

# Student Senate Minutes -Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, Fall 2019

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## **Call to Order**

A meeting of the Student Senate was held in ST 301 on October 30th, 2019 at 4:00p.m.

Attendees included:

**Executive Officers:** President, Richelle Adu, Vice – President, Ashalee Brown, Treasurer, Shakoora Kassie, Secretary, Fenet Shertaga

**Senators-at-Large:** Abdisha Musa, Davicheanin Meas, Joann Hegbe, Jonathan Spires, Khayel Francois, Lauren Favre, Lucrece Kengne Tadem, Nahom Demise, Nasser Katende Katamba, Natnael Fantahun, Sarah Haj Hamad, Semira D. Lesperance, Wendy Rodriguez, Yamini Lal

Excused Absentees: Advisor: Ms. Kimberly Herrera, Senator Joseph Newell

## **I. Welcome - Call to Order: President Adu**

- a. Student Senate meeting was called to order by President Adu at 4: 00p.m.

## **II. Ice – Breaker: President Adu**

All Senators got to share one weird thing about themselves.

## **III. Committee Report: Vice President Brown**

- a. Vice President Brown spoke about takeover, all the members divided into groups and gave out flyers, spoke to students all around the campus for the first half of the meeting.
- b. Vice President Brown mentioned about TP/SS text messages to lookout for – there will be messages about Paint Nite and other messages about upcoming events.
- c. Vice President Brown talked about general feedback about Sabbies. And Beelshaday took a picture of how the workroom should be set up after an event for senators and Sabbies. Niya who is the current secretary of SAB will transfer for Spring Semester to UMD. New Secretary will be needed during Spring Semester.
- d. The overview of Multicultural Fair Event since most of SAB members are new.
- e. Vice President Brown talked about upcoming events like Caribbean Dance Workshop Friday November 1<sup>st</sup> 2pm – 4pm in Dance Studio, MCCADA Conference will be on Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> which is a student leadership conference in Fredrick Community College. Sabbies will volunteer in the Cultural Arts Building that evening from 6:30pm – 10:30pm. Paint Nite which will be on Wednesday, November 13 from 7pm – 9pm it is also the same day as Popcorn with Dr. Pollard from 4pm – 6pm in ST Atrium.

## **III. President Adu**

- a. President Adu reminded everyone that an email was sent out about Administrative Interviews, and everyone should conduct interview and get ready to report back to Senate.
- b. President Adu talked about office hours – that everyone should have at least 2 hours per week in the Senate Office.

- c. For the Student Senate Instagram Soulaifa has created highlights for resources and as Student Senators one of our roles is to send out resources to our students.

**V. Report: Treasurer Kassie**

a. There was a budget panel request from Latino Student Union, they will be having a Latino Film Fest that will cover two days. It will be from November 19 and December 10<sup>th</sup> they requested \$500 and it has been approved.

**VI. Senator Katamba – Report on Maryland Male Students of Color Summit**

- a. Senator Katamaba, Senator Meas, and Senator Newell had attended the summit.
- b. Senator Katamba talked about Male Student of color in Academic success in the community and networking opportunities, and shared experiences they had during the summit.

**VII. Who am I – Presentation**

- i. The who am I presentation continued for this meeting and all senators got the chance to give 2 -3 mins of presentation about who they are.

**VIII. Current Events – Senator Demissie and Kengne**

- a. Senator Demissie and Kengne gave a short brief presentation on the Essential of a Job Interview. Went through definitions, how to prepare for interview, what not to do, and useful tips to help guide us all for a successful interview experience.

**IX. Open Discussion**

- a. Senator Rodriguez talked about a walkout to DC on November 12<sup>th</sup> for DACA movement to show support for undocumented people and Latino Student Union members will participate and 10 spots are still available. Free lunch and transportation costs will be covered.
- b. Senator Hegbe mentioned that if any senators are available on Wednesday's from 3pm - 4:45pm to join Multicultural and Diversity Committee.
- c. Senator Davin talked about Financial Literacy updates it is still in motion, but the problem is the company who will be sponsoring for us have not yet kept in touch and the date might be pushed to November 25<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Senator Fantahun talked about the shuttle bus that students had trouble using WIFI not logging them in.
  - President Adu suggested that the task force should meet up and come up with surveys, data before approaching Mr. Mark Pace.
  - Senator Haj Hamad suggested to task force to have someone assigned different hours and days and to make sure that we have long time to move so that the numbers are not skewed. Students who take classes on both campuses can talk to other students and get feedback.
- e. Senator Rodriguez and Senator Katamba are randomly assigned to give a presentation for current events on "Online Security" Give different tips on how to stay safe while using online.

**X. Adjourn – President Adu**

President Adu adjourn the student senate meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:39 p.m.

