

## Student Assembly

3/19/2021 11:30 AM

Zoom Conference

### General Assembly Agenda

**I. Call to Order**

- A. Meeting was called to order by Tatianna Young at 11:49am

**II. Roll Call**

- A. Danielle Tierno, Tatianna Young, Sandy Stephens, Michael Gole, Curtis Daniel, Avaris Banks, Mary Macharia, Mike Woodward

**III. Approval of Agenda**

- A. Motion to approve 3/12 SA General Assembly Minutes and 3/19 SA General Assembly Agenda
1. Motion: Mike Woodward
  2. Second: Curtis Daniel
  3. Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
  4. Action: Motion carried

**IV. Ice Breaker**

- A. Never have I Ever....

**V. Executive Reports/Updates**

- President Update- CA
  - Tracking committee attendance on the new excel sheet
    - All the chairs of committees have been granted access to enter attendance at meetings
  - Your Voice Matters: April 22nd at 11am ?
    - Faculty 4/22 at same time
    - SG chairs recommended to tailor the event to focus a bit on issues brought forward from the outreach survey results last semester. Hoping it will spark more attendance
      - Last semester no one attended
    - Using a google survey for students who want to anonymously submit comments/complaints.
    - Motion to have Your Voice Matters event on 4/22/21 at 11am
      - Motion: Mike Woodward
      - Second: Curtis Daniel
      - Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
      - Action: Motion carried
  - Eboard meetings are held in a professional manner, but we are not a business! We are all students part of a student organization trying to make positive

changes on campus. Please do not feel intimidated or put down by the professional manner in which we meet. Burnout is real and is difficult, so please reach out if you need help. Trying to incorporate more uplifting type things into our meetings, such as the ice breakers at the beginning.

- Trustee Update-F&F and BOT
  - Updates to Student Assembly Handbook for committees
  - Met for policy committee for the first time - went well
  - A lot of updates that need to be done
    - Will be reaching out to committee chairs to rewrite descriptions for Student Assembly
      - This will happen over next week
- VP of Academic Affairs Update- CAI
  - Christina and Tatianna will be attending those meetings
- VP of Student Affairs Update
  - No one holding this position
- VP of Administrative Affairs Update- COI
  - From the previous week, Circle in is a resource students could use
    - It's an app to connect students together - they can talk to other students
    - Professors are using it, so it should be tied to Blackboard
    - Can share notes, flashcards, study sessions
    - Need SA members to join and then provide feedback on if you like it
  - The overpass bridge down by McDonalds on Front Street is being remodeled during the summer
    - Might need to use an alternate route
  - Gender neutral bathrooms
    - There are some in the Business and Science Buildings
      - The were single stall bathrooms that were changed into gender neutral
- Advisor Update
  - Middle States visit on the last week of month
    - There is a student forum
    - Danielle will send out the invite
    - March 30th from noon to 12:30
    - SA needs to be there as a voice for students
    - You can talk to the Middle States reps and ask questions
  - Reminder to complete office hours on the Google Spreadsheet

## VI. New Business:

### A. Student Assembly Initiatives

1. The Assembly picked three they wanted to do

2. Tatianna went through them to see what had been done
    - a) Have already done  $\frac{1}{3}$  of them
  3. Peer to peer calling, financial information, farmers market and food vouchers, scholarships, Student Assembly awareness, Senator seats, voter awareness, ILO for racial justice, pedestrian safety, OERS - these are either done or are being worked on
  4. There are smaller ones that can be taken on as well such as free speech (can do this easily with Carla), Madden Tournament (can collaborate with Athletics), Zoom closed captions (easy to bring up), citizenship awareness (can send out resources about that)
  5. Have done more than you think!
    - a) Considering everything have done a great job
  6. At next week's meeting will go over the ones not done and see what ones want to work on
- B. Mary to choose two committees to sit on
1. Food & Insecurity Committee Tuesday at 10 and Activity Committee Monday at 10
    - a) Invites will be sent to her
- C. Mike received a call from Doug Garnar
1. Homeless Awareness sleepout usually happens in the Spring
    - a) CHOW/Vines partnered with us for this event in the past, other organizations were there as well
    - b) Set up tents, people slept out
    - c) Donations raised for homeless awareness
    - d) Set up in front of the Old Science Building
    - e) People were there with food - sold meals and donated the money to the cause
  2. Can't be done in-person due to COVID
    - a) No guidance about activities/events
    - b) College is following guidelines of Broome County - mandates are coming from county
  3. Mike knows someone that is willing to do a speech/give presentation for that - Mike Vazquez
    - a) Does a talk on how he was homeless and was able to get out
    - b) He is willing to record a speech and send that in
    - c) Could do an interview for the Fulcrum and the Buzz
    - d) Try to get donations
    - e) Get CHOW, Vines, and STIK all involved
    - f) Talk about how covid has impacted the homeless community
  4. Everyone brainstorm and email Tatianna with ideas that you come up with
    - a) Can discuss during open forum next week
  5. Could meet on a weekend to start the planning process - this is an important event

- a) Assembly members are willing to meet to discuss/plan a virtual event
- b) Will bring this back up to the General Assembly next week and figure out time to meet on the weekend to discuss further

**Action Item:**

D. none

**VII. Ongoing Business**

A. Food & Insecurities Committee Update

1. Earth Fest is on April 24th. Cooking event at 5pm.
  - a) Waiting on Erin's team to produce flyers for the events to distribute to the students in dorms.
2. Still waiting on the Foundation's response regarding the farmer's market.

B. Outreach Committee Update

1. Continuing peer to peer calls
2. Need to sort through survey results and reach out to students who had specific issues/concerns.

C. Activity Committee Update

1. Disney Kahoot on 4/1 at 7pm.
  - a) Need motion and approval to host gift card giveaway for attendees.
  - b) Want to do a small gift card for a drawing for those who attend
  - c) \$25 Amazon Gift card - can be emailed
  - d) Motion for \$25 Amazon gift cards to be purchased for Spring 2021 events held by Student Assembly
    - (1) Motion: Mike Woodward
    - (2) Second: Curtis Daniel
    - (3) Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
    - (4) Action: Motion carried
2. Voter information/discussion event in the works, talking with Carla. Based on her availability, April 22nd at 3pm seems like the best option/time.
3. Fighting zoom fatigue event in the works, talking with the Counseling Center for potential collaboration.
  - a) Date and time to their discretion
4. Student Assembly: Become a Student Leader! event in the works. We need to really try to recruit more senators this semester so we can set up the Fall semester Student Assembly so they are ready to go.

D. Policy Committee Update

1. Fridays at 9:30-10:30am
2. Divided up a few things and will look them over at the next meeting
3. Committee Chairs expect to hear from them asking what their committees are about

**VIII. Old Business:**

- A. None

**IX. Announcements:**

- A. Welcome Mary!

**X. Open Forum:**

- A. Spring Break/Mini Breaks
  1. Not sure that mini breaks were effective as people can still travel and do their classes online - they may still be attending spring break
  2. Mini breaks are frustrating - professors are still having assignments due on those days or come out on those days - would be better to have nothing on those dates

**XI. Adjournment**

- A. Motion to adjourn
  1. Motion: Mike Woodward
  2. Second: Mary Macharia
  3. Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
  4. Action: Motion carried
- B. Meeting adjourned at 12:31pm