

Student Government Association:

January Senate Minutes

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Senate | MINUTES

PM | LOCATION: Hearthstone

Meeting called by:	Maggie Bean	Attendance: Maggie Bean, Logan Rice, Sam
Type of Meeting:	Senate	Hodges, Caitlin Ludke, Dustin Yost, Hannah
Facilitator:	Maggie Bean	Welburn, Tyler, Erin, Michael Paul, Morandah,
Note Taker:	Caitlin Ludke	Kendall, Aaron, Haley, Jeff
Timekeeper:	Caitlin Ludke	

I. Call to order at 4:18 pm

II.

no additions, deletions, or changes to last meeting's minutes

Dustin makes a motion to approve; Erin seconds.

Approved: All

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

III.

A. _____

1. working on bylaws update, getting first round out this week and then having a more interactive situation - February 6th you will all be involved instead of senate meeting in hearthstone/fireside and students can chat with us about bylaws changes

IV.

A. _____

1. please fill out office hours by the end of this week

1. In discussions with Don he mentioned talking with Erin Ronis about creating bill of rights about classroom norms at Champlain
2. This could be up Senate's alley because they are the academic representation in SGA
3. Update from Michelle Miller: Petition going around for it to be mandatory that teachers post grades on Canvas
 - a) Does Senate want to be involved in those discussions? (Kind of ties into Bill of Rights ideas)
 - (1) Almost unanimous from student body - question is: is this something we want to pursue as a Senate and move forward with?
4. Bill of Rights is more of a conversation with constituents - but it's a broad conversation
 - a) How do we encompass different student beliefs and cater to the diverse student body?

- b) Get the ball rolling this year and hand it off to next year's senate?
- 5. Should they be together or separate?
 - a) Logan: it'll need to be a contract for professors (Canvas issue)
- 6. Bill of Rights is about expectations and Canvas is a Call to Action for professors
- 7. Dustin: split it up into different parts so we have a focus because it's our job to connect students to faculty/professors
- 8. Tyler: separate issues - grades can be fixed easier
- 9. Maggie will email Laurie Quinn and ask her about faculty training for Canvas, where they're at, and if they can start a discussion at an administrative level and that will lead to how will we get this done at our level?

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- 1. Due date was last day of final exams last semester but we only got 6 out of 43 forms on time - club heads had time to get the form in and got an electronic/hard copy of form
 - 2. Still don't have certain forms from big clubs but right now we have 27 forms
 - 3. INSTEAD: use negative reinforcement for clubs in some way
 - a) Take off 5% if you're past the due date from the start, which they can ask for more and go through a review in chronological order (who submitted it first)
 - b) Give more money to clubs who submitted it first - a race to get it in instead of a leisurely activity
 - 4. Thoughts/comments:
 - a) Dustin: first come first serve - fair either way because one the one hand everyone gets the same chance to get it in on time
 - 5. Ideally if clubs could budget a few semesters out they could submit more than one semester's worth of budgeting - but that's harder to do.
 - 6. Will take detailed notes of each club at Finance committee meetings so each club can have a detailed email/outline of reasoning as to why they didn't get money
 - 7. Maggie: Reviewing chronologically makes sense

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- 1. Tyler will be the senator on Finance Committee - stepping in for Bayley

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- 1. Diversity Update: I Am Not Your Negro film, \$284 for 92 students, students have until Monday to sign-up, would we be in support of funding tickets so students can go see the film on 1/26 (thursday)
 - 2. Grant submission suggested

B. _____

1. Logan: Fireside Chats will be happening
 - a) Idea that Don and Logan will be discussing our work in whatever form it comes - like an open forum
 - b) Panel style where we start off with some structured questions based on whatever topic, but we're hoping to have students ask question
 - c) If any of you are interested in coming up with structured questions feel free to let Logan know
2. Leadership Dinner - Champlain Room reserved - Saturday February 11 (6-8 or 5-8 - longer than window of time), catering will be determined within the week as well as the gift which we will be giving out to everyone who attends, this year we are considering something to allocate for hot beverages
 - a) Start forming committee now - at least 2 senators
 - (1) Jared Knepper, Hannah & Dustin & Michael-Paul & Morandah as backup
3. Elections TBA
4. Request from Morandah: after inauguration - can there be a safe space, Hearthstone chill out zone
5. Women's walk on Saturday in Montpelier - both vans are filled but if you want to go keep that open
 - a) 1 van with 4 more slots

VI. Any Questions? Comments? Other Ideas/Worries?

A. N/A

Meeting adjourned at

Senate | MINUTES

DATE: 1/23/2017 | TIME: 3:30PM | LOCATION: Hearthstone

Meeting called by: Maggie Bean
Type of Meeting: Senate
Facilitator: Maggie Bean
Note Taker: Caitlin Ludke
Timekeeper: Caitlin Ludke

Attendance: Maggie, Dustin, Tyler, Charlie, Michael-Paul, Jeff, David, Hannah, Caitlin, Logan, Erin, Morandah, Aaron, Chuck, Haley, Michelle, Sam

Proxy: Charlie for Kendall, Tyler for Bayley

Guests: Colton Or, Levi Rohr, Rachel Elmy

- I. **Call to order** at 3:31 pm
- II. **Approval of Minutes** from 1/16/2017

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Aaron makes a motion to approve; Dave seconds.

Approved: All

Opposed: --

Abstained: --

III. **Legislative Acts**

A. My Last Thirty Years Grant

- 1. Mid-semester first year wrote something for Jim Ellefson and he suggested this play comes to life - a play about facing your fears at the most basic level, not a published work and get people to contribute to it, unlimited creativity, wants to spark interest in playwriting.

2. **Discussion:**

- a) Recurring theme that the college has to call someone in to do something - why don't we have the equipment?
 - (1) Lighting designer brings the equipment but doesn't do the lighting
- b) Jeff - \$15,996 once we subtract diversity fund (\$2,000) so we have \$13,996 (unallocated) to work with.
- c) Can we check with the rental house and see if they have anything to say about the lighting?
- d) Possibly funding ONLY the lighting

Dustin motions to approve My Last Thirty Years Grant in full; Michael-Paul seconds.

Amendment: David motions to approve My Last Thirty Years Grant for just the lighting designer \$1,200. Aaron seconds.

Approve: All

Opposed: Charlie (Kendall), Erin Warner

Abstained:

My Last Thirty Years Grant has been approved for \$1,200.

B. Sundae Month Grant

1. Founder/owner of student run game-studio of Sundae Month, working with a variety of majors, over the past few years they've been making a bunch of games, recently been nominated for a few awards at a prestigious festival, specifically nominated for innovation award and best student game (first time any Champlain game has been nominated for this), want to send @ least 2 reps to San Francisco, 3 days to talk to people and show off what Champlain does, mostly breaks down to travel expenses & hotel
2. Potential connections by attending the event - approaching a lot of types of companies so one person can always man the booth but the others can go out and talk to people in addition to meeting other artists
3. **Discussion:**
 - a) Really cool - but they are bringing an alumni
 - b) Equivalent to Sundance
 - c) Bring it back to clubs - if they meet these people we're going to get discounts on bringing people here to speak
 - d) Really good for Champlain
 - e) Amend - one student who presents should travel, don't think the TA should go,

Dustin motions to approve Sundae Month Grant \$1550 ; David seconds.

Amendment: Erin motions to amend for travel (air fare) of one person; Michael-Paul seconds. (Total cost: \$950)

Approve: Dustin, Tyler, Michael-Paul, Hannah, Erin, David, Haley, Aaron, Morandah

Opposed: Kendall

Abstained: Bayley

Sundae Month Grant has been approved for \$950

C. GDC Conference Grant

1. Only about 400 people get in and they finally let me in, best place to make connections and meet professionals, a lot of Champlain students aren't able to go because of the cost, wants to build connections so other Champlain students can go
2. **Discussion:**
 - a) \$1160 (concern, super expensive for one student to go)
 - b) Could we cut food expenses?
 - c) If we cut the full food expense it'd be the same as Sundae Month Grant (\$950) but he is also staying longer than Sundae Month Grant attendees

Michael-Paul motions to approve GDC Conference Grant in full ; Dave seconds.

Amendment: Tyler motions to amend the grant to \$1,020 that is funding the flight in full, transportation, hostel (\$300), and \$70 for food; Dave seconds

Approve: Tyler, Aaron, Erin, Hannah, David, Morandah, Dustin, Michael-Paul, Haley

Opposed:

Abstained: Kendall

GDC Conference Grant has been approved for \$1,020

IV. Any Questions? Comments? Other Ideas/Worries?

Do not unplug our things. (i.e. technological things)

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 *pm*

Senate | MINUTES

DATE: 1/30 /2017 | TIME: 3:30PM | LOCATION: Hearthstone

Meeting called by:	Maggie Bean Senate	Attendance: Dustin, Aaron, Michael-Paul, David, Kendall, Morandah, Haley, Erin, Sam, Jeff, Logan, Caitlin, Maggie, Chuck
Type of Meeting:	Maggie Bean	
Facilitator:	Caitlin Ludke	
Note Taker:	Caitlin Ludke	Proxies: Erin for Michael-Paul (for second half), Tyler for Bayley, Kendall is Charlie
Timekeeper:		

Guests: Ted Laskaris, Jennifer Sweeney, Teagan, Jeremy Mackenzie, Zynab Makki

- I. **Call to order** at 3:30 pm
- II. **Approval of Minutes** from 1.23.2017

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Aaron makes a motion to approve; Michael-Paul seconds.

Approved: All
Opposed: --
Abstained: --

III. **Guest Speaker: Ted Laskaris**

- A. Chief information officer - 3 specific offers
- B. Once a semester our cohort does a get together to see how everyone is feeling around diversity/inclusion - reaching out to see how he can make this offer if any students/student groups that want to join - He is a Quaker - Quakers have informal structure - very open and safe place just to hear each other - looking for a mechanism and offer to see how he can get that on your activities calendar
 1. Once a month meeting Quaker meeting - safe space
- C. Second Ask - Have built a tech master plan that has been reviewed when Kirby was here -
 1. Want to know how he could hear from all students - opinions, desires, demands, etc. make recommendations to cabinet every year, but does not have healthy active current relationship with SGA, at the beginning of budget season for next year
 2. How could I hear from any and all students? What communication channels, emails, texts, maybe SGA wants to add structure
 3. Have a tech master plan for next 4 years, want to offer to walk any students through it, know what we're spending money on, what prioritization where we spend money, love to come to a group of one student or 1,000 students, anyone who is interested in seeing the plan - main thing: want to present to any students who want that
- D. Morandah will discuss with Ted after meeting
- E. In terms of technology master plan - Tyler: we could put something on the Facebook, maybe a Google Form that goes to email, maybe a kickoff event for an

ITS event, something we plan for the semester, we like the transparency that you're doing, just not getting information directly

- F. Work with ITS Senators and Jared (Communication) to come up with something
 - 1. Possibly including CCM Senators
- G. Complaints: mostly CCM/ITS students, main complaint: classrooms not being ready, things not working in labs, wild wild printing world upstairs at the barn
- H. Only other thing that is on our radar is getting a printer in Hearthstone - on one end because there's no printing in IDX and we want this to be a student-centric space, and we can maintain it and take care of it
 - 1. Student life faculty can take care of it, SGA members can take care of it
 - 2. Ted has talked to Don and Laurie so he will get more information

IV. **Guest Speaking on Grants**

A. Jeremy Mackenzie

- 1. Story of Mikey - Flickr at the screen writing stage won an award at LA, made connection with judge (Julie Pacino) and when we finished post-production on Flickr, it was forwarded to Julie, met with Julie and he pitched a feature (part of Capstone), last semester put together a pitch video and basically pulled a move → pitch to Sundance and found a side program then submitted the video through that - got a line of communication with Sundance programmers and took that and brought it back to Julie - collab on a shorter film project, and as a way of warming up to work together
- 2. Asking for \$2,400 to get the project started - budget itself exceeds what we're asking for, shooting past the semester, # of ways to raise money, but for now really trying to get it launched
- 3. Questions:
 - a) Squarespace - **do you know the breakdown?** - \$12-18/month hosting, put personal one it would break down to \$12/month but business one is more, think we can go with the personal one - Looking to host site for a year. **Have you looked at any other platforms?** Yes. Wouldn't want to go through kickstarter, wicks is \$15/month, wicks is a good option. Paying for hosting, CMS, & URL
 - b) Structure - **if you plan on actually distributing the movie, explain what you're doing with that** - where is it going? Julie's estimate was \$25,000 short film to shoot towards a feature, I reduced it, in terms of the short film itself, Sundance suggested that we apply through a feature film program for funding, basically you have to have 10 min. @ least to even apply for that, what I pitched to them wasn't a pitch film, the ultimate goal is a feature film but to have a stand alone short too that we can submit to there, unique opportunity to send directly to programmers, having their support puts it closer, goal is bigger project, goal for this year starting now to complete a stand alone film that isn't dependent on the ft. but segues into that project.
 - c)

V. **Legislative Acts**

A. Vagina Monologues Grant

- 1. Teagan and Marissa are doing a 2 night program of Vagina Monologues, pre-show night before about gender, \$120 - \$60 for Event Center, \$60 to feed cast on opening night about 11 performers, Marissa and I are going to

cook and bring it to campus - have MOrgan room booked, admission is by donation, 90% of donation is going to local PP and 10% is donated to VDay Spotlight campaign which is violence against women in workplace - anyone has the right to perform Vagina Monologues as long as they follow donation rules,

2. Discussion: How much did last year make? Not vagina monologues, but something similar - overall successful last year, one night run, "fucking packed man"

Tyler motions to approve for full; David seconds.

*Should come out of diversity fund** (\$2,000 that we set aside for diversity events - only used \$228.00)*

Approve: All

Opposed:

Abstained:

Vagina Monologues Grant has been approved for \$120.

More discussion: is \$60 for printing accurate? Kendall says yes, pretty accurate. ITS AWESOME

B. Sundae Month Grant

1. Discussion

- a) Point Clarification - we get a discount on this grant
- b) For Eric Winebrenner - James is funding himself UNLESS they submit a grant - the game he is representing is different (Dad Quest)
- c) Financial Review - \$12,700 left, not including diversity fund - what we are cutting from other grants vs. what we are cutting across the board, wagging tails documentary where we funded \$806 out of \$2,000 so I would encourage senate to think about - unfair to this student to not offer this amount, but at the same time if we're sending both of these students airfare and hotels is that something we would do for any student who requested it to go to a conference? Offer a comparison of DefCon for which those students who went to Las Vegas were only reimbursed \$240.00 out of grant fund
- d) Could cut uber/taxi if they are traveling together

Dustin motions to approve Sundae Month Grant; Aaron seconds.

Amendment: Kendall motions to take away \$100 for uber/taxi. Dustin seconds. Withdraw

Brings it down to \$800.

*Share transport resource***

Assist US with a hotel split the hotel cost and get 2 beds in a hotel room,*

Amendment 2: Aaron motions to take off \$300 from this grant and just pay for flight. Dustin Seconds. Withdraw

Discussion: maybe cutting all hotel funds is cutting it too close. What do we think about this? Worried rocking the boat too much - we don't have a good relationship with CCM, trying to repair that, they're not trying to dupe us, have 2 separate games in this giant festival and we should help out eric just as much as we help out matt. What kendall said - Erin - share the hotel camp (Aaron's

amendment) - how long are they actually staying? Haley - might be strange to say that they are sharing the money that might have been for one person, cut transport cost but questioning hotel - Dustin - looks like it's the full thing - Dave - is it possible to table this and talk to Eric or them and talk about the possibilities? Right now we're assuming things - we don't have a Senate meeting next Monday so can we do an email vote, I wouldn't say that is a simple question because everyone has a different opinion.

Aaron - Knowing how long the festival is I'd be more inclined to give money for hotel room

Could we approve for plane ticket and talk about the rest?

Third Amendment:

Aaron motions to approve plane ticket and table the hotel; Dave seconds

Approve: Everyone else

Opposed:

Abstained: Charlie, Michael-Paul, Bayley

Sundae Month Grant has been approved for \$600.

C. The Story of Mikey

1. Discussion:

- a) Wanted to see if he would answer as to what extent the possibility that this gets monetized (very low) but at the same time we are contributing 10% of the budget to this project, if it becomes a feature we have no right to any of this intellectual property that we have helped fund and create, as the film grants get bigger the extent to which this becomes possibly a very big thing, how is it going to come back to Champlain?
- b) Theoretically we could put our name as a credit in the beginning -
SIDE NOTE: Something we want to think about for the future
 - (1) Could make this an official rule, reason we are getting more elaborate requests is the fact that the successful films have been supplied with financial help from SGA and they want that help, we make the films here better.
- c) How is the college being represented? Bigger questions for Marketing
- d) CCM division is under-represented by Marketing, if it's a film they don't agree with they don't want Champlain College productions to be the first thing they see
- e) Having the brand of the college and our name on it as well - representing the good product that students are putting out there, but if we are going to put the college's logo or our logo on it there needs to be a high level discussion of this going forward

Aaron motions to approve The Story of Mikey in full; Dave seconds.

Dustin: can you provide context if we have drives - don't support the idea of funding for students to get their own drives, they will have in their possession most of the time; Dave: drives are a disposable thing, everything will live in this drive and his argument is that it is basically the canvas and he can't financially provide it for himself so he needs help;

Kendall: Would we get the drive back in the condition we would want to pass them

onto students, technically he should already have them in his possession, we have a smaller budget; Dustin: can we cut thermaltake - supported; Dave: website is needed;

Amendment:

Aaron motions to cut the thermaltake hard drive encasements to bring it down to \$2300. Dave seconds

Discussion: one student requesting it but it's kind of a larger project compared to Sundae month - first time ever - does anyone disagree: Kendall agrees it's a lot to spend, Jeff: ChampFunder, opportunity to approach office of advancement as well (interested donor?), we need to get alumni engagement

We don't have to do an item by item thing - they can choose what to do with the sum of money.

Approve: Everyone else

Opposed:

Abstained: Michael-Paul, Charlie, Bayley

Flickr Film Grant has been approved for \$2,300.

D. eSports Grant

1. Subscription to ESEA, improve practice efficiency time, with the better quality they can do better for the school as far as eSports team, growing teams to be as successful as this one team
2. Stream equipment: working to get every team streamed only League of Legends is streamed, generally each team has a game/week and having the new equipment makes it more streamlined & getting it to work better with what we already have, right now it's being put on by someone's personal computer, easier if we have our own equipment, headsets, live shoutcasters that basically describe what's going on
3. Discussion:
 - a) Why is this not going in the budget? Because in the past we've asked for costs in the budget for competitive teams, but because we make a distinction and teams they can't be mixed because the teams are exclusive
 - b) Headsets are going to be kept in club for future use, capture cards: using them with machines built earlier

Dustin motions to approve for full; Tyler seconds.

Discussion:

Dustin: something we should fund, Logan seconds

Aaron: thought on equipment, subscription being for comp team, not allowed under club funding, but is there a reason capture card and headsets can't come from budget

Maggie: going to competitive team,

Jeff: we purchase one off items for clubs but it has to do with the fact that this is for a specific team

Tyler: if this is coming out of grant fund it comes out of student activities fee is this something we should be funding? Subscription is the insurance,

Maggie: thinking about it a bit too much in club budget realm and we funded people for individual conferences

Entire club can use it, but it's for the comp. Team
Subscription is for a couple months and equipment is going towards club for computers, subscriptions is for specific people, clubs cannot be restrictive or exclusive it should go through the grant

Charlie says that the money for subscription makes sense but he doesn't see why they need better equipment if they don't have many viewers, suggested number of \$140 for just subscriptions

How many people at a time they can stream

Dustin: what if we funded subscription, ok funding headsets, but remove capture card so until their numbers get up we take that one away - total \$270.

Aaron: if they make do with what they have and their numbers go up with their club budget for next semester the competitive team happens to also use it.

Amendment:

Dustin motions to amend the esports grant to \$270 for subscription and headsets;

Aaron seconds.

Discussion:

Approve: Everyone else

Opposed:

Abstained: charlie

eSports has been approved for \$270.

VI. Guest Speaker: Jennifer Sweeney

- A. President and Provost- draft a community based freedom of expression statement for the college
- B. Have something that is community driven that can be put in the student/faculty handbook - want it to reflect what we at Champlain believe in
- C. Not looking to create a policy, a statement saying (ex) at Champlain College we value respect and the challenge of diverse opinions in order to educate and learn from ourselves...etc.
 1. Kind of like a mission statement connected to free speech
- D. Process:
 1. Starting with values - want people to read through a list or write their own values and prioritize - collecting data on what community values are
 2. Putting values into action/practice - using case studies related to freedom of expression how are our values reflected in action/practice
 3. A small group of people will take all the information and do a preliminary draft and go back to community for edits
- E. Feedback: how to reach out to student body
 1. How are you collecting values: 3 value session and 3 values/practice sessions, open to faculty, staff, students, doing specialty sessions in a classroom, reached out to ODI, RA/PA/DA/Women's & Gender Center, would club leaders, or do a special SGA session

2. SGA session sounds good, specifically we have a list of more diverse clubs where their focus is D&I and we have a whole other list of clubs, good way to get a bunch of people involved
3. Sam: you could tap into different clubs, usually the ones that are most likely to do something are ones that are already involved, trying to get into athletic clubs, etc. might be a bit tougher, can send out an email to them and explain what we are doing and we want student opinion, contacting clubs is a good way to do it, getting clubs in Hearthstone and having them come to discuss = everyone wins
4. Go to a club and talk about it rather than just contacting club heads
5. Jen will draft an email and we can send it out - will include open sessions
6. How long are the sessions? 1.5 hours, but ideally an hour for a value session - FREE FOOD
7. Created a google site and there is a way to participate virtually if you can't be there physically - anyone can go in (faculty, staff, students)

VII. Any Questions? Comments? Other Ideas/Worries?

A. Bill - Finance Assistant

1. Jeff would like to have Logan Smith assist him in the semester, she would get half of the originally proposed amount
2. Help with different activities, introduce her to people at the college she will need to work with
3. Any questions, ask Jeff
4. Jeff wants to mentor Logan
5. Finance Assistant - \$500/semester, pro-rated
6. Aaron motions to approve Logan appointment as Assistant Director to Finance; Dave seconds

Approve: all

Opposed:

Abstained:

Logan Smith is the official finance assistant.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm