

Senate Meeting Minutes 29 Aug 2024

- In attendance
 - Brianna Reid
 - Justin Salas
 - Mark Youssef (Zoom)
 - Izabella Matos
 - Cody Anglin
 - Adrienne Victor
- Call to Order:
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - Brianna discuss importance of minutes and approval process, explaining that last year's final meeting minutes were not approved so returning senators would need to approve those minutes
 - Committee Updates: Brianna discussed shared governance committees and all senators required to serve on one committee. Adrienne added the different types of committees and after full senate elections take place, committees will be discussed and assigned
- President Report
 - FMP Open Forum
 - Senators will attend FMP open forum on Thursday 9/5 at 11am in lieu of a meeting. Since full senate is not elected, formal business cannot be conducted so this is a good use of Senate's time
 - Senate applications due Sept 13. Adrienne explained that current senators already ran for office in April and were elected. They do not need to complete an application. All senators met GPA requirements.
 - Student Senate Elections 16th & 17th held electronically.
 - Briana will be out of town Thursday Sept 26th and unable to attend Senate
- Trustee Report
 - Trustee could not attend today due to his onboarding with President Young for his role
- Advisor report
 - Student Life Day Sept 12th 11-2pm MDTN
 - Sign ups
 - 11-2 Izzy & Cody
 - 11-12 All of Senate (in lieu of meeting)
 - 11-1:30 Mark Youssef
 - Recruit students to apply for senate. Applications due that Friday. We need to fill 4 senator spots and 5 senate at large spots.
 - Involvement Fair Sept 10th 10:30-1 NWB
 - 10:30-11:30 Brianna & Izzy
 - 10:30-1 Cody
 - Budget Season

- Budget deadlines were shown to senators. Budgets must be submitted by clubs 9am Sept 25th. Hearings will be scheduled for that afternoon after Senate Treasurer is elected and shared with clubs.
- Caps were discussed. Bria mentioned wanting to change the caps. Adrienne explained that caps were voted on and passed by senate in April and already sent to the clubs. She advised that those numbers were based on previous budget, number of clubs, how much senate felt could be allocated. Senate discussed and caps are remaining the same
- Line Transfers- Senate discussed potentially allowing clubs to transfer funds OVER the cap. Adrienne explained that Senate had concerns last year with clubs moving money from things like Campus wide events serving the entire population to things like apparel or club only events for pizza parties, etc. Senate took issue with this last Spring. When full senate is on board, a vote needs to take place as to whether or not Senate allows clubs to propose line transfers over the cap that was set by Senate. This vote will take place at the Sept 19th Senate meeting prior to budget season
- Clubs Website: up and running and receiving good feedback. Continue to send any feedback to Adrienne
- COLT Night: Friday 9/20 at 4pm. All of Senate should attend so they can connect with the clubs. Dinner is served.
- Old Business
 - Nothing discussed
- New Business
 - Constitution and Bylaws: Brianna shared that everyone will need to review constitution and bylaws regularly so they are familiar. Adrienne said everyone will get shared drive and email access to review these materials and receive any updates.
- Open Forum
 - Check-in system for clubs was recommended to follow up with them and see if students are attending meetings, etc.
 - Cassie Deerr told everyone that she is the Director of Student Health for SUNY SGA. It was recommended she touch base with the Wellness Center.