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## Student Government Association Senate meeting minutes: 07/25/2011

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Present: 17  
Absent: 4  
Excused: 3  
Quorum *was met*

The **Chair** calls the meeting to order at **7:33 pm**.

The minutes *are approved* without objection.

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

- Working on an SGA alumni letter with Executive Director **Dwyer** and with the school's alumni relations department to get it sent out to SGA alumni.
  - Have been reviewing the government documents going through and correcting small grammar and syntax issues.
  - Working on scheduling guest speakers for the upcoming year, waiting hear back from administrators.
  - Die Hard Dog fundraising during orientation has been going well.
  - Had a meeting with information services and President **Sabo** and VPs **LePage** and **Wojdyla** where we met Scott Cann, the new Director of Customer Service. Coming from MIT, he seems like a good fit and we are looking forward to working with him this upcoming year including a pilot expanding web printing to International Village.
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- Working on general preparations for the senate this fall including the new senator packet that will be available for the first meeting. Welcome to Senate meetings will be held at 6:30pm every Monday.

### President, Michael **Sabo**:

- An e-mail was sent out about the Parliamentarian application being live, which also goes for justices as well. We're looking to expand the public appeals board.
  - Meeting with Marina **MacComber**, our advisor, tomorrow to discuss moving forward with putting a student on the board of trustees and to put together a comprehensive plan.
  - Congratulations to VP **LePage** and Senator **O'Sullivan** and everyone who contributed to a successful first Famer's Market.
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- Met with information services and all the other VPs
  - Have been hearing audit appeals with Comptroller **Golia**.
  - Have been going through the archives with EVP **Pett** to look up trustee historical information as well as things on Boston intercollegiate government and have been reaching out to former presidents to get their take on that.
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### Comptroller, Anthony **Golia**:

- Finance Board met this past Thursday and heard requests for September small events
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- Finance Board will be meeting this Thursday to hear publication requests for the fall.
  - Thank you to Senator **Lothrop** for the work he has committed to do for publications.
  - Will be meeting tomorrow with President **Sabo** and our advisor to discuss the appeal of a Finance Board audit.
  - I have appointed Senator **Quijada** as the Vice Chair of the Finance Board.

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Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dani **Wojdyla** (address delivered by President **Sabo**):

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- Has been meeting with various chairs and senators to try to schedule a date for a faculty senate meeting.
- Attended the Information Services meeting with VP **Pett** and President **Sabo**.
- Met with the Chemistry Department Chair last week regarding possible renovations that stemmed from student concerns.
- Meetings have been scheduled with deans and various department chairs to work on academic initiatives.
- Will be hosting a committee on Wednesday August 3 at 7:00 pm in 342 Curry.

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

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- Met with Chris Marshall to work out possible dates for student involvement around games.
- Trying to schedule events revolving around games and events the last 2 weeks in September. Trying to emphasize sports other than just hockey and basketball.
- Will be meeting with Bruce Boyler this week for arts and diversity to discuss art initiatives around campus.
- Have been working a lot with off campus, especially the Northeastern PLEDGE, meeting regularly revolving around what that will look like.
- Will have a meeting tomorrow to discuss off campus safety issues.
- Working on getting the orientation office involved with NUin, the next steps involve finding a mentor for the program.

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

- Student Involvement Board met last week and approved one student organization that was left over from last year.
- Working on trying to make the board more streamlines for student groups who are going through the process and trying to allocate the space for 240.
- Now accepting applications for AVP for the Student Involvement/Vice Chair of the Student Involvement Board. The application can be found on OrgSync.

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

- Thank you to Senator **O'Sullivan** and all the other Senators for all their hard work for the Farmer's Market.
- The Farmer's Market was a success, it will be held every Wednesday 12-6 through November. Although there was only one vendor we will be looking to expand.
- Had a meeting with IS last week to discuss the print pilot as well as a potential redesign of MyNEU, and expansion of outdoor WiFi.
- Having a meeting with the administration, ZipCar, and EVP **Pett** to discuss the ZipCar proposal that we're ready to look into, hoping to get cars on campus sometime within the next year or so.
- Have been completing research on other universities in Boston and New York City to look at their guest housing sign in policies and what students are permitted. Met with Tim Touchette and we will be looking into different options this fall.

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Chief of Staff, Terry **MacCormack**:

- Just a reminder to remember to e-mail me if you are unable to attend Senate with a valid reason so we can keep track of attendance.
- Have been recruiting new members at the orientation activities fairs, with a last count of 75 e-mail addresses of potential senators.
- 100 • Finalizing the last details of making the Senator nominations process at least partially available online.
- Will be working with EVP **Pett** about the office hour schedule
- Trying to evaluate the transition of offices and how to better improve that in the future.
- Working on a Chief of Staff letter that will be going out to all Senators.
- Working to finalize the paperwork for the last month of FY11 and starting to work on the final spending report.
- Have been meeting with President **Sabo** to plan our Cash Account and Budget spending for FY12.
- Working on the new Senator Orientation process with EVP **Pett** including a guide we're making.

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

- Has mostly been working the past few weeks on the Northeastern Farmer's Market, designed and posted flyers around campus, but will need help in doing more to keep interest high.
- Have been working with VP **Edward-Jenks** on designing promotional materials for the NU pledge initiative.
- Met with EVP **Pett**, Senator **Splain**, Tina Sherman, President of RSA, and Sarah Weiner to discuss combining Night at the Student Center and Campus Invasion.
- \* Executive Director **Dwyer** arrives and delivers the remainder of her address\*
- Have been working on general promotional things for SGA such as a potential banner for After Hours.

- 120 • Cleaned out the conference room today with Chief of Staff **MacCormack**. Please check it out and try to keep it that way.

Parliamentarian, Nicoya Borella *yields*

Elections Committee Chair, Taylor **Cotter**

- To recap the past few months in the realm of elections, when President **Sabo** was elected, Senator **D'Angelo** wrote a comprehensive report and if anyone who has not received it would like to read it please let me know.
- 130 • There will be an Elections Committee "pre-meeting" this Thursday at 7:00 pm in the conference room. Please let me know if you plan on attending. We will be going over issues regarding the last campaign and things that people may want to be changed. Campaign finance will also be discussed.

The **Senate** moves into Question Time.

- Senator **Naraghi** to VP **Lepage**
  - Could you tell us more about the pilot in International Village?
  - Response: As of last year students have been able to remotely print from their computers to the library as well as the computers in the Dodge Hall basement. We would like to expand this to other parts of the campus, and IS has suggested a pilot with this program in International Village. Other potential pilots are the Student Center, Behrakis, as well as a few
- 140 other buildings around campus.

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- Senator **D'Angelo** if the Boston Intercollegiate Government is the same organization we were involved with in the past. President **Sabo** says that the Boston Intercollegiate Government is an old organization that has been renamed and restructures, but the organization we were involved with in the past no longer exists and this organization is really just starting and in the preliminary phase.

The **Senate** moves into New Business.

The **Senate** moves into Open Discussion.

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Without objection, the **Chair** closes the meeting at **7:52 pm**.

*Respectfully submitted to the Senate by Carissa Williams*