



University of Southern Maine

Student Senate Meeting

~Minutes~

February 14, 2020

166 Upton Hastings

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1. The meeting was called to order at 1:11 PM.
 2. The Clerk collected roll.
 - Senators Bertrand, Courbron, Davis-Bailey, Gross, Holderith, Howell, Marino, Reed, Rouillard, Sciulli, Soucy, Thompson, and Woods were in attendance.
 - Senators Carlow, Duarte, Dukes, Whiting, Worden, and Sheikh were marked Absent Excused.
 3. The Clerk notified the Chair that a quorum to do business was present.
 4. **Senator Courbron moved; Senator Reed seconded** to accept the agenda.
Voted: Yes, unanimously.
 5. **Senator Woods moved; Senator Courbron seconded** to approve the Minutes of 1/31/20.
Voted: Yes, unanimously.
 6. Mary Swanson was considered for appointment to the Senate.
 - Ms. Swanson gave a short statement. She informed the Senate that she was active in the community outside school and recognized she was not active on campus, so she decided to join.
 - **Senator Reed moved; Senator Davis-Bailey seconded** to appoint Ms. Swanson to the Senate.
Discussion: Senators asked questions of Ms. Swanson.
Voted: Yes, unanimously.
 7. Senator Holderith, Chair of the Senate, delivered his report:
 - Efforts are being made to get the Constitution approved. It is moving along.
 - He expressed discontent with his phone number being given to the Bernie Sanders campaign.
 8. Senator Bertrand, Chair of the Executive Board, delivered her report:
 - There was a meeting. A backdated PO was approved.
 9. Senator Reed, Chair of the Finance Committee, delivered his report:
 - Three proposals were considered. FOIA requests are being pursued.
 10. Senator Soucy, Chair of the Constitutional Review Committee, delivered his report:
 - There is one Constitution to review today.
 - The Constitution is on its way to University legal counsel.
 - The Committee approved a Robert's Rules training presentation.
 - There is a By-Laws amendment to consider today.
 11. President Varney delivered her report:
 - Requests have been submitted for more Metro buses during peak times.
 - The LAC merger committee has not met.
 - The Presidential cabinet has scheduled another professional clothing drive.
 12. Senator Courbron, Chair of the Personnel Review Board, delivered his report:

- The PRB recommended a \$500 raise for the GCAB financial chair.
13. Senator Rouillard, Chair of the Public Relations Committee, delivered her report:
 - Outreach initiatives were discussed.
 - The bulletin board was discussed.
 - Advertisement of free printing was discussed.
 - The suggestion box was discussed.
 - Elections were discussed.
 14. Senator Courbron delivered a report on the BSO.
 - Election dates were set.
 15. Ms. Marino delivered her report on the Commuter Student Association:
 - Purchase cards were obtained for the group.
 - Work is being done to prepare for Commuter Student Appreciation Week.
 16. Senator Thompson delivered his report on the Gorham Campus Activities Board:
 - There was a bowling event.
 17. Ms. Varney delivered a report on the Outdoor Adventure Board:
 - Recent trips have been successful.
 18. Mr. Woods and Ms. Kellogg reported on the Student Communications Board:
 - Black history month is being celebrated with playing black musical artists.
 19. **Senator Courbron moved; Senator Thompson seconded** to reconsider appointment of new Senators.

Voted: Yes, unanimously.

There were no new Senators to appoint.
 20. **Senator Courbron moved; Senator Thompson seconded to** return to entity reports.

Voted: Yes, unanimously.
 21. Senator Sciulli delivered his report on the Professional Staff Senate:
 - There will be an internship fair soon.
 22. Senator Reed delivered his report on the Classified Staff Senate:
 - The Senate is small and struggles to keep membership.
 - Senator Reed wishes to give this position to someone else.
 23. President Varney delivered her report on the Culinary Council:
 - Meal swipes can be used anywhere on campus. The switch to Pepsi as a vendor has resulted in there being no more Red Bull on campus.
 - Renovations and Portland dining solutions were discussed.
 24. **Senator Soucy moved; Senator Gross seconded** to amend the Agenda, removing from reports the report of BOV Representative, adding to Old Business the appointment of a BOV Representative to Old Business, and moving points a-e of New Business to Old Business.

Voted: Yes, unanimously.
 25. Senator Marino delivered her report on the WMPG Advisory Board:
 - There was a meeting Wednesday.
 - Youth radio is being worked on.
 - Mardi Gras is February 25. The event will be in the lunch room in Woodbury.
 - Equipment for Mardi Gras was damaged in the Woodbury flood.
 26. The Chair opened the floor to nominations to the position of Representative to the Board of Visitors.

Senator Thompson nominated Senator Gross. He accepted.

Senator Gross was appointed to the position unanimously, with Senators Soucy and Gross abstaining.
 27. Husky DOS

- There is a request for funding for the Day of Service. The Senate logo will be on all the t-shirts.

28. **Senator Davis-Bailey moved; Senator Courbron seconded to approve** the Husky DOS proposal.

Discussion: Senator Courbron suggested members of the Senate ask University leadership why the University is not paying for the event.

Voted: Yes, with 13 in the affirmative and with 1 in the negative.

29. ACDA Joint Proposal

- The music program will be going to Rochester and performing for students on the way.
- The proposal is for \$5,515.
- There will be 73 students on the trip.

Senator Bertrand moved; Senator Courbron seconded to approve the proposal.

Voted: Yes, unanimously, with Senators Soucy and Swanson abstaining.

30. Elections Commissioner Proposal

- There will be an event in Hannaford Hall on March 13.
- There will be other events as well.

Senator Davis-Bailey moved; Senator Courbron seconded to approve the proposal.

Voted: Yes, unanimously, with Senators Soucy and Reed abstaining.

31. Amendments to the Bylaws were discussed:

Please note that this table does not reflect the amendments as enacted.

- I. **Amend Rule 2.4** to read “The vice-chair shall be responsible for meeting with the Dean of Students once a semester to confirm all Senators have maintained a GPA requirement of at least 2.25.”
- II. **Amend Section II**, creating Rule 7 under Section II that reads “All members of the Student Senate must maintain a cumulative 2.25 GPA.” All following rule numbers will be amended.

32. **Senator Thompson moved; Senator Woods seconded** to approve the amendments.

Discussion: The merits of the amendments were discussed. Senators expressed concerns about limiting membership based on grades.

Senator Thompson moved; Senator Woods seconded to amend the language of Amendment II, adding “semesterly” so to read “All members of the Student Senate must maintain a cumulative and semesterly 2.25 GPA.”

Voted: No, with 6 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative, and with 2 abstentions.

Senator Bertrand moved; Senator Davis-Bailey seconded to change the GPA requirement to “good academic standing.”

Senator Reed moved to amend the language. His amendment was not friendly.

Voted: Yes, with 10 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and with 3 abstaining.

Voted: Yes, unanimously, with 4 abstaining.

The following amendments were enacted:

- I. **Amend Rule 2.4** to read “The vice-chair shall be responsible for meeting with the Dean of Students once a semester to confirm all Senators have maintained good academic standing.”

II. **Amend Section II**, creating Rule 7 under Section II that reads “All members of the Student Senate must maintain good academic standing.” All related rule numbers will be amended in order to maintain continuity.

33. **Senator Howell moved; Senator Reed seconded** to approve the Constitution of the student group CNAFME.

Voted: Yes, unanimously, with Senators Soucy and Gross abstaining.

34. Senator Soucy announced that a presentation was made for Robert’s Rules training and that a test might be made.

35. Senator Soucy expressed concern about the parking situation in Upperclass Hall.

36. Senator Reed announced an American Marketing Association proposal.

37. Senator Woods expressed concern about a non-school sanctioned event for a day-trading forex multi-level marketing event.

- Several Senators attended the event and apparently faced off against Johnny Fam.

38. President Varney announced that the UMaine system Student Senate conference needs to know how many of the membership plan to attend.

39. The Chair of the Senate announced that the next meeting of the Senate would take place at 1:00 PM on 28 February 2020, in room 204 of Payson Smith Hall, on the Portland campus.

40. The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM.