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## Student Government Association Senate meeting minutes: 07/11/2011

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Present: **15**  
Absent: 9  
Excused: 2  
Quorum: *was met*

The **Chair** calls the meeting to order at **7:00 pm**.

The minutes *are approved* without objection.

### 10 Executive Vice President, Will **Pett**:

- I attended the Executive cabinet retreat this past weekend and did team building and planning for the next year
- I'm planning to have initial meetings with individual Cabinet members this week to discuss their new projects for the upcoming year
- I will be meeting with Senator **Naraghi** on Thursday July 14 to discuss SGA archives and how to progress.
- Cabinet discussions about SGA involvement in the night at the student center and what it will look like.
- I will be working with Chief of Staff **MacCormack** and Executive Director **Dwyer** to discuss the promotion of idea scales for the fall semester and prep the new senator guide and welcome to senate outline and script for meetings in the fall.

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### President Michael **Sabo**:

- I had a great time at the retreat and planned the full body senates and a holiday party.
- Working with Chief of Staff **MacCormack** to finalize payments and close out on the budget.
- Been in contact with John Tobin and hopefully meeting with Mike Ross, a city counselor, who will hopefully change city policies to make them friendlier.
- Will be sending in all the paper work for the senator retreat which is tentatively booked for the second weekend in October
- Meeting with Marina MacComber and Comptroller **Golia** to discuss Finance Board appeals.

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### Comptroller, Anthony **Golia**:

- Finance Board has met and heard requests for all welcome week events as of June 30, 13 requests were heard, 7 were funded.
- Finance Board met on July 7 and heard one request for a September large event, which was fully funded.
- Finance Board will meet this Thursday July 14, to hear September medium and October large events.
- The deadline for September small events is this Thursday July 14 at 5:00 PM.
- Will be meeting with President **Sabo** and our advisor to discuss an appeal of a Finance Board audit
- We have finished off all of our ongoing audits and will continue to engage in audits over the course of the year to insure that groups are properly following the SAF manual.
- The final Finance Board workshop for Summer II is on Tuesday July 19 in 333 Curry, and all groups must attend a workshop to put on an event. If a group is planning on putting on an event in September, October, and a large event in November, please make sure an Executive Board member is at this workshop.

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### Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dani **Wojdyla**:

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- Attended and had a blast at the Executive Cabinet retreat.
  - Over the past week I have met with Vice Provost Bruce Ronkin, Sue Powers-Lee's replacement to discuss academic initiatives on a broader level and he is very excited to work with SGA moving forward
  - Leslie Milner, associate dean of libraries, and I met to discuss the logistics of implementing student surveys in Snell Library as well as placing clocks in all parts of the library and are conducting more research in both areas.
  - As a way to promote the 5 new scanners in Snell Library we will be partnering with the library to launch a campaign and will be distributing free USB drives to all library users during the first week of the fall semester.
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- Senator **Naraghi** and I met to discuss a revamping of first year experience courses and are currently researching other schools first year courses to get a sense of where we would like to go with that.
  - Working with the CIDTEL office to create and distribute letters of commendation to professors who have reached 90% participation with TRACE surveys this past spring.
  - Trace results from Spring 2011 are now posted
  - Let me know if you are interested in any of these projects
  - Will be having a committee meeting next Tuesday July 19 in 346 Curry, hope to see you there.

### Vice President for Student Affairs, Jonas **Edwards-Jenks**:

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- This Wednesday we have a meeting to discuss the Northeastern pledge, an "I am Northeastern" initiative we plan on moving forward with to help promote the idea of what it means to be Northeastern.
  - Will be talking with student groups and how to reach out with this concept and getting students involved. We will be going over T-shirt designs which I have worked with Executive Director **Dwyer** on and Student-At-Large **Caron** has been a huge part of this team.
  - I met with Lisa Commendatore of New Student Orientation and Student-At-Large **Caron** to discuss initiatives to try and implement an NUIN, a transfer student mentor program, which she is on Board with and excited to move forward
  - Have met with Darren **Costa**, who will be very involved in Athletics this year, about planning grill outs to promote Die Hard Dogs and other athletic events
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- Tentatively scheduled games for Friday September 23 and Saturday September 24 both Women's Soccer and Men's Soccer respectfully in that order are playing VCU, and are planning to have a grill out and some other activities that weekend
  - Friday September 30 the Field Hockey team will be playing James Madison University in the afternoon and the Volleyball team will be playing the University of Delaware that evening, so we're trying to get a grill out going and help promote those games.
  - We're trying to get students to go out to other sporting events other than Hockey and Basketball this fall and really use Die Hard Dogs and work with the N Zone and the Dog House to promote student involvement in games
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- I have reached out to Susan Brown of Welcoming to make two games are on the Welcome Week schedule, both Field Hockey Monday September 5th against Michigan State University and Tuesday September 6th is a Volleyball game against the University of New Hampshire.

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Vice President for Student Involvement, Matthew **Crimmins**:

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- The Student Involvement Board did meet last week, and the next meeting is in 2 weeks, will be looking at the SIB manual and approving it.
  - Currently working on the allocation of space for 240 as well as looking into other options for groups in need of storage.
  - Dates are scheduled and rooms are reserved for all fall presidents meetings, which will be once a month except in September.
  - Student Leadership Day will be on September 18 in the student center that will help student leaders within their roles of campus activities.
  - The resource room has been moved to 240 in order to centralize the resources into one space.

Vice President for Student Services, Tim **LePage**:

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- The farmers market will not be happening this week due to final workings with the city to obtain city permits, but the tentative start date is July 20.
  - Met with NUPD on Friday to work on a campaign to prevent theft in the student centers, and will be more meetings revolving around that in the future.
  - Things are moving forward with zip car and meetings with the administration will also be moving forward, however this will be a long process
  - Will be meeting with Maureen Timmons in the coming weeks for dining updates for the fall semester.
  - Looking for volunteers for Green Office certifications to go around to all of the offices and completing this.

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Chief of Staff, Terry **MacCormack**:

- Have been in contact with the Alumni center to schedule passing of the gavel.
- Have been preparing the office for the cabinet, dealing with all of the supplies and computer issues.
- Working on closing out the Fiscal Year 2011 for the budget.
- Meeting with President **Sabo** later this week to plan for fiscal year 2012.
- Met with VP Wojdyla and EVP **Pett** to discuss the academic center of college constituencies pilot
- Hoping to have the Senator Nomination form online by the fall semester
- Working on a plan for office hours.

130 Executive Director of Communications, Kelly **Dwyer** (Address delivered by EVP **Pett**):

- Working with VP **LePage** to promote the Farmers' Market
- Fishing up with projects from last year that will provide more outlets for student outreach.

Parliamentarian, Nicoya **Borella** was not able to attend the meeting.

Elections Committee Chair, Taylor **Cotter**

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- Hopefully receiving the elections report and will be reviewing it soon.
  - Only one meeting will be held this summer on July 28 at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room to debrief the previous year, email me if you plan on attending.

The **Senate** moves into Question Time.

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- Comptroller **Golia** asks Election Chair **Cotter** if it was still possible to add an addendum to the elections report. Elections Chair **Cotter** says that she is unaware of the process with addenda but is willing to accept anything that you would like to be kept in the records.

The **Senate** moves into New Business.

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- Comptroller **Golia** would just like to bring up that it will be important this year to recognize that the organization will be very different than last year and to know that just because something has been done one way in the past, it does not need to be done that way in the future. Think out of the box and new creative ways to better ourselves and the organization.

Without objection, the **Chair** closes the meeting at **7:54 pm**.

*Respectfully submitted to the Senate by Carissa Williams.*