

Orange County Community College
Student Senate
Minutes of regular meeting on October 24, 2019

Meeting called to order at 11:04 by President Danna Nieves

Present:

President Danna Nieves
Senator Brianna Einhorn
Senator Jeffrey Manapat
Secretary Mia Deserto
Guest: Alicia Garcia

Vice President Christopher Durzak
Senator James Reily
Senator Giovanna Cala
Advisor Steve Harpst

Absent:

Treasurer Isabella Zayas

Advisor Adrienne Victor

Club Recognition

A. Anime Club in Newburgh

- Watch anime every week
- Every month are game tournaments
- People send their art to the club and they put the art on a bulletin board
- Open to both campuses
- Approvement of Anime Club passed unainmously

New Business

A. Liasion

- President Danna Nieves announces the senators clubs
- Senators must send out emails to clubs introducing themselves as club liasions

President Report

A. Eva Baj resigned her position last week

B. Alicia Garcia is interested in Eva's position

- Motivated to help community and students
- Alicia asks about the student senate and Chris and Danna respond by saying that Student Senate represents the student body in the committees of governance and give clubs budgets

C. Networking event

- November 22 4-8 pm in Middletown

D. Executive Committee Meeting

- Open Educational Resources
 - Classes are technology based (no textbooks, online resources)

- Follet is trying to work with the departments to get them to vote yes to get textbooks costs included in tuition so the bookstore won't lose money
 - Senator Brianna finds it concerning to have an internet based education
 - Advisor Steve clarifies that the Online Education Resources are credible sources and is not just "googling answers"
 - Senator Giovanna finds that the online textbooks takes weight off students since they dont have to spend money for textbooks
 - Senator Mia finds that the online textbooks are easier to navigate and comprehend
 - Policy Title Draft: Freedom of speech/ protest
 - Advisor Steve tells us it's about the student's right to assemble
 - It's not limiting student's right to assemble, just giving students a way to organize the way we assemble
 - Service animals
 - Students are bringing animals on campus calling them "emotional support animal"
 - Licensed service animals are allowed on campus
 - Emotional Support animals are prohibited on campus
 - BOA brings in therapy dogs during final weeks
- E. Committee for Insitutional Diversity and Equity
- Hosting open forum to share college experience
 - LGBTQ+ talk
 - As club liasion of SAGA, Senator Mia has to get in touch with SAGA to let them know about this event
- F. Halloween Dance
- November 1 6-10 pm

Vice President Report

- A. Update committee reports
- Keep reports on one document

Secretary Report

- A. Approval of October 17 minutes passed unanimously with slight changes made

Open Forum

- A. Senator Stanley on the Athletic Advisory Committee
- Changing the language of athlete code of conduct to emphasize students representation in college sports
 - Introduced mens volleyball
 - Board of Activity will start advertising athletic department

Meeting adjourned 12:01