

Full Senate Meeting

02/20/2025

Meeting Notes: Full Senate Meeting

Attendees: Monte Stewart, Shantel Gill, Gabriel Alagha, Houre Bande, April Eason, Amira Jama, Jacob Boe, Sylvester Jah, Mariam Gad, Muna Wazwaz, D'Jonae Jones, Nisha Thomas

Absent: Kwadwo Appiah, Samten Dolma

Guests: Matthew (Anime/Game Club), Augustine (PTK), Dylan Vanoss (Anime/Game Club), Lindsay (Dean of Student Development), Maurice (Director of Community Partnerships), Olivia Eckes (Environmental Student Association), President Rolando Garcia, Shante (SNA), Kassidy (Art), Dawn (VP of Finance and Operations), Julio (VP of Student Affairs), Joseph (VP of Information Technology), Gloria (BSU), Beloved (GrooveVerse), Maria Yang (Advising), Lynette (Psych), Nisha (PLSA), Austin (Math)

Agenda Items:

1. Call to Order

- a. President Gill called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call (Attendance & Icebreaker)

- a. **Who:** President Gill
- b. All attendees introduced themselves, stating their name and the organization they represent. They also answered the icebreaker question: *"What Disney character would you take on a Valentine's Day date?"* Responses varied, with some fun answers, including characters like Aladdin, Belle, and Tiana.

3. Adoption of Agenda (Agreeing to this Document)

- a. The agenda was reviewed and adopted without changes.

4. New Business (Topics for the Meeting)

a. Swear-in of New Members

- i. **Treasurer:** Amira Jama
- ii. **Legislative Coordinator:** Jacob Boe
- iii. **Ombuds:** Sylvester Jah, Mariam Gad
- iv. **Senators At-Large:** Muna Wazwaz, D'Jonae Jones, Nisha Thomas
- v. Each new member took the oath of office and officially joined their respective roles.

b. Advocacy Day Recap

- i. Senators who attended Advocacy Day shared their experiences, highlighting key moments and outcomes. They discussed meetings with legislators and the importance of student representation at the state level.

c. Food Vendor Updates (Dawn Belko)

- i. Dawn Belko provided an update on the status of food vendors on campus. She mentioned that the college is looking into more diverse food options and considering student feedback for improvement.

d. Community-Integrated Events

- i. **Who:** Maurice O'Bannon
- ii. Maurice O'Bannon led a discussion on what types of community-integrated events and programs students would like to see on campus. Ideas shared included collaborations with local businesses, volunteering opportunities, and cultural events that celebrate diversity.

e. Advising Priority Registration Week (March 17-21)

- i. **Who:** Maria Yang
- ii. Maria Yang reminded students about Advising Priority Registration Week happening from **March 17-21**. Students were encouraged to schedule appointments with academic advisors to ensure they get priority for course registration.

5. Club & Organization Sharing

- a. Clubs shared updates on upcoming events and past activities.
 - i. **Art Club:** Announced an art show that will be held at the end of March and discussed their collaboration with the English department on an upcoming creative writing & art project.
 - ii. **Math Club:** Shared plans for a Pi Day event on **March 14** and their upcoming participation in the national math competition.
 - iii. **Film Club:** Recapped their recent film screening event and discussed a potential student film festival in the spring.
 - iv. **Salam Club:** Talked about their Iftar event during Ramadan, including activities like trivia games and a cultural night.
 - v. **BSU:** Discussed their fundraising initiatives and plans to attend the Black College Expo in Chicago. They encouraged students to support their events.

6. Campus Administrators Updates

- a. **Who:** Executive Team

- b. The executive team provided updates on campus projects and initiatives. They spoke about ongoing construction projects, such as the renovation of the library, and provided insight into long-term campus development plans. Students were invited to ask questions, and there was discussion about potential improvements in campus facilities.

7. General Announcements

- a. **Final Senate Meeting:** The final Full Senate meeting has been shifted from **April 24 to May 1**.
- b. **Senate Meet & Greet:** The Senate will host a **Meet & Greet** on **February 27 at 12 PM** in the Campus Center (CC).
- c. **LeadMN Campus Visit & Workshop Sessions:** There will be a session on **April 3** from **11 AM to 1 PM**, which includes free lunch. More details and registration will be shared soon.
- d. **Reminder: Spring 2025 Senate Attendance Incentives for Clubs/Orgs:**
 - i. Clubs and organizations that attend at least **4 out of the first 5 Full Senate meetings** in the spring semester will receive **\$100**.
 - ii. Those that attend **all 5 meetings** will receive an additional **\$25** (total of \$125).
 - iii. A food party will be held to celebrate attendees at the 6th and final spring Senate meeting.

8. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned by President Gill after all agenda items were discussed.

Zoom record:

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