

# Associated Students Senate Meeting

Sunday, September 26, 2021

- A. Opening Business 5:00 PM
  - a. Call to Order at 5:00pm
  - b. Roll Call
    - i. All Present
  - c. Review of Agenda
    - i. Passed - motion by Senator Barbosa, second by Senator Patel
- B. Public Forum 5:05 PM
- C. Docket 5:15 PM
  - a. Presentation by Vice President Anthony Garrison-Engbrecht - *VP for Student Life Anthony Garrison-Engbrecht*
    - i. Motion to Suspend Robert's Rules of Order
      - 1. Passed - motion Senator Harris, second by Senator Patel
    - ii. Previously worked at UC Merced and UC Berkeley, originally from Kansas
    - iii. Goals
      - 1. Work closely with constituents (students, faculty, and staff) to learn the needs of the campus
      - 2. Look closely at the funding structure to ensure students are equipped
      - 3. Improve residence halls (starting with Mitty Hall and Justin Hall) and student experience (vending machines, food services)
      - 4. Look at alignment of services and resources, work with alumni to help students to make great memories while at Saint Mary's
    - iv. Recently I have been hearing from students that they feel concerned about Public Safety not properly checking students ID at the main entrance gate after 10pm. Do you see this as a problem? And if so, how can we ensure that this won't happen anymore?
      - 1. Campus safety and security is a priority, reduced update to SMART about meeting on a regular basis to improve safety on and off campus (includes Uber and Lyft)
      - 2. Integrate SMART with Resident Directors to ensure facilities on campus are safe and clean
      - 3. Plan to do a Campus Safety Walk within the next month
    - v. We used to have a public safety committee in which there was a AS representative sitting on, do you plan on implementing it again?

1. Plans to look into Committees further, and look into records of different committees that students have been on in the past so those can be brought back
  2. Large emphasis on student voices in decision making
- vi. What is the timeline for the proposed turf field? How is this being communicated with the club sports teams? Is there any support being offered to these teams in their struggles? I have heard that teams are struggling to find alternative fields ie. off campus and on campus as well as their being a huge impact on the budgets of these turf field sports teams.
1. Given the situation discussion has been opened about long term plan of field, this semester will be utilized for the Pavillions
  2. Immediate solution is to rent off campus facilities for student athletes to utilize, Saint Mary's will cover the cost so the cost is not passed on to the students
  3. Discussion around transportation to off campus practice fields, want students to not be burdened by this expense especially if students are public transit reliant
- vii. As you are new here, what is your current impression of Sodexo? What are you willing to do to help improve the student dining experience? Is there any inside space that is not currently being utilized in the central campus?
1. Living on campus and eating on campus, VP is affected by it too, extremely important conversation around times food is served and types of food being served
  2. Food Advisory Committee will be brought back, Business Office and Sodexo meet to discuss quality and service
  3. Food survey will be done shortly to get information about student expectations of food on campus
  4. Will be looking into the use of other vendors on campus, being able to use FlexDollars for food delivery
  5. Follow-up: How will change actually happen? Hold Sodexo accountable, and look for new vendors or change contract with Sodexo and the first step is setting up weekly committee meetings with Sodexo, there have been delays/issues with Sodexo because hiring is incredibly difficult right now
  6. Focus on sustainability and providing meal plans to students who cannot afford meal plans

- viii. Over the first few weeks, I have heard from multiple peers that they have gotten food poisoning from Oliver Hall, along with receiving cold food or uncooked meat. How can we effectively address this issue with Sodexo?
  - 1. Major concern, food poisoning must be reported to County and students need to report to the Health and Wellness Center
  - 2. Follow up this week with Senator H. Martinez
- ix. With COVID-19 Sodexo moved Late Night from inside Oliver Hall to Cafe Louis, will Late Night be moved back into Oliver Hall? Late Night is a social event for students living on campus.
  - 1. There is a plan to move Late Night back to Oliver Hall, it is a great place to foster community however the biggest issue is staffing Oliver Hall during that time
  - 2. The area outside of Cafe Louis has been utilized more recently by students, cafe lights are being installed this week to increase lighting in the area
- x. Are there plans in place for communicating active COVID cases (if there are any) that could possibly impact the health and wellness of students, as well as the academic aspect. I have heard from many students about positive cases affecting their classes with minimal warnings.
  - 1. The Provost and senior administrators are working on updating the dashboard
  - 2. Working on figuring out a systematic way of communicating positive cases with the students and affected groups, while removing all old information from the website
  - 3. According to the CDC if you are in close contact with a confirmed COVID case while masked, and are asymptomatic and vaccinated you are free to move around campus, however if you are symptomatic or unvaccinated report to the Health and Wellness Center
  - 4. Current protocols and old protocols are confused on campus, faculty is not completely in the loop so there is general confusion on campus regarding COVID protocols
- xi. Given the mental toll that the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic has taken on many students, how do you plan on expanding and making the Counseling and Psychological Services more equitable on campus? Additionally, do you have any ideas as to how to communicate with SMC Students about continuing care after the standard 8 sessions are over?

1. Learning more about trends on campus, working with the Health and Wellness Center to establish the long term care component
  2. Field is majorly understaffed, meeting with President during the week of October 8th to expand services long term and looking into possible partnerships with John Muir Health for referrals
  3. Immediately explore telehealth options, though there is an emergency line to set up an appointment it is not enough
  4. Long term plan is to bring in more practitioners and a more robust staffing structure in this field, in California there are 1 to 1,000 practitioners and this ratio needs to be reduced (done through grant writing and tapping into unused resources)
- xii. Question from Vice President Anthony Garrison-Engbrecht to students, What are your goals and priorities for the year?
1. Senator Patel - Long term priority is to make Saint Mary's College a sanctuary campus, emergency blue lights on campus are working
  2. Senator Barbosa - Communication from administration to the students is weak, students do not know how to find information possibility to utilize social media to keep students informed
  3. Senator H. Martinez - Spread awareness about Saint Mary's in general
- xiii. Question from Vice President Anthony Garrison-Engbrecht to students, What are things VP should know about campus?
1. Senator Patel - All of the opportunities to get involved, Saint Mary's offers so many unique opportunities and they need to be taken advantage of, give everything an honest effort
  2. Senator H. Martinez - Huge gap in socioeconomic status among students, include all minorities to build community
  3. President Rosasco - Understanding and supporting transfer students, work on Transfer Pathways
    - a. Transfer Forum at the end of October
  4. Senator Mack - During time at Saint Mary's, there have been many safety concerns and there needs to be more of an emphasis on safety
  5. Senator Patel - Social traditions, gap for transfer and graduate students
- xiv. Plan to put together meal with students to have conversations between all senior staff and student leaders, intention is to be more engaged with

- Board of Trustees to support student endeavors
- xv. Emphasis on transparency, accountability, and action, email [anthony@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:anthony@stmarys-ca.edu)
- xvi. Motion to reinstate Robert's Rules of Order
  1. Passed - motion Senator Patel, second by Senator Onedera
- b. Voting for Speaker of the Senate
  - i. Nomination of Senator Mack
    1. Passed - motion Senator Patel, second by Senator Kontonis

D. New Business 6:30 PM

E. Reports 6:45 PM

a. Committee Reports

- i. Finance Committee -VP for Finance
  1. Approved \$880 from Programming Fund this semester, from APASA, K-Pop Club, NAISA
  2. Next meeting is Wednesday, September 29th at 7pm
- ii. Institutional Affairs Board- VP for Admin
  1. Email from VP Pera
- iii. Student Organization Council- VP for Finance
  1. Approved three student organizations: Gaels Boxing Club, K-Pop Club, and Model Railroad Club
  2. Next meeting is Monday, September 27th at 10am
- iv. College Committee on Inclusive Excellence -AS President
  1. Met once, currently working to promote the Campus Climate Survey coming out on September 29th
  2. Next meeting is in October
- v. Bias Incident Response Team- TBD
  1. No report
- vi. Sustainability Committee- TBD
  1. No report
- vii. Food/Culinary Committee - TBD
  1. No report
- viii. Campus Facilities Planning Committee- TBD
  1. No report
- ix. Cummins Institute Committee- Senator Patel
  1. Met to discuss speakers coming in the Spring
- x. Governing Documents Committee- VP for Admin
  1. No report

- xi. Technology Planning Committee-TBD
    - 1. No report
  - xii. Senior Week Committee- Senator Patel
    - 1. Working to find five to seven seniors to plan Senior Week, many seniors have decided to graduate early
  - xiii. First Year Experience Committee-TBD
    - 1. No report
  - xiv. Student Rank and Tenure Committee- TBD
    - 1. No report
  - xv. Grade Appeals Committee- TBD
    - 1. No report
  - xvi. Additional Committee Reports
    - 1. Gender Equity Committee to be reinstated this year
  - b. Senior Class Chair – *Senator Patel*
    - i. Looking to fill vacancies of two Class Senators and Vice Chair
    - ii. Working on graduate students on student organization executive teams
  - c. Junior Class Chair – *Senator Onedera*
    - i. Set a weekly meeting time, Fridays 6pm - 8pm
    - ii. Looking to fill vacancies of Class Senator and Vice Chair
  - d. Sophomore Class Chair – *Senator Martinez*
    - i. Working on setting a meeting time for Class Senate, and brainstorm ideas for Meet and Greets this semester
    - ii. Working on resolution for On Campus Convenience Store
  - e. First Year Class Chair – *Senator Barbosa*
    - i. No report
  - f. Vice President for Finance – *Vice President Hogarty*
    - i. Working with Finance Committee
    - ii. Presenting at Student Org Orientation on October 9th
  - g. Vice President for Student Organizations – *Vacant*
  - h. Associated Students President – *President Rosasco*
    - i. Working on committee assignments, reminder to fill out the Google Form
  - i. Vice President for Administration – *Vice President Pera*
    - i. Love and appreciation to Senate Class
- F. Closing Business 7:15 PM
- a. General Announcements
  - b. Adjournment at 6:17pm
    - i. Passed - motion Senator Barbosa, second by Senator Patel

c. Next Meeting- Sunday October 11th @ 5:00PM in Claeys Lounge