
ASG Student Senate Meeting Minutes

February 6th, 2024 | N-201 | 5:30-7

Next Meeting: February 13th, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

- i. **Rebecca Mbaka** calls the meeting to order at **5:39pm**.

II. ROLL CALL

- i. Speaker: **Rebecca Mbaka** (present)
- ii. Vice Speaker: **Stephanie Nehema** (present)
- iii. Clerk: **Sienna Jarrard** (present)
- iv. Arts and Humanities Senator: **Katrina Gunvaldson** (present)
- v. Business and Technology: **Zoe Mukaba** (present)
- vi. Health Science, Education, and Wellness Institute: **Cornelie Aloma** (present)
- vii. Social Science: **Adam Gong** (present)
- viii. Science: **Marita Bwalya** (present)
- ix. Housing: **Lucy Ju** (absent, excused)
- x. Athletics: **Kes Smith** (present)
- xi. Running Start: **Mumina Guled** (present)
- xii. International: **Graciella Nzowo** (present)
- xiii. At-Large: **Merveil Kalala** (absent, excused)
- xiv. At-Large: **Daniella Salima** (present)
- xv. At-Large: **Marie Lumiere Kawende** (present)
- xvi. At-Large: **Emmanuel Ngoie** (present)
- xvii. At-Large: **Vallon Bosango** (present)

III. INTRODUCTIONS

- i. Sean Behl- ASG President
- ii. Amy McCrory- ASG and Senate Advisor
- iii. Ndiyishimiye Priame- Associated Head Coach of the Bellevue College Women's Soccer Team

iv. Heidi Ngo- ASG Treasurer

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. **Daniella Salima** motions, **Emmanuel Ngoie** seconds, motion passes by (12-0-0)

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i. None

VI. OPEN FORUM

- i. There were no participants interested in participating in open forum.

VII. REPORTS

- i. Senate Speaker
a. Providing feedback for legislation pieces from the Senate mock meeting.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- i. SENATE RESOLUTION [SR-01-01](#): A Resolution to Address Deteriorating Pavement on Kelsey Creek Road by Student Housing
a. **Katrina Gunvaldson** and **Daniella Salima** present a resolution to address the pavement deteriorating, the damaged speedbump, and potholes in front of student housing on Kelsey Creek road as it serves as a risk to pedestrians and vehicles.
b. The resolution requests that the Office of Campus Operations address the issues and adequately fill the potholes and repair the speedbump.
c. **Marita Bwalya** motions to refer the resolution to the Board of Directors for review, **Emmanuel Ngoie** seconds, motion passes by (12-0-0)
- ii. SENATE RESOLUTION [SR-01-02](#): A Resolution to Address Cultural Food Diversity
a. **Vallon Bosango** and **Kes Smith** present a resolution to address cultural food diversity on campus and include increased access to healthy and diverse cultural food in the cafeteria.
b. The resolution requests that the Bellevue College Food Services conduct a survey for student feedback regarding cultural foods and then providing these options at a reasonable cost to patrons.
c. **Marita Bwalya** motions to refer the resolution to the Board of Directors for review, **Marie Lumiere Kawende** seconds, motion passes by (11-0-1)- (**Emmanuel Ngoie** abstains)
- iii. SENATE RESOLUTION [SR-01-03](#): A Resolution to Provide Sufficient In-Person or Hybrid Class Options for F-1 Students in Technology-related Fields.
a. **Zoe Mukaba** and **Graciella Nzowo** present a resolution to address insufficient in-person and hybrid class options for F-1 students, specifically in technology-related studies, as F-1 students are required to take a certain amount of in-person or hybrid classes.
b. The resolution requests that Bellevue College evaluate the existing classes offered and increase accessibility in enrolling in in-person or hybrid classes for international students in technology programs.

- c. **Marie Lumiere Kawende** motions to refer the resolution to the Board of Directors for review, **Marita Bwalya** seconds, motion passes by (12-0-0)

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- i. ASG 2024-2025 Hiring and Succession
 - a. **Zoe Mukaba, Daniella Salima, Graciella Nzowo, Marita Bwalya, Marie Lumiere Kawende, and Emmanuel Ngoie** plan to attend Bellevue College during the 2024-2025 academic school year.
 - b. Applications for the 2024-2025 Board of Directors, hired and elected positions, will open on February 26th and close on March 31st.
 - c. Applications for the 2024-2025 ASGBC Offices and 2024-2025 Student Senate will open on April 1st and close on May 3rd.
- ii. Outreach and Engagement with Constituents
 - a. The **Senators** have been engaging with their constituents through talking with club members, talking with friends, talking to other Senators, talking to classmates, and talking to alumni.
 - b. The **Senators** suggested surveying students, tabling in the C-Building, sending an email to faculty to inform their students of the Senate meetings, having flyers in specific buildings that indicate information about specific Senators (ex: Senator for Arts and Humanities information in the R-Building), and sending a campus-wide email about the Senate.
- iii. Focus Areas and Legislative Priorities
- iv. ASG Involvement Fair
 - a. The ASG Involvement Fair will be on February 27th and 28th, and March 5th and 6th in the C-Building Cafeteria. On February 27th and 28th, the event will be from 11am to 1pm. On March 5th and 6th, the event will be from 3pm to 5pm.
 - b. The event will focus on outreach for ASG (the Board of Directors and Senate) and informing students about the hiring process.
 - c. The event requires **Senators** to table and participate in a Q&A, so **Sienna Jarrard** is in search of volunteers.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The SESF Sustainability Fair will be on February 22nd from 11am to 4pm in the C-Building Cafeteria. **Stephanie Nehema** is in search of volunteers.
- b. The ASG Hearts & Crafts will be on February 14th from 1pm to 4pm in the C-Building Cafeteria. **Sienna Jarrard** is in search of volunteers.
- c. The Sewing and Textile Arts Club Craft Sale and Amigurumi Adoption Event will be on February 12th to 14th in the C-Building from 12pm to 2pm.
- d. The Black Student Union has several events during February including, Black History Month Kickoff on February 1st on Zoom from 11am to 12pm, Raising Black Businesses with Lewis Rudd, CEO Ezell's Famous Chicken on February 13th in N201 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Black History Month Artist Panel on February 15th in B207 from 12pm to 2pm, Umoja Village Space: Film Screening "Harriet" on February 20th in N201 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm, Belonging in the Workplace on February 21st on

Zoom from 1pm to 2:30pm, Leadership with Jeremy Barksdale and Girmay Zahilay on February 28th in N201 from 1:30 to 2:30pm, and Black History Month Closing Program on February 29th in N201 and on Zoom from 10am to 12pm.

- e. The Student Commencement Speaker applications are open now until March 5th and available on the Student Engagement website.

III. ADJOURNMENT

- i. **Daniella Salima** motions, **Marie Lumiere Kawende** seconds, **Rebecca Mbaka** adjourns the meeting at **6:51pm**.