



Minutes

Student Center Governing Board Meeting 2025-2026

Tuesday, December 9th, 2025

6:00 PM - Reading Room

Voting Members in Attendance - Michael Mesa (Proxy for Sherey Tan), Bryan Viveros, Emmaly Gutierrez, Ijeoma Okoronkwo, Noah Pulakos, Emmaly Gutierrez, Mohamed Doucoure, Adrian Wu, Patrick Paszkowski

Non-Voting Members in Attendance – Adam Burgman, Zainab Akanni, Schuyler Hooke, Prishany Skinner, Floralba Duka, Jackson Deysine, Joseph Lyu

Voting Members Absent – Sherey Tan

Minutes:

I. Call to order

A. Michael Mesa called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM with quorum being present.

II. Club Budget Requests

A. Jackson Deysine and Floralba Duka (representatives of volleyball club) reported the Volleyball club now has 30+ student attendance weekly and they are requesting an increase in budget for the following:

- Spring Charity Tournament with Catering
- 2 Day intramural tournaments/playoffs with Catering
- Weekly/Biweekly Game Session Snacks for participants
 - ⌘ Discussion was made, \$400 funding seems more appropriate at this time especially given snacks are not allowed to be eaten on the courts
 - ⌘ Bryan will email club and give updates, they will be informed they can request more money in the future if needed

III. Old Business

A. Past Events

- Thanksgiving Dinner – 11/19
 - ⌘ Sold out, better ticket sales than last year

- ☒ Incentives to bring in pantry good donations was very successful
 - (1) for every item listed = 1 raffle ticket OR 2\$= ticket
- ☐ Stress Relief Week 12/1 - 12/4
 - ☒ World AIDS Day movie, co-sponsored with PRIDE - 12/1
 - (1) great turnout, good discussion, good movie, good food
 - ☒ Yoga – 12/2 5:30 PM
 - (1) No participants likely due to weather implications and other campus wide events
 - ☒ Coffee House – 12/3 5:00 to 7:00 PM
 - (1) Successful, many attendees
 - ☒ Gingerbread House Decorating – 12/4 5:00 to 7:00 PM
 - (1) Good turnout, only have 2 kits left
 - ☒ 305 fitness classes were canceled due to low interest

IV. New Business

A. Upcoming Events:

- ☐ January Events: Chess Tournament (Date TBD)
 - ☒ Want to coordinate with Chess Club as well- Zee has already reached out and is awaiting response
- ☐ Craft Night 1/14

B. Dinner Cruise

- ☐ Received the contract
 - ☒ 3 changes, working with legal
 - ☒ (First annual) Downstate Sails into Spring
 - ☒ Create “Save the Date” Flyer along with Biweekly Teaser Flyers
 - (1) Ijeoma will be doing this
- ☐ January 20th is the anticipated ticket sale start date
- ☐ Tickets \$60 for students, guest \$110
 - ☒ Target goal is 290 people; Reach goal is 390 people

C. Spring Event – create a big event like Block Party (but not Block party)

- ☐ Below are the top 3 events for the Spring in descending order:

- ☒ Outdoor movie night (movie that comes out in March)
- ☒ Spring Fair/Carnival
- ☒ Cookout/BBQ
- If carnival is the final choice must be decided by Monday 12/15/25; if not deadline for event decision is January 26'
- Do we want to incorporate Drag Queen event into this event? Have a bigger company that can make this into a bigger event

D. Constitution & Budget Policies

- MC, SCGB, UC will be creating a single budget policy to for all organizations
 - ☒ First draft done, sent to each councils' presidents to be reviewed and will be voted on by E-boards
- Constitution revision committee (3)
 - ☒ Michael, Ijeoma, Syamantak
 - (1) Meeting last week, currently updating will have draft by January
 - (2) Should be done by March 2026

E. Travel and Tours

- Travel and Tours
 - ☒ Rangers – 1/12/26
 - (1) Extremely successful, ticket sales started at 5:30 sold out by 5:31. Underestimated student interest.
 - (2) 16 tickets \$107 each, includes \$15 food voucher
 - (3) Selling tickets for 60\$ each for students and 110\$ for guests
 - (4) Sold out, looking to find additional tickets at same cost to sell for \$80/ticket
 - ☒ Nets vs. Bulls – 2/9/26
 - (1) On sale January 20th
 - ☒ March (1st week) and April Travel and Tourism Events
 - (1) Broadway Stranger Things in March

(2) Candlelight Event in April

F. Weight room updates

- Mohamed and Adrian continue to work on a list of new additions/replacements of old machines.
 - ⌘ Meeting with Adam in Jan to prioritize items, in Feb will discuss as a council
 - ⌘ Students request Hip Thrust machine, 2-plane smith machines, laying down hamstring curl machine or updated seated hamstring curl machine, assisted pull-up machine.
- 1 treadmill is broken, will be replaced because it will cost over \$1500 to repair and is the oldest one

G. Moved piano to recovery room

- Drew more attention to this room
- Music club will be using it every Tuesday for Jam sessions

V. Advisor Updates

A. Mini courses

- Bollywood Dance, Hip Hop Dance done
- Hoping to do yoga classes in Spring

B. Envelope Project

- Project is moving along
- Received multiple complaints about drilling during COM Exam Week from the Res-Life Students
 - ⌘ While SC is closed for Winter break the workers will still be doing construction so the university police will be staffing the SC
 - ⌘ Minor leaks in the SC, the company is looking into it

C. Engage

- Email going out soon
- Clubs will be able to work on them soon, hoping to go live after MLK day

D. Basketball Court Repairs – Due to the Storm on July 31st

- Hoping to work on other basketball court soon

- Question of should we redo whole floor or just patch the damaged area
- Once they start working on tennis courts, we will likely need to close basketball courts for a few hours each day (particularly while they are working around the drains)

E. New Campus Center meetings

- No updates currently
- Res Halls will not be shutting down

F. Work study funds are running low for active student workers

- Approved for student assist- will move some students onto student assist budget

G. Pipe Replacement

- Happened on Dec 5th
 - ∉ The single stall bathroom/gender neutral bathrooms are re-opened
 - ∉ Can continue with testing other area

H. New Idea - SCGB – Events Committee

- ∉ Sherey and Adam are working on this proposal

VI. Budget Update – Bryan

- A. Several clubs reaching their budget limit, will remind them that they have utilized all their fundings
- B. The Board approved the purchase of 26 \$10 gift cards to be distributed to the Student Center Work Study Employees.
- C. The Board approved a holiday thank-you token (up to \$45) for each of the janitorial staff.

VII. Social Media/Web Design – Ijeoma

- A. Status Quo
- B. Involve the Social Media team with Engage

VIII. Monthly Bulletin Boards for the 2025-2026 Year

- A. December- Bryan
- B. January- Emmaly

IX. Motions

A. Ijeoma Okoronkwo motioned, and Seconded Bryan Viveros

Motion on behalf of Downstate Volleyball club to grant \$400 in funding
for their Tournament and Associated event Food Catering Funding

∉ Vote

- (1) For – 10
- (2) Against – 0
- (3) Abstain - 0

X. Roundabout – White Elephant!!

XI. Next Meeting - Tuesday Jan 20th, 2025 6:00 PM

XII. Adjournment

A. Michael Mesa motioned to adjourn, seconded unanimously. The meeting
ended at 7:20 PM.

Minutes Submitted by:



Emmaly Gutierrez, Student Center Governing Board Secretary