

## **Student Senate - December 7th, 2021**

Meeting called to order by President Elijah Williams at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer by Robert Budzius

### **Members Present**

Mary Furlong, Joseph Schauf, Jonathan Krull, Angel Sacta Espinoza, Riley Hall, Sophia O'Neil, Elijah Williams, Allison Moysis, Oran Dornelly, Robert Budzius, Sam Carlson, Delaney Calabrese, Katie Pierpont, Maria Flynn, Seth Peterson, Maddie Wilsey, Haddy Falkman, Annie Carmean, Liam Gallup, Elise Roxas, Jordan Keeley, Josette Francois, Kristian Lindanger

### **Members Absent**

None

### **Members Excused**

Morgan Brown - Abby Gilliland, Destiny Walker, Lyanna Novak

### **Student Senate Website Inquiry and Discussion**

Agenda on the website for each meeting

Having senator roles and pictures

Campus activities calendar

What is the Student Senate

Frequently Asked Questions

Deadlines for applications to run for positions, capital improvement deadlines

A place for students to vote in student senate elections

### **Proposed Amendments to Articles I-III and IX of the Student Senate Bylaws**

Motion to bring the previously adopted Student Senate Bylaws to the Floor by Sam Carlson

Seconded by Catherine Pierpont

## Article I

Motion to adopt the amendments to Article I of the Student Senate Bylaws by Sam Carlson

Seconded by Jordan Keely

Motion passes unanimously

## Article II

Motion to adopt the amendments to Article II of the Student Senate Bylaws by Seth Peterson

Seconded by Catherine Pierpont

Motion passes unanimously

## Article III

Motion to adopt the amendments to Article I of the Student Senate Bylaws by Sam Carlson

Seconded by Jordan Keely

Motion passes unanimously

## Article IX

### Discussion Points

When do they clubs have to turn in their volunteer hours

- A deadline of April 15th would be established

Can you reuse volunteer hours ex. Sports team volunteering

- No, in order to prevent double dipping this would be prohibited

How will you keep track of these hours

- Looking at a few options, but considering a basic google form and an excel sheet or the volunteering program Helper Helper

How do you keep the hours accountable

- All hours will be subject to approval by the Student Senate Finance Committee

Will clubs eventually have to ask for more money

- No, this volunteering requirement would be implemented as a means to hold clubs accountable for the student activity funds they receive from the Student Senate

When will this be enacted

- Next semester, but this is still in the air and any thoughts / comments will be taken under advisement

Motion to adopt the amendments to Article IX of the Student Senate Bylaws by Sam Carlson

Seconded by Delaney Calabrese

Yay: 10                      Nay: 3                      Abstain: 4

Motion does not pass

## **COVID-19 Testing Event Updates**

Can students get tested off campus?

- Students are able to be tested off campus. However, regardless if you test negative or positive you must inform the wellness center so that they know you have received your test

I didn't get a confirmation email. Will I not get my results?

- We are unsure as to why some students are not getting a confirmation text / email, but you should still get your results. If you do not, please contact the wellness center and they will be glad to help you get those.

Why was insurance used?

- This testing event was run through a separate company which required it as part of their registration process.

## **Executive Board Reports**

**Elijah Williams, President**

The Student Senate will meet for the final time this semester next Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 PM in Salvi Lecture Hall

The Toner 14 furniture has started arriving! We are still awaiting more information about the second phase of the project and will have more information for you all next week.

Senators, please ensure you are here at the senate meetings. If you are unable to make it it is your responsibility to provide a proxy. Likewise, please reach out to Executive Assistant Sophia O'Neil if you are going to be absent.

**Mary Furlong, Vice President of Academic Affairs**

I met with the Dean of the College last week and we touched on advising and course evaluations. Good luck on finals!

**Joseph Schauf, Vice President of Financial Affairs**

Nothing to Report

**Jonathon Krull, Vice President of Public Affairs**

Saint Mary's was featured in LeadMN's "State of Student Voting Report" for the work in 2020 surrounding the Civil Discourse Initiative. You can find it on page 7 [here](#)

Meeting with State Representative Pelowski this week to discuss amending the Hunger-Free Campus Law

Capital Improvement Committee will be reviewing the submitted requests over the next two weeks

**Angel Sacta Espinoza, Vice President of Campus Affairs**

Nothing to report

**Lyanna Novak, Vice President of Student Affairs**

Nothing to report

**Riley Hall, Vice President of Media and Communications**

Working with Deb on the website. I am in need of senator testimonials so if you have anything positive to say about the senate and want to be quoted on the website please let me know.

I'm reaching out to Kelly Shannon about the University rebranding that is happening and hopefully will have an update next week

**Destiny Walker, Vice President of Multicultural Affairs**

Nothing to report

**Sophia O'Neil, Executive Assistant**

Nothing to report

**Dr. Timothy Gossen, Advisor**

Nothing to Report

**Class Officer Reports**

Freshman: Nothing to Report

Sophomores: Nothing to Report

Juniors: Nothing to Report

Seniors: Nothing to Report

**Senator Concerns**

Ice on the ramp by Aquinas Hall

Water bottle fountain in the RAC, underneath the cardio room, is not working again

**Adjournment**

Motioned by Sam Carlson

Seconded by Annie Carmean

Motion passes unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 7:52PM