



Student Association Board of Finance

Meeting Minutes

November 14th, 2019 – 8PM

The Orb

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Daquial – Motion
- b. Simon - Second

III. Public Comment

- a. David Ames – Representing the Athlete Liaison Committee. We are in the process of wanting a budget. Pies for Purple Pantry is happening on November 20 in front of SA office. VP for Student Affairs Michael Christakis and Damien (the mascot) will be there. We are also hosting the Nutritional Carnival – Core life eatery will be funding and giving us food for it. Can we get the process going of a set structured budget?
 - i. Salazar – Our budget process hasn't started yet. I suggest consulting with the committee and the President so we can allocate you money for 2020-2021.
- b. Ames - I would need you and my president to meet face to face?
 - i. Howard – Our budget is certified; we can only move around to existing lines. We can look into it for next year. The President and Vice President Elect make an internal budget and tell them you need a line in the budget
- c. Daquial - This committee is part of SA? What part?
 - i. Ames. - Student Athlete Liaison committee. We just established ourselves 3 weeks ago. We aren't too established yet. We connected w DANeger Zone for Pies for Purple Pantry and Health and Sustainability Department for nutritional core life.

- d. Howard - My involvement would be helpful, and the President, VP, Senate Chairman and Comptroller can be a big help to you as well

IV. Chairs' Report

- 1. Samuel Salazar, Chairman of the Board of Finance
 - i. Our second to last meeting
 - ii. The last meeting will be Dec. 5
 - iii. Continue to promote the budget orientation
- 2. Molly Donelan, Vice-Chairwoman of the Board of Finance
 - i. No report

V. Comptroller's Report

- 1. Tony Kelley, Comptroller
 - i. No report (not here)

VI. Senate Report

- 1. Owen Howard, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee
 - i. I am going to be graduating in December, so I will be resigning from Senate and there will be a new appropriations chair

VII. Budgetary Business

- 1. Mandatory Budget Meeting Update
 - i. 150 people signed up, which is fantastic. But we need to promote more because some of the bigger groups have still not registered. I'll close registration a week before. This year we are not taking exceptions. Everything will be up to par.
- 2. Presentation of the Budget Template for FY 2020-2021
 - i. I made a new spreadsheet for the orientation and the budget itself. The external shows the student group with items. The internal – I need to talk to tony about some things. I alphabetized departments and added a grand total at the bottom
 - ii. Howard - As we approve them, are we adding to the budget spreadsheet? We should to save time and effort. SORC really helped us and we should keep that up
 - iii. Yes, I'm basically going to copy and paste as we go along to make it all easier

VIII. Unfinished Business - Chairman Salazar steps down and Vice Chairwoman Donelan chairs unfinished business

- 1. Financial Whistleblower Policy
 - i. Salazar - Motion to table
 - 1. Daquial- Second
- 2. Comptroller Office Review
 - i. Salazar - Motion to table
 - 1. Daquial- Second

3. Contract Rubric Revamp Process

- i. Salazar - Motion to table
 - 1. Daquial- Second

IX. New Business

a. Chairman Salazar steps down and Vice Chairwoman Donelan chairs unfinished business

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- i. Salazar - Motion to add 514.3.3
 - 1. Howard - Second
- ii. Daquial – Can we get a brief overview of the item?
 - 1. Salazar- A lot of people have approached me to change the student activity fee. I got the minutes from last time it was changed, which is 2016. I presented the process. If they wish to amend it, it becomes effective upon a majority. The second part is that the sponsors need to formally consult us because we are financial policymakers. We are here to assess finances and determine whether or not it helps or hurts students
 - 2. We can vote to or not to recommend and then it will be presented to senate
- iii. Apronti- Were they requesting it be raised or lowered?
 - 1. Salazar – I’ve had people want to increase it. We are not taking a position on it right now, but I want to make sure we are ready if the time comes
- iv. Howard – They need to come to you with a bill? Does it go through rules?
 - 1. Salazar – They would have to come to our board meeting and let us critique it. We decide whether or not to recommend. Either way, it gets kicked to senate.
- v. Apronti - If it fails us, it can still pass senate?
 - 1. Yes
- vi. Howard – Can you take me through that process?
 - 1. Salazar - Ultimately only senate can raise or lower the fee. They need to consult with us first, because we know financial policy and look at things independently. There should be recommendations set in place
- vii. Howard - When does the university know?
 - 1. Salazar - The latest they’d have to know is the first day of February because they need to implement the mass change over the summer. If they do it spring semester, it

doesn't make sense because there would be an enormous surplus of money and the budget would need to be reopened to allocate it

- viii. Howard - Feb 1? We get back very late January, so this probably won't happen
 - 1. Salazar - Yes, this is just as a precaution for the future. We want to prevent clashing in Senate over this issue. This should be treated like a budget thing because we are set to monitor finances within SA.
- ix. Debate
 - 1. Daquial – I like the bill. I find it really weird that adding senators would have to go through a referendum.
 - a. Howard- You think it should be a referendum to raise a fee?
 - b. Daquial - No, I just think that ideally it would be nice if there was a more of a safety net like this, making it harder to change the activity fee
 - 2. Apronti – There should be more steps in place to change the fee
 - 3. Salazar – I just want to share this – This is from the last time they changed the fee in 2016. Written like a resolution. They justified it and then said what it could be increased to. This is why it is currently \$220 per year
- x. Apronti- The raise was \$20 dollars per year?
 - 1. Salazar – Yes, and it generated \$130k
- xi. Daquial - What is the SUNY cap on student activity fees?
 - 1. Salazar - SUNY sets a cap at \$250 per year. Which would make it around \$125 per semester. Right now, it is \$110 per semester
- xii. Salazar – Motion to call the question
 - 1. Daquial- Second
 - a. Bill passes 3-0-3

X. Closing Roll and Adjournment

- a. Daquial – Motion to adjourn
- b. Apronti - Second