



**University of Southern Maine
STUDENT SENATE MEETING**

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November 22, 2019

1:00 PM

166 Upton Hastings, Gorham Campus

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1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.
 2. The Chair directed the Clerk to collect roll.
 - The following were present: Senators Bertrand, Courbron, Gross, Holderith, Howell, Marino, Reed, Rouillard, Sciulli, Soucy, Whiting, and Woods.
 - The following were marked Absent Excused: Senators Carlow and Worden.
 - Senator Sheikh was marked Absent Unexcused.
 3. The Clerk informed the Chair that a quorum to do business was present.
 4. **Senator Reed moved; Senator seconded** to amend the Agenda, moving the election of Parliamentarian to after section 5.

Voted: Yes, with 12 in the affirmative and with Bertrand abstaining.
 5. **Senator Reed moved; Senator Soucy seconded** to accept the Agenda as amended.

Voted: Yes, with 3 abstentions.
 6. **Senator Reed moved; Senator Gross seconded** to amend the Minutes from 11/8/19, marking Senator Duarte as "Absent Excused."

Voted: Yes, with 14 in the affirmative and with Senator Duarte abstaining.
 7. **Senator Woods moved; Senator Courbron seconded** to approve the Minutes from 11/8/19 as amended.

Voted: Yes, unanimously.
 8. The Chair opened the floor to nominations to the office of Student Senate Parliamentarian.

SUBSIDIARY POINT

Senator Courbron nominated Senator Soucy.

Discussion: Reed noted that Senator Soucy would do a good job.

Senator Soucy noted that he wanted to clean up constitution business and to train his replacement.

Senator Woods moved; Senator Duarte seconded to appoint Senator Soucy to the office of Student Senate Parliamentarian.

Voted: Yes, with 14 in the affirmative and with Senator Soucy abstaining.
 9. **Senator Soucy moved; Senator Courbron seconded** to accept Mr. Jon Thompson into the membership of the Senate.

Discussion: Mr. Thompson gave remarks. He noted that he is the chair of GCAB. Since being elected chair, he has seen a greater opportunity to have his voice heard in the context of the Senate. He remarked that he converses often with student groups.

Senator Reed remarked that GCAB has greatly improved since last year.

Senator Soucy remarked that having a member of GCAB on the Senate would improve communication.

Voted: Yes, unanimously.

10. **Senator Reed moved; Senator Bertrand seconded** to accept Mr. Raven Davis-Bailey into the membership of the Senate.

Discussion: Mr. Davis-Bailey gave remarks. His goal on the Senate would be to work on food insecurity on campus and to improve funding of the same. He remarked that harassment on campus is another problem which might be addressed.

Voted: Yes, unanimously.

11. The Chair of the Senate delivered his report:

- The Chair remarked that this is the second to last meeting of the semester. Additionally, we did not get any space in Wishcamper for meetings next semester. Next meeting, we will work on passing the VIC policy, Code of Conduct, awards, and the budget amendment.

12. Ms. Bertrand delivered her report on the Executive Board:

- There was no meeting. It looks like a meeting of the awards committee might not work out this semester.

13. Mr. Reed delivered his report on Finance Committee:

- There were no new proposals but the Committee met. The situation with the grievance committee was worked on. A purchase card policy was passed by Finance and then by the Committee on Rules. GCAB's financial records from the were reviewed on Tuesday.

14. Mr. Courbron delivered his report on the Constitutional Review Committee:

- Four documents were reviewed. Purchase card policy was reviewed. The Bernie Sanders constitution was approved. VIC and Code of Conduct were pushed to the next meeting.

15. Student Body President Varney delivered her report:

- The clothes drive went well. Work is being done to create a permanent clothing closet. Parking committee discussed capacity and electric vehicle charging. Parking regulations are being enforced.

16. Mr. Courbron delivered his report on the Personnel Review Board:

- The PRB met. Every stipended position was considered. Finance rejected the proposal. There will be a joint meeting in order to pass the proposals before the end of the semester.

17. Senator Bertrand delivered Mr. Long's report on the Board of Student Organizations:

- The budget form is being revamped and there has been a problem with an entity that did not fund part of a project.

18. Someone delivered a report on the Gorham Campus Activities Board:

- NACA went well. Prospective entertainment was investigated. The Round 1 event went very well. They look forward to the winter semi-formal dance.

19. Ms. Janelle delivered her report on the Outdoor Adventure Board:

- Horseback riding went well and elections will happen soon.

20. Mr. Woods and Ms. Siegler delivered their report on the Student Communications Board:
- WMPG is fine. The Free Press is having problems financially with a shared account that encompasses the entire SCB. The Free Press wants Senate support to open a new account.
21. **Senator Woods moved; Senator Bertrand seconded** to endorse the Free Press's creation of a separate account for the Free Press with the same check signers.
- Voted: Yes, unanimously.
22. Ms. Varney delivered her report on the Leadership Development Board:
- The Board is still struggling with membership. They will hold a leadership gala and nothing else.
23. Mr. Sciulli delivered his report on the Professional Staff Senate:
- Mr. Sciulli was unable to attend the last meeting.
24. Mr. Reed delivered his report on the Classified Staff Senate:
- Nothing to report.
25. Ms. Whiting delivered her report on the Faculty Staff Senate:
- The Senate has not met. The Committee for reworking the classroom conduct code met and a draft was created.
26. Ms. Varney delivered her report on Culinary Counsel:
- There are many concerns with food. A tomato slicer broke and left a blade and spring in some food. Sodexo wants to know what dining should look like in after Woodbury.
27. Ms. Marino delivered her report on the WMPG Advisory Board:
- The record sale went well and there is an effort to increase student involvement on the air.
28. **Senator Bertrand moved; Senator Reed seconded** to recess for 10 minutes.
- Voted: Yes, unanimously.
29. Senator Holderith left and Senator Bertrand assumed the chair.
30. The Senate reconvened at 2:01.
31. The Chair opened the floor to nominations to the Spring Fling Concert Committee.
- SUBSIDIARY POINT
- Senator Reed nominated Senator Sciulli.** He accepted.
- Senator Reed nominated Senator Marino.** She accepted.
- Senator Woods nominated Senator Woods.** He accepted.
- Senator Soucy nominated Senator Rouillard.** She accepted.
- Senator Howell moved; Senator Soucy seconded** to appoint all the nominations to the Spring Fling Concert Committee.
- Voted: Yes, with 12 in the affirmative and with Senators Marino, Woods, and with Senator Rouillard abstaining.
32. **Senator Courbron moved; Senator Reed seconded** for a 5 minute reading period of the Charge Card Policy.
- Voted: Yes, with 12 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and with Senator Sciulli abstaining.
33. Senator Reed presented the Charge Card Policy.
34. **Senator Whiting moved; Senator Soucy seconded** to approve the Charge Card Policy.

Voted: Yes, unanimously.

35. **Senator Courbron moved; Senator Gross seconded** to approve the Constitution of the student group Students for Bernie Sanders.

Voted: Yes, with 11 in the affirmative and with Senators Soucy, Thompson, and Marino abstaining.

36. **Senator Courbron moved; Senator Gross seconded** to refer the amendment to Rule 9 that modified it so to read “The Senate shall meet at least once each month to conduct the business of the Association, and the regular time for such meetings shall be set to every other Friday during the academic year. The agenda for each regular meeting shall be sent to members at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, although, for items not included in the original agenda, and for which action must be immediately taken, the Vice-Chair is authorized to add addendums to the agenda, and notification to members with respect to that addendum shall be provided as soon as practical.” to the Rules Committee.

Voted: Yes, with 13 in the affirmative and with Senator Thompson abstaining.

37. The Chair announced that the next Senate meeting would be on December 6 at 1:00 PM in 133 Wishcamper Center.

38. The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 PM.