

## **Student Senate Meeting Notes - January 23, 2025**

**Attendees:** Monte, Gabriel, Shantel, Houre, April, Amira, Samten, Kwadwo

**Guests:** Dawn Belko (Food Vendor Update)  
Traci Hildebrandt-Smith (Equitable Access Textbook/Course Materials Program)  
President Garcia (Legislative Plans for 2025 Session)  
Ibuchwa Kisongo (Directional Signage/Parking Lot Lights/Safety/Blue Light Alternatives)  
Julio Vargas-Essex, Derrick Lindstrom, Lindsay Fort, Joseph Collins

**Club Attendance:** PLSA (Nisha, Heather); Art Club (Kassidy); Salam Club (Mariam); Anime & Game Club (Matthew); Math Club (Austin); Environmental Association (Mariah)

**Absents:** N/A

### **I. Call to Order**

**President Shantell Gill**

- Meeting called to order .
- Duration: 2 minutes.

### **II. Roll Call (Attendance & Icebreaker)**

**President Gill**

- All members introduced themselves and answered the icebreaker question:  
*How do you like your eggs prepared?*
  - Duration: 10 minutes.

### **III. Adoption of Agenda (Agreeing to this Document)**

- Motion to adopt the agenda was passed.
- Duration: 2 minutes.

### **IV. New Business (Topics for the Meeting)**

#### **1. Food Vendor Update**

**Dawn Belko**

- Discussion of Halal meat options for the Salam Club.
- Action items were noted to proceed with vendor selection.

#### **2. Equitable Access Textbook/Course Materials Program**

**Traci Hildebrandt-Smith**

- Traci shared updates regarding the program, focusing on ensuring all students have access to affordable textbooks and materials.

### **3. Legislative Plans for the 2025 Session**

#### **President Garcia**

- Discussion on plans for legislative advocacy in 2025, including key focus areas and student involvement.

### **4. Directional Signage/Parking Lot Lights/Safety/Blue Light Alternatives**

#### **Open Discussion with Ibuchwa Kisongo**

- Concerns about safety on campus were raised, especially around directional signage and lighting in parking lots.
- Ibuchwa Kisongo proposed alternatives to current safety features, and the floor was opened for suggestions.

### **5. Spring 2025 Senate Attendance Incentives for Clubs/Orgs**

#### **Monte Stewart**

- \$100 will be given to clubs/orgs attending at least 4 out of the first 5 Full Senate meetings in spring.
- An additional \$25 will be awarded if all 5 meetings are attended, with a food party celebration planned for the 6th and final spring meeting.

### **6. Open Senate Positions**

#### **Monte Stewart**

- Positions open: Treasurer, Legislative Coordinator, Senator At-Large, and Ombuds.
- Applications are due by Friday, January 31.
- Apply via the Student Senate Application Form.
- Duration: 45 minutes.

## **V. Club & Organization Sharing**

### **Note to Clubs:**

- If you are part of multiple clubs, only one club can represent you when it pertains to official senate voting.
- Clubs shared upcoming events and recaps.
- Duration: 10 minutes.

## **VI. Campus Administrators Updates**

### **Executive Team**

- Campus updates provided, including plans for the semester and long-term college goals.
- Students were invited to ask questions.
- Duration: 10 minutes.

## **VII. General Announcements**

- Various announcements were made, including updates on upcoming events, deadlines, and student resources.
- Duration: 10 minutes.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned .