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