**Niagara County Community College**

**Student Government Association Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 2/2/2023

**Call to Order:** 3:20PM

**Pledge to Flag:** Done

**In Attendance:**  Hisan Milanes, Andrew Binks, Hunter Frey, Jozlyn Fiorito, Jewel Rebello, Arshdeep Singh, Aidan Freischlag, Regan Lytle, Matteo Williams, William Murabito, Jennifer Schwab, Heather Trumble, Laurie Ryan, Bob McKeown, Shannon Gianquinto

**Excused Absence:** Jordan Lindsay, Amanda Haseley, Julia Pitman

**Unexcused Absence:** None

**Guests:** Denyel Beiter and Marlee McCabe

**Public Comments:**

* Denyel and Marlee:
	+ Wanted to introduce themselves to the SGA as members of the Public Relations department and to match names to faces.
	+ Always looking for students to help with projects, events, and even the planning of new projects and events.
	+ Will be leaving contact information for everyone to use.

**Minutes:** Approve minutes from 1/19/2023

**Motion:**Andrew Binks **Second:**
Matteo Williams **Motion:**
Carried

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

* The binders have been completed.
	+ Put all new documents in the binder rings.
	+ Will add names to SGA binders for new members in the coming days.
* New office hour tracking system—sign in and out in a binder and describe what was done.
	+ Only Heather Trumble is allowed to sign for office hours.
* Pizza with the President:
	+ Have reviewed schedules and picked a time with the most availability—Feb 23rd at 12:30PM.
* Resignation:
	+ Alex Webster due to conflict with new internship—she will still be around at future events.

**Student Government Vice-President Report:**

* Club updates:
	+ Has been sending out individualized emails to multiple club advisors—responses from Cru and Art Guild.
	+ Working with Jennifer Schwab to reorganize all things clubs.

**Student Treasurer Report:**

* Events approved:
	+ PTK and NFCI student club
* Will now only approve a maximum of 50% for all future travel requests.
* Approved opportunity for students to enjoy tickets for one game at both the Buffalo Sabres and the Buffalo Bandits at a discounted rate.

**Student Government Event Coordinator Report:**

* A lot of exciting events are coming up.
	+ Casino Night
	+ Mardi Gras
		- Mask making
		- King’s Cake
	+ Retro roller skating
* CAB is an extension of the SGA.
* Held the Ray Money comedy event at the NFCI campus.
	+ There were 18 students in attendance.
* Asks for vending machine update.
	+ Bob McKeown: Vice President Lynch approves of the idea of rental vending machines. They will be across from the locker room on the second floor at the NFCI campus. Does this work?
		- Jozlyn Fiorito: Yes.
	+ Bob McKeown: We’re worried about the spoilage of perishable snacks. Unsure about how to keep it stocked and the possibility of using meal swipes—possibility of hiring a student worker at NFCI.
		- Jozlyn Fiorito: Yes, we need more opportunities at NFCI.

**Student Trustee's Report:**

* No report

**Senators Reports:**

* Matteo Williams:
	+ Spent time walking around the campus asking students for what they would like to see. Here is what they suggested:
		- Expanded food pantry
		- Larger variety of events
		- Athletes find that they cannot attend some events due to time conflicts—asking for later event like 7-8pm
		- More food options in the dining commons and at NFCI
		- Consistent bowling alley hours
		- More variety in décor around the campus
		- Better scenery outside
		- More gender-neutral bathrooms
		- More trash cans in gaming room
		- More advertising from the bookstore.
		- Longer gym hours
		- Better pricing in the laundry room at the SHV
			* William Murabito: It is a vendor that owns the machines, and they are responsible for maintenance. Students also should be removing lint from the dryers.
	+ Updates from staff members:
		- Men of Merit will be seeking club status
		- Staff member (Scott Sackett) supports the idea of a charity event to donate food.

**Student Coordinator's Report:**

* The semester is off to a great start.
* We have had the first speaker of our series: David Zach.
	+ In attendance were 36 students.
* The first live event at NFCI was new and the students who went enjoyed it.
* Future exciting events!
	+ Bringing the famous build-a-bear event to the NFCI.
	+ Discounted tickets for the Buffalo Sabers game on March 6th—tickets will be $10-15.
	+ Discounted tickets for the Buffalo Bandits game on April 7th—tickets will be $10-15.
	+ Upcoming Mardi Gras event—Will Brinson will help us source a local jazz band.
* Have started handing out surveys at events—feedback has been positive for all. Event surveys have been helpful for planning the upcoming budget: the next budget process will be starting soon, and this survey will help the SGA.
* Nothing has changed in the budget yet—the college will provide projections which will aid in setting up the budget to be presented before the finance committee. After that, it will be sent to the Board of Trustees.
* William Murabito: There are two events students will not want to miss.
	+ All-college event on the 15th where Hot Chocolate is planned to be served.
	+ Spaghetti dinner event on the 23rd—will be making meatballs for the event.
		- Will be staffed by Student Life employees.
		- Hisan Milanes: The event will be successful with excellent communication with Christian Salvati.
		- Jozlyn Fiorito: Will there be a speaker at the event?
			* William Murabito: That is something we will investigate the possibility of.

**Athletic Director's Report:**

* The alumni association event on February 1st was successful.
	+ This is our first venture into alumni events, and they enjoyed it.
	+ The men’s basketball team is ranked #2 and the women’s basketball team is ranked #18.

**Student Services Report:**

* No report.

**Faculty Representatives Report:**

* The Faculty Senate met this past Tuesday—still has concerns with the First Day complete.
* Advisement issue—will meet with Regan Lytle and Hisan Milanes to set mutual expectations between faculty and students.
* William Murabito: An issue in advisement is the reluctance from students—be mindful of that.

**Committee Reports:**

* The committee roster is out—will make Group Me rooms for each committee later in the day.

**Old Business:**

* Hisan Milanes: Discussion of changing meeting times.
	+ In the past, we have discussed changing to Tuesdays at 3:15pm in the previous meeting—this has potential conflicts with the NSLS meeting time.
	+ There will be another update as soon as possible.
	+ Regan Lytle: The NSLS meeting time could be moved.
	+ Arshdeep Singh: Be mindful of shuttle travel time when making any changes.
	+ Heather Trumble: When using the free schedule maker application, include everything in your day, even outside of school and accounting for different modules for NFCI students.
	+ Regan Lytle: If the current biweekly meeting schedule is maintained, this will be a non-issue.
	+ Hisan Milanes: We will hold off on a final decision for now.

**New Business:**

* Jennifer Schwab: Would not be opposed to idea of the alumni having access to the sport events.
	+ Bob McKeown: That is a possibility.
* Hunter Frey: Formal attendance report document:
	+ This is a new way of letting members know where they stand with their attendance at each meeting.
	+ Fill out the acknowledgement agreement, sign, and drop it into my mailbox in G117D.

**Good and Welfare:**

* Hisan Milanes:
	+ The first meeting went well.
	+ Thanks for the cooperation.
	+ Has an open-door policy regarding communication.
	+ Thanks for having patience.
	+ Fingers crossed for the rest of the semester.

**Adjournment**: 4:05PM

**Discussion:**

* Arshdeep Singh:
	+ Students want more opportunities for field trips.
		- Hisan Milanes: Inform them of the Outdoor Activities Club.

**Motion:**Jewel Rebello**Second:**
Jozlyn Fiorito **Motion Pass:**
Carried.