**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

**January 22, 2019**

I. ROLL CALL: Viktor Sabha, Krista Galetta, Luke Morrison, Simone LaPlante Rickey Fonseca, Rose Guillaume, Orialys Delgado, and Tabitha Rucks-Smith were absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM December 11, 2018: Minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC REMARKS: No Remarks

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Marcus DiBacco**
   1. Welcome back and good evening. My apologies for having you all return to SGA so early, but it’s time to get down to business. Not to steal your thunder Marcus Payne, but we have 116 days until Commencement and I aim to make a change here. Before diving into the meeting I would like to present Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Sue LaMontagne to say hello.
2. **Sue LaMontagne**: Welcome back everyone, happy New Year, we have lots of work to do. As you know we have the Vice President search this semester that is critically important to all of us. I am not putting in for the position. I say this to make you all aware that I am equally as committed to finding someone good for the Vice President of Student Affairs as you are. I am going to be working with this person. I think they are critical to students on the campus more so than many others. If you have thoughts concerns or questions for the search committee, or you want to have a voice that is beyond what you are going to have please feel free to see me, I have no vested interest in this position so I too am looking for the best possible person.
3. As you know we restructured Residential Life last semester, which should not have affected you. I am bringing in a Consultant next week to look at the Resident Halls in terms of how students experience the halls; what works well, what you wish was different, in terms of programing, staffing-do we need more staff, less staff, what’s the culture in the halls, does it feel like a community, how can we improve, what do we want to keep? Student Government over the years has voiced opinions about the Res Halls, so I want you to have a say. The consultant is coming in from Boston tomorrow, she has decades of experience in Student Affairs and has been doing consultations such as this one for two decades. I think you’ll like her, she is a very good listener. I invite anyone who can make it to a meeting with her here in the SGA room at 7:00 pm, and will last about 45 minutes or so. She wants to ask some questions and hear about the Res Hall experience and go from there. Nothing you say will be trailed back to you, she was only asked to give some aggregate findings about how the campus feels. She’ll be meeting with about 12 different groups of stake holders, including all the Fes Life staff.
4. I am still in my office on the second floor, Ely 209, stop by whenever.
5. Carlton Pickron has been around and will still be advising the Senior class. I’m sure you’ll see him around.
   1. I accept the resignation of Annamarie Jackson and Luke Morrison.
   2. I do not have anything else to report today, but I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to speak about Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who we honored yesterday. I trust that we will never forget the great deeds that Dr. King did for our country and society but with all the work of moving back to school and the excitement of seeing our friends before returning to classes and the SGA we may not pay enough homage to him. Allow me to regale you with what may be his most famous words. “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but the content of their character.” When Dr. King said these words, it was at a time of great turmoil in our nation. Now over 50 years later, we have engaged in wars and campaigns in many different regions, countries, and against all types of peoples. Much of the rhetoric that we hear today is inflammatory and insulting. The basis for these attacks focus around people’s backgrounds, be it ideological or religious. In these times, it is especially important to remember that above all else, character is our identity. It is who we are and as such, it should be how we see others. So no matter who you meet this semester, no matter what happens, or what we talk about act with character.
   3. Items not listed on the agenda.
6. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: **Cameron Swan**
   1. All University Committee: **No Report**

B. NEASC Steering Committee: **No Report**

C. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**

D. Student Advisory Council: **No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: **Thomas Howard**
   1. Welcome back everyone! I hope the start of the semester has treated you well. Not much to report on this meeting.
2. I am currently finalizing continuous communications with Shannon Broderick, Sue LaMontagne, and Joshua Hettrick on weekly and bi-weekly meetings to better illustrate their respective departments’ voices at our meetings.
3. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns that you would like me to bring up at these meetings or if you are currently under any of the committees under my jurisdiction or are interested in being on them, do not hesitate to come and chat with me during my office hours, which are held Tuesdays 2:15-5:00PM, and Thursdays 2:15-3:30PM. With this said, I hope you continue to have a productive yet relaxing semester.
   1. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
   2. Diversity/Inclusion Committee: **No Report**
   3. Food Services Committee: **No Report**
   4. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
   5. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
   6. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
   7. Veteran’s Affairs Report: **No Report**
4. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: **Madeleine Scott**
   1. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
   2. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
   3. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
   4. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
   5. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
   6. Writing Liaison Committee: **No Report**
   7. Guest Lecture Committee: **No Report**
5. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: **Thalita Neves**
   1. I just wanted to update you all very quickly about the Vice President of Student Affairs search. If you don’t already know, Dave Youngerman and I are both sitting on the VPSA search committee. We had a meeting on January 17 and it was just a quick update to check in with the search firm and see how things were progressing. We reviewed multiple resumes of people who were in the process of applying for the vacancy or actively seeking out more information about the position. I can’t get into too many specifics because of confidentiality reasons, but if you have any questions, just let me know. We will have another meeting on February 12 in the Presidents Boardroom.
   2. Finance Committee: **No Report**
   3. Foundation Report: **No Report**
   4. Student Organization Council: **No Report**
6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: **Matthew Howe**
7. Campus Activities Board**: Matthew Howe**
8. We are hitting the ground running this week and weekend in the programming world with Winter Weekend, so get ready!
9. Tomorrow, January 23 in the DC, we’re kicking things off with Live @ Lunch, hosted by alumni Jonny Taylor. Kick it in the DC from 11:30 to 1:30 to check him out.
10. CAB and SAIL are hosting Thrifty Thursday this week in the Owl’s Nest. This time the craft is DIY Mason Jar Cookie. Stop by starting at 9:00 pm, to make your own jar and enjoy some cookies as you do so. We even have gluten free options!
11. Then on Friday, January 25 we have open skate night at Amelia Park. A bus will run continuously starting around 10:00pm outside Scanlon. All you need is three dollars to rent skates and some balance.
12. Join CAB on Saturday night starting at 8:30 pm in the Scanlon Banquet Hall for a Comedy Night with Erin Jackson. You may have seen or heard her on CONAN, The Ellen DeGeneres Show, or Standup in Stilettos. CAB Exec saw her preform while at NACA and I can say that you will not be disappointed with her jokes.
13. After Erin, stick around for the first Bingo of the new semester. As usual, Bingo will start at 10:00 pm in the Banquet Hall. This month’s prizes are all Owl Bucks. So stop by and win some money for laundry or snacks.
14. To end Winter Weekend, join CAB on Sunday, January 27 for a day of Escape Rooms from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm back in the Banquet Hall. There are six different rooms to choose from all tying to the theme of A Night at the Museum. An email will be sent out soon so you and your group can sign up. It’s a busy next couple of days, but if you’re looking for more to do, come to CAB’s first meeting of 2019 right here, January 23 at 5:00 pm.
15. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No Report**
16. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: No Report**
17. SECRETARY'S REPORT: **Elizabeth Ferrara/Courtney Smith**
    1. Executive Secretary Report: **Elizabeth Ferrara**
18. I just wanted to let you know that Owl Ball is rapidly approaching so Owl Ball committee needs to get up and running. I am passing around a sheet for you to sign up on if you are interested in being on the committee. I am looking for about 10 senators to serve on the committee but please put your name on if you are interested. If there is a lot of interested I will randomly pull names and email you for a meeting time, most likely on Wednesday afternoons. Please feel free to sign up! Thanks guys.
    1. Legislative Secretary Report: **Courtney Smith**
19. I hope you all had a great first day of classes. I am looking forward to working with all of you again this semester. Office hours will start next week, and I hope you have a great first week of the semester.
20. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: **Jacob O’Kane**
21. Rules and Regulations Committee: **Jake O’Kane**
22. Constitutional Review Committee: **No Report**
23. ADVISORY COMMITTEES:
    1. Advisory Committee on Facilities Planning: **No Report**
    2. Advisory Committee on Academic Planning: **No Report**
    3. Advisory Committee on the CURCA**: No Report**
    4. Advisory Committee on Budget Planning: **No Report**
    5. Advisory Committee for Equal Opportunity, Diversity and Affirmative Action: **No Report**
24. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
25. Commuter Council: **No Report**
26. Senior Class: **No Report**
27. Junior Class**: No Report**
28. Sophomore Class: **No Report**
29. First Year Class: **No Report**
30. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
31. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
32. Davis Hall: **No Report**
33. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
34. Lammers Hall**: No Report**
35. Lansdowne Place: **No Report**
36. New Hall**: No Report**
37. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
38. University Hall: **No Report**

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
2. NEW BUSINESS: (requires majority vote to be opened)

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
   1. **Maddy Scott**: Add/Drop ends January 28.
   2. **Mitchell McKittrick**: Please let me know if you are interested in joining the Diversity and Inclusion Committee
   3. **Marcus Payne: 116** days until commencement**.**

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2. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

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