

Niagara County Community College

Student Government Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/28/2021

Call to Order: 1:04 pm

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In Attendance: Miranda Fiore, Arianna Morales, Allyson Knuutila-Clark, Heather Trumble, Jennifer Schwab, Linsay Ewing, Genesis Smith, Mathius Oliver, Maurice Jackson, Julia Pitman, Emily Seymour, Chris Tirella, Jacob Mancuso, Collin Lacki, Mikaysjiah Allen, Bob McKeown

Excused Absence: Amanda Haseley, Shannon Gianquinto, Emily Rouse

Guests: Barb DeSimone, Sara Harvey, President Murabito

Public Comments:

Sara Harvey and Barb DeSimone- Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 8th and it will be held virtually per SUNY guidelines. They are hoping for student input on how to make our commencement ceremony as interactive as possible. The college has purchased software that will allow us to show pictures and videos throughout the ceremony. There will be a Faculty Speaker, the President's Medallion winner, the President's Cup winner and potentially a member of the community. One recommendation was to ask New York Congressman Brian Higgins to speak at Commencement this year. PR has typically designed the "Class of 2021" t-shirts that we sell for graduation but Sara has suggested that we provide a contest for the students of NCCC to submit their own designs. We will put the contest information on the commencement site along with an order form for Commencement Invitations. Typically we have handed out 10 paper invitations to every student, this year we will be doing a mixture of virtual invitations and paper invitations. Another potential idea would be to host a gathering after the commencement ceremony at the college. To make this as covid-safe as possible, people would sign up for times and have the opportunity to get their diploma cover and take photos in front of a NCCC backdrop. Students will be allowed to decorate their cars and we will have a parade around campus with the cars. Sara and Barb will be sending us an email that has our Commencement website and how Brockport hosted their graduation ceremony last year, they will be waiting for our feedback.

Minutes: No Minutes from last meeting

Student Government Presidents Report:

Over the Winter break, the SGA was asked to complete the QPR training and all of our senators are now certified. Ari would like to keep this tradition alive after time as President is done, and this could potentially end up in our Bi-laws. SUNY SA will be voting on a budget this weekend that will help benefit the programming available to all of the SUNY students. There are plenty of

vacancies in SUNY SA so if you are looking for ways to get involved, please feel free to ask Ally, Ari, Miranda or Collin any questions.

Student Government Vice-President Report:

Ally had the opportunity to attend the Cru Club meeting yesterday afternoon, they are still deciding how they will be hosting club meetings but hope to be in person at some point this semester. NSLS has their first Orientation session tomorrow at 2:30pm and has one on February 3rd at 2:30pm.

Student Government Event Coordinator Report:

CAB has Taco Tuesday coming up on Tuesday, February 9th 11:30am-1:30pm. We changed the time to try and have more students in the cafeteria or on lunch. On Tuesday February 2nd, we are hosting Snack CAB at 11:30am and 1:30pm. Snack CAB will be a Valentine's Day theme this month and will involve juice boxes, a pudding/ jello cup and potentially a third individually wrapped snack. CAB is hosting a Mardi Gras event where we will host a Small Float contest, the prizes will be a \$50 gift card for 1st place and items from the Spirit shop for 2nd place.

Student Trustee's Report:

At the December 15th meeting, Monica Lopoyda gave an update on the College Acceleration program, which will be at a greatly reduced rate in comparison to the cost on campus. Alyssa Cummings gave an update on campus safety, wellness, and other issues brought to the committee. Lastly, Wayne Lynch gave an update on the budget for 2021, which made clear that Covid has made a major impact on it. At the January 19th meeting, we discussed the Veteran's Memorial Campaign Kick off. Brian Michel presented the layout of a future Veteran's park on the Sanborn campus. Estimated time once 100% of the funding, which is estimated to be \$200k, will take around 18 months to complete construction. We also discussed the following three programs at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute being deactivated, Brewery Operations, Winery Operations, and Wine and Beverage Operations Management Certificate. There were a number of grants that the Board needed to approve to apply for, which if received would help go to fund current and future projects. We have also submitted our budget to the SUNY Board of Trustees.

Treasurer's Report: We have a vacancy for the Treasurer position

Student Coordinator's Report: (Heather Trumble)

Virtual Programming is still going on, today you can play Virtual Bingo with Miranda at 3pm. If you play trivia every week, you could be entered to win a \$100 Amazon gift card. On the 10th of February we will be hosting our Build a Bear Wolf Pack Wake Up. Starting February 15th SUNY will be hosting a semester long esports tournament with 8 different games to play. Playoffs will start in April and Molly Cole or Matt Oleski can provide you with more details. The month of February we will be hosting diversity events for Black History Month, next Thursday in G117A you can create your own Civil Rights Movement poster.

Athletic Director's Report: (Bob McKeown)

Practices will start next week for all sports and will be required to participate in Covid Pool Testing. The Fitness center will also open again on February 1st. Intramurals are still open and will be sent out to students on blackboard and posted on their social media pages. Athletics also has a new slogan, "Stay positive, test negative".

Student Services' Report: (Julia Pitman)

Starting in the beginning of January, the SUNY chancellor mandated all students who come to campus were required to quarantine for seven days before returning to campus. Student Services has sent an affirmation form for all students to fill out, Friday the 5th will be the very last day that students can come to campus if they have not filled out the proper affirmation forms. If you are a working student you can be exempt from quarantining with the proper paperwork from your employer. Students who come to campus for the Spring semester must participate in the pool testing, the college is now required to test 100% of the students on campus. Starting Wednesdays and Thursdays, NFCI will have extended hours for Covid Pool testing at our Culinary Institute. If you miss 2 weeks of pool testing then you will be suspended from entering the building. The shuttle is running and on a reduced schedule, there is only one shuttle this semester. There is an updated schedule for the shuttle available on the college website.

Committee Reports:

Please look out for GroupMe messages from the chair of your committee!

Faculty Representatives Report:

- No Report

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:

Mikaysijah is being appointed as Secretary for Student Government this semester. She is very excited about working with us more this semester and hopes that her previous secretarial experience will help her in her new role.

Motion: Emily Seymour **Second:** Mathias Oliver **Motion Pass:** Carried

Jacob Mancuso is being appointed as Treasurer, he is good with money and has already taken a look at our overall budget. He feels he will be a good fit for this position.

Motion: Emily Seymour **Second:** Genesis Smith **Motion Pass:** Carried

Good and Welfare:

- Stay Safe and healthy everyone!

Adjournment: 2:03 pm

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