

# Student Senate Minutes -Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, Fall 2019

## Call to Order

A meeting of the Student Senate was held in ST 301 on October 16th, 2019 at 4:02p.m.

Attendees included:

**Advisor:** Ms. Kimberly Herrera

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

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

Excused Absentees: Joann Hegbe, Sarah Haj Hamad, Yamini Lal

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

- a. Student Senate meeting was called to order by President Adu at 4: 02p.m.

## II. President Adu

- i. President Adu reminded all senators that we will have presentation ~~about~~<sup>for</sup> “Who Am I” on our next meeting. It will be about 2-3 minutes short brief introduction to get to know each other.
- ii. President Adu sent an email for all senators about Internship Opportunity that is related to International Relations and Political Science which gives senators an opportunity to work in legislative office.
- iii. President Adu email administrators and then each senator will be paired up with Administrators to schedule for interview and then will report back during Senate Meeting on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- iv. Next week will be ~~our~~ Breast Cancer Awareness week, so President Adu proposed an idea for our next meeting that all senators wear pink and take pictures. And everyone agreed.

## III. Committee Report: Vice President Brown ~~Advisor Ms. Kimberly Herrera~~

- a. Vice President Brown mentioned an announcement that November 13 will be having a deadline for Spring programming, and all the events that we will be having will have a deadline.

- a.b. Mr. Bruffy the director of Cultural Arts came to the meeting and talked about volunteer opportunities and on November 8 the SAB members will volunteer for that event. Every time when SAB members volunteer, we will get \$300 in funding. What is the Senate About?

- i. Advisor Ms. Kimberly came up with the idea of February 5<sup>th</sup> that senators could volunteer for that day. It starts at 7:30p.m. but we will be there from 6: 30p.m until 10p.m this is for next semester and everyone has time to think about it. went through what is expected as a senator, duties and roles.

- ii. Newly elected Senators shared what they thoughts are for the questions given—What does the student senate do? And Why does the Student Senate exist?

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- c. Ms. Kimberly did an Event manager workshop where SAB members were split up to groups and planned for Multicultural Fair event for next year just to see what we will do for the event. The main key points were on how to delegate, where the event is going to be held, the time, giveaways, food, flyers, marketing. The main purpose of this is for students who want to be an event manager will help them and no one will be lost.
- d. For this event, they will be collaborating with places on campus for funding.
- e. To end for the meeting, we had quiz for SAB members asking questions like “When is the next event?” or “Who are the program managers?” Goals
- b.f. Vice – President Brown mentioned about current events that each senator will be paired to give presentation every week during senate meeting and the topics will be randomly picked these is to bring awareness about issues or something that is not well known. Senator Demisse and Senator Kengne Tadem got randomly selected to present on “The Essential of a Job Interview” for next week meeting.
  - iii. The senators were divided to work as a group and make S.M.A.R.T Goals for the upcoming year.

#### IV. Senator: Davin Committee Report: Vice – President Brown

- a. Updates on Financial Literacy President Adu and Senator Davin will meet Professor Foster from Business Department they also want to collaborate with us, and they recently offered personal finance class which is 4 credits for free.
- a.b. October 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday morning will give a presentation it is about Peer2Peer Program from 9am – 9am in ST 214. SAB got two more new members in addition
  - b. Introduction for the new members of the committee, contact information, shirt sizes, volunteer hours for tabling and marketing for the semester
  - e. Vice – President mentioned that Ms. Kimberly gave advisor’s report – spoke about teamwork and volunteering, communication, written and unwritten rules of the office, encourage students to join iLead.
  - d. SWOT analysis for grocery Bingo includes the location, prizes, and some of drawbacks include marketing, opportunities to set up the table before.
  - e. Upcoming events include make it Monday’s September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11a.m – 1p.m and will be serving donuts and coffee, kickball tournament on Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> 1p.m – 3p.m and will be tabling throughout the week, to encourage students to sign up.
  - f. Finalize details for stress relief week, these are the events that we may have such as, the century wall, meditations hours, DIY mugs, self defense, Zumba, tabled for next week by using Trello

#### V. Committee Report: Treasurer – Kassie

- a. Treasurer Kassie talked about the first official budget panel meeting it went well. We had two budget one from MC Pre-Medical society club and another budget from the Nursing Club. eeting, this meeting was a budget meeting prep discussing do’s and don’ts with the budget panel members.
- b. The Nursing Club wanted to volunteer in Virginia at the remote area at the medical center and they requested a budget for transportation, and it was \$500, and it was approved.
- c. The MC Pre- Med Society Club they want to table along with Breast Cancer Awareness Day, and they requested that they need a pink tablecloth and the budget got approved.
- b. Budget left from SAB \$3,318, Senate \$876.96, Multicultural \$2,450 overall funds left.

#### VI. Committee Report – Senator Francois on behalf of Senator Hegbe Advisor’s Report – Ms. Kimberly Herrera

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- a. Senator Francois said we had a special guest Jaennatte Rojas who is the Equity Manager she mainly wanted to get more information about Senate and Multicultural and Diversity Committee in Takoma Campus and other campuses. Ms. Kimberly talked about involvement fair is from 10am – 2pm on Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> – it is a great opportunity to talk to students what to work on and keep tabling for senate to let students know we exist. And SAB will have also a separate table to recruit students
- b. We have a date set for MC Pride day which is November 20<sup>th</sup> from 11am -12pm in ST Atrium. There will be PhotoBox, cupcakes and activities.
- c. Middle Ground event will be on November 13 from 12pm -2pm there will be more discussion on the next meeting about the dates for the event.
- a-d. Recruit more students for the committee and discussed about some ideas on how to table.
- i. Ms. Kimberly ask for volunteers to table hourly for the involvement fair. And also to think about what we need to have for tabling.
- Student Life is conducting a Social Media contest each week there is 2 running this week \$25 Amazon Gift Card – if you take two pictures of resources on campus and then tag Student Life and hashtag MC Scavenger hunt and you will get \$25 Amazon gift Card and also tell us one amendment you would like to change and why?
- ii. Advisor, Ms. Kimberly Herrera mentioned that senator Haj Hamad will be working on social media with Soulaifa for the marketing team.
- ii. Ms. Kimberly talked about Student Life office – respect the space and always clean after each event.
- ii. There is a memory board in Ms. Kimberly’s office – have all students write notes, pictures to decorate.
- ii. Equity fall dialogue – there is Fall Diversity Dialogue that the college is perusing this year. Previous topics were about the climate of the college, radical inclusion the college is engaging equity dialogue throughout the year – this semester is going to be on Takoma Campus it is on October 4<sup>th</sup> all day event for faculty and staff, but the students can come and share their voice between 12 p.m – 2p.m.
  - Treasurer Kaise talked about food for the meeting we will have pizza once a month and once a month food from our choice.
- ii. While tabling please engage students to come and stop by but avoid taking to each other or using smart phones.
- ii. Ms. Kimberly encourage senators to join iLead a leadership program and information session will be on Thursday from 2p.m – 4p.m
- ii. Ms. Kimberly thanked everyone for working so hard.
- ii. Ms. Kimberly mention that later we will have DISC session as a group this semester.

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## VII. Advisor’s Report – Ms. Kimberly Herrera Elections Committee – Secretary Shertaga

- i. MCCADA is a student leadership conference which stands for Maryland Community College Activities Directors Association. All 16 community colleges in state of Maryland meet 4 times a year and one of the initiatives is a student leadership conference. It happens during Fall semester and this year is going to be at Fredrick Community college.
- ii. There will be 53 students with 3 staff members will be attending the conference. The first round went to iLead and Advanced iLead and now it is open to senators, club members and to all students. The date is on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Secretary Shertaga thanked all the senators for helping for selection process tabling last week and this week.
- iii. NACA is – National Association of Campus Activities the conference is in Buffalo New York and Ms. Kimberly, Ms. Rache’ Vice – President Brown,

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Senator Lal, and two SAB members Soulafo and Etsub will be attending on Thursday, October 17 until Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>. Secretary Shertaga said as far as tabling we had volunteers to help and things went smoothly.

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~~ii-iv.~~ World Kindest Day is on November 13.

Secretary Shertaga informed senators that next week will be interviews for selection process and there will be no senate meeting.

- Advisor Ms. Kimberly Herrera mentioned that everyone needs to show up and the elections committee will be in room 301 and senators will be in room 302 with candidates. Depending on how many candidates we will get, we may need to stay after 6p.m.

#### **~~VIII.~~ Secretary Shertaga Report: Senator Favre**

i. Secretary Shertaga informed everyone that next week from October 21<sup>st</sup> to October 25<sup>th</sup> is Humanities Week. Some classes are offering extra credit opportunities there are very interesting and informative topics for the whole week. Senator Favre talked about update on senate column in the Excalibur and senator Bvudzijena volunteered to write on behalf of senate last week's meeting.

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i. From the senate side update on Columbus days, make it Monday's, writing senate columns on the newspaper what the senate does. It will be good if we discuss about goals and write short

- President Adu suggested that we include Student council recommendations
- Treasurer Kassie suggested that we can do service committee that we give back to our community
- Senator Meas suggested that to add senator's short biography
- President Adu recommend that we have once a month student leader spotlight when we recognize a senator working hard.

i. Senator Favre suggested that if each senator writes at least one paragraph we can share the responsibility equally.

- Advisor Ms. Kimberly Herrera suggested if senator Favre come up with sheets that has all of the weeks and have everyone sign up what they want to do and also think about the time of the semester for example for stress relief week or the applications for senate are out or other events to sign up accordingly.

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#### **~~IX.~~ Senator - Favre Committee Report Senator Hegbe**

a. Senator Lal who is the chair of community service committee talked about volunteering at the food bank and senators who helped were Senator Davin, Favre, Rodriguez volunteered last weekend and there is also one on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> from 1pm - 4pm.

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b. Public Safety- if there is any issue go to Montgomery College website and then search Public Safety and if you need to reach them out save the phone number to keep it at all times in case of emergency.

~~ii-c.~~ Senator Favre mentioned that there are goal plans with different teams on Campus Council and some of the things we want to address is to becoming more involved in the community around us. This there was no meeting because some students were volunteering so the meeting has been rescheduled.

- b. ➤ Ms. Kimberly Herrera mentioned that we are doing a program for retention against African American Male where the retention rates are low that is one of our goals. Senator Hegbe mention that senator Katamba is coming up with a new date to work with Mr. Smith and it is not going to be on Tuesday, but it will be on Wednesday October

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e-d. According to Robert's Rule of Order when we vote on things when you bring up something concern that we need to do something about first we motion for discussion, then that can be discussed once the discussion time is over there is no going back, then someone can motion to vote, then someone will second it , once we do the vote count and approve. ~~Three more students join as a member for the Multicultural and Diversity Committee.~~  
 d. ~~Since there are two events happening on the month of October taco Tuesday and MC Pride Day, so Middle Grounds event will be on the month of November.~~  
 ➤ ~~Senator Meas suggested if to put it on social media to change the name of the committee~~

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#### **XVII. Senator Spires Open Discussion: All**

- a. A formal written proposal was presented for all senators and an overview of what the task force will be. The official name that Senator Spires came up with is Operation Voices. It is a task force that really focuses on process that we can integrate with senate having surveys, doing interviews, press conference that a student body knows we are listening to them and we want their feedback.
- b. The task force will be monitoring these data log sheets and senators would take this log sheet what time we started getting feedback on and getting to hear back from student population place and time from where you stopped this data sheet will automatically count the amount of time that you spent.
- c. Senators who will be working in this task force will responsible for monitoring to make sure that senators are participating also presenting the information to the senate during the meeting.  
 ➤ President Adu motioned to approve the data collection task force from senator Spires. Senator Francois second that motion passed with the majority.

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#### **XI. E- Board Presentation from ASGA**

- a. This weekend the Executive board went to ASGA which is the American Student Government Association National Summit, and the conferences helped us to get to network with other student government and to get more opportunities on how to best advocate for our students.
- b. In this conference we all attended several workshops and we are going to share some topics that really stand out to us and that will benefit senate as well.

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#### **XII. Open – Discussion – ALL**

- a. Senator Katamba asked to be on the agenda for next week Senate meeting to present on Human Trafficking for Peer2Peer Program.
- b. Ms. Kimberly talked about on November 21<sup>st</sup> Dr. V who is Service-learning Coordinator in Student Life office will be doing Homeless Resource Day they work with volunteers to work to collect different items around the county and on our campus we will be collecting personal care items , backpacks, and on the day of Homeless Resource Day they will need a lot of volunteers to help with the day before from 6:00 – 8:30pm to go to Gaithersburg and set up the bags and everything that they are getting. Then the next day from November 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am – 2p.m. and students will be paired up with homeless person and guide them where the resource is located.
- c. Vice – President Brown asked for volunteers for the upcoming Breast Cancer Awareness Day on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>
- d. President Adu informed everyone that Title IX is coming to talk about Title IX and give presentation and what senators can do to help facilitate.
- a. Francois said that she has not been communicating by message about the Mental Fair and that she will do it soon once she settles things
- b. Senator Meas noticed that there is a flyer from the Cultural Arts a series of events coming up and suggested if a student senator is willing to volunteer

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- e. ~~Senator Francois suggested to increase marketing of Student Life office to students on the other side campus as well~~
- d. ~~Advisor, Ms. Kimberly Herrera that the Campus Council is trying to change the perception of what other students are saying about the TP/SS Campus. Last year there was supposed to be a beautification day but did not happen.~~
- e. ~~Senator Favre Community Service Committee had sent out email and senator Lal will also help volunteer on October 4 1p.m – 4p.m DC. Capitol area and this will help to add more hours.~~
- f. ~~Advisor, Ms. Kimberly Herrera announced we have Maryland Males of color conference coming up on October 25<sup>th</sup> so administrators, faculty and staff come together every year to have conference for the state specifically focusing on targeting males of color because the retention of males of color is relatively very low. And it will be held in Germantown and Student Life office from TP/SS campus is offering a transportation up to 14 students.~~
- g. ~~Advisor, Ms. Kimberly also mentioned that on Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> is MCCADA conference which is a Statewide leadership conference that is open to everyone in Fredrick Community college. iLead and Advanced iLead will attend and 56 students will be accepted overall for this conference.~~
- h. ~~Senator Katamba mentioned that during open meetings he will give presentation from Peer2Peer Program. Topics include human trafficking, Mental Health, Healthy Relationships etc.~~
- i. ~~Senator Newell mentioned that we can advertise for Mr. Bruffy when there are events on Cultural Arts. And, Upcoming events about Kickball Tournament senator Newell and Senator Meas are the event coordinators and will be tabling this week.~~

#### **XIIIIVH. Adjourn – President Adu**

President Adu adjourn the student senate meeting on ~~October~~September 16<sup>8th</sup> at 6:1000 p.m.