



Student Activities Association
Budget Committee/Board of Directors Meeting
SAA Budget Committee Minutes – Tuesday, April 21, 2020
Video Conference

Presiding Chair: Musarrat Lamia, President, Student Government

Recording Secretary: Rachel Brown

Members: Fidel Osorio, Vice President, Student Government
Adam Fane, Treasurer, Student Government
Anthony Leonardo, Secretary, Student Government
Jean-Marie Col, Faculty

Guests/Non-voting Members Present: Jeffrey Aikens, Jasmine Awad, Ingrid Cabanilla, Michael Martinez-Sachs, Toy-Fung Tung

Order: SAA Budget Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:48PM by Musarrat Lamia. Quorum was achieved.

Motion #1: Motion to approve Budget Committee Agenda items – Jean-Marie Col

Second: Jean-Marie Col

Vote: Favor [5] Opposed [0] Abstained [0]

Action: Motion passed

Motion #2: Motion to approve March 25, 2020 meeting minutes– Jean-Marie Col

Second: Fidel Osorio

Vote: Favor [5] Opposed [0] Abstained [0]

Action: Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 1:51PM

Approval:

Musarrat Lamia, Chair, Budget Committee_____

Student Activities Association
Budget Committee/Board of Directors Meeting
SAA Board of Directors Minutes – Tuesday, April 21, 2020:

Presiding Chair: Michael Martinez-Sachs, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students

Recording Secretary: Rachel Brown

Members Present: Musarrat Lamia, President, Student Government
Fidel Osorio, Vice President, Student Government
Adam Fane, Treasurer, Student Government
Anthony Leonardo, Secretary, Student Government
Toy-Fung Tung, Faculty Member
Jean-Marie Col, Faculty Member

Guests/Non-voting Members Present: Jeffrey Aikens, Jasmine Awad, Ingrid Cabanilla

Order: SAA Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 1:51PM. Quorum was achieved.

Motion #1: Motion to approve Board of Directors Agenda items – Toy-Fung Tung

Second: Fidel Osorio

Vote: Favor [7] Opposed [0] Abstained [0]

Action: Motion passed

Motion #2: Motion to approve March 25, 2020 meeting minutes– Fidel Osorio

Second: Toy-Fung Tung

Vote: Favor [7] Opposed [0] Abstained [0]

Action: Motion passed

Motion #3: Motion to accept Budget Committee report – Musarrat Lamia

Second: Fidel Osorio

Vote: Favor [7] Opposed [0] Abstained [0]

Action: Motion passed

Motion #4: Motion to approve Student Council Scholarship Program and Policy Amendments – Musarrat Lamia

Second: Toy-Fung Tung

Vote: Favor [7] Opposed [0] Abstained [0]

Action: Motion passed

Discussion: In 2018, the Student Council established 10 scholarships to be awarded to students from under-represented demographics at the College. The Board of Directors approved the fund for 7 years, and the Student Council works with the Scholarship Office to evaluate applications and award the scholarships.

These amendments to the scholarship process are proposed, based on areas the Scholarship Committee observed were in need of improvement. These include updates to language and qualifications to make the scholarships more inclusive of eligible demographics; changes to the

application requirements to clarify the process for students applying for multiple scholarships; updating the requirements for letters of recommendation to include adjunct professors and professors from transfer students' previous institutions; and changing the language of the essay prompts to be more consistent across all scholarship categories.

Some grammatical errors were spotted and will be corrected in the final version of the amendments.

Motion to approve S.C.R.1 Resolution to Affirm Viable Student Activity Fee

Expenditures: Fidel Osorio

Second: Jean Marie Col

Vote: Favor [7] Opposed [0] Abstained [0]

Action: Motion passed

Discussion: This resolution reaffirms the Student Activities Fee expenditures, as some Board members are concerned that the funds are not being used for their intended purpose of funding student activities, but are instead being tapped to cover shortfalls in budgets that should be funded by tax levy and other sources. This is a non-binding resolution that serves as a statement of philosophy and reminder that these funds are intended for use by students. This statement can be sent to other parties on campus as guidelines for what requests can and cannot be directed to the Board for funding, which will alleviate some of the pressure on the student body to approve budget requests that are not already earmarked or part of student activities. This statement is also intended to be a proactive measure against outside scrutiny of expenditures, as there was a time in the recent past when CUNY was considering removing student control of the funds.

New Business: There are enough funds to cover the 25% student activity fee refund that CUNY is issuing to all students as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

New Business: Luis Sanchez has resigned as a student member of the Judicial Board and the Board of Directors thanks him for his service.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30PM.

Approval:

Michael Martinez-Sachs, Secretary, Board of Directors_____

Rachel Brown

From: Musarrat Lamia
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 7:16 AM
To: Michael Sachs; Rachel Brown
Cc: Jeffrey Aikens
Subject: RE: Draft of 4/21 SAA BOD meeting minutes

Approved. Thank you Rachel.

Musarrat (Mus) Lamia
(pronouns: she/her/hers)

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From: Michael Sachs
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Rachel Brown; Musarrat Lamia
Cc: Jeffrey Aikens
Subject: Re: Draft of 4/21 SAA BOD meeting minutes

Approved.

From: Rachel Brown <rabrown@jjay.cuny.edu>
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 at 3:58 PM
To: Musarrat Lamia <musarrat.lamia1@jjay.cuny.edu>, Michael Sachs <msachs@jjay.cuny.edu>
Cc: Jeffrey Aikens <jaikens@jjay.cuny.edu>
Subject: Draft of 4/21 SAA BOD meeting minutes

Hello,

This is Rachel Brown in the Office of the Dean of Students. Attached to this email are the minutes for the April 21, 2020 Student Activities Association Board of Directors meeting minutes. Please email me your approval in lieu of your signature on the minutes.

Sincerely,

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Rachel Brown
Student Relations Manager



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