



Board of Directors

Meeting #8

Thursday, October 18th, 2018

12:10-2:00 p.m. | A724

Minutes

- I. Call to Order**
12:13pm
- II. Roll Call**
Liz
Ishani
Dylan
Natalie
Marissa
Jackie
Jasmine (Late 12:15, left at 12:53)
- III. Approval of Minutes**
V
Ishani
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
Dylan
V
- V. Weekly Check-In**
- VI. Advisor Updates**
 - Shadia (Arrived at 1pm)
 - Catlin
 - Cancelled advance for Ishani
 - SUNY Assembly will be taken care of after this meeting
 - Taking one additional person (Dallas)
 - New Software program -- need a focus group (aka BOD)

- Sexual assault/violence education
- Jocelin will come to BOD meeting for feedback (how much time, usefulness, what did you learn)
- Will possibly be given to all students
- Volleyball game tonight (show up)
- Karaoke Night tonight 7-9pm
- Glass tops will be removed from tables in the SGA Office
 - Will be stored in Student Life
 - Possible use is to hang them on the wall for more writing space
- 7th floor revamp approved
 - Mural will possibly go up over winter break
 - Need to work with Interior Design club & space planners
 - Food pantry to be opened in the spring
- November 3rd -- FAMILY WEEKEND
 - AHOD
- Destiny has resigned from SGA
 - Jasmine, Natalie, and Catlin will be working to resolve this issue
 - Catlin will probably take up Destiny's constitutional review work
- Natalie to meet with VP Oliva

VII. President Update

- Menstrual Products Survey
 - Promoted survey on social media and website
 - Goal was 500, but new goal is 1000
 - Reached out to professors/ C&O's to help promote
 - Merch Society showed great support
 - Would like more male students to respond
 - Goal is to close 10/26
- Concert Survey
 - Concert Meeting Next Week
 - Will be pushed after menstrual survey is complete
- Meeting with VP Oliva
 - Showed an outline for the meeting, updates to be given
 - Will possibly come on Nov 1st (EC, bringing pizza)

VIII. Vice President's Updates

- Special Elections
 - Interviews this week
 - 2 interviews today (secretary/treasurer of programming)
 - Updates to be given next week meeting

IX. New Business

- BoD Reports - Vaidehi
 - Merch Society has a problem
 - Each meeting they have to pay \$260+ to use the Haft (for AV/Lighting tech, 4 hour minimum)
 - Solutions
 - (1) give them set money from SAF to fund meetings
 - (a) Could create favoritism
 - (b) Other clubs have the same issue
 - (2) Not make them pay for the Haft
 - (3) Give them a bigger classroom
 - (4) Bring in Events Office (possibly in December) and ask why we use an outside source that costs so much, and why are we not involved in the contracting process
 - (5) Why do we have places (8th floor of Dubinsky) that students don't have access to?
 - 300 Club members
 - Had to turn members away from Macy's resume workshop because their space wasn't large enough
 - Solution: Reach out to all clubs and accommodate (for next semester) or don't accommodate any at all.
 - If we give Merch Society the fund, club meetings should be marketed to entire student body
 - Based on requests
 - Issue with club meetings -- what constitutes as a meeting and what constitutes as a program
- Constitutional Committees Update
 - Natalie
 - Scrap mission statement, write preamble instead
 - Timeline is unrealistic

- (1) Draft needed by Thursday, November 29th to be voted on in the 1st senate in spring semester
- (2) Work on constitutional reviews and include in upcoming BOD reports, due Monday at 12pm

- Vaidehi
 - No constitutional layout of what Student Activities Fund is used for (other schools also do not have a layout)
 - (1) Solution -- reach out to other schools and straight up ask
- Catlin will send out an outline of how it should look
- Jackie
 - Outlined what positions should look like
 - (1) Executive, Judicial, Legislative
 - (2) "Director" positions
 - (a) Public Relations & External Affairs
 - (b) Finance
 - (c) Ethics and Environmental Affairs
 - (d) Academic Affairs
 - (i) A&D and B&T
 - (e) Campus and Community Affairs
 - (i) Commuters and residents
- Liz
 - Change in position role/responsibilities
- Midterm Elections | Student Issues
- Alex from the Barnes and Noble
 - Manager at Barnes and Noble
 - Biggest complaint -- don't have what the students need
 - No feedback from professors on what students need
 - Would like a list of things students need for their classes
 - Tries to work with vendors to make products as cheap as possible while also providing the goods students need
 - Partner with SGA for possible events (possibly with midterms, a relaxation event in the store, calming products to be used to relax)
 - Wants the store to give back to students more, make it a place where students would like to hang out
 - Q/A
 - (Nat) What are the complaints?

- Fashion Design students don't have the materials they need (ex. Shoulder pads)
- (Nat) How do you know it's only FD?
 - Based on phone calls, during check out, emails
 - Wants to accommodate everyone
 - Looking into more affordable (text)books
- (Nat) Accessory Design?
 - Requested bonded leather, request was accepted and acted upon
- (Jackie) Is there a way to explore price match on Amazon?
 - More information after annual trade show in April, it's a new program
 - Looking into expanding price match program
- (Catlin) Have you done a survey for the students yet?
 - Developing a survey, currently trying to figure out the bigger issues
 - If bigger issues are solved, smaller issues will in turn be solved
 - Want to make experience in store a better experience
 - Understands what it feels like to not be heard
- (Vaidehi) How often does FIT merch change?
 - Every semester there are new products
 - If it sells out, it will be brought back
 - New merch with new school branding
 - Will incorporate more FIT SUNY based merch
- (Vaidehi) Are they student designs?
 - They are approved designs
 - Talked with boss, in past years, there have been contests for student designs to be showcased in bookstore
- (Liz) Do you hire students?
 - Not a work study
 - Semester based jobs, new semester = new employees
 - Will provide catlin the link to apply for jobs
 - You can work at any college with a B&N on campus through the website

- (Catlin) Do professors submit their orders?
 - B&N asks for supply/book list every year
 - B&N does not get a syllabus with supplies needed
- (Catlin) Would you have the space to have everything for students?
 - Yes, we just need to reorganize the store
- (Catlin) Can students go to other B&N bookstores?
 - Yes, you can order from another school and it will be brought to FIT
- (Alex) If I were to develop a survey to voice concerns and what is wanted/not wanted (and a possible coupon!) can we work on/market it?
 - Answer: yes!

X. Announcements and Reminders

- Check Your Email
- Communication Is Key

XI. Adjournment

2:03

Jackie

Important Dates

- ★ Tuesday, November 6th 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.: **MIDTERM ELECTIONS**
- ★ Tuesday, November 13th 1-2 p.m.: **STUDENT SENATE #3** in the Great Hall
- ★ Tuesday, December 11th 1-2 p.m.: **STUDENT SENATE #4** in the Great Hall