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ASG Student Senate Meeting Minutes

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

Next Meeting: March 12th, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   1. **Rebecca Mbaka** calls the meeting to order at **5:35pm**
2. **ROLL CALL**
   1. Speaker: **Rebecca Mbaka** (present)
   2. Vice Speaker: **Stephanie Nehema** (absent, excused)
   3. Clerk: **Sienna Jarrard** (present)
   4. Arts and Humanities Senator: **Katrina Gunvaldson** (present)
   5. Business and Technology: **Zoe Mukaba** (absent, excused)
   6. Health Science, Education, and Wellness Institute: **Cornelie Aloma** (present)
   7. Social Science: **Adam Gong** (present)
   8. Science: **Marita Bwalya** (present)
   9. Housing: **Lucy Ju** (absent, unexcused)
   10. Athletics: **Kes Smith** (present)
   11. Running Start: **Mumina Guled** (present)
   12. International: **Graciella Nzowo** (tardy, unexcused)
   13. At-Large: **Merveil Kalala** (present)
   14. At-Large: **Daniella Salima** (present)
   15. At-Large: **Marie Lumiere Kawende** (present)
   16. At-Large: **Emmanuel Ngoie** (present)
   17. At-Large: **Vallon Bosango** (present)
3. **INTRODUCTIONS**
   1. Sean Behl-ASG President
   2. Amy McCrory- ASG and Senate Advisor
   3. Julie Nguyen- ASG Secretary
   4. Dan Nzowo
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   1. **Daniella Salima** motions, **Emmanuel Ngoie** seconds, motion passes by (11-0-0)
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   1. **Marita Bwalya** motions, **Daniella Salima** seconds, motion passes by (11-0-0)
6. **OPEN FORUM**
   1. **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.
7. **REPORTS**
   1. Speaker
      1. The Speaker has been communicating with **Mike Kaptik** regarding the passed legislation and it being sent to the appropriate people.
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   1. SENATE RESOLUTION SR-01-04: An Act to Extend the Main Cafeteria Open Hours
      1. **Emmanual Ngoie** and **Marie Lumiere Kawende** present a resolution to address the operating hours of the C-Building (Main) Cafeteria and extend them beyond 2pm.
      2. The resolution requests that the Bellevue College Food Services adjust staff and resources to support extending the open hours until 4pm.
      3. **Merveil Kalala** motions to table the resolution indefinitely, **Graciella Nzowo** seconds, motion passes by (11-0-1)
   2. SENATE RESOLUTION SR-01-05: Affordable Cafeteria Buffet Initiative
      1. **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.
      2. 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.
      3. **Marie Lumiere Kawende** motions to table the resolution indefinitely, **Daniella Salima** seconds, motion passes by (12-0-0)
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. SENATE RESOLUTION SR-01-06: A Suggestion for a Constant and Regular Technical Maintenance Check Throughout the Campus
      1. **Marita Bwalya** and **Marie Lumiere Kawende** present a resolution to suggest a more frequent technical maintenance check of the computers and printers on campus.
      2. 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.
      3. **Emmanuel Ngoie** motions to refer the resolution to the Board of Directors for review, **Daniella Salima** seconds, motion passes by (10-1-1)
   2. SENATE RESOLUTION SR-01-07: Improving Food Safety and Awareness at the Benefits Hub
      1. **Zoe Mukaba** and **Cornelie** **Aloma** present a resolution to improve food safety and awareness at the Benefits Hub.
      2. The resolution requests that the Benefits Hub administration follow established food expiration guidelines, monitor food expiration in the pantry and remove expired items.
      3. 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.
      4. **Graciella Nzowo** motions to refer the resolution to the Board of Directors for review, **Daniella Salima** seconds, motion passes by (12-0-0)
   3. SENATE RESOLUTION SR-01-08: A Resolution to Promote a Higher Balance for Students’ Orca Cards
      1. **Vallon Bosango** and **Kes Smith** present a resolution to promote a higher balance for student Orca cards.
      2. 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.
      3. **Graciella Nzowo** motions to refer the resolution to the Board of Directorsfor review, **Daniella Salima** seconds, motion passes by (12-0-0)
10. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
    1. Paper Usage for Senate Meetings
       1. 9 Senate members have requested paper copies, the rest will use their computers to access meeting materials.
    2. Board of Directors Concerns on Campus
       1. Outdoor Lighting on Campus
       2. U-Building Ballroom Cost for Student Usage
       3. Student Access to 25Live & Team Dynamics
    3. Reminder: Any Conflicts with a Spring Quarter Meeting Time of 5:30pm to 7pm on Tuesdays Must Be Communicated by March 12th.
    4. Student Legal Services
       1. Establishing a Student Legal Services to provide legal consultations and advice to students at Bellevue College.
       2. Funding through a voluntary fee.
    5. Committee Applications
       1. **Sienna Jarrard** is looking for one Senator and one Student-at-Large for the Electoral Committee.
    6. S&A Application
       1. The S&A application is open until March 13th at 5pm.
11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
    1. **Sienna Jarrard** announces that the 2024-2025 Board of Directors application closes on March 31st.
    2. **Rebecca Mbaka** announces that the 2024 Commencement Speaker application closes on March 5th.
    3. **Daniella Salima** announces that the Pan African Women’s Day Celebration is on March 7th.
       1. There is a panel from 11:30 to 1 in D106.
       2. There is a celebration event from 4 to 7 in the Cafeteria.
    4. **Rebecca Mbaka** announces that there will be a Senate and Board of Directors Team Bonding with games and activities on March 15th around 3pm.
12. **ADJOURNMENT**
    1. **Daniella Salima** motions, **Marie Lumiere Kawende** seconds, **Rebecca Mbaka** adjourns the meeting at **7:09pm**.