

**MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE YORK COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2023**

**9:15-11:06 P.M.**

 **HELD ON ZOOM**

1. **Meeting was called to order at 9:25 PM by Mr. Rayon (Ryan) Chan**
2. **Adjourned at 11:06 PM.**
3. **Attendance**

Rayon (Ryan) Chan, Kenzai Sinclair, Anaya Greene, Sweta Ambati, Tatiana A Mclaren, Payoshni A Ramdeen, Akkeem Polack, Nelsy Moody Pierre, Aurelie Toumba, Abubakar Khamis, Joah S Joseph, Gurpreet Singh, Razzaine Williams, Peter Awoseso, Aarionna McGlashing, Jephane Toussaint, Kendell Hatcher, Kishema Persaud, Chinonyeuim (Ella) Obodo,

Johanane Joseph, Kerryann VanVelzen, Zainab Kargbo, Trivani Bharat, and Ellen Yegoryan.

**Absent**: Honor Felipe Gray Marcellus

**Guest**: Mrs. B Skinner

**QUORUM**

**We need a quorum of 18 to conduct an official meeting.**

**AGENDA OF THE MEETING**

* Welcoming new senators
* Electing the senators to the Eboard positions that are available
* Treasurer
* Executive Director
* Communication Council President
* Clubs that need to be chartered
* Institute of Management Accountants
* Impeachment Senator Muhammad Mboob
* Availability for the meeting with President Eanes on Thursday
* Questions for VP Williams, LNVP, and Provost
* Halloween Party Dates
* Advisor’s words

**First motion: Akkeem Polack moved that we proceed with all items on tonight's agenda for discussion and vote. The motion was seconded by Gurpreet.**

**Second motion: Gurpreet moved that we approve the agenda with the additions; Halloween party dates and Advisor’s words. The motion was seconded by Andrea. All those in favor, unanimous.**

**WELCOMING NEW SENATORS**

**President Chan:** “Welcome to all our new senators on board. Thank you all so much for making the sacrifice and the commitment to join the Student Government Association and become student leaders, setting an example for all the students here on campus. As Mrs. Skinner has mentioned in her emails, and as I have as well, it requires work, time, sacrifice, and dedication. I am delighted that each of you has decided to take on this role as senator and be a part of the SGA. I trust you have taken note of the different meeting dates we've shared with you and marked your calendars for those days.”

**ELECTING NEW MEMBERS TO THE E-BOARD MEETING**

* **Treasurer**
* Chinonyeuim (Ella) Obodo nominated herself
* Trivani Bharat nominated herself
* President Chan nominated Kerryann VanVelzen, but she declined
* **Executive Director**
* Aarionna McGlashing nominated herself
* Zainab Kargbo nominated herself
* Gurpreet Sigh nominated himself
* Trivani Bharat nominated Kishema Persaud
* **Communication Council President**
* Kerryann VanVelzen nominated herself
* Kishema Persaud nominated herself

**All the candidates have delivered their speeches, and we privately submitted our votes to Mrs. Skinner in the Zoom chat.**

**CLUBS THAT NEED TO BE CHARTED**

* The name of the club is “Institute of Management Accountants.”
* The purpose of the organization is to promote the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) Certification among accounting and business majors and for our students to participate in networking events hosted and sponsored by the IMA Long Island Parent Chapter.
* SGA charter clubs on the campus, and each club presents its application to us.
* A minor concern regarding their application is that both IMA and NABA have a membership roster with nine members in common. Given the constraints of their meeting schedule, it raises questions about how they plan to hold independent events, and meetings, and ensure they have a quorum. A mandatory requirement is that there should be at least ten members for their meetings to run and count. If nine members are in common between both clubs, there will always be one club that doesn't meet the quorum requirement at any given time.
* President Ryan has recommended postponing the chartering of their application for now. They should be invited to present to us, providing explanations on how they intend to function with the nine common members.
* Sweta moved to discuss whether or not we should charter this club at our next full board meeting. The motion was seconded by Aurelie Toumba.
* All those in favor of the club presenting at our next full board meeting, with a majority vote of 23 to 1 opposing

**IMPEACHMENT**

* Impeachment of Senator Muhammad Mboob
* Senator Muhammad Mboob has been absent from our meetings on more than two occasions, failing to attend as scheduled. President Ryan personally communicated with him, providing the meeting dates and times, and issued a warning that he must attend the meeting, but he still failed to do so.
* Gurpreet moved to set aside the rules in order to impeach Senator Muhammad Mboob. The motion was seconded by Trivani Bharat.
* All those in favor; the majority of 18, with 2 opposing.
* Gurpreet moved to impeach Senator Mohammed, seconded by Tivani Bharat.
* All those in favor to impeach Senator Mo; the majority of 18, with 3 abstaining.
* Diana Trotman will be appointed as a senator.

**AVAILABILITY FOR THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT EARNES**

* Meeting with President Earnes on Thursday in her conference room.
* Payoshni A. Ramdeen moved that we submit a new poll in the SGA group chat to determine the proposed date for our meeting with the president. This motion was seconded by Gurpreet and Sweta.
* All those in favor; majority.

**QUESTIONS FOR VP WILLIAMS, LNVP, AND PROVOST**

* They would love to meet with the SGA to have a discussion with us, as well as to talk about the relocation of the SGA office.
* We need to work on formulating questions and preparing ourselves so that when they come to meet with us, we will be ready.
* The meeting date is October 30th, 4:30-6:30 PM.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY DATES**

* The Halloween party was initially scheduled for next Thursday, October 26th, from 7 PM to 11:30 PM. However, due to a conflict with the HIP-HOP event, it needs to be rescheduled.
* President Ryan proposed postponing it to November 2nd.
* Sweta proposed that we should not reschedule it to November 2nd because the Halloween season would be over by then, and most students would prefer it to be closer to the Halloween date. Additionally, Queens College is hosting a party on that day, so it might clash with our event.
* Razzaine proposed that we consider holding it on October 25th.
* Gurpreet suggested that we host the party during club hours (12-2 p.m.) on Halloween day.
* Gurpreet moved that we vote for the date of the Halloween party in the chat after adding the new senators. It was seconded by Sweta.
* All those in favor, with a majority vote.

**ADVISOR’S WORDS**

* Mrs. Skinner will be sending out personal ballots for voting on the available E-board members.
* The vote cannot be finalized due to some irregularities. In a few instances, we observed illegal votes, with people either voting twice or selecting two candidates instead of one. Additionally, with senators joining and leaving, the vote tally has been in flux.

**Mrs. Skinner**: “Congratulations and welcome to all of our new senators! We are absolutely ecstatic that you are here. It is a wonderful thing.”

**NEW E-BOARD MEMBERS**

* **Treasurer**
* Chinonyeuim (Ella) Obodo
* **Executive Director**
* Aarionna McGlashing
* **Communication Council President**
* Kerryann VanVelzen

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Arionna moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 p.m. and it was seconded by Payoshni.**

**Minutes prepared by Joah Joseph.**