

43rd Student Senate
Friday, March 27, 2015
405 Bailey Hall, Gorham Campus
By Senator Martin

I. **Call to order at 1:11 pm.**

II. **Attendance**

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

III. **Introductions**

IV. **Approval of the Minutes**

- Approved by consensus.

V. **Executive Committee**

- Met today at 12 we talked about a lot. E-board meetings starts at 12 please do not come into the room unless we invite you or you have a major concern to ask us.

VI. **Constitutional Review Committee**

- Had an email meeting Wednesday and discussed the VP job description, the concerns that CRC had regarding the job description. Sent out the LDB constitution and the concerns are elaborating on the purpose, requirements for members, article needs to be added in for specific events, ensure they are coming to the Senate, ensure the entity goes through the SGA constitution and make sure their elections match up with ours. 4 proposals for next week, please read them.

VII. **Finance Committee**

- Met this Wednesday and talked about a proposal on new business for next week. Current unallocated \$42908.08. Later today we will be talking about next year's budget.

VIII. **Student Affairs Committee**

- Met this week on Monday at 12pm in the SGA office, had a really productive meeting!
- I've been posting like a mad woman on the Facebook page and class pages about elections, kind of disappointed no one else has really been sharing or posting anything...
- Chris Kinney (Aramark) came to the meeting to talk about the food waste article in The Free Press
- Explained where a lot of the waste came from, and how they keep track of it etc.
- Majority of waste is from liquids and coffee grounds
- After hearing from Chris, the SAC has decided to no longer continue to write a resolution against Aramark and the waste issue, we feel that there is no need to anymore
- Now we just want to raise awareness about food waste, and how Aramark handles it, we found the information from Chris to be very insightful about the issue
- I will be in contact with Chris Kinney and Steve Sweeney on getting numbers of pounds of waste per day and other numbers, etc.
- Continuing to work on a resolution for the décor on the Portland campus, and possibly one for multicultural student issues, etc.
- If you have any question regarding the Aramark info, email me or talk to anyone on my committee, I'm sure they can answer them just as well as I can!

IX. **Public Relations Committee**

- Homework over break for my committee is to come up with one idea from each member that the PR committee can utilize for good Senate PR.

X. **Clerk**

- Motion to excuse Sen. Caterina by Sen. Martin, seconded by Sen. Rose.
- 9 in favor. 2 opposed. 0 abstaining.

- Motion to excuse Sen. Willett by Sen. Martin, seconded by Sen. Rose
- 8 in favor. 2 abstaining. 2 abstaining.

XI. **Student Body President**

- Gave the State of the University on Monday. Thought the debate went well. Made the budget and finished it on Wednesday, the Finance Committee approved it. Student Life Strategy Group will be meeting over break.

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

- Report attached.

XIII. **SGA Grad Assistant**

- Not present.

XIV. **Student Affairs**

- In SAC report.

XV. **Other Committee or Entity**

- Election Commissioner: Elections finished at 11:59 last night. Josh Tharpe and Jason Saucier will be counting votes after break. A school wide email will be sent out after break and it will be posted online after on the Monday after break. Candidates will know ahead of time of that Monday after break.
- Chelsea Tibbetts: on the committee for Senior Week and would like the Senate to expedite Proposal 43-48.
- Motion to expedite Proposal 43-48 by Sen. Wilkinson, seconded by Sen. Rose.
- 5 in favor. 4 opposed. 3 abstained.
- GCAB: had laser tag with 50 students in attendance. Last week we did not have programming due to Greek Week but did help out with Xi Man. Elections were held for officers and we will let you know when they hold their offices. Last night was Board Game Night with 20 students in attendance. Next event is Lexi James, who is an upcoming country singer on April 9th.
- VP Rebecca Tanous: meet after Senate if you are planning on going to the SGA Conference. All senators and e-board write down 2 things:
 1. What went well this semester?
 2. What did not go well? Also give a solution to the problem.
- Looking at dates for an officer transition.
- The week before finals having a SGA meeting to collaborate with new faces. Possible times Wednesday the 29th or Thursday the 30th at lunchtime or like 4. They only need an equipment budget for their first year. Their officers will be funded through work-study through the Sullivan Complex. Next year the PRB should meet and see if the SBVP and

the LDB is doing their job well because their stipend has been lowered. The SBP's travel budget has been lowered. The money allocated to the Business Office positions reflects Ray Dumont and Drew Masterton hopefully becoming full time and 3/4 time.

XVI. **Unfinished Business**

- Proposal 43-48: Finance Committee – Sponsor: Treasurer Rose
- *Motion to approve \$2,900.00 for the Senior Week 2015 Cruise.*
- 10 in favor. 0 opposed. 2 abstaining.
- Budget for next year:
 - Major changes: defunded the Student Government Grad. Assistant and disperse their responsibilities to the SBVP and the LDB. No entity has a conference budget. Added an entity called the Outdoor Adventure Board with a \$10,000 budget.
- 11 in favor. Unanimously approved.

XVII. **New Business**

- Proposal 43-49: Constitutional Review Committee – Sponsor: Senator Jackson
Motion to amend Article 4, Section E, Sub-section 2, sub-subsection a of the SGA constitution.
- Proposal 43-50: Constitutional Review Committee – Sponsor: Senator Jackson
Motion to amend Article 3, Section D, and subsection 1 of the SGA Constitution.
- Proposal 43-51: Constitutional Review Committee – Sponsor: Senator Peabody-Harrington
Motion to add a sub-subsection to Article 3, Section C, and subsection 1 of the SGA constitution.
- Proposal 43-52: Constitutional Review Committee – Sponsor: Chair Cease
Motion to create the Resolution Creation Committee (RCC).

XVIII. **Former Concerns Update**

- If you have an issue with someone please go to the directly. -continue to do so.
- Respond to emails within 24 hours. -please do.
- Post on Facebook about elections.
- Matt Clark needs to attend Senate meetings especially after BOT meeting. -still hasn't.
- We should make a resolution to update our USM website. -marketing is taking care of it.
- Using money that they received from the BSO to fund election campaigns. -never mind, didn't happen, taken care of.
- Let guests speak before long Senate discussions. -we did!

XIX. **Concerns**

- Entity heads being combative through emails and not following procedures then coming to meetings and being combative again.
- When someone asks a question it should be answered as best as possible and not brushed to the side.
- People need to use the abstaining vote correctly.

- Be polite and respectful.
- Adding pronouns during our introductions aka identify yourself as he/she/they.
- Why any senators would be banned from e-board meetings.
- Voter turnout for this year's elections.
- More on the elections committee than one senator.

XX. Announcements

- E board is closed unless you are invited or asked to be invited to an e board meeting.
- Today at 5:30 in Hannford Hall, Portland there will be a presentation from Alicia Garza, a co-creator of the 'Black Lives Matter' movement.
- Sen. Harrington and Sen. Jackson went up to the State House in Augusta on Tuesday. It was a great experience. Every university except UMaine Machias was in attendance.
- USM students are displaying their artwork at the Portland Art Walk next Friday. It will be displayed in the Portland Public Library.
- Spring Break, everyone make good decisions!
- Be respectful around the office, especially in regards to budget cuts.

XXI. Adjournment at 2:46 pm.