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## Student Government Association Senate meeting minutes: 11/28/2011

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Quorum was met.

The **Chair** called the meeting to order at **7:03 pm**.

The minutes were *passed* without objection.

Executive Vice President Will **Pett**:

- Working with President **Sabo** and the administration to prepare the funding priorities survey, and the final draft should be ready to go by the end of the week.
- 10 • There will be a Full Body Senate next week, and if you are absent for any reason that is not excused in the governing documents, you will be removed from the Senate roster.
- A letter was sent out to SGA alumni through Alumni Relations that was drafted by myself and Executive Director **Dwyer**.
- Meeting with NUnify to improve school spirit and student affinity.
- Working on the Brought to you by SGA campaign with Executive Director **Dwyer**.

President Michael **Sabo**:

- Working with EVP **Pett** on the funding priorities survey, and should be going out to students in the next week or two. It helps to dictate where our tuition money is spent.
- 20 • Working with students from FSL and other student organizations to create a contract committee with University administrators to discuss the growing discontent of students with the contract process.
- Has received quotes for the technology in the conference room, and working on getting specifics on approval and dates for when the updates may happen.
- Along with the Finance Board, a decision has been made to recommend a raise to the Student Activity Fee to \$120, a \$4 increase from this year. This would take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup> for the next school year.

Comptroller, Anthony **Golia**:

- 30 • The Finance Board did not meet last week.
- The Finance Board will meet this week to hear requests for February medium requests and the Spring publications.
- Deadline for this week is for the February small and March large programs, and this is because the schedule is a bit constrained due to the holidays.
- The spending and revenue data will be put up on the website by the end of the week.
- This Thursday, the Finance Board will be reviewing the manual, and the meeting will start at 5pm.
- The Finance Board has made a recommendation to raise the Student Activity Fee by \$4.

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

- 40 • Completed a project assessment of about 20 projects over the break to determine where projects stand.
- TRACE opens on November 30<sup>th</sup>, and there will be TRACE night in the library on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The intercollege competition will open on November 30<sup>th</sup> for TRACE as well.
- As Executive Director **Dwyer** will mention, the Academic Affairs committee will be hosting an affinity event at the Frog Pond this Friday.

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

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- Diversity week plans are underway, and there is a lot of work being done outside of Senate, along with help from Director **Caron**, to partner with ISSI and other groups.
  - NUStarts has been moving along well, and there are about 150 students signed up already.
  - Working with a few community members to create a few Pledge events in the spring.
  - Code of Conduct review process is closing up. We made a positive impact on the code from a student perspective.
  - This Thursday from 11-2, Athletics is sponsoring a field day for local students.

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

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- SIB met two Thursdays ago and approved several constitution changes as well as LIFT Club, Game Development Club, and Oxfam America.
  - Thanks to Senator **Caron** for her work on the eboard social. It should be happening at some point in January.
  - There are a few loose ends to tie up before the year ends, and SIB will be looking at its own internal manual at some point in January.

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

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- The green office certification decals are in, and we are going to be preparing for the office certification process, and we will need volunteers.
  - Met with dining to discuss a lot of various student concerns, and the feedback has been taken, and they will try to implement the recommendations.
  - Working to get Husky Card vendors on a map online, and there has been a bit of a holdup due to some new software.
  - Met with Senator **He** and Sonya Cottam in Co-op Connections to discuss storage options for students who leave for co-op or the summer. There will be a survey going out to students to gauge if this would be helpful for students.
  - Working to close out the Smoking policy Survey of the Week.

Chief of Staff, Terrence **MacCormack** :

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- Welcome to Senators **Petrin** and **Branin**.
  - Apologies that the website has been down a few times today. There are some issues with the server that the website is hosted on. Working with Senator **Splain** to solve the issue.
  - Office hours will be enforced this week.
  - Looking to hire some new office assistants for the spring, so if you know any friends with work study please let them know.
  - Working to keep track of transition planning, and making sure that documents are up to date.

Executive Director of Communications, Kelly **Dwyer**, delivered by Will **Pett**:

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- This Friday is the affinity event sponsored by the Academic Affairs committee, and we will be ice-skating at the Frog Pond. If you are interested, reply to the email that will be sent. Meet in the SGA office at 6pm. Admission is \$5.
  - The holiday party has been booked for Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, it will be held at Fire and Ice, and dinner will be \$15. There are spots for 30 people.
  - Working on a newsletter to go out by the end of the year to update students on what SGA has been doing.
  - Working on a promotional video for SGA, and that should be released in the Spring.
  - Working on the Brought to you by SGA campaign.

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- Committee will be going to the Boston Tree Lighting.

Parliamentarian, Amy **Holmes**, *yields*

Elections Chair, Taylor **Cotter**, delivered by Senator **Pesaturo**:

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- The committee finished the elections manual, and there are a lot of substantial changes in the manual that Senate will vote on during the full body on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Open office hours will be held by me to discuss any of the changes in the manual, and those times will be emailed.
  - If the manual is not approved next week, we default to last year's manual.
  - Anyone who is interested in running for a directly elected position should come talk to me soon to discuss the process and changes.

The **Senate** moves into Question Time.

The **Senate** moves into New Business.

110 The **Senate** moves into Open Discussion.

Without objection, the **Chair** closed the meeting at **7:24 pm**.

*Respectfully submitted to the Senate by Ashley Caron*