



# Student Government, Inc. Minutes of the Meeting February 8, 2021

*A meeting of the Board of Directors of Student Government, St John's University Queens Campus Inc. (the Board) was held on February 8, 2021 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  
Alexander Coger Bonet  
Alison Rowe Tacaderas  
Amesha Diyunge  
Anfernee Osandu  
Anjali Rana  
Anjolaoluwa Fashanu  
Anthony Salvia  
Brian Monahan  
Christiana Vaccaro  
Connor Richards  
Crystal Persaud  
David Diano  
Ethan Snider  
Gabiella Matatoff  
Ian King  
Isabella Guarino  
Jenna Gallo  
Jerijah McCray  
Joseph Gandelman  
Kayla Liborio  
Laiba Amin  
Matt Ventura  
Michelle Chin  
Mikeshia Withanachchi**

**Natalia Acevedo  
Nicholas Alexander  
Nicolas Bautista  
Palak Seth  
Samantha Lanza  
Shannon Thearle  
Taurn Brown  
Tommy Giobardo  
Tracy Singh  
Tyler Gulston  
Victoria Graceffa  
William Pierre**

**Absent:**

**Tazia Sullivan  
Matthew Fontanez  
Lauryn Simon  
Marianna Riquelme  
Andrea Vizzuett-Garci  
Anthony Catanese  
Bryan Tavarez  
Courtney Norford  
Diamond Wilson  
Greggy Charles  
Jewel Antoine  
John Hagan  
Naya Lipkens  
Nicholas Mebane  
Richard Neri  
Sean Donnelly  
Shaeleigh Severino**

**Brandon Singh**

**Helen Li**

**Jackie Alvarez**

**Antoinette Bastone**

**Hailey Pomara**

**Samantha Reichert**

**Logan Aquino**

**Joben Santos**

## **I. Opening**

A. Call to Order at 5:08PM est.

B. Chris Bernabe

1. Prayer

C. Patrick Kohn

1. Welcome to the first assembly meeting of the Spring 2021 semester.

## **II. New Business**

A. No New Business

## **III. Executive Reports**

A. *From the Office of the President*

1. *Patrick Kohn*

a. Plans for advocacy

b. Bylaw edit proposals

c. OMA/ IRC Trainings

d. Transparency

e. Introduce our Chief of Staff - Christianna

B. *From the Office of the Vice President*

1. *Julia Betancourt*

a. Tea time with Dr. Pak

i. Diversity and inclusivity, next lecture is in April

b. Collective Bargaining Agreement

i. Student privacy at risk

ii. Explanation post to come

c. Food pantry

i. @sjuqufoodpantry

ii. Planning committee launch instagram

C. *From the Office of the Secretary*

1. *Natasha Yangthito*

a. Survivor Support Groups

b. First Year Representative Meetings

i. Send schedules to plan a group meeting

c. CCRT meeting this Thursday

i. Hopefully have updates next assembly meeting

D. *From the Office of the Treasurer*

1. *Amy Ackel*

a. Stipends

i. Committee chairs must send full name and addresses to

- Amy
      - ii. Checks are based on merit
    - b. Budget update
      - i. Take advantage of your funds!
    - c. Nod App
  - E. From the Office of the Chief of Staff
    - 1. *Christianna Ukponmwan*
      - a. Role
        - i. Empowering Chairs to follow through with their initiatives
        - ii. Encouraging full budget utilization
        - iii. Point of contact for questions, concerns, & advice
      - b. First Steps
        - i. Chairs send weekly availability
        - ii. Weekly meetings to discuss committee work( if a chair can't make it, an assistant chair/member can come in their place)
        - iii. Accept Asana invite
  - F. *From the Office of the Senior Senator*
    - 1. *Caitlin Cassidy*
      - a. WELCOME BACK!
      - b. Yearbooks on sale \$65 @yearbook.sju
      - c. Senior portrait concerns
      - d. Planning a virtual senior week
  - G. *From the Office of the Junior Senator*
    - 1. *Chris Bernabe*
      - a. Gym Reopening
  - H. *From the Office of the Sophomore Senator*
    - 1. *Ethan Burrell*
      - a. First year t-shirts
      - b. Sophomore Meetings
      - c. Meetings with Campus Departments
      - d. Bylaws update
- IV. **Committee Reports**
  - A. Academic Affairs Committee Report
    - 1. *Tracy S.*
      - a. No Report
  - B. Budget Committee Report
    - 1. *Nick Alexander*
      - a. No Report
  - C. Elections Committee Report

1. *Joseph G.*
  - a. Elections season for the next year is upon us!
  - b. Everyone received an email today about information sessions
  - c. Information Sessions for Eboard and Representative positions start next Monday, February 15 and will go on for two weeks.
    - i. So Feb 15, 18, 22, 25 at common hour
  - d. If you have any questions email [electionssgi@gmail.com](mailto:electionssgi@gmail.com)
  - e. Attending info sessions are mandatory to run
- D. Equity Committee Report
  1. *Jerijah M.*
    - a. No Report
- E. Health and Wellness
  1. No Report.
- F. Organization
  1. *Anfernee*
    - a. No Report
- G. Public Relations Committee Report
  1. *Tauryn Brown*
    - a. No Report
- H. Research & Development Committee Report
  1. *Shaeleigh S.*
    - a. No Report
- I. RedZone Committee Report
  1. *David*
    - a. What is going on with athletics?
      - i. Men's and Women's Basketball and Volleyball seasons are currently underway. Men's and Women's Soccer and Lacrosse season is starting in mid February.
      - ii. Men's Basketball Virtual Sellout on March 3- see website for details
      - iii. Red Storm Basketball Social Impact Scholarship- to be awarded to a St. John's Student annually with preference given to those of historically underrepresented populations
    - b. New Website Launch
      - i. Please check it out: ***stjredzone.com***
      - ii. We are excited to announce our brand-new website. Here you will find:
        - (a) History/Background information on our org
        - (b) Events/Athletics Calendars
        - (c) Sports Traditions/Yearly events hosted by RedZone

(d) Answers to Questions about us

(e) Our Social Media feeds

(f) Easy ways to contact us

c. Upcoming RedZone events

i. GBM/Info Session February 8th at 8pm on Zoom- message me for information to attend!

ii. Red Friday's Photo Contest- every Friday five people will win a custom RedZone Red Friday t-shirt. Information to participate is on our website and Instagram. Make sure you wear red everyFriday this semester and show your St. John's pride!

iii. Many more Instagram raffles will be going live soon! Stay tuned to our social media pages for more information.

J. Service Committee Report

1. No Report.

K. Sustainability Committee Report

1. No Report.

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. Org Congress this Thursday at Common Hour.

## VII. Adjournment

A. *The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent of the Assembly at 5:45 pm est.*

## VIII. Campus Dialogue

A. *Palak S.*

1. Do representatives get stipends?

a. Just committee chairs receive stipends.

B. *Tauryn B.*

1. Are we still doing committee reports?

a. Not sure yet. Will talk to Christianna. Want to see more engagement from the committee chairs. We want to see what you're doing.

C. *Anonymous*

1. Lack of wearing masks and I am uncomfortable and not safe on campus in public areas. Please just wear your mask. Students should wear mask, we are in a pandemic and what are public safety

going to do?

- a. [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?StJohnsUniv&layout\\_id=28](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?StJohnsUniv&layout_id=28)
  - i. ^Link to report when observing non compliance with wearing masks.
  - ii. Gets routed directly to Jack. If students are recognized, they can set up a meeting to discuss and if necessary, move forward with the conduct process.
2. PR can create and promote social distancing and mask wearing on campus.