antiracism
 - i. "Dear st. john's university " documentary project
 - ii. Any volunteers?
 - iii. Dialogue collaboration with nada llewellyn, chief diversity officer
- b. Newsletter release in nine days
- c. Ad Hoc committee to review the student conduct process

C. *From the Office of the Secretary*

1. *Natasha Yangthito*

- a. First year elections
- b. Virtual Committee fair
 - i. Date 10/15
- c. Sign up for remind
 - i. Text @sjusgi to 81010
- d. Follow the instagram
- e. Check out the website for updates

D. *From the Office of the Treasurer*

1. *Amy Ackel*

- a. Add SGi as a group on the St. John's Connect App.

E. *From the Office of the Senior Senator*

1. *Caitlin Cassidy*
 - a. Headshots for fall & Spring semester updates
 - b. Buy a personal page!
 - c. Exploring a digital yearbook
 - i. Jostens yearbook +
 - ii. Media digital yearbooks
- F. *From the Office of the Junior Senator*
 1. *Chris Bernabe*
 - a. Met with Dr. Raj Chetty
 - i. Went over Asian Alliance Advisors
 - ii. Still Recruiting for Initial Eboard
 - iii. Study of Race & Ethnicity Class
 - (a) Creation Of info sessions/Org Congress Push
 - b. Finishing touches on Uber Eats and Merch Program
 - c. Meeting with Reps this week to go over Events and programs
 - i. HWC
- G. *From the Office of the Sophomore Senator*
 1. *Ethan Burrell*
 - a. Shirts have been ordered and we will be distributing in a few weeks
 - b. Congratulations to the winners of the giveaway!
 - i. Any comments of how we can do it better, please email me!
 - c. Legislative meetings:
 - i. Need all representative to create at least 1 bill this semester so please start drafting them now
 - d. Sophomore representatives:
 - i. We need to come up with a time that we can meet weekly so please look at the groupme!
 - e. Bylaw reviews are almost complete!

IV. Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs Committee Report

1. *Tracy S.*
 - a. What Has The Academic Affairs Committee Been Up To?
 - i. We have met with numerous deans in each of the respective colleges, successfully conveying concerns that the student body presented to us.
 - ii. We are currently working on notes from the meetings to upload to our social media, in order to keep students up to date with what was spoken about.

- b. STUDENT REPS!
 - i. Expect an email in the coming weeks regarding opportunities to collaborate with faculty on various projects.
- B. Budget Committee Report
 - 1. Approved \$1,000 for JSA Virtual Sukkot event.
 - 2. *Brian M.*
 - a. Motion to approve
 - b. *No opposition.*
- C. Elections Committee Report
 - 1. *Joseph G.*
 - a. Elections are this Thursday and Friday for First Year Representatives!
 - b. Campaigning has begun, check out our Instagram @sgielections to meet the candidates
 - c. We are still looking for some students from Education and Pharmacy, if you know anyone tell them to email us ASAP
 - d. Our email is electionssgi@gmail.com
- D. Equity Committee Report
 - 1. *Jerijah M.*
 - a. No report. Article coming out with SJURadicals and Instagram live on the Equity instagram page.
- E. Health and Wellness
 - 1. No Report.
- F. Organization
 - 1. *Anfernee*
 - a. Emails to P2O sent out today. Info sessions are next week and have them email me at anfernee.osandu17@stjohns.edu.
- G. Public Relations Committee Report
 - 1. *Matthew V.*
 - a. Still looking for people to do an instagram takeover.
 - b. Email us at tauryn.brown18@stjohns.edu or matthew.ventura18@stjohns.edu.
- H. Research & Development Committee Report
 - 1. *Shaeleigh S.*
 - a. Completion of COVID19 and report has been submitted to the executive board. Bias report collaboration with equity is in the works. Follow us on instagram at
- I. RedZone Committee Report
 - 1. *David*
 - a. Athletic

- i. NCAA announces College Basketball scheduled to start November 25th.
- ii. Virtual St. John's Basketball Dribble for a Cure September 26th.
- b. Redzone event updates
 - i. Watch Party on the Great Lawn- St. John's Basketball on October 16 (approval pending)- giveaway for all those in attendance (max. 50 people)
 - ii. Sports Caricature Day- have you and your friends picture painted with a Carnesecca Arena background- Artists still needed!
 - iii. Partnering with CampusRec on E-sports tournaments (FIFA currently going on and NBA 2K in Oct.-registration coming soon)

J. Service Committee Report

- 1. No Report.

K. Sustainability Committee Report

- 1. *Jennalynn F.*

- a. Online sustainability conference.

- i. Our plan is to host an online conference that will educate our student body about how climate change affects their lives, the importance and urgency of acting now, and how we can all make a difference in our own daily routines.
- ii. We are currently working on reaching out to activists who would be willing to speak on a panel at the conference.
- iii. We want this to be a discussion between students and anyone who is present.

- 2. Chris

- a. What is the sustainability instagram?

- 3. Jennalynn

- a. @sustainabilitysgi

L. Student Affairs Committee Report

- 1. No Report.

V. Old Business

- A. There was no old business.

VI. Announcements

- 1. Legislative meeting for representatives next Monday at 5pm.
- 2. *Brian M. is looking for a seconder for his bill.*
- 3. Equity committee is doing an instagram live tentatively next Monday, September 28th at 7pm.

VII. Adjournment

A. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent of the Assembly at 5:43 pm est.