

43rd Student Senate  
 Friday, September 19, 2014  
 423/424 Glickman Library, Portland Campus  
 By Senator Martin

- I. **Call to order at 1:05 pm.**  
 II. **Attendance**

<b>Roster</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
Sen. Jordana Avital	P	X
Sen. Elizabeth Bishop	P	X
Sen. Jason Blanco, Treasurer	A-excused	
Sen. Andrew Bugbee	A-unexcused- Defaulted.	
Sen. Ashley Caterina	A-excused	
Sen. Jud Cease, Vice Chair	P	X
Sen. Joshua Dodge, Chair	P	X
Sen. Fatoumata Hidjo	P	X
Sen. Nicholas Marcketta	A-unexcused	
Sen. Elizabeth Martin, Clerk	P	X
Sen. Ashley Rose	A-excused	X
Sen. Brandon Sodergren	A-unexcused- Defaulted.	
Sen. Joshua Tharpe, Parliamentarian	P	X
Sen. William Webb, Student Affairs	A-excused	X
Sen. Matt Wilkinson	P	X

III. **Introductions**

IV. **Approval of the Minutes**

- Tabled until we have quorum.
- Sen. Hidjo excused from last meeting.

- Approved by consensus.

V. **Executive Committee**

- Met this morning at 12 o'clock in this room. Discussed the possibility of filling the senate by different means; a special election. Reducing application by 50 signatures, or no signatures with application and just an interview process. Discussed at a later date when we can vote.
- Proposal deadline Thursday at noon time. The Friday of the week after the proposal is submitted you will get funded.

VI. **Constitutional Review Committee**

- Tuesday at 1:30. Finalized USM Dance Team's constitution. Receiving up to 3 constitutions, Accounting Society, PRB, and GEB.

VII. **Finance Committee**

- Chair not present.

VIII. **Student Affairs Committee**

- Chair not present.

IX. **Public Relations Committee**

- Labeling next week on the Portland and Gorham campuses. Brochures printed to distribute throughout campus and hand out during labeling.

X. **Clerk**

- Continue sending office hour and excusals or emails if you will not be present at Senate meetings.

XI. **Student Body President**

- Replacement for BOT Student Rep. Applications open until Monday, extended one week. Convene PRB to view applications. Metropolitan University Student Committee meeting next week.

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

- 2 year position. 3,000 annual stipend. Travel is compensated. Board meeting Sunday and Monday in Fort Kent. Elimination of 3 programs, American and New England Studies, master program mostly taught on the Portland campus, Geosciences, bachelor's degree taught on the Gorham, LAC Arts and Humanities, students already enrolled will be taught out and receive their degrees as long as they remain on a normal schedule. New boiler at heating plant, board will approve expenditure. UMS kept tuition levels flat because state has not given the system any more funding. Board will consider whether or not to increase tuition but will ask state for funding first. Discussed at the meetings Sunday and Monday. Discussion on aligning school calendar with other UMS schools to allow students to take classes from other schools. Alex would love feedback on this topic. Check out [itsonus.org](http://itsonus.org).

XIII. **SGA Grad Assistant**

- Not present.

XIV. **Student Affairs**

- Chair not present.

XV. **Other Committee or Entity**

- Jason Saucier: Thank you for the participation in our discussion and strengths assessment. Any questions about strengthsquest contact Jason. Request from BOT for student senators for an environmental scan. Environmental Scan Session: Thursday, September 25th 11:30 am in 167 Hastings. Alex Greenlee: Environmental Scan: First step in the presidential search. Take constituencies on campus to gauge what student want out of a new president. Student senators to answer their questions.

XVI. **Unfinished Business**

- Proposal 43-9: Finance Committee – Sponsor: Senator Tharpe  
*Motion to approve finances for a shark fishing trip for disabled USM Veteran Students.*  
6 in favor; 1 abstained. Proposal approved.
- Proposal 43-10: Finance Committee – Sponsor: Senator Avital  
*Motion to approve finances for a Veterans' Day POW/MIA Flag Raising.*  
5 in favor; 2 abstained. Proposal approved.

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XVII. **New Business**

- Proposal 43-11: Constitutional Review Committee – Sponsor: Senator Avital  
*Motion to approve the USM Dance Team as a tier 2 student group.*  
Did not get expedited.
- Proposal 43-12: Finance Committee - Sponsor: Senator Wilkinson  
*Motion to approve finances for IRA's trip to Columbia Model UN.*  
Ten minute recess, called back to order at 2:32 pm.  
Did not get expedited.
- Suspending the rules: 6 in favor; 1 abstained.  
Tom Bahun: Appointed to the senate. Passed unanimously.  
David Sanok: Appointed to the senate. Passed unanimously.
- Labeling times for next week, email Zaritsa.

**XVIII. Former Concerns Update**

- Use Mainstreet ID and password to get into the computers. Contact USM IT if you are having trouble.
- Parliamentarian allows office hours to be held in Portland SGA Office and Gorham Greek Room in Upper Brooks.
- Bus schedule: concerned about an 8:45 bus which stops at the mall. The time gap between the 7:00 bus and the 8:45. Chris Wagner: Testifies a large crowd, 25 people who waits for the 8:45 bus at night. Overseen by Police Dept/Parking, resolution to Dean Pufhal.
- Kyle: Maintain a non-hostile environment in the SGA office. People can feel free to come in and ask questions.
- Sen Tharpe: Woodbury noodle bar closes at 3pm instead of 7pm. Consider writing resolutions in regards to the hours.

**XIX. Concerns**

- Applicants welcome to come to next meeting with or without the full 100 signatures to be reviewed by the senate.
- Professionalism in the office. In regards to pessimism.

**XX. Announcements**

- None.

**XXI. Adjournment at 3:05 pm.**