STUDENT SENATE
SESSION XXXIX – MEETING 3
October 1st, 2017 – 6pm– Paul College Room 185
AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. COMMUNICATIONS
   a. Senators and Guests
      i. Town Councilors Al Howland and Sally Tobias
      ii. Durham Parks and Recreation Director Rachel Gasowski
   b. Graduate Student Senate
   c. Liaison to Administration
   d. President’s Cabinet
   e. Student Senate Officers
   f. Student Body Vice President
   g. Student Body President
   h. USSBR
   i. Student Senate Speaker
4. NEW BUSINESS
   a. XXXIX - 2.03 - Removal of Senators
   b. XXXIX - 3.03 - Approval of Senators
   c. XXXIX- 4.03- Approval of Judiciary Committee Members
   d. XXXIX - 5.03 - Approval of Election Committee Members
   e. XXXIX – 6.03 – Approval of Public Relations Committee Members
   f. XXXIX – 7.03 – Approval of Financial Affairs Committee Members
   g. XXXIX – 8.03 – Approval of Senior Policy Advisor
   h. XXXIX – 9.03 – Approval of Senior Policy Advisor for Finance
5. OTHER BUSINESS
   a. XXXIX- 10.03 - Approval of SAFC At-Large Members
   b. XXXIX – R1- Disallowing Classes During Common Exam Blocks

6. ADJOURNMENT
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF 10/01/2017

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1. CALL TO ORDER
   a. Called to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL
   a. Roll Call done by the Executive Officer
   b. Absent were Student Body President, Carley Rotenberg (Excused); Director of
      Public Relations, Christopher Percy (Proxy); Judicial Affairs Chair, Zachary
      Sullivan (Excused); Scott Co-2 Senator, Connor McClellan; Non-Resident 1
      Senator Kai Forcey-Rodriquez; Non-Resident 5 Senator, Scot Rezetti; Non-
      Resident 7 Senator, Katherine Locandro; Non-Resident 8 Senator, Abigail
      Sheridan; and Non-Resident 9 Senator, Cameron Kenney.

3. COMMUNICATIONS
   a. Senators and Guests
      i. Jose: I brought along two individuals from the town. They are looking for
         volunteers for an event.
      ii. Rep 1: We are asking for a Halloween Walk from 2-4 on Oct. 28th. We
          need your help to pull it off. We have small businesses downtown and it is
          hard for them to put a table out-front to give out candy. To keep kids’
          attention, we need it to be staffed. That is my ulterior motive to work with
          you guys. Honestly, it would take at least 50 students to pull this off.
      iii. Rep 2: In asking students to help us pull it off is to create a more
          intergenerational Durham relationship. I think sometimes you don’t know
          there are residents downtown. We would like to include the University
          students as much as we can. The more the residents see the students
          intermingling with others, the more they will see students in a more
          human light. It may help students realize that this is a place where families
          live as well.
iv. Rep 1: Two of my kids are in college. When I hear residents talk about students, they tend to define you guys by Cinco De Mayo or other bad behaviors. All the good things seem to be lost. I see UNH Students mentoring those in Oyster River. Your good deeds go under the radar. We almost live two separate lives. It is a shame for our town to be [separated like that]. We never really get to know each other. We want to start events that put students and residents in proximity to better understand each other and make Durham a more positive environment. We usually go to the top of administration and hope it will trickle down to the students, but I do not think that is an effective mechanism, so we came straight to you.

v. Rep 2: There are a lot of things students do and may not be aware of. If we could get more information about the things you are doing. If you are helping with the schools or other groups. On top of that, to think about ways that we could work with the town. We have our schools, we also have a large community of older people. Some of them needs rides and there is a system set up for that. As far as what Al was saying about the top-down communication, I would like to hear your ideas on that. Are there things that could work better?

vi. Rep 1: Your generation is amazing with social media and marketing, and we are not. There are a lot of ways we can work together. I would like to meet with the Fraternity & Sorority council. We want to stop demonizing all the students.

vii. Rep 2: The population of Durham is extremely educated. Most of them were sitting in one of these rooms at some point. We often wonder why there is such a disconnect. We think that we would have a lot to share with each other. They were the ones who were knocking down walls [in the 60’s]. We could share our experiences. There is a lot we can gain from each other.

1. Tyler D.: What is your email?
   a. Rep 1: thehowl@comcast.net

2. Jake: What time are the Durham Town Council meetings?
   a. Rep 1: The first and third Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. We tend to run pretty long.
   b. Rep 2: The public comments are at the beginning. It is important to come because the decisions we make can affect students. I would encourage you to come to our meetings.
   c. Rep 1: We can also put you on the agenda. We have had liaisons come and introduce themselves, but they do not usually talk about goals or programs. If you want to set up a time, please do so. The more we hear your opportunities, the better.
3. Ian: Do you have materials to distribute about the volunteer opportunities?
   a. Rep 1: We will forward that to Jose. We would like to set up the numbers before the day. This is the first time we have ever done this. If we do it right, it can be super cool. I think we should make it something fun. If it is totally lame, there is not much in it for anyone.
   b. Rep 2: You can dress up, realize that you will be passing out candy to a three-year-old, but you can dress up. We want students to represent dorms, or the frat houses. You are part of the community. You might as well be there too.

4. Rep 1: If we do it right, after something like this happens, we have the students, town, Parks & Rec sit down to make it better.

5. Travis: What time is [Durham’s] Trick or Treating?
   a. Rep 1: 2-4 on October 28th.
   b. Rep 2: If you want to have a table, you can put that information down.

6. Elena: Thank you for coming out, we are all really excited about breaking down the barriers we have.

b. Graduate Student Senate
   i. No Representative

c. Liaison to Administration
   i. No Liaison

d. President’s Cabinet
   i. Academic Affairs: I hope you had a great weekend. We represent the academic interests of students. I have a full list of what I am doing on Canvas. We meet at Thursdays at 7:00
   ii. Health & Wellness: We deal with Dining, the Counseling Center, Campus Rec, SHARPP, etc. If you have any questions or concerns, or good things, let me know. Things I am working on include a resolution for hot gluten free food options across the dining halls. If you are interested in joining the council we have a meeting Monday at 1:00. Dining Committee is Wednesday at 1:00 as well.
   iii. Judicial Affairs: Zach could not be here because of ROTC obligations. They work with legal stuff. They are meeting Wednesday at 5:00, but that may change
   iv. Fraternity & Sorority: We establish communications between Student Senate and all the Greek organizations on Campus. We will meet Thursday at 1:00. If you are in Greek life, you must attend. We have a few things in mind. If you cannot make that time, please reach out to me.
v. Community Development: I am trying to set the specific time for the meeting. I would love to have more people. Remember that you do have to be on a council. There is a lot of collaboration with me and other councils. We are trying to get rid of gender barriers. We met with the Diversity Support Coalition. I am working on a resolution to make sure the University will send out an email before Halloween regarding cultural appropriation. We are reviewing the social media policy per the demands of the Black Student Union. I am meeting with the Dean of Students about that. We are also going to be looking at revising the SRRR in areas regarding racism. Exciting things ahead. Meetings will probably be Monday or Wednesday.

vi. Campus Structure: I deal with transportation, dorms, etc. We are Friday at 4:00. You are mandated to join one council, but you can join more than one. After you come to mine, go to Jose’s.

vii. External Affairs: Thank you for showing respect to the Town Councilors. They are looking for doing more events in the future. I was appointed to the Governor’s Millennial Advisory Council. I know Elena has a lot of ideas so far. We are looking at student loans, job development, etc. My meetings are 5:00 on Friday.

e. Student Senate Officers

i. Business Manager: I oversee all financial operations for Senate. I am planning events with Sarah. I also go to SAFC meetings.

ii. Executive Officer: Orientation will be October 28th. You said you would be at Orientation. That means we cannot do the Halloween festival we were just told about. I will be sending out an allergy sheet for later. Council Chairs need to do at least 2 hours a week. Please log them. Senators, please let me know which council you are on. I got the Ex-O email up and running, please email that email for liability and organizational reasons. For the office, please shut the windows. If they are left open one more time, they will be bolted shut. Once you hit 4 office hours, you don’t need to keep logging them. Stop leaving trash in the office as well, it is disgusting.

iii. SAFC Chair: As a reminder, all senators must attend 2 SAFC meetings during their terms. Budgets and Concepts are this Wednesday, and potentially some Saturdays. I have office Hours in the SAFC Office within the OSIL Office on Wednesday and Friday.

   1. Audrey: How long is Budgets & Concepts?

      a. Jake: Three hours per night, probably. The room is booked from 7-10 Ham Smith 140

iv. CFO I: SAF.CFO1@unh.edu

v. CFO II: SAF.CFO2@unh.edu

vi. Historian: Hi everyone, as a reminder, I’m the Historian and I take minutes during meetings. Since my minutes are more like a transcript, watch what you say. Also, on a more personal note, Apple Harvest Day is next Saturday in Dover. If you don’t have much to do, it’s a good way to spend a Saturday.
vii. DPR: Chris is not here tonight. We try to get the word out about what Senate is doing and work with them on events. Check out Canvas for [meeting] times.

viii. Parliamentarian: Discussed the *Freedom Run*. This October they are having a 5k and we are making a team. If you are interested in running, please talk to me. As a reminder, if you want to make a comment, put one finger in the air and keep it up until Brennan sees you. If you want to ask a question or make an amendment, raise two fingers. Questions precede comments as well. If you agree with someone, use jazz fingers.

f. Student Body Vice President: Carley could not be here because of an ROTC obligation, please say hi if you are in the office. We just got a fish
   i. Jake: What is the name of the fish?
      1. Alexandra: We haven’t decided yet.

g. Student Body President: Absent

h. USSBR: I work with the Board of Trustees, if you have any questions, please come see me

i. Student Senate Speaker: Last week we approved procedures for First-Year elections. Please share the materials. We also have paper copies to put in resident halls

4. NEW BUSINESS
   a. XXXIX - 2.03 - Removal of Senators
      i. Read by Executive Officer, Sarah Scheinman
         1. Added to the list include
            a. Kai-Forcey Rodriquez
            b. Scott Razzetti
         2. Passed
         3. Jake: Since Kai has left, there is now a vacancy on SAFC, please reach out to me if you are interested

   b. XXXIX - 3.03 - Approval of Senators
      i. Read by Executive Officer
         1. Added include:
            a. Michael DaSilva (Stoke 2)
            b. Gordon Guilmette (Handler 2)
            c. Danique Montique (Upper Quad 3)
            d. Nelson Idahosa (Minis)
         2. Alex Hawke: All that are approved, please stay for a picture after the meeting
         3. Passed
c. XXXIX- 4.03- Approval of Judiciary Committee Members
   i. Read by Parliamentarian
   ii. Jesse: this is the committee that makes all your resolutions and amendments look amazing. It is important. We also help with appeals related to SAFC and the election.
   iii. Brennan: There is a difference between Judicial Affairs and Judiciary. The former is external, the latter is internal for Senate.
   iv. Jesse: We are meeting Tuesdays 5-6. Please make sure anything you send is in before then. Please cc Brennan because my email is acting up.
   v. No Action Taken

ci. XXXIX - 5.03 - Approval of Election Committee Members
   i. Read by the Speaker
   ii. Brennan: We are putting on the First-Year Elections. Right now, we must get the advertising out. Members who are looking to do PR, please join this so we can have a good turnout.
   iii. No Action Taken

ci. XXXIX – 6.03 – Approval of Public Relations Committee Members
   i. Read by Senate Speaker
   ii. Brennan: Public Relations Committee does the work to make sure Senate is engage with the constituents. I think we can all agree that Senate must do a better job with reaching out to people. We need to show people that what we are doing is for their benefit.
   iii. No Action Taken

ciii. XXXIX – 7.03 – Approval of Financial Affairs Committee Members
   i. Read by USSBR
   ii. Christian: The Financial Affairs Committee is tasked with reviewing University Budgets and to educate the Senate on approving mandatory fees. There are fees that go to the MUB, Dining, Housing, etc. It will be headed by the Senior Policy Advisor for Finance. They will discuss how the fees will increase, decrease, or stay the same. It also ties in with SAFC. The findings are later presented to the Board of Trustees. It is important that this process be successful.
      1. Ethan: Has a meeting time been set up?
         a. Christian: No, but we will set it up.
      2. Jake: This is an important committee. You can see how the budgets are allocated and get rationale from other departments.
      3. Ethan: Can Cabinet members join?
         a. Brennan: Nodded in the affirmative
      4. Evan: When will these meet?
         a. Christian: At least once or a week or once every other week for about an hour
5. Added to the bill include:
   a. Jose Calvo
   b. Jake Adams
   c. Emily Cochran
   d. Dennis Ruprecht
   e. Ethan McClanahan
   f. Omkar Waghe
   g. Elena Ryan
   h. Maxwell Gilpatrick
   i. Ian Kyle
   j. Tyler Anderson

6. Passes

   g. XXXIX – 8.03 – Approval of Senior Policy Advisor
      i. Read by the USSBR
      ii. Christian: A position last year was created, I was the first one to hold it. The USSBR will be chugging through a lot of work. They will review Board materials and I put out applications last weekend
      iii. Abigail Bronson added to bill
      iv. Christian: She is a Research Assistant for Professor Ingraham. She is very interested in University policy and ensure that students get what they need from this University
      v. Evan: What is her major and class standing?
         1. Christian: She is a Political Science Major and is a junior
      vi. Dennis: What was the process?
         1. Christian: I put out applications. I did not do a formal process. The application is still online. In the past, I was just choses without an application process.
      vii. Ethan: How many people applied for this position?
         1. Christian: 3-4
      viii. Ian: What distinguished Abbi from the other candidates?
         1. Christian: Her experience. She works in Business Affairs. She will bring a lot to the work that needs to be done this year. For the questions I asked, all her answers were perfect
      ix. Jake: [Due to] the intricacies for this position, I would argue that it is largely a gut feeling of who we think would thrive in this position. I applaud Christian for putting out an application
      x. Nelson: Were you familiar with any of the candidates?
         1. Christian: Yes, one or two of them
      xi. Evan: Were you familiar with Abigail?
         1. Christian: Yes
   xii. Passes
h. XXXIX – 9.03 – Approval of Senior Policy Advisor for Finance
   i. Read by USSBR
   ii. *Liam Sullivan amended to bill*
   iii. Christian: The application process was like the Senior Policy Advisor. There was a lot of turn over from this year and last year. Most people in the committee last year are no longer in senate or transferred. I wanted someone who is comfortable working with administrators and can bring everything back to Senate effectively.
   iv. Jake: I approve this decision. I held this position in the past. What you need is someone who has a good work ethic and someone who gets the finances of the University. Liam checks all those boxes.
   v. Elena: How many people applied?
   vi. **Passes**

5. **OTHER BUINNESS**
   a. XXXIX - 10.03 - Approval of SAFC At-Large Members
      i. Read by SAFC Chair
      ii. Added to bill include:
          1. Shannon O’Hara
      iii. Jake: Shannon applied last week. [At-Large Members] must be approved by Senate. They agreed with her org experience and general knowledge of SAFC.
      iv. **Passes**
   b. XXXIX – R1 – Disallowing Classes During Common Exam Blocks
      i. Brennan: This is in other business because of the earlier mentioned technical issues that Jesse had
      ii. Jesse: Remember that you can send this back to Judiciary as well as failing or approving it
      iii. Resolution read by Jake Adams
      iv. Brennan: this is the first resolution we have had, this is structured a bit differently. They are external to Senate. If this resolution passes, I become a lobbyer for Senate to see that this becomes a reality
      v. Jake: I have had individuals say they cannot get involved with SAFC due to having classes. I worked with Audrey on this as well and will bump this to her.
      vi. Audrey: As said, this deprives students of their right to have a block of time free of classes
      vii. Elena: Does the resolution say that that there are classes during common exam time?
          1. Jake: I feel that the resolution implies it.
      viii. Elena: Would the authors entertain an amendment to explicitly state that?
          1. Jake: Sure.
      ix. Line added:
          1. *Whereas professors often hold classes during Common Exam Time*
x. Elena: I would like to amend the whereas currently being worked on as:
   1. Whereas there are currently classes scheduled during Common Exam Time

   a. Accepted as Friendly Amendment

xi. Christian: What classes do you have during Common Exam Time?
   1. Audrey: I have Law and Society

xii. Dennis: What is Common Exam Time?
    1. Jake: It is a time where classes are normally not held so students can take an exam, if needed.

xiii. Christian: Why did this have to come up in other business?
    1. Jake: this was sent on September 20th, we wanted to get it done as soon as possible and to have this take effect before next semester
    2. Audrey: I was talking with someone about when they were going to release the schedule for next semester, it will be in October

xiv. Passes

6. ADJOURNMENT
   a. Meeting Adjourned at 7:09
**Student Senate Bill XXXIX – 2.03 Removal of Senators**  
**Introduced by:** Executive Officer, Sarah Scheinman  
**Date:** October 1st, 2017

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to remove the following individuals as Student Senators for the remainder of session XXXIX:

Kai Forcey Rodriguez  
Scott Razzetti

**Senate Action: Passed with one nay.**  
**Speaker Verification:**

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**Student Senate Bill XXXIX – 3.03 Approval of Senators**  
**Introduced by:** Executive Officer, Sarah Scheinman  
**Date:** October 1st, 2017

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to approve the following individuals as Student Senators for the remainder of session XXXIX:

Michael DaSilva (Stoke 2)  
Gordon Guiellette (Handler 2)  
Danique Montique (Upper Quad 3)  
Nelson Idahosa (Minis)

**Senate Action: Passed unanimously.**  
**Speaker Verification:**

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**Student Senate Bill XXXIX – 4.03 Approval of Judiciary Committee Members**  
**Introduced by:** Parliamentarian, Jesse Austin  
**Date:** October 1st, 2017

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to approve the following individuals as members of Judiciary Committee for the remainder of session XXXIX:

**Senate Action: No action.**  
**Speaker Verification:**
Student Senate Bill XXXIX – 5.03 Approval of Election Committee Members  
**Introduced by:** Speaker, Brennan Pouliot  
**Date:** October 1st, 2017

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to approve the following individuals as members of Election Committee for the remainder of session XXXIX:

**Senate Action:** No action.  
**Speaker Verification:**

Student Senate Bill XXXIX – 6.03 Approval of Public Relations Committee Members  
**Introduced by:** Director of Public Relations, Chris Percy  
**Date:** October 1st, 2017

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to approve the following individuals as members of Public Relations Committee for the remainder of session XXXIX:

**Senate Action:** No action.  
**Speaker Verification:**

Student Senate Bill XXXIX – 7.03 Approval of Financial Affairs Committee Members  
**Introduced by:** University System Student Board Representative, Christian Merheb  
**Date:** October 1st, 2017

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to approve the following individuals as members of the Financial Affairs Committee for the remainder of session XXXIX:

Jose Calvo  
Jake Adams  
Emily Cochran  
Dennis Ruprecht  
Ethan McClanahan  
Omkar Waghe  
Elena Ryan  
Maxwell Gilpatrick  
Ian Kyle  
Tyler Anderson

**Senate Action:** Passed unanimously.  
**Speaker Verification:**
Student Senate Bill XXXIX – 8.03 Approval of Senior Policy Advisor
Introduced by: University System Student Board Representative, Christian Merheb
Date: October 1st, 2017

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to approve the following individual as Senior Policy Advisor for the remainder of session XXXIX:

Abigail Bronson

Senate Action: Passed unanimously.
Speaker Verification:

Student Senate Bill XXXIX – 9.03 Approval of Senior Policy Advisor of Finance
Introduced by: University System Student Board Representative, Christian Merheb
Date: October 1st, 2017

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to approve the following individual as Senior Policy Advisor of Finance for the remainder of session XXXIX:

Liam Sullivan

Senate Action: Passed unanimously.
Speaker Verification:

Student Senate Bill XXXIX – 10.03 Approval of SAFC At-Large Members
Introduced By: Student Activity Fee Committee Chair Jake Adams
Date: October 1st, 2017

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to approve the following individuals as members of SAFC At-Large for the remainder of session XXXIX:

Shannon O'Hara

Senate Action: Passed unanimously.
Speaker Verification:
Whereas, the University of New Hampshire defines common exam time as “hours, which are reserved for convocations or common exams for multi-section courses” [1], and

Whereas, the Students’ Rights, Rules and Responsibilities states that “normally, classes and labs are not scheduled during these hours. The Registrar may allow some exceptions to this policy” [2], and

Whereas, there are classes currently scheduled during common exam time, and

Whereas, scheduling classes during common exam time deprives students of their right to have a block of time during the week that is free from classes, and

Whereas, students often use common exam time for extra-curricular activities when not engaged in examinations, and

Whereas, there are a finite number of options for any given course, with many courses being offered in only a single block of time, and

Whereas, the limited number of course options may force students to take a class which is scheduled during common exam time, therefore

Be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to urge the Registrar’s Office to disallow classes held during common exam time, and

Be it further resolved to urge that common exam blocks only be designated periods for professors to hold exams and make-up classes.


Senate Action: Passed unanimously.
Speaker Verification: