

## **Student Senate Meeting Minutes**

**1/28/25**

**President Maggie Newhouse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Maggie Newhouse, Joel Tranel, Caden Boyer, Shania Vanlewin, Lizzie Pike, Mario Rodriguez-Gomez, Scott Walker, Allison Ciero, Aidan Indahl (Peter Quinn), Garrett Rotzien, Conner Perry, Joey Dunn, Jaedyn Fellenz, Javier Cifuentes, Priyanka Satish, Sidney Polzin (Connor Buetin), Diego Corvera, Zoe Fink, Amanda Siemienas, Simone Vega, Maggie Albers (Marc Fletemeyer), Reese Heitzman (Alex Hale), Jacob Fiala (Angel Garcia), Luke Pilot

**Members Absent:** Alison French, Taryn Dornseif, Noah Lahner, Cythina Sele

### **Por La Cultura Club Presentation:**

- Also known as “For the Culture”.
- Provide a safe place for students to learn more and have a safe space for Latino communities. Also, sharing each other's stories and awareness.
- Host Mexican Bingo, Alumni Q & A from Saint Mary’s and FGI, Dance Classes (Zumba), Latino Films, and Comics.
- To celebrate Independence Day during Hispanic Heritage Month in October, we collaborated with the Fashion Club to bring in different cultures, hold different events, and table during Toner.
- Day of the Dead tabled and had a lot of students interested. 30 students in FGI and a lot of the freshman class.
- The executive board would meet once a month and meet with the club every other week.

### **Resolution 003: Cardinal Club Bench Renovation**

- 8 benches
- Navy blue fabric is to replace the fabric on the benches right now.
- The benches are in front of Cardinal Coffee
- Maintenance will be in charge of labor, which will not be charged to the Senate. Senate is supporting the cost of fabrics and the foam inserts.

- \$1,600 for all the benches to be replaced.
- Replacing this fabric will make the benches look more modern and up-to-date.

**Motion Made to Adopt:** Joey Dunn

**Seconded:** Amanda Siemienas

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstained: 1

Motion Passes

### **Capital Improvement & Golf Simulation Details:**

- **Capital Improvements:**
  - As capital improvements, there is a look for new fabric for the benches at Cardinal Club
  - \$200 per bench & 8 benches in total would get replaced
  - Maintenance staff would do all the labor for the benches, Student Senate would cover the fabric for the benches to get redone
  - 2 water bottle fillers are looking to be replaced in the fieldhouse
- **Golf Simulator:**
  - We allocated the funds as a way to kick-start this project. Facilities is considering a spot in Joseph's for the simulator, and having card access to the room.
  - Installing a card access system is around \$2,800.
  - They would like to have a club that wants to "run" this. I want to reach out to Myles and the students and see if there are people interested in spearheading a golf club that can use this space, maintain it, host events, and more.
  - There is a place in Winona called Island City Golf Garage. It may be beneficial for the Senate to see if they offer any rates for us. We could see how many students would utilize the golf simulator. It could be like a trial run before we set up an entire place for this.
  - Also, there would be a yearly subscription for the golf simulator that would be continuously allocated by the Senate.
  - Nothing is set in stone. These are all just some things we need to consider if we want this to be effective and impactful for the students.

## **Executive Board Reports**

### **Maggie Newhouse, President**

- I will be doing an Instagram takeover on Thursday!

### **Joel Tranel, Vice President of Financial Affairs**

- Make sure clubs get budgets in before the due date.

### **Mario Rodriguez-Gomez, Vice President of Campus Affairs**

- Nothing to report.

### **Noah Lahner, Vice President of Academic Affairs**

- Nothing to report.

### **Caden Boyer, Vice President of Public Affairs**

- Don't forget to register for Day at the Capitol on March 25th!

### **Ali French, Vice President of Student Affairs**

- M and W Basketball at Hamline on Wednesday
- M Hockey Away on Friday at Scholastica at 7 pm
- W Hockey Home Friday at 7 pm
- A lot is going on Saturday for M and W Track, W and M Basketball Home, M and W Tennis Home, M Hockey Away, and W Hockey Home
- Orientation Leaders are needed for this upcoming summer! It is a great opportunity to learn leadership skills and get paid at the same time. If you're interested, applications are open now and the Executive Orientation Leaders will be tabling at lunch.

### **Taryn Dornseif, Vice President of Media and Communications**

- Sign up for an Instagram takeover day in your life!

**Lizzie Pike, Vice President of Administrative Affairs**

- Upcoming fundraisers for the Junior & Sophomore Class Officers
  - **Juniors:** February 6th- Selling Valentine's Goodie Bags for \$2
  - **Sophomores:** February 12th- Selling Valentine's Telegrams for \$1
- Bring cash and support our Senate Class Officers!

**Shania Vanlewin, Vice President of Multicultural Affairs**

- Green Bandana has an event on Thursday from 5-7:30 pm with Women in Nature Community.

**Scott Walker, Advisor**

- Nothing to report.

**Class Officer Reports**

**Freshmen**

- Nothing to report.

**Sophomores**

- Nothing to report.

**Juniors**

- Nothing to report.

**Seniors**

- Nothing to report.

**Senator Concerns:**

- **Conner:** Would there be a chance ice machines could be put in the dorms for students to use? Students have been asking.
- **Garrett:** Club Hockey plays this Saturday at 7 pm and on Sunday at noon.
- **Priyanka:** Asking if Residence Life would put kitchen supplies in the kitchens for students to cook with.

## **Adjournment**

**Motion made to adjourn:** Jaedyn Fellenz

**Seconded:** Amanda Sieminas

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:29 pm.