


Student Association Board of Finance
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2019 9 AM
The HUB Conference Room
STUDENT ASSOCIATION
EMPOWERING THE STUDENT VOICE

1. Attendance
 - a. Board
 - i. Present: Molly Donelan, Sam Salazar, Owen Howard, Ivan Daquial, Sabra Simon (called in), Amy Zhang
 - ii. Excused absence: Marielle Apronti
 - b. Comptroller Tony Kelly – Present
 - c. Elections Commission Chair: Ankeith Illiparambil – Present
 - d. Student Activities: Ray Webb, Pamela Alexander – Present
2. Motion by Howard to begin (9:14 a.m.)
 - a. Second – Salazar
 - i. No objections
3. Comptroller reviews BoF guidelines:
 - a. Started w/ purpose & responsibilities
 - b. Contract Review
 - c. Budget proposal process timeline
 - d. BoF acknowledgement of Viewpoint Neutrality
 - i. Members signed two documents promising to adhere to SA law, protocol, viewpoint neutrality, and nondisclosure acknowledgement of SA contracts, conversations, etc.
4. Pamela clarified Student Activities’ advisory role with the BoF
 - a. Howard – discussed hotel policy and differing prices for student organizations
 - b. Kelly – brought up point of a tradition of a max for venue allocations of funding
5. Discussion held about GroupMe voting on SA contracts
 - a. Pamela recommended alterations to the bid/contract authorization form, as well as suggesting not to vote over GroupMe

6. Pamela explained process of artist bidding
 - a. Kelly – asked about process of Speaker Series MOU
 - b. Pamela – explains MOUs
 - i. MOU = Memos of Understanding
 1. Softer than a contract, still legally binding, but easier to pullout
 2. SA has 3 current MOUs
 - a. No charge to student organizations for CCM space
 - b. No charge for event staff
 - c. Speaker Series
 3. Several campus partners are stakeholders in the MOU
 - c. Kelly - clarifies question: Does SA bring MOUs to BOF?
 - i. Pamela – in NYS, MOUs do not have to go to the state comptroller
 1. BoF signs off on contracts over a certain amount
 2. Reminds BoF that Sa has 3 members on the Speaker Series board
 - a. SA has the “majority seat”
 - d. Daquial – point of inquiry
 - i. He has an exam at 10:15. BoF leadership elections?
 - ii. BoF decides to pause on meeting to hold election
 - e. Ankeith Illiparambil, Chair of Elections Commission, leads election
 - i. Daquial – point of inquiry
 1. What satisfies majority?
 - a. Illiparambil – “4”
 - ii. Salazar – self-nominates for BoF Chair (only candidate)
 1. Gives introductory speech to the membership
 - a. Introduced his background, personally and professionally
 - b. Talked about his goals as Chair
 - i. Transparency, work w/ Comptroller
 2. Kelly – “What are some deficiencies in SA financial policy?”
 - a. Salazar – Stipend policy. Some clauses have confusion and conflict between branches
 - b. Rethink role of the Comptroller
 3. Howard – “When would you see a stipend change?”
 - a. Salazar – looking for the semester, with change next semester
 4. Kelly – “Who oversees stipend allocation?”
 - a. Salazar – wasn’t too familiar
 5. Howard – Motion to vote
 - a. Donelan – Second
 6. Salazar – wins Chair election. Next: Vice Chair election

- iii. Donelan – self-nominates for BoF Vice Chair
 - 1. Gives introductory speech to the membership
 - a. Introduced her background, personal & professional
 - i. Nassau County experience
 - b. Talked about goals as vice chair
 - i. Reaching out to groups, being consistent
 - 2. Kelly – who can freeze budget?
 - a. Follow up – who can unfreeze budget?
 - 3. Daquial – motion to vote
 - a. Howard – second
 - 4. Donelan – wins Vice Chair election
- f. Chair – wants to wrap up packet
 - i. Will communicate via email what anyone misses
 - ii. Membership submits previously signed documents to the Chair
- g. Howard – Motion to adjourn
 - i. Donelan – second

Please note this was the First Board of Finance Meeting and as such the format is off