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Present: 42
Absent: 13
Excused: 3

The **Chair** called the meeting to order at **7:02 pm**.

The minutes were *passed* without objection.

Executive Vice President Will **Pett**:

- Guest Speakers for the remainder of the year have been finalized.
- SGAmes barbeque was successful.
- Working with Executive Director **Dwyer** on an SGA fundraiser at Fire and Ice.
- Draft of the Funding Priorities survey has been sent to Senior Administration for approval.

President Michael **Sabo**:

- Met with Jack Moynihan to discuss how SGA can cooperate on programs like the Double Husky scholarship better.
- Working with Jason Foster, Comptroller **Golia**, and Senator **Quijada** on the ideafund, SomethingNU.
- Met with some administrators and Chief of Staff **MacCormack** to discuss renovations to the SGA conference room.

Comptroller, Anthony **Golia:**

- Finance Board heard 1 request for Springfest.
- All meeting notes from the year are up on the website.
- Monthly reports are also on the website, and SAF related information may be in there.
- Met with Kier Byrnes from Campus Activities to discuss issues that groups are having with AfterHOURS and attendance policies.
- SAF allocations for the entire year released, on the website. Demonstrates money allocated, as well as the groups that got it and how much returned to the SAF.

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

- Course Catalogue for Spring 2012 released, registration starts on November 14th at noon.
- 2 satellite campuses opened in Charlotte and Seattle, both are hosting Graduate programs.
- Met with Bruce Ronkin to discuss student issues and the use of classroom space.
- Met with Coleen Pantalone, the Associate Dean for CBA, to discuss business minor issues. Thanks to those who submitted issues and concerns.
- Met with IS and VP **Lepage**.
- Thanks to Senator **Chandley** for meeting with Dean Murray Gibson from COS to follow up on the town hall.
- Thanks to AVP Coombes for his work on the college expectations legislation, should be seen next week.

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

- Congratulations to Director **Caron** for representing undergraduate students on the Code of Conduct Review Committee, and successfully arguing to have the probation sanction adjusted to exclude petitions for members.

- Hosted a meeting with community service student leaders to discuss ways to collaborate and work with the I AM Northeastern Pledge, and work with students off-campus.
- AVP **Daly** hosted the first NUStarts information session for potential buddies and group leaders. Another one to come this Wednesday.

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

- Student Involvement Board met last week and approved two new student organizations, the Actuarial Club and Pre-Student Osteopathic Medicine Association.
- November Presidents' meeting on November 2nd at 6pm in 19 INV.
- Thanks to Senator **Chandley** for her work on student organization focus groups. It will meet next Wednesday from 7-8 in 109 Robinson.
- If any Senator is interested in working on the Husky Leadership Guide, they are welcome.

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

- Public Safety Campaign happened last week, and within 45 minutes there were 11 items left unattended.
- The farmers' market has been extended for one more week, so this week there will be the same farms as well as some food-related student groups.
- If people are interested in getting fresh produce in the off-season, talk to Director O'Sullivan, who has been working on the CSA.
- Printers are available in INV and in Dodge. Looking to find additional places to put printers in.
- Met with Kier Byrnes to discuss student center, Blackman, and Fenway Center branding.
- Food Advisory and Housing Task force meetings have happened regularly.
- Thanks to Senator **He** on the storage project and coming up with many questions for Survey of the Week.
- Green Office Certification labels have been ordered, Director **Corrado** will be looking for volunteers in the coming weeks.

Chief of Staff, **Terrence MacCormack** :

- Welcome to all new Senators from the month of October.
- Working on internal transitioning and planning for the Cabinet positions.
- Met with IS and other offices with President **Sabo** about the conference room.
- Working on technology concerns for the office and security issues with the website.
- Making Survey of the Week more sustainable on our end, and the association may potentially purchase an iPod Touch for that purpose.
- Passing of the Gavel will be held in the Alumni Center for the end of this school year.

Executive Director of Communications, Kelly **Dwyer:**

- Thanks to every Senator who volunteered for SGAmes, it was pretty successful.
- If anyone has feedback on how outreach programs could be better in the future, come to committee meetings to talk about it.

Parliamentarian, Amy **Holmes:**

- Thanks to those who were at the Full Body last week and stuck around to the end of the meeting.
- Can be a good resource for any questions or comments on last week's meeting.
- The Operational Appeals Board is now full, and there are no pending appeals.

The **Senate** moves into Question Time.

- Senator **Daly** asks what involvement the SGA and undergraduate student body has with the two new satellite campuses.
  - VP **Wojdyla** answers that it opens up co-op opportunities, but there isn't much more involvement beyond that.
- Senator **Suchy** asks how to print from the new printers in International Village and Dodge Hall.
  - VP **LePage** answers that you should print to the HP printers the way you would for the library printers, or install the drivers from IS to print from a laptop.
- Senator **Splain** asks if we can work on getting signage near the new printers.
  - VP **LePage** answers that they are currently looking into getting signage, but right now they are just introducing them and they hope to understand the average usage first.

The **Senate** moves into New Business.
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Without objection, the **Chair** closed the meeting at **7:32 pm**.
Respectfully submitted to the Senate by Ashley Caron