

Student Senate Minutes -Wednesday, October 9th, Fall 2019

Call to Order

A meeting of the Student Senate was held in ST 301 on October 9th, 2019 at 4:00p.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, Joann Hegbe, Jonathan Spires, Joseph Newell, Khayel Francois, Lauren Favre, Lucrece Kengne Tadem, Nahom Demise, Nasser Katende Katamba, Natnael Fantahun, Sarah Haj Hamad, Semira D. Lesperance, Wendy Rodriguez, Yamini Lal

I. Welcome - Call to Order: President Adu

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

II. Guest Speaker– Shaun Rostad Director of Management Advisory Services at Porter Khouw

- a) On behalf of student Campus Community, the services at Porter Khouw is looking what is worth for students and what may not have been working from student's perspective.
- b) Food Hours – the hours of operations to make a variety choice and make it fresh.
- c) Dining on a daily basis – Senator Hegbe said you cannot satisfy everyone but have different options each day. Like one day Caribbean food as an example.
- d) Senator Favre – suggested having more healthier options
- e) Price is expensive
- f) Ms. Kimberly – we had chartwells before with a limited budget and it was authentic
- g) When there are events, we do cater from- Negril, chipotle, Subway, Panera, Potbelly because students are asking those restaurants because it is well known.
- h) Senator Haj Hamad suggested having a cultural food will remind students to feel like back home
- i) Secretary Shertaga suggested extending the hours for the grill place to order food right away because it currently closes earlier.
- j) Having a survey out for all the students at the Campus.
- k) Having a vending machine on the Cultural Arts Side like coffee for students who take nighttime classes.

III. President Adu

- A. Clipboard and conversations
 - This is about to increase the communication skills with senators and each of us will have clipboard asking constituent concerns from students. Going around campus or while tabling asking questions like what are some issues that student senate could address and what concerns do you want us to focus on.

- Senator Favre suggested if we have once a month cakes and conversation and we have students come in and talk about their ideas.
- Senator Fantahun suggested if we have a survey when we go to classes have students fill out
- Senator Yal shared that if we can have a contest among senators to bring constituent concerns so that everyone is eager to go around and ask students.
- Senator Haj Hamad said that we need to use our office hours to meet students.
- B. Who am I?
 - This was something that was done last year at the senate basically you know each other just for 3 mins to tell us what we should know about yourself. You can get creative like PowerPoint boards.
- C. Administrative Interviews
 - Is to know one another so, previous student senator will be paired up with new senator this can be also a group work it creates a chance to know each other even more.

C. Student Senate College Wide Retreat

- a. **Attendance is mandatory and it will be held in Rockville.**
 - D. Expectations** from Executive board, From Advisor, Senators at large
 - Senators got a chance to share what is expected from everyone's position.

IV. Committee Report – Vice President Brown

- a) New members have joined SAB
- b) Introduced new members and spoke about announcements for Cultural Arts partnership coming up to volunteer for upcoming events.
- c) There will be a workshop next week in SAB about event Management Workshop – how to successfully manage your event.
- d) Expectations for Marketing committee, Multicultural and Diversity committee, and advisors and SAB
- e) Mugs bags and chill for tomorrow's event from 11am – 2pm we will be doing DIY Mugs and stress relief week bags
- f) SWOT Analysis for lunch and Learn but run out of time during the meeting so will continue in the next meeting.
- g) Upcoming Events include Make it Mondays, Breast Cancer Awareness on October 21st and Senator Lal is the event manager.

VII. Committee Report - Treasurer Kassie

- a) This Monday was the first ICC Meeting had a great turn out about 20 people showed up.
- b) Did some ice breaker like passion tick tock
- c) Treasurer Kassie gave presentation about why ICC is important and the benefits
- d) Did mission for ICC of 2019-2020 to build a goal for the next meetings.
- e) Ms. Price club specialist of Student Life gave presentation about Club information session.
- f) Treasurer Kassie had about given presentation about Budget panel.
- Ms. Kimberly suggested before the meeting to have an Agenda
- G). Elections for Executive board
- H), Had six suggested topics and students vote on it at the meeting

VIII. Advisor's Report – Ms. Kimberly Herrera

- a) Campus Council reminder about the meeting for Senator Favre and Senator Rodriguez on Monday.
- b) College Council meeting talked about the two factor of authentication that is not mandated but strongly encouraged for students.

- c) College Council on October 22nd Tuesday we meet from 1pm – 3pm it is called bring a constituent Day and would like to take student Senator Fantahun volunteered to participate on this day.
- d) Woman Symposium is an event where there was a conference for woman where we had panel, key note speaker and had different workshops so, we are starting the process it is going to be on March 27th and Ms. Kimberly asked if there is anyone interested to sit on the committee Senator Haj Hamad, President Adu, Rodriguez, and Vice President Brown volunteered to sit in the committee as well.
- e) MCCADA conference – November 8th right now it is open to iLead and Advanced iLead, and then later on be open to other student leaders and college wide as well. It is a leadership conference in Fredrick Community College.
- f) Dr. Pollard is going to do popcorn with Students November 13 at 4pm. Maybe delay senate meeting that day.
- g) Ms. Kimberly will be leaving to NACA Conference with Senate Activities Board on Thursday October 17 and will be back to the office on Monday 21st. And also the week of Thursday October 24 - Ms. Kimberly will be on leave until Friday November 1st.
- h) Student Life will be closed on October 31st

IX. Senator – Newell

- a) Vice – President Brown mentioned Soulafe the Vice President chair of SAB wanted everyone to sign up for Trello – is an online program where you can plan and organize program/event and create a team to help.
- X. Vice – President Brown mentioned Ms. Kimberly talked about Tech. Rally that will be happening on November 8th – the company will come in and set up this new product so, SAB will table to get full exposure and get students to come.
- XI. Next week will be Stress Relief week: - Events include
Joe will have HIV Testing event on Monday from 11am – 3pm, Nahom will have his self-defense workshop from 2pm – 3:30, On Tuesday there will be Meditation hour 1pm – 2pm in P4.
Wednesday we will have Mental Health Fair – khayel, DIY mugs be – Soulafe.
- XII. Vice – President Brown also talked about upcoming event like Maryland Male of Color conference that is coming up October 25th in Germantown and transportation will be provided by Student Life.
- Ms. Kimberly Herrera suggested that students should register by October 9th.
- XIII. Also spoke about make it Monday's and Breast Cancer Awareness Day the event will be on October 21st there will be pink cupcakes for Make it Mondays and then there will be also bra decoration contest. We will be tabling with African American Health Program and they will give demos on how to check limbs in females to raise awareness. Multicultural and Diversity Committee will do Pride Day Event that has tentative day.

V. Secretary – Shertaga

- a. Secretary Shertaga talked about Office Agreement Forms for Newly elected Senators to sign the form and bring it back to Student Life Office. This form helps senators to utilize the Senate office in Student Life.
- b. Secretary Shertaga reminded Newley Elected senators to download “GroupMe” app as a means of communication. And, to be mindful what type of messages to sent out to the group.

VI. Advisor's Report – Ms. Kimberly Herrera

- a. Ms. Kimberly introduced the senate coins for Newly elected senators – and explained that throughout the year we promote a lot of positivity among this group. And whenever, someone does an amazing job in the week – we all write a note to them. For this week, Senator Lal did an amazing job with marketing, stress relief week and Breast cancer awareness.

- b. Ms. Kimberly talked about Student Assistants work for Student Life but not for Student Senate. So, senators should show respect to Student Assistants, because they really do a lot for Student Senate behind closed doors.
- c. Equity Dialogue is happening this Friday October 4th is a day-long meeting for Faculty and Staff where we talk about Social Justice and there is also a Student portion where students are asked to come by and have some input about Social Justice from a Student point of view and it is from 11am – 2pm.
- d. Ms. Kimberly mentioned about Legislation Reception on November 4th that is happening in Rockville. It is an evening time, Dr. Stewart is looking for six students and so far, senator, Fenet, Davin, Semira, Wendy, Sarah and Richelle will be attending.
- e. TP/SS Campus Council – Ms. Kimberly is the chair governing body in TP/SS Campus, and they meet once a month Monday's from 1:30pm – 3:30Pm. The next meeting will be on October 14. Like Student Senate there is a goal for Campus Council one of the goals is to create a program for African American Males on retention rates. Another goal is that positive image to TP/SS and to some students and Faculty and Staff have negative comments about TP/SS so this committee wants to bring positivity wants to bring light on this campus. And the third goal is to do community event to bridge the gap between our campus and community. Senator Lauren and Wendy have volunteered to seat as a Student representative for Campus Council for TP/SS Campus.
- f. The importance of communication – it is important to communicate if you are going to be late or be absent.

VII. Committee Report – Senator Hegbe

- i. The committee decided to push the date back MC Pride Day, but still there will be tabling.
- ii. New Secretary was elected which is Senator Khayel for Multicultural and Diversity Committee.
- iii. Lunch and Learn about 60 people showed up and it was a very successful event.
- iv. Senator Hegbe explained what Middle Ground Event is about – it is open to everyone and ask controversial questions. And topics like the wall, abortion were discussed among senators
 - Senator Haj Hamad suggested to talk about Immigration laws that affects the population
 - Senator Meas suggested to do 51 States.
 - Senator Kassie suggested to collaborate with Great Mind Club to get ideas about controversial topics for Middle Grounds.

VIII. Report: Senator Francois

- i. Senator Francios wanted to show the Mental Health Fair Flyer. And if you get a chance to win Airpods for students who attend the workshops.
- ii. There will also be puppy Therapy to have a good stress relief. Mental Health Fair workshop on October 9th and senators signed up to volunteer for this event.
- iii. African American Health Program, Counseling Office will have their own table as well.

IX. Report – Senator Newell

- a. This semester Senator Newell has taken this new initiative to help volunteer with Panera Bread to give it out to students. This takes place every second week of Tuesday. The delivery will be at 9:30am, but Senator asked for volunteers to help him set up at 12pm.

- b. Senator Newell asked who is available to volunteer for HIV Testing which is from 11am – 3p.m in ST Atrium and in room ST 302.

X. Report – Senator Davin

- a. The Student Council if anyone is interested in joining in student council it is Thursday from 4pm – 6pm at Rockville Campus. The Student Council is in charge for looking at recommendation that comes from Student Senate from all Campuses.
 - President Adu added that Student Council is the next step after Student Senate when we come with recommendation from Student Senate if this is something that affects not only this Campus but as a whole College then it goes to Student Council. For Example, Columbus Day that initiative to change it to Indigenous people Day is something that affects the whole College, so it goes to Student Council.
 - Senator Haj Hamad added for senators that want to join Student Council they have a minimum of three students representing from one Campus so, if we have a short number of students representing one Campus, there is no quorum and it makes it harder for President Adu and Senator Davin to Advocate on behalf of our Campus. And it makes it so much easier to have a student senator who know Robert's Rules very well instead of other students.

XI. Senator Favre – Presentation on Roberts Rules

- Senator Favre gave a PowerPoint presentation about Robert's Rules.

XII. Adjourn – President Adu

President Adu adjourn the student senate meeting on October 2nd at 6:00 p.m.