



# Office of the Speaker of The 18<sup>th</sup> University Student Senate

## MINUTES

Thirteenth Meeting of the Eighteenth University Student Senate  
Monday, November 12, 2018 | 5:30 PM | The Presidents' Lounge

- I. **Call to Order** *Speaker Estes*
- II. **Roll Call** *Executive Assistant Gross*
- III. **Prayer** *Secretary Mullin*
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes** *Speaker Estes*
  - A. November 5, 2018
    - Minutes were approved unanimously.
- V. **Invited Presenter** *Karen Pellegrino - Vice President for Enrollment Management*
  - Enrollment picture over last 5 years:
    - Relatively consistent number of applicants the past 5 years 8500-900
    - Number of admitted students has changed
      - Continuing to improve academic quality
      - The plan is to slowly drop the acceptance rate
        - Rate dropped from 84.7% for class of 2018 to 76.3% by class 2022
    - The Yield (students who accept admittance and attend) is about 15-18%
      - Would like to bring this up
      - Students are applying to more and more schools
        - Many students now apply to 8-10 universities which makes increasing this rate hard
  - Goal is 1150 students per class
  - Seeing gradual growth in percentage of Students of Color (up to 20%)
  - 80-85% of students come from PA, NJ, NY, DE
    - Slight vulnerability
    - These are states where high school population is declining
    - Want to gradually branch out to other regions and diversify school community
  - Relatively consistent 45/55 male/female breakdown

- PELL Eligible
  - Students who are in greater financial need is around 11-14%
  - Helps diversify socioeconomic aspects of the school
- 15-18% are Legacy Students
- Not great amount of students from Jesuit high schools - around 60-70 students per class
  - Want to improve this
- Financial Aid
  - Average SJU financial award
    - Going up every year
  - 86% of students apply for financial aid
  - 96% of students get aid from university
    - Not strictly need based
    - Can include merit scholarships
  - Last year the school met 72.8% of the students need
  - Discount rate
    - Around 50%
    - Amount of money that goes back out to financial aid
      - Ex: At current rate, for every dollar the school brings in as tuition, the school spends \$0.50 on financial aid for other students
    - This rate has been increasing ever since 2008 and the economy took a hit - had to offer more merit aid
  - Would like to improve financial literacy for students with regards to loans and paying for college
- A lot of research that goes into who gets accepted
  - Student engagement in the enrollment process
    - Trips to campus
    - Opening Emails
- Primary reasoning for low international student rate
  - Not nationally ranked institution



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- Overall decline in international students nationwide
  - Stricter visa process
- Decline in number of high school students
  - Population is not growing in Northeast
  - Could be a vulnerability
    - So many students from such a small geographic area
    - Essentially saturated this area
      - Start branching out to New England, D.C. area, etc
- Improve financial literacy
  - Financial aid office working with outside firm to help do online education process on what loans, work study, etc do
  - Student literacy as well as parent literacy
    - Webinars for perspective parents with the director of financial aid
      - What they need to know about loan
- How to better market school
  - Location is outstanding
    - campus that is beautiful and close to major city
    - internship and opportunities
    - Half of campus is in Lower Merion - suburban
  - Specialized programs
    - Food marketing, Pharmaceutical marketing
  - Better sell on the Jesuit aspects of the school

### VI. **Old Business**

- The constitution has been amended to include the at-large seat for commuters

### VII. **New Business**

#### A. Library Charger Allocation

*Senator Fisher*

- Moved to allocate 335.00 dollars towards library supplies such as new chargers and a microwave to be available for student use in the library
- Chargers purchased would be:
  - 4 Type-C chargers
  - 4 iPhone lightning charger cables

- 2 Lenovo USB C 65 W Power Adapter
- 2 USB to Type-C adapters
- The microwave will be added to the library POD
- Motion was seconded
- There was a motion to vote. The motion was seconded
  - The allocation passed unanimously 30-0-0

VIII. **President's Report**

*President D'Antonio*

- Love your park was a great event - Thanks
- Bridge update
  - Will send out document with facts

IX. **Treasurer's Report**

*Treasurer Efstrotation*

- \$18,785 remaining in the budget

X. **Executive Reports**

A. Vice President

*Vice President Bateman*

- Flying back from Europe

B. Secretary of Academic Affairs

*Secretary Neece*

- Her chairs are reporting today

C. Secretary of Student Affairs

*Secretary Jones*

- McShain Bridge meeting
  - Coffee with a cop - how to make it more of an event

D. Secretary of Mission

*Secretary Mullin*

- Thanks for love your park event
- Post-grad service fair tomorrow at 11am

E. Director of Communications

*Director Bradley*

- Commuter Student At-Large application process is live
- Wear Senate gear on Thursday
- Feature Friday - what senators are up to on campus

XI. **Chair Reports**

*Academic Affairs*

A. CAS

*Senator Esteves*

- Potentially reestablishing CAS Advisory Committee

B. Haub

*Senator Waro*



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- Strategic plan has been released
- Meeting with dean on Friday
- C. Honors *Senator Garvey*
  - Website has been updated
  - Surveys sent out to honors freshmen
  - Updated honors requirements on Degreeworks
  - Possible recognition at graduation
- D. Library *Senator Fisher*
  - Chargers allocation
- E. Bookstore *Senator Maziarz*
  - Fixed pricing issues with some books
  - Lot of talk about textbook affordability
  - Bookstore scholarship - get a gift card to use on books
  - Senior Salute - everything for graduation
- F. CDC *Senator Fitzpatrick*
  - Developing way to reach out to CAS students
  - Expand shadowing possibilities
- G. SHSE *Senator Michel*
- XII. **Advisory Advice** *Cary Anderson, Ed. D.*
- XIII. **Chaplain's Chat** *Fr. Dan Joyce, S.J.*
- XIV. **Open Forum**
  - Whitney - MeToo at SJU reminder
  - Gabby - Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday with senior citizens
- XV. **Adjournment**