

SGA Senate Meeting

Place: Gleeson 104

Date: February 25, 2014

Time: 3:10pm -4:10pm

Minute Writer: Maria Cervantes

Meeting called to order by: SGA Senate

Members Present:

Secretary Maria Cervantes

Senate Leader Elvis Batista

Advisor Eunice Ro

Associate Justice Aristides Romero

Senator Joshua Biebling

Senator Michael Garite

Senator Michelle Gonzalez

Senator Josue Sencion

Senator Penelope Cruz Perez

Senator Vianna Reyes

Senator Angiulina Magdalena

Senator Peter Saenz

Senator Lisa Millstein

Guest: Paola Hernandez

Late:

Senator Aleyca De Leon (Had a doctor's appointment)

Senator Larry Chow

Senator Laura Urena

Excused:

Vice-President Edward Tully (Had an important meeting)

Approval of Minutes: Proposed by Senator Penelope Cruz Perez. 8 in favor, 1 abstained.

Approval of Agenda: Proposed by Vianna Reyes. Unanimous.

Senate Committees: The proposal of Senators Penelope Cruz, Elvis Batista, and secretary Maria Cervantes to establish new committees to aid the legislative branch of the Student Government Association in the development of its responsibilities will not be voted on until more details are explained. The group is still working on defining each committee's role.

Finance Committee: The survey conducted to determine a day and time for the finance committee to meet showed that the best time for the committee to meet is every other Tuesday, when there is not senate meeting at 3:00pm or 6:00pm. On the other hand, Treasurer Anthony DiGregorio scheduled a meeting for Thursday February 27 at 8:00am. Since that time does not fit most of the senators' schedules the resolution was that advisor Eunice Ro will contact all members to solve this problem.

SUNY Student Assembly: The SUNY SA committee is arranging all details for all members that are going. There is an orientation meeting for all attendees at different times and days, senator Vianna Reyes has all details. Since SGA is short on its budget, the guest that it was recommended for SGA to take to the conference for a networking workshop will not be able to come, there is not enough funds to pay all the expenses of an additional guest. Also, SGA members that confirm their participation in the conference but fail to attend without valid excuses, and at the last minute will be penalized. Sanctions are still to be determined. For more information, senators Vianna Reyes and Penelope Cruz can be contacted.

New Fees for Students: SGA is hosting a forum on March 4 (probably, but not confirmed because the Technology fee amount has not been decided). Students are expected to express their opinions, concerns, and questions. Senator Vianna Reyes will serve as moderator.

SASC Committee: SGA's suggestion for next semester's Activity Hour is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00am. Regarding amending SGA's bylaws to change the requirement of two consecutive semesters as senator in order to run for a position on the executive board, senators

will analyze the constitution more deeply, and will try to come up with less restricting requirements for candidates.

Initiative for SGA Event: Senator Vianna Reyes proposed an event to promote SGA. Ideas for the event proposed by different senators are:

- Gala
- BBQ
- Dinner/Presentation
- Awards Ceremony for Clubs
- Field Day
- Spring Fling

Senators will bring a detailed proposal for their ideas.

Approval of Appointment of Health Sciences Senator: Senator Josue Sencion motioned the approval of Paola Hernandez as a Health Sciences Senator. It was unanimous.

SGA Polo Shirts: Senator Penelope Cruz is working on this.

SGA Office: Senator Penelope Cruz spoke to Physical Plant. They said that painting is expensive because of NY State regulations. They are contemplating the possibility to cover some of the expenses to paint the office.

Office Hours: Senator Penelope Cruz proposed that SGA members do their office hours online, through Skype or any similar service, as an alternative until the office is fixed.

Announcements: Alcohol and Tobacco Policies will be in effect on July 1, 2014. Candlelight Vigil for the Homeless is April 8, 2014.

Campus Personal Safety Committee Meeting: Senator Penelope Cruz represented SGA. This is a summary of what was said during the February 20, 2014 meeting.

- Tobacco-free Campus motion was approved on previous week (02/09-02/15)

- Federal Government Department of Education, in compliance with the action of retroactive legislation will conduct an audition at our school, starting on February 25-28. They will be going through the school's disciplinary records, as well as incident reports, and crime logs. Departments like Residence Life, Student Affairs, and the Dean of Students will be meeting with the auditors.
- Derogatory remarks in the form of graffiti in the track bleachers and the restrooms, especially in the gentlemen's one, are still being a concern. Many actions, such as erasing the latter as soon as it is found to avoid spread of the same, have been performed; however this issue still remains uncontrolled.
- In general, there haven't been many complaints regarding campus personal safety.
- Erica W. will look into SGA's office painting requisition placed in fall 2013. A painter was sent on Monday 02/24 to explore the SGA's room to provide us with a quote. Erica will soon send Senator Penelope Cruz a document where all the materials and staff with their respective costs that will be needed to work on the renovation will be listed in detail.

Bill for Procedure to Amend Bylaws and Laws: 9 in favor, 2 abstained.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

Sponsor: Penelope Cruz

Co-Sponsor(s): Vianna Reyes, Elvis Batista

Bill No: 000

Title of Bill:

An Act to Establish the Procedure to Amend the By-laws and the laws.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE

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1 Preamble: Whereas it is customary of Constitutions, By-laws, and Rules of Order to contain a
2 procedure for amending the rules they have adopted. Whereas a written procedure for amending
3 the by-laws and laws of the Student Government ensures that future amendments will be
4 consistent every the time.

5 SECTION 1: The Student Government Association of Farmingdale State College will follow the
6 following procedure for amending the By-Laws and laws:

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- 8 a. Any petition to amendment of the By-laws and laws of the Student Government should be
9 initiated by a senator.
 - 10 b. Amendments to the By-laws must first be approved by two-thirds of the Senate.
 - c. Amendments to the laws of the Student Government must first be approved by a majority
vote
 - d. In the case of veto, the Senate could follow the procedure in Section V, (j), (k).

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