Meeting Minutes  
TPSS Student Senate  
September 29th, 2021

Welcome - Call to Order

- A meeting of the Student Senate was held via zoom on Wednesday, September 29th, 2021 at 4:00 PM.
- Attendees included:
  - Advisor: Mrs. Kimberly Jones
  - Executive Officers: President Sean Quiroga, Vice President Farin Alimo, Treasurer Emily Tobar, Secretary Rodrigo Nakandakari.
  - Senators-at-Large: Sarah Ayite Atayi, Christine Gomes, Hannah Manalang, Jean Claude Lokonen, Kethaka Yattogoda, Sihon Duncan, Fenet Shertaga, Swechchha Shrestha.

Welcome - Call to Order: President Quiroga

- Student Senate meeting was called to order by President Quiroga at 4:03 PM.

Motion to Approve Minutes: President Quiroga

- President Quiroga motioned to approve the minutes at 4:03 PM and Par. Gomes seconded the motion. The motion passed with the majority vote.

Motion to Approve Agenda: President Quiroga

- President Quiroga motioned to approve the agenda at 4:03 PM and Par. Gomes seconded the motion. The motion passed with the majority vote.

Structures of a Senate Meeting: President Quiroga

- Agenda serves as a timekeeper and organizer of meeting activities.
- Approval of agenda and minutes are done weekly during each meeting.
- Ice breakers serve as warmups to start socialization and to get excited.
  - RECOMMENDATION: If you have ideas for ice breakers and/or would like to be placed on the agenda for upcoming meetings, please let Secretary Nakandakari
know by no later than the Friday by close of business (5:00 PM) prior to the next meeting.

- The advisor report serves the purpose of keeping the student senate informed of any pertinent information.
- The SAB (Student Activites Board) report serves the purpose of keeping the Senate informed of any past, present, and future SAB events.
- Constituent concerns timeframe gives senators the time to speak on concerns they have gone through or seen on campus.
- Adjournment of meeting allows for ending of the meeting with an approval similar to the beginning approval of agenda and minutes.
- The structure of the Senate is fluid and is ran by the students, and primarily is it flexible and accommodating for everyone.

**Senate Expectations: Advisor Jones**

- Don’t be seat-fillers. Make your term a productive experience.
- Be reliable and communicative.
- It is important to remember that the Executive Board is not above any Senator-at-large.
- Share opportunities with one another and be accommodating to your fellow Senators.
- Always be encouraging.
- Respect the time allotted for meetings.

**Committee Placement**

- Bylaws Committee:
  - Chair: President Quiroga
  - Meeting time: TBD
  - Members: Senator Ayite Atayi, Senator Duncan

- Budget Committee:
  - Chair: Treasurer Tobar
  - Wednesdays at 3 PM
  - Members: Senator Manalang, Senator Duncan, Senator Yattogoda

- Elections Committee:
o Chair: Secretary Nakandakari
o Meeting time: TBD
o Members: President Quiroga, Senator Manalang, Parliamentarian Gomes, Treasurer Tobar

• Student Activities Board:
  o Chair: Vice President Alimo
  o Meeting time: Wednesdays at 2 PM
  o Members: Senator Manalang, Parliamentarian Gomes, Senator Shrestha, Senator Yottagoda, Senator Shertaga

• Community Service Committee:
  o Chair: Parliamentarian Gomes
  o Meeting time: TBD
  o Members: Senator Ayite Atayi, Vice President Alimo, Senator Lokonon, Senator Duncan, Senator Shrestha

• Ethics Committee
  o Chair: Parliamentarian Gomes
  o Meeting time: TBD
  o Members: President Quiroga, Secretary Nakandakari, Senator Shertaga, Senator Shrestha

Goals/Project Initiatives

• Advisor Jones: What are some issues that the student population is facing right now?
  o Senator Yattogoda: Antivaxxers and their effect on vaccine rates during the upcoming spring semester at Montgomery College
  o Parliamentarian Gomes: Cancellation of student debt
  o Secretary Nakandakari: Food insecurity
  o Parliamentarian Gomes: Voter suppression
  o Parliamentarian Gomes: Climate crisis
  o Senator Shertaga: Unemployment
  o Parliamentarian Gomes: Racial injustice
• InsideMC is a great resource to look at when wanting to find out about what is going on at the college.
  - InsideMC is sent to your MC email account automatically, be on the lookout for it!
• ACTION: New Senators should be ready to talk about some of their goals and ideas by next week’s meeting, October 6th.
• RECOMMENDATION: To see the complete list of Senator-at-large responsibilities and duties, please refer to the MC Senate Constitution, attached to this email.
• President Quiroga: Don’t put too much on your plate, focus on a few important projects that you are passionate about.
• Advisor Jones: If you ever need help, don’t be afraid to reach out to the advisor or fellow members of the Senate.

**GroupMe: Secretary Nakandakari**

• Sec. Nakandakari has added all new Senators to the general GroupMe chat.
• ACTION: Secretary Nakandakari to follow up with Senator Yattogoda regarding special situation with GroupMe activation. Senator Yattogoda may need to be added to the general GroupMe chat in a few weeks when he comes back to the US. Follow up via email.

**‘Who Am I’ Presentations: President Quiroga**

• NOTE: Make sure your ‘Who Am I’ presentations are no more than 5 minutes.

**Virtual Study Hall: Senator Ayite Atayi**

• The Virtual Study Hall is a Zoom event where people will be on mute, studying by themselves.
• Will take place on Monday, October 11th during the week of midterms, from 1 to 5 PM.
• Study at your own terms, come when you want and leave when you want.
• Flyer to the event is also attached to this email.

**Closing Remarks and Adjournment**
• Parliamentarian Gomes and President Quiroga to do an Instagram Live promotion segment later tonight.

• Meeting was motioned to adjourn by President Quiroga at 6:04 PM and this motion was seconded by Secretary Nakandakari.