

Franciscan University Student Government

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2018

I. Call to Order: 11:04

II. Opening Prayer: Chief Justice Poff

III. Roll Call: All present

IV. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Nothing to report

V. Internal Auditor's Report:

- a. Nothing to report

VI. Secretary's Report:

- a. Nothing to report

VII. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Approved

VIII. Committee's Report:

- a. Finance:
 - i. The committee passed all bills 3-0

IX. Business

- a. Senate Bill Fall 2018 – 29: Reallocation of Funds for International Coffee Club
 - i. Club representative Peter Rainwater introduces himself
 - ii. Majority Leader McNichol states that the club is responsible and only requests necessary funds, which is why we should support the bill

- iii. Bill passes
- b. Senate Bill Fall 2018 –30: Reimbursement for GSA Talk by Sr. Catherine
 - i. Club representative Sean Harding introduces himself
 - ii. Bill passes
- c. Senate Bill Fall 2018 - 31: Breakfast Reimbursement for GSA
 - i. Club representative Sean Harding introduces himself
 - ii. Senator Sirilla reminds senate that the bill from last week to fund the private event for Michael Knowles was contested due to the fact that it only affected a small portion of the student body, which is the case with Bill 31 as well
 - iii. Bill passes
- d. Senate Bill Fall 2018 - 32: Allocation for GSA Retreat
 - i. Club representative Sean Harding introduces himself
 - ii. Senator starches asks about the details regarding the event
 - iii. Female club representative states that the event will take place in Maryland. She explains that it will take place in a house with three speakers and includes meals
 - iv. Bill passes
- e. Senate Bill Fall 2018 - 33: Allocation for GSA Talk by Dr. Horn
 - i. Club representative Sean Harding introduces himself
 - ii. Bill passes

- f. Senate Bill Fall 2018 - 34: Allocation to Reimburse Ms. Bridget Christensen for baskets, pens, and labels for the “Thank a Friar” event on September 28th, 2018
 - i. Bill passes
- g. Senate Bill Fall 2018 - 35: Allocation to Reimburse Ms. Bridget Christensen for a basket for the “Thank a Friar” event on September 30th, 2018
 - i. Majority Leader McNichol states that the bill is self explanatory
 - ii. Bill passes

X. President’s Comments:

- a. We will be forming a Midnight Madness committee. All those interested can see President Gessler after the meeting
- b. We will also be forming Dining committee which will begin this coming Wednesday. Previously, the welfare committee has taken care of Dining Committee. It will take place at 10 am on Wednesday
- c. October 27th is Hilltop Cleanup, and we will need someone to head this up
- d. October 20th is Midnight Madness
- e. Wildly Important Goals (WIGS): How to incorporate the theme “Be not afraid” into daily student life.
- f. Possibility of a vote of no confidence within the senate: President Gessler reminds the senate that it remain civil and respectful

XI. Advisor’s Comments:

- a. Mr. Schmiesing comments that he was part of FUSG when he was a student, and has been the advisor for the last 16 years

- b. He says that the purposes of student government are to represent the Franciscan University Student body, to communicate the concerns, interests, and ideas of the student body to the administration, to govern, promote, and finance particular clubs, and to formulate policies
- c. The tradition that the meetings begin with the Peace Prayer of St. Francis, which is an appropriate prayer for leaders
- d. The patron saint of student government is St. Thomas More, which is appropriate because he was a politician, leader, and an example of giving one's life away
- e. Mr. Schmiesing thanks everyone for being here, and appreciates the chance to share his thoughts
- f. He will typically keep his opinion to himself, and says that he is here to be supportive, and has an open-door policy to any member of student government

XII. For the Good of the Order:

- a. Committee chair vote
- b. Rules and Order Chairmanship vote
 - i. Senator Silva wins on a vote of 8-4
- c. Mikey Irvin states his name, and is the winner of the Midnight Madness design contest
- d. Majority Leader McNichol explains that the Majority Leader position was created by himself and another senator in order to create greater effectiveness among committees and to elect committee chairmen

- e. They added a vote of no confidence to the bill that they created, so that if the Majority Leader was abusing his power, there would be recourse
- f. Majority Leader McNichol feels that we should act Christlike
- g. Majority Leader McNichol asks the senate to consider the seriousness of the bill, and asks that the senate speak to him personally before confronting him before the entire senate. He says that he would be more than happy to consider making changes, but does not know why the vote of No Confidence is taking place
- h. Senator Silva comments that he wanted to allow ML McNichol the ability to response
- i. Senator Silva says that it seems if the creation of a Majority Leader was to create greater effectiveness in committees, it would make sense to create greater communication between communication the executive branch and the senate, instead of separating power within the senate
- j. Senator Silva believes Majority Leader McNichol should not have nominated Senator Watson to Rules and Order chair, due to the fact that Senator Watson recognized at the previous Monday meeting his failure to act according to all of the Rules and Orders
- k. Senator Silva says that it seems that Majority Leader McNichol cannot remain clear in his office due to his apparent favoritism of friends
- l. Senator Watson asks for parliamentary inquiry
- m. Chief Justice Poff responds that Yea vote means to remove Majority Leader McNichol

- n. Senator Starcher: yea
- o. Senator Heroux: yea
- p. Senator Watson: no
- q. Majority Leader McNichol: no
- r. Senator Sirilla: yea
- s. Senator Surovec: no
- t. Senator Nick: no
- u. Senator Markle: yea
- v. Senator McNichol: yea
- w. Senator Newman: yea
- x. Senator Dorsett: no
- y. Senator Silva: yea
- z. Majority Leader McNichol is removed from the position as Majority Leader
- aa. Senator McNichol resigns from the senate
- bb. Senator Watson reads resignation letter, and then resigns from the senate
- cc. Senator Silva nominates Senator Starcher as Majority Leader
- dd. Senator Starcher accepts nomination, and is made Majority Leader

XIII. Announcements:

- a. No announcements

XIV. Adjournment: 11:51