Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of SPS Student Association was held at the 119 W 31st Street Campus on Thursday, September 26, 2017 and called to order by Co-Chair Shakima Williams at 5:49PM

Attendees


Members not in attendance

Student Association Representatives not in attendance included Yerelyn Nuñez, and Leonard Blades

Approval of minutes

1. Minutes for the meeting of 8/31/31 had slight revisions:
   a. SA Representative Brandon Clarke had asked a question to Dean Mogulescu regarding the impact of the Excelsior scholarship.
   b. Dean Mogulescu answered that the difference would be nominal. Because so few students qualify for the scholarship.
2. Co-chair Shakima Williams made a motion to approve the minutes with revisions. Co-chair Yvette Humphries seconded the motion. This motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Reports

1) Student Life Coordinator Antony Sweeney issued a quick administrator’s report.
   a) Associate Dean Bryan Peterson will attend the October 26, 2017 meeting
   b) Dean John Mogulescu will attend the December 14, 2017 meeting
   c) Title IX: Yvette, Leonard and Shakima have completed Title IX training and have been verified. Lisa and Rohan said they have also completed, but were not verified.
d) Anthony announced that all members of the SA with a GPA of 3.5 or higher will be receiving invites for the National Society of Leadership and Success. Co-chairs Shakima Williams and Yvette Humphries already received their invites.

2) Co-chair Shakima Williams gave a status report that included the following points:
   a) Professional Development Grant: changes made to the proposal, and a communication tool for the grant is needed.
   b) Fall Reception/Meet the Student Association date still undetermined.
   c) Since Dean Mogulescu had sent an email requesting input from students regarding helping with relief efforts for Puerto Rico:
      i. A discussion ensued on whether to establish an original fund or tack on to an existing.
      ii. Co-Chair Shakima Williams expressed concern about contributing to a fund with high admin/marketing expenses.
      iii. Meeting attendant Sarah Krusemark stated that America Cares has only a 3% admin cost.
      iv. Co-Chair Yvette Humphries asked if there was a fund through CUNY Central.
      v. Representative Brandon Clarke suggested establishing a unique fund for our school and prioritize aid reaching our students living in areas affected by the hurricane.
      vi. Representative Latif Masud brought up that since there is greater frequency of disasters is increasing, and seems to be likely to continue, perhaps a more permanent fund should be established.
      vii. Co-Chair Shakima Williams said that we should have a short-term plan for Puerto Rico and a long-term plan for ongoing.
      viii. Student Life Coordinator Anthony Sweeney reminded us that there was a fund set up back when Sandy hit New York City. He offered that he would check to see if the fund was still active.
      ix. Shakima asked if we could directly donate from the Student Activity fee. Anthony said that was not possible.
      x. Lisa suggested the idea of the “Meet Your SA” rep meeting as a fundraiser.
      xi. Yvette suggested making a movie night.
      xii. Shakima said our point of action would be to establish whether or not the fund was active, then we would have a phone meeting.

3) Ad hoc/Club Committee report: Disability and Accessibility
   a) Since Leonard was not present, there was no updates to the disability & accessibility app.

4) Ad hoc/Club Committee report: E-news site
   a) Lisa listed the suggested names for the site, the group will vote.
   b) Portia had volunteered to act as Features Editor.
c) Latif volunteered to act as Technology Editor

d) The group will reach out to either Communication and Media Dept. Chair Dr. Grindley or Media Director Marissa Job to act as the admin advisor

e) An email blast will be sent to all students inviting them to provide content

f) A motion was put forward by Shakima to name the Communications/E-newsite an AdHoc Committee instead of club. The motion was seconded by Yvette. The motion was carried with one abstention from Brandon.

5) Procedures were discussed for replacing Yerelyn, who has been unable to attend any meeting.

6) USS Report:

a) Lisa announced to the group that Brandon was running for USS Vice-Chair for Evening and Part-time Students. All members thanked him for representing and running and wished him good luck

Yvette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shakima seconded the motion. Unanimous agreement to adjourn the meeting at 7:07.