Student Senators Council Meeting Minutes
December 03, 2015

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Michael Hengerer, Chair
Victoria Ettorre, Vice-Chair

1. Welcome - Chair Hengerer requests a motion to begin, the motion is granted, seconded and the meeting is called to order.

2. Housekeeping
   a. Approval of Minutes - the minutes from the following meetings are approved:
   b. Spring Schedule of Meetings - Chair Hengerer reviews the schedule. Senators are expected to be available on Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:00 am and from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.
   c. Goodbyes to Fellow Senators - Chair Hengerer thanks the senators whose terms are expiring or who will be leaving the SSC next semester. The senators who are leaving update the SSC on what's next for them and make inductions of new reps. Alex, James, Jonathan and some studying abroad.

3. Executive Committee Update
   a. There is an opportunity for SSC members to tutor or be tutored, Vice Chair Ettorre has more details.
   b. Be on the lookout for mid semester reports from your committee chairs.
   c. The Executive Committee will be working with SPS UG immediately to elect a new senator
   d. Chair Hengerer updates the SSC on the diversity task force that the senate will be convening, he asks for members who are interested (who have not already been in contact with him) to add their name to his list.

4. Updates from SSC/UCSL Committees - no updates are reported

5. Updates from University Senate Committees
   a. Academic Affairs, Alex Mayes - a discussion was held on standardizing the course evaluations. Chair Hengerer asks the rep on this committee to look into the next three year rotation to ensure there is no similar calendar adjustments forthcoming that echo this fall.
   b. Financial Affairs, Amanda Ezechi - The financial affairs committee met this morning and discussed the budget structure within the schools as well as the difference between schools in tuition costs. Vice Chair Sakai-Kawada details the "tuition standards" the schools.
   c. Judicial Board - no updates.
   d. Organization and Governance, Michael Hengerer - The committee is considering striking the official meeting time of the Senate Executive Committee to make it movable.
   e. Public Affairs, Ryan Thomas - No updates.
f. Other Committees
6. Presentation on Diversity and Inclusion at NYU - Monroe France, Assistant Vice President for Student Diversity, NYU
   a. Monroe details the current conversations that are happening at NYU and on a national landscape. With goals to make the NYU campus a better place for students of color or marginalized communities.
   b. Monroe notes that this presentation is NOT a training session, but it will begin to examine ways in which SSC members can use their influence and act within their respective spheres to address this issue on campus. He will also be answering any questions that come up.
   c. Monroe reviews group agreements for this presentation/discussion. (I statements, respect one another's ideas and comments, ask questions, maintain confidentiality, experiment with new ideas and challenge already established assumptions, take space make space, and have fun).
   d. He also gives a micro review of terminology used in diversity and social justice education. (See handout). Example of the difference between equity and equality.
   e. He details his vision of inclusive leadership (thinking about who's not present), cultural leadership, and Allyship.
   f. He asks the SSC to answer questions about what commitments they can put forward in educating themselves, naming two short and two long term commitments, and identify who will keep you accountable?
   g. The floor is open for questions, concerns, and comments. A discussion is held about racism globally and how unique structured isms are normally social constructs. Monroe is teaching a class next semester. Questions are posed regarding the increased staffing in CMEP - Monroe clarifies expectations are number of additional staff members added as well as budget increases noting that the programmatic budget will be increasing not necessarily the overall budget. Senator Newburgh asks Monroe what he thinks the top issues are and how the SSC members can take actionable steps to effect change. Monroe details the top four issues presented by the Black and Brown coalition on campus. Chair Hengerer will share out Monroe's contact info.
7. Old Business - Resolution on Diversity Training for Students, Staff and Faculty
   a. Senator (alternate) Thibault details the changes made to the proposed resolution. The floor is open for questions about the document or changes made. He also asks for a motion, Vice Chair Sakai Kawada requests a motion to pass the resolution as is with the revisions. The motion is passed unanimously. 27 in favor.
   b. Coles construction updates are reported out by Senator Gardner (AD).
   c. Public safety concerns are raised.
8. New Business
   a. Election of an Alternate Senator at-Large - Chair Hengerer details the election process. Per section 7 of the bylaws no minutes are taken. Results: Krystal McLeod is elected alternate senator at large.
9. Save the Dates
   a. Next Student Government Meeting
      i. Thursday, December 3rd, 5:30 to 7:00 PM
   b. Next University Senate Meeting
      i. Thursday, December 10th, 9:00 to 11:00 AM
   c. SSC/UCSL Fall Banquet
      i. Friday, December 11th, 7:00 to 10:00 PM
   d. Next Student Senators Council Meeting
      i. Thursday, February 4th, 4:00 to 5:30 PM
10. Adjournment