General Session of the St. John’s Senate

Monday, December 4th, 2023

7:30 p.m. Sexton 200

1. ***Call to Order*** – 7:30
	1. Land Acknowledgment – Senator Sherman
	2. Blessing – Kaba
	3. Roll Call – McIntyre
2. ***Approval of the Agenda*** – 7:35
	1. Motion to amend Mexico trip to $3,031.88: Passed

1. ***Approval of the Minutes*** – 7:36

1. ***Special Orders*** – 7:36
	1. Open Forum – 7:36
	2. Education Curriculum – Abby Weis – 7:36
		* Special needs curriculum is underrepresented in the curriculum
		* Pushing for a 4-credit special education course
			+ Bills: Reach out to Rachel or me
			+ Cooper: What do you define special education?
				- A broad topic of any impairment of students
			+ Haudenschild: An initiative to see more of
			+ Sherman: What is the avenue for teaching it?
				- I will be meeting to discuss this further
	3. Mexico Travel Plan – Nick McGrane – 7:47
		* Looking to go to Mexico to gather research for social justice
		* Topic this year is diabetes
		* Requesting 2,703.62
			+ D. Forbes: is the 1,200 per person round trip?
				- Yes

Mary: joint senate meeting requested

* 1. Study Day Coffee – Bills – 7:55
		+ Bennies and Johnnies can get a $6 coffee (200 coffees)
			- Otte: where did you get the 200 number?
				* It has usually been 200 and it is usually enough
			- Bugbee: Can senators get a coffee?
				* Yes
			- Kaba: Will there be a way to track who gets their coffee? The shu vs Clemens
				* No
			- Otte: Can we keep track of Johnnies vs Bennies?
				* Yes
			- Cooper: Usually, Johnnies and bennies stay on their campus
	2. St. Joe Holiday Lights Competition – Cooper – 8:03
		+ The funding is for prizes for the light competition
		+ Deadline to register is Dec 8th
		+ Requesting $417 per senate
			- Kaba: I want to judge
			- Popoca: how many people participate?
				* 5 to 6 houses usually participate
			- Sanchez Romero: Have you considered target or Walmart? Ice cream may be not as necessary as a target or Walmart gift card
				* Good future idea
			- Otte: Could incorporate corborns or the meat market to keep it local
	3. First Year Christmas Party – Bugbee – 8: 15
		+ At Br. Willie’s Pub
		+ Prizes and contests
		+ Requesting $1,150
			- White: Where did you get the numbers from? There were not people at the basketball, and you do not need $50 for the flyers.
				* Hoping to get it out on Johnnie Bennie media, but more people look at the flyers. People want to mix and mingle, so the event is needed
			- Sherman: Good initiative, but center of student and engagement has jingle Jam. How is this not a repeat event on a different day?
				* Not sure of all activities, but this is for FYs
				* The peers and comradery sets us apart
			- Haubenschild: What prizes?
				* Gift cards
			- K. Forbes: did you already book the pub?
				* Yes
			- Is there music, and what is going into food?
				* Yes (breakdown of food given)
			- O’Connor: What is stopping this from non-FYs from participating?
				* Not going to be run strictly
			- Otte: Is it ugliest sweater?
				* Yes
			- Will Ras be informed to advertised?
				* Yes, I will be reaching out
			- Have you thought about a different area because of other even being held?
				* No
			- White: how do the other FYRs feel about the event?
				* D. Forbes: can we postpone for debate?
	4. CSB Senate Update – 8:32
		+ New budget: $253,986.68
1. ***New Business*** – 8:35
	1. Motion to allocate $3,031.88 for Mexico Trip – Sherman
		* Haubenschild: is the number correct?
			+ Sanchez Romero: yes
		* Sherman: This gives back to the community, and should be funded
		* Bugbee: Love that this is going to be brought back to the community
		* Vote: Passes, 15:0:0 Unanimously
	2. Motion to allocate $1,200 for Study Day Coffee – Bills
		* Bills: Pass this
		* Vote: Passes, 15:0:0 Unanimously
	3. Motion to allocate $417 for Holiday Lights Competition – Cooper
		* Cooper; reinvesting money in the community
		* Haubenschild: Next year, needs to be advertised more
		* Popoca: get gift cards after the winners been chosen so the winners can choose
			+ Cooper: yes
		* Otte: Are you suggesting that once the gift card is chosen, you cannot choose it anymore?
			+ Yes
		* Vote: Passes, 15:0:0 Unanimously
	4. *Motion to allocate $1,500 for FY Christmas Party – Bugbee*
		* White: Motion to amend to $650
			+ Popoca: Seems disrespectful
			+ Call to question: passes 10:5:0
			+ Vote: Fails 0:15:0
		* Back to $1,500
		* D. Forbes: I find it unnecessary and wasteful. When I spoke to Johnnies, no one had interest. We have list of what Johnnies want; party is not it. Consult me in the future
		* Haubenschild: I appreciate any and all events, but when we have a lot of programming, it may be best to focus on events scheduled
		* Sanzhez Romero: Reasonable amount of food is determined by senate
		* White: With new information, I stand with Senator D. Forbes, don’t present it as a group if it is not agreed upon
		* Bugbee: all advice is appreciate and I apologize for proceeding solo on this, our goal is to build the johnnie community
		* Bills: FYs need to figure out issues together. Ben should have put this forward as his request.
			+ Amend to $871
				- Bills: anything is fruitful in this
				- Sherman: Support 871, and be aware of events around you
				- Haubenschild: We can support events, we should focus on more tangible events

Bengaly: What does tangible look like?

Menstral products, and things with impact

* + - * + Bugbee: Support amendment, and we should support events
				+ Cooper: 50 is still not working for me. We should debate that amendment
				+ Call to Question: Passes 15:0:0
				+ Motion to amend to 871 for FY: Passes, 15:0:0
		- Cooper: not much more debate needed
		- White: as a body, take heed into motion. Not all FY rep are in this. As a FYR, we communicated. We have enough holiday things going on
		- Popoca: Can we hear from Sen Kaba?
			* Kaba: This has a good idea of spirit, but I was not in the loop. There may be better initiatives
		- I will vote yes if all FYRs are in agreement
		- Sherman: There is a reason we have 3 FY reps, we need diverse opinions. I would also need the 3 reps in agreement. Good event, but is it being reprented properly
		- Otte: Concerned over naming and lack of dialogue. Sounds like Bugbee did not consult Ras. Some events are better than no events. I am in support of this.
		- Bugbee: This is a small thing we can do. I apologize to other FYR for not communicating. I recommend killing this event.
		- Vote: Fails, 0:15:0
1. ***Board Reports*** – 9:19
	1. Vice President Report – Belisle
		* A lot was said tonight, we need to figure it out
		* Transition notes are pushed back for any events around campus
		* Looking for 10 hours
		* 5 events that you were involved in, and 5 that you were not
		* Met with the candidate for dean of students, they would also serve as our advisor
		* Will be doing secret Santa at general announcements
			+ O’Connor: many think of Senate as a joke, how do we fix that?
	2. Budget Update – Sanchez Romero
		* New budget: $159,916.86
	3. CFB Update – Popoca
		* $106,845.45
2. ***Announcement*** – 9: 45
	1. General Announcements
		* O’Connor: send questions for the dean of students
		* K. Forbes bulletin app restructuring
		* White: All Bahamian senators in the first row of lecture
			+ I will be resigning as a senator
		* Haubenschild: talking about meal plans soon, so let me know about concerns
		* **Secret Santa**
	2. Next SJS Meeting: Monday January 22nd at 7:30
	3. Next CSB Senate Meeting, Wednesday December 6th at 7:30
	4. Question Time
3. ***Adjournment*** – 10:19