
ASG Student Senate Meeting Minutes

March 5th, 2024 | N-201 | 5:30-7

Next Meeting: March 12th, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

- i. **Rebecca Mbaka** calls the meeting to order at **5:35pm**

II. ROLL CALL

- i. Speaker: **Rebecca Mbaka** (present)
- ii. Vice Speaker: **Stephanie Nehema** (absent, excused)
- iii. Clerk: **Sienna Jarrard** (present)
- iv. Arts and Humanities Senator: **Katrina Gunvaldson** (present)
- v. Business and Technology: **Zoe Mukaba** (absent, excused)
- 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, unexcused)
- x. Athletics: **Kes Smith** (present)
- xi. Running Start: **Mumina Guled** (present)
- xii. International: **Graciella Nzowo** (tardy, unexcused)
- xiii. At-Large: **Merveil Kalala** (present)
- 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. Julie Nguyen- ASG Secretary
- iv. Dan Nzowo

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. **Daniella Salima** motions, **Emmanuel Ngoie** seconds, motion passes by (11-0-0)

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i. **Marita Bwalya** motions, **Daniella Salima** seconds, motion passes by (11-0-0)

VI. OPEN FORUM

- i. **Sienna Jarrard** gave the Senate a recap on the open forum discussion with Ty Bergstrom during the March 1st Board of Directors meeting regarding food services.

VII. REPORTS

- i. Speaker
 - a. The Speaker has been communicating with **Mike Kaptik** regarding the passed legislation and it being sent to the appropriate people.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i. SENATE RESOLUTION SR-01-04: An Act to Extend the Main Cafeteria Open Hours
 - a. **Emmanuel Ngoie** and **Marie Lumiere Kawende** present a resolution to address the operating hours of the C-Building (Main) Cafeteria and extend them beyond 2pm.
 - b. The resolution requests that the Bellevue College Food Services adjust staff and resources to support extending the open hours until 4pm.
 - c. **Merveil Kalala** motions to table the resolution indefinitely, **Graciella Nzowo** seconds, motion passes by (11-0-1)
- ii. SENATE RESOLUTION SR-01-05: Affordable Cafeteria Buffet Initiative
 - a. **Emmanuel Ngoie** and **Merveil Kalala** present a resolution to address the cost of food in the C-Building Cafeteria and the student feedback that the cost was leading to food insecurity.
 - b. The resolution requests that the Bellevue College Food Services add a buffet option for students with a cost per plate options and seek input from the student body regarding food.
 - c. **Marie Lumiere Kawende** motions to table the resolution indefinitely, **Daniella Salima** seconds, motion passes by (12-0-0)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- i. SENATE RESOLUTION SR-01-06: A Suggestion for a Constant and Regular Technical Maintenance Check Throughout the Campus
 - a. **Marita Bwalya** and **Marie Lumiere Kawende** present a resolution to suggest a more frequent technical maintenance check of the computers and printers on campus.
 - b. The resolution requests that the Bellevue College Technology Service Desk implement regular maintenance checks and provide a system to easily report and track technical issues.
 - c. **Emmanuel Ngoie** motions to refer the resolution to the Board of Directors for review, **Daniella Salima** seconds, motion passes by (10-1-1)

- ii. SENATE RESOLUTION SR-01-07: Improving Food Safety and Awareness at the Benefits Hub
 - a. **Zoe Mukaba** and **Cornelie Aloma** present a resolution to improve food safety and awareness at the Benefits Hub.
 - b. The resolution requests that the Benefits Hub administration follow established food expiration guidelines, monitor food expiration in the pantry and remove expired items.
 - c. The resolution also requests that Bellevue College commit to providing robust support and resources to ensure timely restocking, increase food options, and support minimizing the occurrence of expired food items.
 - d. **Graciella Nzowo** motions to refer the resolution to the Board of Directors for review, **Daniella Salima** seconds, motion passes by (12-0-0)
- iii. SENATE RESOLUTION SR-01-08: A Resolution to Promote a Higher Balance for Students' Orca Cards
 - a. **Vallon Bosango** and **Kes Smith** present a resolution to promote a higher balance for student Orca cards.
 - b. The resolution requests that the Bellevue College transportation department allow students to purchase both an Orca Blue Card and Orca Silver card on a quarterly basis.
 - c. **Graciella Nzowo** motions to refer the resolution to the Board of Directors for review, **Daniella Salima** seconds, motion passes by (12-0-0)

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- i. Paper Usage for Senate Meetings
 - a. 9 Senate members have requested paper copies, the rest will use their computers to access meeting materials.
- ii. Board of Directors Concerns on Campus
 - a. Outdoor Lighting on Campus
 - b. U-Building Ballroom Cost for Student Usage
 - c. Student Access to 25Live & Team Dynamics
- iii. Reminder: Any Conflicts with a Spring Quarter Meeting Time of 5:30pm to 7pm on Tuesdays Must Be Communicated by March 12th.
- iv. Student Legal Services
 - a. Establishing a Student Legal Services to provide legal consultations and advice to students at Bellevue College.
 - b. Funding through a voluntary fee.
- v. Committee Applications
 - a. **Sienna Jarrard** is looking for one Senator and one Student-at-Large for the Electoral Committee.
- vi. S&A Application
 - a. The S&A application is open until March 13th at 5pm.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. **Sienna Jarrard** announces that the 2024-2025 Board of Directors application closes on March 31st.

- ii. **Rebecca Mbaka** announces that the 2024 Commencement Speaker application closes on March 5th.
- iii. **Daniella Salima** announces that the Pan African Women's Day Celebration is on March 7th.
 - a. There is a panel from 11:30 to 1 in D106.
 - b. There is a celebration event from 4 to 7 in the Cafeteria.
- iv. **Rebecca Mbaka** announces that there will be a Senate and Board of Directors Team Bonding with games and activities on March 15th around 3pm.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- i. **Daniella Salima** motions, **Marie Lumiere Kawende** seconds, **Rebecca Mbaka** adjourns the meeting at **7:09pm**.