

University of Southern Maine – USM
STUDENT SENATE MEETING
~Draft Minutes~
Friday October 11, 2019
133 Wishcamper
Portland, ME

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:48 PM.
2. The Clerk collected roll and notified the Chair that a quorum was present.
 - a. The following Senators were in attendance: Senators Bertrand, Courbron, Gross, Holderith, Howell, Marino, Reed, Rouillard, Sciulli, Soucy, Whiting, Woods, and Worden.
 - b. The following Senator was marked Absent Excused: Senator Carlow.
 - c. The following Senators were marked Absent Unexcused (though not doubly so): Senators Duarte and Eneeva.
3. **Senator Bertrand moved; Senator Gross seconded** to accept the agenda.

Voted: Yes, unanimously.
4. **Senator Reed moved; Senator Woods seconded** to strike all mentions in the SGA Draft Constitution of “bank orders” and to replace said language with “checks.”

Voted: Yes, unanimously.
5. **Moved** to strike “Such amount shall not be increased nor decreased during the period for which that person has been designated to serve.” from the Draft SGA Constitution.

Subsidiary Motion:
Senator Courbron moved; Senator Soucy seconded to table consideration of said amendment.

Voted: No, with 8 in the negative, 4 in the affirmative, and with 1 abstention.

Voted: Yes, with 11 in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.
6. **Senator Whiting moved; Senator Reed seconded** to strike from the Draft SGA Constitution the term “Chairperson” and to replace in all cases said language with “Chair.”

Voted: Yes, unanimously.
7. **Senator Reed moved; Senator Woods seconded** to strike in all cases from the Draft SGA Constitution the term “Secretary” and to replace said language with “Clerk.”

Voted: Yes, with 11 in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.
8. **Senator Courbron moved; Senator Bertrand** seconded to strike in the Rules Document all mentions of “bank orders” and to replace said language with “check.”

Voted: Yes, unanimously.

9. **Senator Bertrand moved; Senator Courbron seconded** to strike rules 1.1, 2.1, 3.1, 4.1, 5.1 from the Rules document and to add as Rule 1.1 “All executive officers of the Senate shall be elected from the Senate’s sworn membership and shall serve at its pleasure until the election of a new senate. Nominations shall be collected from the floor, and the candidate who received the greatest quantity of votes shall be elected.

Voted: Yes, with 11 in the affirmative and with 1 abstention.

10. **Senator Woods moved; Senator Whiting seconded** to amend Sect. 2, Rule 9, striking the following language: “Senators shall, when abstaining from a vote pursuant to this Rule, inform the Senate of the reasons for that abstention.”

Voted: Yes, with 8 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative, and with 1 abstention.

11. **Senator Courbron moved; Senator Gross seconded** to change Rule 3.3, striking “injunctions” and replacing said language to read “written concern.”

Voted: Yes, with 11 in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

12. **Moved by Senator Bertrand; seconded by Senator Reed** to add SGA entities to section 6 of the Rules document through the addition of the following language:

Section VI Entities

“The SGA has created various entities to carry out many of the functions normally associated with Student Government. The entities which have been established are the Board of Student Organizations (BSO), Gorham Campus Activities Board (G-CAB), Commuter Student Association (CSA), Outdoor Activities Board (OAB), Leadership Development Board (LDB), and the Student Communications Board (SCB).”

Voted: Yes, unanimously.

13. **Senator Courbron moved; Senator Whiting seconded** to amend the motion to include adding Rule 30 to Section 5 of the Rules Document: “The Committee on transparency and communication shall review matters placed before it by the Secretary and shall be responsible for handling concerns of the student body. They shall also be responsible for guiding student groups through the processes of the Senate.

Subsidiary point:

Senator Courbron withdrew the motion.

14. **Senator Bertrand moved; Senator Gross seconded** to strike “set the agenda” from Rule 1.2.

Voted: Yes, with 11 in the affirmative and Senator Courbron in the negative.

15. **Senator Bertrand moved; Senator Gross seconded** to add the language “and set the agenda.” after “the vice chairperson shall schedule rooms and other spaces for Senate functions” in Rule 2.3.

Voted: Yes, unanimously.

16. **Senator Sculli moved; Senator Courbron** seconded to strike the language “vice chairperson” and replacing said language with “vice chair” in every instance in the Rules Document.

Subsidiary point:

Senator Sculli withdrew the motion.

17. **Senator Courbron moved; Senator Gross seconded** to strike “Chairperson” from the Rules Document and to replace in all instances said language with “Chair.”

Voted: Yes, unanimously.

18. **Senator Bertrand moved; Senator Gross seconded** to strike in all instances “Internal Affairs Officer” and in all cases to replace said language with “Parliamentarian.”

Subsidiary point:

Senator Courbron introduced a friendly amendment to make the motion read as follows: to strike in all instances “Internal Affairs Officer” and “Chief Internal Affairs Officer” and in all cases to replace said language with “Parliamentarian.”

Voted: Yes, unanimously.

19. **Senator Bertrand moved; Senator Gross seconded** to recess for five minutes.

Voted: Yes, unanimously.

20. The Senate reconvened.

21. **Senator Reed moved; Senator Gross seconded** to remove “injunction” from Section 2 of the Rules Document.

Voted: Yes, unanimously.

22. **Senator Soucy moved; Senator Reed seconded** to amend the Rules section 2 language “the claim of violation is vague, dilatory, or is clearly submitted in verifiable bad faith, dispense with the complaint.” to read “the claim of violation is vague, dilatory, or is clearly submitted in verifiable bad faith, return to the complainant stating the reason it is being returned to allow the complantiant to amend the complaint.”

Voted: Yes, unanimously.

23. **Senator Soucy moved; Senator Reed seconded** to strike from the Financial Policy document “Association” and in all cases to replace said language with “Student Senate.”

Voted: Yes, unanimously.

24. **Senator Reed moved; Senator Gross seconded** to strike “Chief Officer of Financial Affairs” in all cases and to replace said language with “Treasurer” in all instances in the Financial Policy document.

Voted: Yes, unanimously.

25. **Senator Soucy moved; Senator Reed seconded** to table consideration of further amendments.

Voted: Yes, unanimously.

26. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM.