**Niagara County Community College**

**Student Government Association Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 2/14/2023

**Call to Order:** 3:18 PM

**Pledge to Flag:** Done

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

**Excused Absence:** Aidan Freischlag, Amanda Haseley

**Unexcused Absence:** None

**Guests:** William Brinson, Janyah Ridgeway, Jamia Booker

**Public Comments:**

* William Brinson:
  + Been approached by many for the conversion of Men of Merit into an official club that receives support from the SGA.
    - Has approximately 14 active members and needs directions on how to make this happen.
  + Has been approached to start a Chess Club—needs an advisor to oversee the club.
  + Whether Men of Merit becomes a club, it will continue to be a hub for students to play chess.
  + Heather Trumble: The club request form has already been filled out—needs the constitution.
  + Shannon Gianquinto: What does Men of Merit do?
    - William Brinson: We are a mentoring program for young men who are deemed to be “at risk”—primarily young fathers. We receive help from Buffalo Perinatal network and Buffalo fatherhood initiative. We sponsor events and activities with other clubs on campus.
  + Shannon Gianquinto: Why are you called Men of Merit if women can be members too?
    - William Brinson: We cannot turn women away and we welcome them—we’ve had a female leader in the organization.
  + Shannon Gianquinto: Is this organization regional or national?
    - William Brinson: It is a regional thing—we connect with Black Student Union.
  + Arshdeep Singh: Have you considered outsourcing to other areas?
    - William Brinson: We somewhat already do that with Buffalo Fatherhood Initiative. We want to build up the organization before anything big.
  + Plans to sponsor a trip to Brooklyn with Men of Merit
    - Hisan Milanes: You must go through the finance committee after Men of Merit becomes an official club. Send travel request forms before the deadlines.
  + William Murabito: Men of Merit programs exist all around the country. This should be taken into mind when expanding.
    - William Brinson: We are not associated with the other chapters, but it would be a great opportunity.

**Minutes:** Approve minutes from 2/2/2023

**Motion:**Matteo Williams **Second:**Regan Lytle**Motion:**  
Carried

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

* New freshman senators to be inducted: Janyah Ridgeway and Jamia Booker

**Motion to induct Janyah Ridgeway as a freshman senator:**

**Motion:**   
Matteo Williams**Second**:   
Jozlyn Fiorito **Motion:**   
Carried

**Motion to induct Jamia Booker as a freshman senator:**

**Motion:** Matteo Williams**Second:**   
Regan Lytle Lytle **Motion:**   
Carried

**Discussion:**

* + They will be great additions to the group.
    - Janyah Ridgeway: Wishes to be more involved on campus to be a part of the family that operates behind the scenes.
    - Jamia Booker: Wants to expand college career and to get to know everyone.
* Vice President Andrew Binks has resigned and stepped down from their role.
  + The position is now open to the floor.
  + Arshdeep Singh nominates himself.
  + Regan Lytle nominates herself.
* For the month of March, the entirety of the events will be listed on the sign-up sheet, and this will continue going forward so that more people have opportunities on a first come, first served basis—do not sign up for events that are already full.
* Event sign-up sheet will be up tomorrow.
* All-college event
  + William Murabito: Student leaders are invited and goes from 3:00pm-4:00pm

**Vice President election:**

* Nominations:
  + Arshdeep Singh nominates himself and Hunter Frey—Hunter Frey declines.
  + Regan Lytle nominates herself.
* Discussion:
  + Arshdeep:
    - Thinks he can do a good job at fulfilling the role and wants to be more involved.
  + Regan Lytle:
    - Holds a lot of leadership experience that will translate well.
    - Holds rapport with clubs already.
    - Loves to be involved with the other members as a team.
* Questions:
  + Hunter Frey: What is the first thing you will do as vice president?
    - Arshdeep Singh: Hopes to create more diverse food choices from dining services and more academic opportunities.
    - Regan Lytle: Would reach out to all club presidents to set up an event like the club fair to potentially reach those who never joined clubs in their first semester.
* Voting begins:
  + Vote favors Regan Lytle as new Vice President.
* Discussion:
  + Regan Lytle: Thank you for this opportunity!

**Student Government Vice-President Report:**

* No report

**Student Treasurer Report**

* No report

**Student Government Event Coordinator Report:**

* Casino night update:
* The event went super well—over 200 students in attendance.
* Snack CAB update:
  + The cart ran out of snacks on the first run.
* CAB is gaining popularity on campus—we have gained 5 new members.
* Laurie Ryan: What is a Snack CAB?
  + Jozlyn Fiorito: We advertise CAB and hand out free snacks and drinks.

**Student Trustee's Report:**

* Have not had a meeting—there will be a report next meeting.

**Senators Reports:**

* No report

**Student Coordinator's Report:**

* Casino Night was awesome.
* Upcoming events:
  + Spaghetti dinner:
    - We are fully stocked with sauce and pasta.
    - NFCI donated desserts and bread.
    - The credit union has given us a check to purchase the supplies we still need.
    - Laurie Ryan is donating decorations.
    - Make other students aware so they can be informed of the opportunities we have to get involved.
    - Attendance from SGA members will be appreciated but not required.
* Build-a-bear went well and ran out of plush animals very quickly.
* We want to keep this momentum going; students are loving the variety in recent events.

**Athletic Director's Report:**

* The men’s basketball team is ranked #2 in the nation and the women’s team is ranked #18 in the nation.
* The wrestling district tournament this weekend

**Student Services Report:**

* Still working on the vending machine situation.
* Worked on addition of fitness equipment to the NFCI campus.
* Working to allow NFCI students to convert more swipes than normal to Dining Dollars to be used with vending machines.

**Faculty Representatives Report:**

* Faculty are still very concerned with First Day Complete’s long-term impact given that it will be a 2-year contract.

**Committee Reports:**

* Hisan Milanes:
  + Will help new members join committees and committees will begin meeting soon.

**Old Business:**

* Handing back attendance reports.
* We have changed our meeting time to Tuesdays at 3:15pm

**New Business:**

* See Hunter Frey after the meeting for updated attendance reports.
* Mystery box idea with supplies for new resident students when they move in as a small welcome gift.
  + Heather Trumble: These are custom boxes made by a company and can be catered to many demographics.
  + Jozlyn Fiorito: How much does this cost and where would the money come from?
    - Heather Trumble: They are $7 per box, and we have money in the fund balance.
  + Jozlyn Fiorito: This is a good idea to help students and give them independence.
  + Arshdeep Singh: Allergies must be taken into consideration.
  + Hisan Milanes: This idea will be discussed further.

**Good and Welfare:**

* Everyone has been cooperative with each other and I’m happy for the new members and new vice president.

**Adjournment**: 4:12 PM

**Motion:**Regan Lytle**Second:**  
Arshdeep Singh**Motion Pass:**Carried