**Niagara County Community College**

**Student Government Association Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 4/11/2023

**Call to Order:** 3:15pm

**Pledge to Flag:** Done

**In Attendance:**  Regan Lytle, Hunter Frey, Jozlyn Fiorito, Jewel Rebello, Aidan Freischlag, Matteo Williams, Janyah Ridgeway, Jamia Booker, Diana Moreno, William Murabito, Jillian Faddoul, Laurie Ryan, Jordan Lindsay, Bob McKeown, Shannon Gianquinto

**Excused Absence:** Hisan Milanes, Amanda Haseley, Julia Pitman

**Unexcused Absence:** None

**Guests:** Wyatt Moltrup, John Eichner, Conor Ziemendorf, August Green, Steven Hoover, Nijah Hayward, Julie Berrigan

**Public Comments:**

* John Eichner – First Day Complete Discussion
	+ First Day Complete offers a bundled package containing all books for the semester--$22/credit hour for non-culinary programs and $27/credit hour for culinary programs.
	+ The charge shows up on the bill, allowing financial aid and loans to cover the cost of books.
	+ On the first day, students may collect their books from the bookstore, and any digital materials instructors may use—super convenient for students and takes away stress.
	+ The charge on the bill is automatically removed for materials marked as “open educational resources” (OER).
	+ Students can opt out of this program through to the add/drop period each term—responsibility to acquire books falls onto the student. Cannot opt out for individual courses.
	+ William Murabito: The difference between culinary and non-culinary programs is due to the high cost of culinary supplies.
	+ First Day Complete is mostly a rental program, but certain items are kept forever, such as supplies that are one-time use or books that are written in.
	+ There will be publicity and promotional material about the program as well as email communication.
	+ Hunter Frey: What if the cost of First Day Complete exceeds the cost of purchasing when the term ends.
		- John Eichner: That is a scenario where a student would want to opt out.

**Minutes:** N/A

**Motion:**N/A**Second:**N/A**Motion:**
N/A

**Student** **Government** **Presidents** **Report:**

* No report

**Student Government Vice-President Report:**

* New senators to welcome.
	+ Conor Ziemendorf: Has been considering joining since the beginning of the semester and the SGA ties nicely into academics.

**Motion to induct Conor Ziemendorf as a part-time senator:**

**Motion:**
Matteo Williams **Second:**
Diana Moreno **Motion:**
Carried

* + August Green: Wants to get involved on campus.

**Motion to induct August Green as a freshman senator:**

**Motion**:
Jozlen Fiorito **Second**:
Diana Moreno **Motion**:
Carried

* + Nijah Wayward: Sees the impact of involvement on the community and wants to get involved.

**Motion to induct Nijah Wayward as a freshman senator:**

**Motion:**Jamia Booker **Second**:
Janyah Ridgeway **Motion**:
Carried

* The clubs and organizations binder information must be printed. Has most club flyers completed.
* Elections for the next academic year begin on the 24th, and our bonding event is on the 23rd—clear your calendars.
* New members—get declared office hours submitted.
* Enjoy the comedy night event at 6pm today.

**Student Treasurer Report**

* No report

**Student Government Event Coordinator Report:**

* The City Night Soiree event was successful—nearly 80 students were in attendance.

**Student Trustee's Report:**

* No report

**Senators Reports:**

* No report

**Student Coordinator's Report:**

* Events this week:
	+ Comedy night tonight and a drag game show on Thursday night.
* Events next week:
	+ Marissa Cohen and the clothesline project.
	+ Take Back the Night—mandatory event for SGA members.
* The ESPN+ televised game is coming up this Saturday, the shuttle will be provided continuously beginning at noon.
	+ There will be food trucks—the first 50 students eat free.
* Open House on both campuses next week
* The Bandits game is next Saturday the 22nd—we have 3 tickets left, and a shuttle will be provided.
* SGA elections will take place in the last week of April—everyone will have to reapply.

**Athletic Director's Report:**

* Our baseball team ranked #4 in the country.
* Athletics and Student Life are teaming up for the ESPN game.
	+ Great opportunity to be on national TV.
	+ Had to move to the NFHS field for access to electricity and turf.
* Softball is off to a good start.
* Two NJCAA All Americans were named.
* Annual Awards Banquet is coming up—Wednesday, May 3rd.
* Niagara Frontier Country Club golf tournament is coming up on June 19th.

**Student Services Report:**

* Joined by Julie Berrigan:
	+ Here today to discuss student activity fees and graduation fees—used to be joined together.
	+ Using extra money to be a class gift to the veteran’s memorial
	+ Julie Berrigan: Has a proposal out to contribute $30,000 from the graduation fee budget to the veteran’s memorial. This will be part of the final push to create an honorable veteran’s memorial park.
	+ This does not affect the budget at all.
	+ The class of 2022 and 2023 will receive recognition.
	+ We are a veteran friendly campus—veterans have their own lounge with a swipe card system.
	+ Steve Hoover: Are there still bricks available to contribute?
	+ Julie Berrigan: Yes, there are still bricks available for $100-150

**Faculty Representatives Report:**

* The ESPN game is locked behind a paywall for an ESPN+ account—suggestion to have it live streamed in the Learning Commons.
* Report any advisement issues to Laurie Ryan.
* Curious about carnival theme—suggestion to theme the Thunderfest carnival event wisely given the rebranding of the college.
* Jillian Faddoul: Working with Aidan Freischlag and Jordan Lindsay on logistics, did not know about rebranding.
	+ Bob McKeown: The rebranding would not be done yet. Guests and alumni will be allowed to attend.
* Steve: Will the College Association be involved with food?
	+ Jillian Faddoul: We are planning on confirming food trucks.
	+ Steve Hoover: We have devices to help take payment.
	+ Jillian Faddoul: We have to work things out with the square app.
* Faculty Senate raised concerns about whether evening school is needed.
* Students have concerns about odors related to room renovations.

**Committee Reports:**

* Community Outreach: Discussion of the Take Back the Night event.

**Old Business:**

* None

**New Business:**

* Bob McKeown: New NCCC student fee policy to benefit students—loosely based on the SUNY policy.
	+ Puts it in writing that fees are mandatory and that NCCC will collect fees for face-to-face summer courses.
	+ Guidelines on what money in the budget can be spent on.
	+ Guidelines on how the money in the fund balance shall be used—cannot be used as a slush fund; projects must be predetermined. Also used for dips in enrollment.
	+ Charging for summer fees means there must be summer programing, whether it’s online or in-person.
	+ Establishes that the college is responsible for collecting and setting the fee—there is also a cap on how many credits students may be charged for.
	+ Going into effect in the fall, but student activity fees will be collected this summer.

**Good and Welfare:**

* We have the softball game and the comedy night event after the meeting.

**Adjournment**: 4:03pm

**Motion:**Matteo Williams **Second:**
Diana Moreno**Motion Pass:**Carried