

**MINUTES OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MIDDLETOWN CAMPUS - STUDENT SENATE  
Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016  
Student Senate Room, Shephard Building, Middletown Campus**

**Present:**

Matthew Ferrara – President	Laiba Ahsan - Senator
Shir Kidron – Treasurer	Valerio Galon - Senator
Christopher Alexander Jr. – Secretary	Michael Gentile - Senator
Monica Godinez - Senator	Eric Mahon - Senator
Renita Johnson - Senator	Anthony Lord – Guest
Ha Dao - Senator	Steve Harpst – Advisor

The meeting, which was chaired by Senate President Matthew Ferrara, was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Consent to Agenda:**

A motion to amend the Agenda to facilitate the election to fill the remaining Senate seats. This was unanimously accepted.

**1. Election of Senators to fill the remaining Senate Seats**

- a. Candidates Ha Dao and Valerio Galon gave an overview of themselves and why they would like to run for these positions.
- b. Questions were posed by the current Senators
- c. Candidates exited the room for the voting process
- d. Elections conducted, both candidates were unanimously voted to fill the seats
- e. Congratulations extended to both persons and welcomed to the Student Senate

**2. Election of the Vice President**

- a. Candidates Monica Godinez and Eric Mahon gave an overview of themselves and why they are running for this position
- b. Questions posed by the Senators
- c. By secret Ballot, elections conducted
- d. Eric Mahon emerged as Vice President
- e. Congratulations extended

**3. Student Fund Balance and request for Student Senate to underwrite the profit loss of the Cafeteria**

- a. Review/Explanation of document done by Advisor Steve Harpst

- b. Motion:
  - i. In light of the existing the economic situation, the Student Senate proposes to contribute 5% of that the amount towards that loss
  - ii. A special meeting be convened with all Club Presidents in October
  - iii. To include in service contract with Metz Food Service, that Bake sales be allowed in the Spring Semester and the effect the no Bake Sales beginning in the Fall 2017 semester, to ensure that there is a smooth transition
- c. Motion unanimously agreed and accepted

#### **4. Inter Club Council (ICC) Night**

- a. Carded for October 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **5. SUNY OCCC Governance Committees**

- a. Master List with dates and locations provided
- b. Secretary would email and breakdown of weekly schedule, in order that Senators select the Committees that they can serve on, after reviewing their individual class schedule

#### **6. Debate Club**

- a. Anthony Lord was invited to give an overview of the proposed Club
- b. Questions were posed by Senators
- c. Motion made for the establishment of the Orange County Community College- Middletown Campus Debate Club
- d. Motion unanimously agreed and accepted

#### **7. Security Codes for Student Senate Room**

- a. The new codes are not working.
- b. Advisor Harpst to follow up with Security

#### **8. Voter Registration Drive**

- a. Student Senate would be hosting a Voter Registration Drive on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 at the Rowley Building from 12:00 noon
- b. The following Senators would be at the exercise
  - i. Renita Johnson
  - ii. Eric Mahon
  - iii. Shir Kidron
  - iv. Matthew Ferrara

**9. Student Senate Finance Committee**

- a. Club Budgets are to be reviewed as a matter of priority
- b. The following persons volunteered to serve on that Committee which is chaired by Treasurer Shir Kidron:
  - i. Matthew Ferrara
  - ii. Eric Mahon
  - iii. Christopher Alexander Jr.
- c. Tentative date for first Committee Meeting - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

**10. Advisor Update (Steve Harpst)**

- a. COLT Night October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Potential workshop topics were requested
- b. Senators to start making use of the Google Drive. All were invited via email
- c. 6 Digit security codes were requested from the new Senators
- d. Senators to check mailbox in CSI
- e. Title IX video must be watch and Senators need to sign attesting to that. This video is mandatory across SUNY system and Clubs would lose their recognition if this is not done.

**11. Meeting Adjournment:** At 12:02 p.m. a motion was made to end the meeting. Unanimously agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Alexander Jr.  
Secretary – Student Senate

***Next Regular Meeting  
Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Student Senate Room, Shepard Building***