Office of the Speaker of The 18th University Student Senate

MINUTES

Ninth Meeting of the Eighteenth University Student Senate
Monday, October 8, 2018 | 5:15 PM | The Presidents’ Lounge

I. Call to Order
   Speaker Estes
   5:15 pm

II. Prayer
    Secretary Mullin

III. Invited Presenter
    Dr. Mark Reed, Ed. D. -
    University President

- 7 students from outside the Senate in attendance
- Same updates as given to faculty and staff
- new faculty this year
  - 25 full time
  - 64 adjunct
  - 3 new Jesuits (Jesuit representation declining elsewhere)
  - 94 new staff members total (31 since graduation)
  - welcome fresh perspectives
- academic excellence
  - New School of Health Studies and Education
    - new Dean search this year
    - academic start next year
  - formal beginning of support of the Barnes Foundation
    - historic and world renowned
    - a lot more to come in the future
    - a place for the arts
    - majority of the land open for anyone’s enjoyment
  - searching for new Provost
  - Institutional Examen
    - reflect on Mission for next 5 years
  - admissions - freshman class
- less people applied
- even number accepted
- greater proportion attended
- increase of students of color (diversity)
- increase of students who are Pell Grant eligible (economic diversity)
- increase in average test scores
- ‘Joe facts’:

- student experiences
  - Graduate Students
    - Strong programs with strong online present
    - overall enrollment has been declining
      - employment rate up
      - nationally, graduate enrollment is down
  - Climate Study
    - climate favorable compared to peer institutions
    - point of the study was to highlight areas that need work

- financial strength and resources
  - last year was a strong year as far as money coming into the institution
    - gifts = $11 > $66 million (one of which was the $50 million Maguire gift)
    - alumni giving rate went up 1%
    - income comes from tuition and gifts and support
  - University’s financial position is strong, has been 30-50 years since an operating deficit
    - surpluses always either:
      - spent
      - deposited into the endowment
    - 2009 - institutions pushed to not increase tuition to keep up with budget
      - SJU has made the effort to constrain itself with tuition increase
      - has forced the university to tighten their belt
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- put programs on hold
- enhance strong programs
- cut programs

- whenever an individual is impacted by a decision, administration struggles with it, but makes an impact to treat people fairly and justly

- national prominence

  - State of the Catholic Church - Grand Jury report out of Pennsylvania on sexual abuse on the part of clergy
    - Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities put out a statement concerning the issue (encouraged everyone to look at it)
    - caused reflection on what SJU can do to decrease and push against all forms of abusive behavior

  - New Campus Master Plan coming out in the next several weeks
    - want to 'integrate the campus experience' - no matter where you are, you know you are at SJU
    - goals:
      - new student center
      - new rec center
      - new science center
      - new residence centers
        - halls
        - lots
        - security
      - Pedestrian Safety
        - important not because of accidents, but because it happens every day
        - we cannot relocate city avenue, so we will be going over it or under it (likely under it)
          - two municipalities
two counties
state department of transportation
utilities
but it is coming

over next 18 months, safety measures coming to City Avenue

Questions

Taylor Stokes - Efforts and measures for students of color?
- Great question for admissions
- financial aid plays a huge role
- relationship building efforts with diverse high schools and high school guidance counselors
- being vocal about plan and mission
- looking at all kinds of diversity

Jason D’Antonio - juxtaposition of ‘strong financial position’ and what the students are seeing in their funding?
- move from adequate to strong in ratings
- one of the reasons the school has been rated as strong is because we are one of the universities that S&P looks at who is taking future-oriented action to be strong in the future
- world is shifting (less students attending universities), revenue going down, funding for students going down - looking at things that can be done a little bit differently
- goal is to limit the student experience as little as possible
  - little is not classified as student experience, but looking outward for areas to constrain
  - IT, administrative operations, printing
  - some are obvious, some need to be thought of in new ways
- President makes very few budget decisions, made more by Deans and Vice Presidents
Faculty and staff sometimes go off of ‘what they hear’, without the facts
we are not ‘poor’ as an institution, looking to finish with a positive operating surplus this year
contingency funds carried within the budget to cover holes in student experience

Michael Weiss - surplus, what goes into where it is put (endowment or spending)?
most institutions have a ‘general way of operating’
at SJU, there has not historically been transparency when it comes to this (years preceding Reed’s term)
Planning and Budgeting Committee makes recommendations to Dr. Reed, Dr. Reed then makes recommendation to the Board of Trustees
supports putting some in endowment, some into projects every year
endowment has grown from $200 million to $300 million in the past several years, there for perpetuity (we would need a $1 billion dollar endowment today to fund 45% of financial aid currently disbursed)

Michael Efstratou - unranking of RMI program?
meaningless…
will take the #1 ranking but,
US News has no quantitative rubric behind it (people with ballots think on their own and submit to US News)
we shouldn’t have promoted it as much as we did last year
rankings matter, but what is behind it matters more (retention rates, graduation rates, resources)
20% of that ranking is a ‘beauty contest’ - President, Provost, and Director of Enrollment asked to rank institutions every year

John Sharman - acceptance rate?
this year is 76% (10% points lower than 4 years ago)
looking to go lower, tastefully
Ivy League schools looking to no longer report on this (applauds them)
- impacted by diversity of academic programs, will be adjusted as the new school is added
  - Jill Bateman - your main priority? strategically?
    - depends on the constituency - haha
    - make sure that the best possible student experience is provided
      - first - great academic experience = 75% of the battle
      - all the other stuff experienced on a daily basis
      - finances = a means to an end, it matters what it is doing for the institution
  - has seen the special nature of this school, but also its challenges
  - biggest challenge - stuck in the past
  - Rachel Cox - how does supporting diverse student populations factor into the Master Plan? especially queer, trans, and students with disabilities?
    - SJU ahead of the curve on several of these issues (actions and conversations)
    - housing - first comes to mind, were designed ‘traditionally’
      - houses (many in drastic need of renovation)
      - residential halls
      - apartment
      - suite style
      - LaFarge and Sourin - gotta go
    - for physical disabilities -
      - looking to go under city avenue for them
    - learning disabilities -
      - numbers seem to be increasing of students with learning challenges
      - Deans have challenged faculty to be open to teaching differently
      - have to go to faculty armed with facts and research
  - open to more questions or to come back another time

IV. Roll Call

Speaker Estes
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V. Approval of the Minutes Speaker Estes
   A. October 1, 2018 - unanimous pass 32-0-0 6:18 pm

VI. New Business
   A. Constitutional Amendment Secretary Neece
      • I move to amend Bylaw II, Section 1, Subsection 1 of the USS Constitution by inserting
        “School of Health Studies and Education” between “Haub School of Business” and
        “Honors.” - moved and seconded
      • immediately tabled until 22 October meeting
   B. NYT Allocation Senator Ickes
      • continuation of initiative headed by Jason 3 years ago
      • great source of news outside of our internal newspaper
      • process
        ○ print - (35) delivered to campus, each one comes with a corresponding online pass
          ($2,415)
        ○ digital passes (75) - claimed daily ($956.00)
      • prints and passes mostly used
      • 8/27-18-12/11/18 - holidays and missed days would be refunded
      • fall total - $3,317.00
        ○ credit for around $800 will come in eventually, this may be an over allocation, but
          $3,317 is the most that will be needed
      • marketing will be revamped
        ○ additions
          ■ new location for prints
            ● Merion
            ● Mandeville
            ● delivered by Senators
        ○ tabling
        ○ promotional video
        ○ market to professors
surveys for readership

Questions:

- only 75 students have access daily?
  - we pay for 35, get 35 online passees, plus 75 additional online passees
  - Hanna - never been barred from access

- do people use them all?
  - on sunny days, yes
  - idea behind moving them (putting them indoors)
  - would like to expand or sustain, but looking to tighten our own belt
  - in the future looking for a cosponsor

- how is 75/35 arrived at?
  - plans in place
  - what has worked in the past

- is there a record of how many people from the University register for a subscription?
  - we will look into it
  - been pretty standard for four years

Pros:

- teachers are putting it out in class
- good marketing for Senate
- customer service is great
- like the idea of expansion

Cons:

- when students need it for class, they disappear
- should pay closer attention to readership this semester
- billing is ‘god awful’

Vote - unanimous pass - 32-0-0

C. Portrait Allocation

President D’Antonio

Luke = half the price of Dylan

Pros:
we already did it
they came out nice

- VOTE - unanimous pass - 32-0-0

D. Retreat Allocation

Vice President Bateman

- Sky Zone Quotes -
  - $19/jumper
  - 30 jumpers = $570.00
  - trampolines!

- 20 October
  - 1-4 pm - business
  - 2-6 pm - fun

- 1 hour session was the lowest we could go

- this would be instead of dinner (informal dinner after)

- last year - $1,079 dinner at Not Your Average Joe’s

- carpooling, school vans

- might be an over allocation depending on who is going to be there

- alternate idea -
  - cycling outside of retreat
  - service outside of retreat
  - allowing senate to vote on idea

- pros:
  - informal bonding
  - half the cost of last year
  - Dr Anderson will split the cost with student life

- cons:
  - no group discount offered, bothered by this
  - not fiscally responsible

- Amendment to adjust the allocation amount for allocation from $600 to $380 -
  - VOTE - pass 24-3-5
- opposition to moving to a vote
  - want to discuss further options
  - cannot table to next week (because retreat is before our next meeting)
  - can do a group me vote
  - many other student groups spend money like this
- VOTE - not carried 4-24-4
  - poll will go out tomorrow night
  - allocation post hoc

VII. Old Business

A. Voter Registration Drive Update
   Speaker Estes

- thanks
- bigger things to come!
- VOTE!
- T-Shirt Drive comes next

VIII. President’s Report
      President D’Antonio

- Jesuit Student Government Association meeting
  - collaboration, national response, cross-institutional support
  - Funded via AJCU ($4,000-5,000)
  - Constitution finalized last week
  - Winter Summit
  - Formal vote of support next week
    - people support it
    - present constitution in follow up

IX. Treasurer’s Report
    Treasurer Efstratian

- $19,000 remaining
- in the past, we would have about $1,500 on internal affairs

X. Executive Reports

A. VP Bateman

- stay tuned on retreat! will be 1-6pm on 20 October
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B. Director Bradley
   ● update on Comm Calendar (cool, color coded, and in the Drive!)
   ● website - photos will be up as soon as portraits are available
   ● community relations update coming soon from Julian

C. Secretary Neece
   ● those interested in new chair position reach out to Secretary Neece (looking for someone in the majors that fall under the school)
   ● Jackson Katz - Thursday 7-8 in Cardinal Foley

D. Secretary Jones
   ● Ideas and Issues doc in each chair folder with Drive - use it!
   ● Reach out about committees
     ○ public safety committee
     ○ dining committee

E. Secretary Mullin
   ● Climate Study Findings open forums tomorrow at 11, 2, 4
   ● Mission Week - February 17-24, 2019
     ○ committee meeting 10/24 at 12 pm in Wolfington
     ○ more to come in your inboxes

XI. Chair Reports  

   A. College of Arts & Sciences - Nick Esteves
      ● Future of CAS opportunities (Co-op, career fair, barnes)
      ● School of Health Studies and Education
        ○ new dean
        ○ future Senate Chair position
      ● Goals
        ○ Increase CAS presence at Career Fair
        ○ Help Dean Menon bring CAS and Haub together

   B. Haub School of Business - Sarah Waro
      ● Strategic Plan
● PRME Initiative -
  ○ principles for responsible management education - global sustainable development
  ○ undergraduate and graduate students using Data Analytics to further initiatives of PRME

● Goals:
  ○ Michael McFaul (Russian Ambassador under Obama) coming in December. tabling on that
  ○ Tabling on strategic plan of school
  ○ monthly meetings with Dean DiAngelo

C. Honors - Jillian Garvey
● Meeting last week with Dr. Joe Corabi
● Website - not up to date or user friendly, re-reached out to IT
● Honors Council - established last year
  ○ mentor/mentee program
  ○ surveys
  ○ comparisons

● Goals
  ○ improve communication and clarity
  ○ make meeting requirements less challenging
  ○ establishing a sense of committee

D. Library - Thomas Fisher
● Anne Krakow - Library Director
● 45-50 member staff (20-30 are student workers, many work one shift a week)
● Strategic plan being developed:
  ○ curate the library collection to meet needs of SJU
  ○ build personnel infrastructure to support library initiatives
  ○ provide students and faculty functional spaces to meet their needs
  ○ foster culture of collaboration
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- provide support services that encourage academic excellence and reflect the SJU mission

- Goals:
  - library chargers initiative (they exist) - need to be replenished, will get back on units

E. Bookstore - Jeff Maziarz

- Meeting with Jeremy Boni on Wednesday
- connection with Starbucks complete!
- new awnings changed (cosmetic/identity thing)
- goals:
  - find more ways to connect with students
  - launch more B&N programs, promoversity (custom gear, student organizations make their promotional stuff with them)

F. Career Development - Hannah Fitzpatrick

- Contact - Lisa Hansinger - career counselor at CDC
- how the career center works
  - handshake
  - improving student-CDC relations

- Career/Networking events
  - calendar available if you ask!
  - career fair - survey coming
  - shadowing opportunities

- possible presentation at an upcoming meeting

XII. **Advisory Advice**

- pro bonding, con stress

XIII. **Chaplain’s Chat**

- look out for each other
- think about meaningful service and reflection (if that is the option we take) - do service with another organization

XIV. **Open Forum**
XV. Adjudgment

- 7:29 pm

Follow up -
date of poll for retreat
constitution of JSGA

Next week -
vote on support of JSGA