



**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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