

Senate Minutes and Agenda

March 30, 2017

Middletown Campus

Meeting called to order and minutes approved: 11:04

Members present: Matt, Eric, Renita, Matt L., Nick, Ha, Chitra, Sam, Michael, Andrew, James, Liaba

Members absent: None

Guests Present: Emily Bishop

I. Introduction and President

- Bridges Club- This is a post-secondary education program for individuals with autism and learning disabilities. It resembles the CODA club and is a grant based program. Tuition is \$7,500 per semester, this program instills vocational, social skills promotes self- advocacy. Currently, there are 5 students enrolled in the program. The objective is to have a presence at fairs and upcoming events and educate the masses about the program. This is a 3 year curriculum, and it will help to promote independence in living and career. Graduates of the program will potentially be able to walk during graduation. The director will be contacted regarding the status of credit granted for the program. Vote to proceed with club was unanimous.
- SUNY Voices- Deadline to sign up April 7th. There will be a focus on shared governments within the college and workshops will be available. If you are interested there is a \$25 fee which will be waived for students. Conference will be held in Suffern, NY. Thursday-Friday.
- Beacon Conference- Student Senate has been asked to sponsor a panel. The cost will be \$450. Cost of this could possibly be split between Newburgh and Middletown Campus.
- Final Notes- Paperwork is now ready for returning senators to sign up and campaign 25 signatures are required from students. Election is April 26-28th. The first person to turn in ballot will be the highest on the list. Trustees are expected to fulfill a full year commitment.

II. Vice President

- A. Committees- Keep updated with committee meetings. All committee seats are filled except for the Newburgh Campus.
- Next week Eric will bring in the both the old and re-drafted by-laws to be reviewed.
 - Clause on political parties is removed, impeachment clause has been modified.

- Make sure you run for office!!

III. Treasurer

A. Budget Update

- Budget remains the same, no current updates

IV. Secretary

- Safety and Security Committee- has requested students opinion of how safe students actually feel on campus. It was agreed that most students/senators do not feel comfortable on campus at night.

V. Advisor Report

- Wear your senate polos! Create awareness for student senate.
- SUNY Assembly is next week!

VI. Old Business

- Talent show- date is still pending. However, flyers will still be printed out and dates will be modified.
- There will be a committee formed for talent show.
- Senate bonding idea- Comedy show and puzzle room at the palisades. \$45 a person or The Castle.
- The day chosen is May 11.

VII. New Business/ Open Forum

- Fundraiser for dog rescue on the green!
- Masquerade ball 5-10pm (March 30, 2017) contact Chitra.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:03

