

43rd Student Senate
 Friday, March 20, 2015
 424/425 Glickman Library, Portland Campus
 By Senator Martin

- I. **Call to order at 1:03 pm.**
- II. **Attendance**

Roster	Attendance	Office Hours
Sen. Idman Abdulkadir	P	X
Sen. Thomas Bahun, Vice Chair	P	X
Sen. Elizabeth Bishop	P	X
Sen. Ashley Caterina	P	X
Sen. Jud Cease, Chair	P	X
Sen. James Peabody-Harrington	P	X
Sen. John Jackson	P	X
Sen. Elizabeth Martin, Clerk	P	X
Sen. Jasmine Miller	P	X
Sen. Ashley Rose, Finance Chair	P	X
Sen. Delanie Rouleau	P	X
Sen. David Sanok	P	X
Sen. Joshua Tharpe, Parliamentarian	P	X
Sen. Caitlynn Willett	A-excused	
Sen. Matt Wilkinson	P	X

- III. **Introductions**
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - Approved by consensus.

V. **Executive Committee**

- Met today and talked about the budget, elections, and awards for the Gala.

- Kathleen Pease Distinguished Service Award
 - Nominees: John Jackson, Tom Bahun, Idman Abdulkadir, Matt Wilkinson
 - Winner: John Jackson

- Special Service Award
 - Nominees: Jasmine Miller, Noah Dorius & Jason Saucier, Rebecca Tanous, Raymond Dumont & Drew Masterton
 - Winner: Ray Dumont & Drew Masterton
- Motion to reopen nominations by Sen. Tharpe, seconded by Sen. Rose
- 9 in favor. 0 opposed. 2 abstain.
- Motion to combine Noah Dorius & Jason Saucier by Sen. Caterina, seconded by Sen. Rose.
- 10 in favor. 3 opposed. 0 abstain.
- Motion to move into voting by Sen. Bishop, seconded by Sen. Jackson.
- Unanimously approved.

- Student Leader of the Year Award
 - Nominees: Rebecca Tanous
 - Winner: Rebecca Tanous

- Motion to create an award called 'Student Outreach Award' by Sen. Caterina, seconded by Sen. Rose.
- 12 in favor. 0 opposed. 1 abstained.
- Created 'Helpful Husky Award'
- Created 'Rookie of the Year Award'
- Created the 'Lifetime Achievement Award'

- Student Outreach Award
 - Nominees: Idman Abdulkadir, Jasmine Miller, Ashley Caterina
 - Winner: Idman Abdulkadir

- Helpful Husky Award
 - Nominees: Ashley Caterina
 - Winner: Ashley Caterina

- Rookie of the Year Award

- Nominees: Jasmine Miller, Lizz Bishop, Ashley Rose
- Winner: Jasmine Miller

- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Nominees: Josh Dodge
- Winner: Josh Dodge

*Lifetime Achievement Award is to be on a plaque.

VI. **Constitutional Review Committee**

- Did not meet but did discuss informally the constitutional recommendation for the 44th Student Senate. Sen. Jackson has addressed the budget confusion within the constitution. Meetings Tuesdays at 1:15.

VII. **Finance Committee**

- Did not meet this week. \$470.58 in unallocated. Received 3 of the 4 committees budgets. Meeting Wednesday night at 7pm in the SGA Office. Please call Ashley Rose if you email her and do not receive an email back within 12 to 24 hours

VIII. **Student Affairs Committee**

- Did not meet. Want to talk about the food waste with Chris Kinney and Aramark. Tshirts are in! If you want to be on a Husky Day of Service SGA team contact Ashley Caterina.

IX. **Public Relations Committee**

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X. **Clerk**

- Please submit office hours by 11:59 pm the Thursday before our Senate meeting.
- Motion to excuse Sen. Willett by Sen. Martin, seconded by Sen. Rose.
- Unanimously passed.

XI. **Student Body President**

- Kyle is working on the State of the University Address.
- VP Tanous: Sent all the seniors to Jason, still waiting on the Free Press. Looking into new senator training. Talk to us about a date next week for officer transition. Would like to have a SGA leadership training before summer to lead us into the new year. SGA conference is on Facebook so please join the page and RSVP. Currently have around 15 people. Defining a positive Senate-Entity relationship and communication.

XII. **Representative to the Board of Trustees**

- Not present.

XIII. SGA Grad Assistant

- Will not be present next week and will be back after the break.

XIV. Student Affairs

- In SAC report.

XV. Other Committee or Entity

- Buster Neal: Look at the process of how we can get through the budget issues. Be very open and transparent. Establish an executive budget committee with a wide range of representation to help make recommendations to the president. Wants the students to have a voice in the process. Here to work for the students and to help us be successful. Be available as much as he can. Will find an answer to a question if he does not directly have it.
- Can share the budget that has been submitted to the BOT. Monthly report that breaks down the budget so we can get all the information after the budget has been developed. Create a document that summarizes all the information as well as all the department budgets and the in depth information that goes into their funds. Currently going through the entire budget and find pockets where we can come up with savings because the budget is 'balanced' if enrollment stays the same for next year which will not happen. The UMS has a 'rainy day fund' so in order to balance the budget this year the system came up with \$7 million to allocate to USM for the year. With the cuts we were able to save \$4 million dollars. The system took back the \$4 million dollars so President Flanagan asked for some money back so UMS gave us \$2 million back, which went to advertising and scholarships. Would like to have the budget committee put together and running by next semester.
- The Senate needs to understand the situation and understand what we may face in the future. The system says we must maintain fees and not increase them because of the demographic of Maine. We will be given information to better understand the situation and make educated decisions.
- LDB: Gala is reserved at the Mariner's Church for April 24th.
- Election Commissioner: Sent out an email with all the dates, times and locations for the State of the University Address and Presidential Debate. 14 candidates for Student Senate. 4 Presidential candidates. Polls open at 1:30 on Monday. You can write in a candidate at that time. Will get food for events on Monday.
- Senator Assignment Reports
 - SCB: approved budget for next year and elected a new editor in chief. Let them know about attending the first senate meeting of every month.

XVI. Unfinished Business

- None.

XVII. New Business

- None.

XVIII. Former Concerns Update

- Speed of reports. –much better today.
- The budget. –been addressed.
- Speed of raising hands. –Great job today!
- Submitting absences with valid excuses. –been updated.

XIX. Concerns

- If you have an issue with someone please go to the directly.
- Respond to emails within 24 hours.
- Post on Facebook about elections.
- Matt Clark needs to attend Senate meetings especially after BOT meeting.
- We should make a resolution to update our USM website.
- Using money that they received from the BSO to fund election campaigns.
- Let guests speak before long Senate discussions.

XX. Announcements

- T-shirts are in! Demanding shirts with correct spelling.
- USM Women's and Gender Studies have brought in a keynote speaker: Alicia Garza to present "Building a World Where Black Lives Matter" in Hannaford Hall, Abramson Community Education Center, Portland Campus at 5:30 reception and 6:30 lecture on Friday March 27th.
- Last weekend to see Catch Me If You Can musical.
- Vote! And encourage your friends to vote.

XXI. Adjournment at 3:18 pm.