Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of SPS Student Association was held at the 119 W 31st Street Campus on Thursday, August 31, 2017.

Attendees


Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included Yerelyn Nuñez, and Latif Masud

Approval of minutes

Since minutes were not available from the previous meeting of 8/17/17, Brandon made a motion to dismiss the approval of the minutes. This motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Reports

1) Associate Dean Brian Peterson addressed the group reporting on the increase in enrollment for the Fall Semester '17.
   a) Largest gains seen in nursing
   b) Business school had an increase, which was unexpected
   c) New graduate program for nursing administration has been instituted and there are 17 students. Most came from outside the SPS system.
   d) Question raised by Brandon, “If we were hitting targets? It was discussed in the meeting targets are not yet established, but they are in the pipeline.

2) Dean Mogulescu (John) introduced himself to the group. Brian and John discussed Brandon’s question about admission goals and restated that establishing these goals were on the administrations agenda.
   a) Dean Mogulescu welcomed the group and asked members to introduce themselves and state their discipline of study.
   b) After introductions Dean Mogulescu expressed his enthusiasm for the new year, and the new Student Association (SA). He reinforced his commitment to the SA
and thanked them for their leadership and service. He then opened the floor for questions from the SA Representatives.

c) Brandon asked about ____________________________
d) We were informed the Business School hired a new Academic Director: Ed Knox.
e) In response to a question from Lisa, the SA was told that SPS had been initially excluded from the CUNY BA program, due to the lack of a faculty advisor for the program. Now that SPS has full-time faculty in addition to adjunct staff, this is less of an issue. Dean Mogulescu exclaimed he will look into it.
f) Dean Mogulescu said he would be more than happy to continue to attend our meetings periodically, and adjourned to attend another meeting on his schedule.
g) In addition Associate Dean Peterson also replied he would be happy to attend any of the SA’s meetings going forward.
h) It was decided that Associate Dean Peterson would not attend the same meetings as Dean Mogulescu, in the interest of time. Associate Dean Peterson excused himself and adjourned from the SA’s meeting.

3) Shakima and Yvette re-capped information from the Executive Budget Committee meeting on 8/24/17. A print out of the proposed budget was handed out at the meeting (Attached). There were carryover funds from last year, which Shakima explained was a consequence of the Student Association being operational for only 6 months before the next election period. Shakima and Yvette explained that the categories for the budget are in broad categories, so that more subcategories of expenditures would fit within the given classifications.

a) Brandon asked if there would be money for clubs. Shakima answered, “given the nature of the limited budget, it seemed unlikely at this time.” The SA Representatives discussed the importance of clubs in the context of a CUNY-wide system. And, it was agreed upon that this would be addressed in the future on a case by case basis.

Brandon made a motion to approve the budget, which was seconded by Leonard. The budget was passed with a unanimous vote. The budget will be presented to the administration for approval by Anthony Sweeney.

Ad Hoc Committee Approvals

b) The Communications Club/Committee will be dedicated to launching an informational, student sponsored news site. The site will serve to raise awareness of CUNY wide programs as well as SPS specific events and news topics. Lisa volunteered to act as chair and will be working on assembling a team.

i. A motion was made by Shakima to start a communications club/committee, and was seconded by Yvette.
ii. The committee was approved unanimously, except for one abstention from Brandon

1) Access-A-Ride App Committee
   (i) Leonard advised that the MTA is already starting to explore the formation of an app, and it may be possible that our group may look into seeing if we can assist in facilitating.
   (ii) Leonard brought up additional points of accessibility and inclusion: most notable that the school site has non-functioning links
   (iii) Leonard informed us he will be operating as treasurer of the CUNY Coalition for Students with Disabilities (CCSD). In addition, CCSD is looking into an inter-CUNY campus competition which seeks to find which campus is most accessible?
   (iv) A Disabilities Club was proposed and the possibility of formation is being looked into.

4) For the Fall Meetings Associate Dean Peterson will attend the 9/26 & Dean Mogulescu will attend the 10/26

5) Reminders from Anthony Sweeney:
   a) SA Representatives are to complete the Everfi course for Title IX training. The deadline is 9/15 for part 1. Part 2 will follow and in approximately 30 days a certificate is issued once part two is finished. This is a requirement of all members of student government, to have this certification.
   b) The Fall reception initially planned for September 20th is the first evening of Rosh Hashanah. Discussions were concocted as to what could realistically be achieved now that this date is not an option. A possibility discussed was to hold 3 lower key nights to for the purpose originally planned. The final conclusion was to wait and see what dates the building management had available before making a decision.
   c) National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) is slated to begin next week. Emails will be sent to those Students who qualify.
   d) The Facebook page for SA members has been established by Anthony Sweeney.
   e) Spring Semester meeting dates were established and agreed upon to meet at 6:00 PM. No meeting is scheduled for the month of January. Meeting dates for 2018 are: 2/8, 3/15, 4/12 and 5/8. The remaining Fall meetings times will remain as they are at 5:30: 9/26, 10/26, 11/16 and 12/14.

6) The Professional Development Grant was discussed in length. Anthony handed out Associate Dean Peterson’s flow chart and list of questions (see attached). Answers to each question asked were reviewed by the SA and Anthony is taking the questions/answer form back to the administration for review.

7) There were no questions or comments regarding the approved Bylaws and Constitution of the SA.

8) The vacancy of Technology Editor was graciously accepted by Lisa Sheridan agreed to take on the role of Technology Editor
Yvette made a motion to adjourn the meeting (phew!)
Unanimous agreement to adjourn the meeting at 8:30.

Secretary
Lisa Sheridan         9/6/17

Date of preparation