



QUINSIGAMOND
Community College
STUDENT SENATE

Meeting type	Regular Meeting		
Date of Meeting	10/25/2018	Call to Order	Stephanie Teixeira at 2:00 pm
Minutes prepared by	Jorgo Gushi	Location	Fuller Student Center
1. Attendance/Roll Call: Jorgo Gushi			
PRESENT	NAME	POSITION	
✓	Stephanie Teixeira	President	
✓	Mustafa Boweden	Vice President	
✓	Jorgo Gushi	Secretary	
✓	Devon Arthur	Parliamentarian	
✓	Mohamed Boweden	Public Relations	
✓	Amanda Gabriella	Senator	
✓	Dean Fisher	Senator	
A	Dereck Edith	Senator	
✓	Fabian Velatorre	Senator	
✓	Mahmoud Boweden	Senator	
✓	Nelly Medina	Senator	
✓	Philip Saal	Senator	
A	Rayanne Silva	Senator	
A	Vaughn Lee	Senator	
✓	Zach Carlson	Senator	
✓	Michael Beane	Advisor (Director of Student Life)	
✓	Paige Walton	Advisor (Student Life Assistant)	
2. Approval of Minutes Date: 10/11/2108			
Motion: Devon Arthur	Second: Nelly Medina	Approved: Unanimously	
3. Approval of Agenda			
Motion: Nelly Medina	Second: Mustafa Boweden	Approved: Unanimously	
4. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues			
Topic	Discussion		
1. New Senator Induction Person to speak: Paige	New Senator inducted: Mahmoud Boweden Eligible next week: Nelly Medina		
2. President Report Person to speak: Stephanie	<p>President Teixeira reports about activities held in QCC and updates about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pizza with the President: It was largely successful, one of the most successful Pizza with the President organized. New students were participating and sharing their stories. About five members of the Student Senate were present at this activity. President Teixeira took notes while students were talking and will discuss the problems raised with President Pedraja next week. 2. SAC Committee: The executive board decided that the first SAC meeting will be on the first week of December. All senators will be getting an email in the next two weeks from SAC. 3. Every Voice Coalition: A flyer was passed in the meeting. A speaker will be coming in the next few weeks. 4. Board of Higher Education: The Board of Higher Education approved the Strategic Plan for QCC 		

	<p>5. Pictures and bios: All Senators must submit to Paige as soon as possible a headshot and a short bio of themselves to be posted on the Open Door. The deadline is November 2nd.</p> <p>6. Committees updates: Next week student senators should give an update for QCC Committees they are member of.</p>
<p>3. I Stand With Immigrants Person to speak: Mustafa</p>	<p>Vice President Mustafa Boweden reported about the “I stand with Immigrants” activity held on October 24, in Herbert Auditorium. A lot of students participated and shared their stories. President Pedraja made a speech and shared his story. Mustafa made a 3 minutes speech about his story.</p> <p>Relating to this, Mustafa, as the Vice President will be chairing the Activities Programming Committee and he is trying to make this Committee. Senators interested in joining this committee must contact Mustafa.</p>
<p>4. Ethics Committee</p>	<p>Secretary Jorgo Gushi brought up in the Executive Board meeting the idea of creating the Ethics Committee. Jorgo will chair this committee and Devon Arthur, as the Parliamentarian will be the co-chair. Jorgo is working on the creation of Ethics Code independent and separate from the Constitution. It’s a document of great importance that is going to direct ethical attitudes and issues taking place in the Student Senate.</p>
<p>5. Food Pantry Person to speak: Nicole</p>	<p>President Teixeira invited in the Student Senate meeting Nicole from Development Office to give some information about the Food Pantry video, an update of what they need and what they are looking for. This is a fundraising campaign for the Food Pantry, that is being pushed out on the month of November. The Development Office is trying to use something new, an online platform called:” Give Campus “ to share daily videos, photographs, campaign updates. They are looking for volunteers to participate, volunteers will take part in a short training session. This campaign’s goal is to fundraise 10.000 \$ in one week. The campaign starts on November 7th.</p>
<p>6. Civil Discourse Person to speak: Michael</p>	<p>The Director of Student life Michael Beane stated that different members of the Senate have contacted him about different issues happening among senators. It is understandable that not all of us are friends, we do not have to be friends the most important is to respect each-other or else we are never going to get anything accomplished in this group. We need to squash any problems or issues we have against anyone in the Senate and move on in a direction where we can focus on our goals. It might be a good idea to start doing some sort of team building. Also, there are heard some things about the Student Trustee and the Student Senate President. To clear the duties of each position, each one of them has different duties and doesn’t have any influence upon the other position. The Student Trustee is an ex-officio member of the Student Senate, so no conflict of interest is created. Student Senate and Student Trustee are completely separate authorities, but we all are here for the same reason.</p>
<p>7. T-shirts</p>	<p>Michael Beane updated us about the senators’ T-shirts. A better price was found in a place in Springfield, probably they are in the process of designing them. After the November 1st meeting we will have a final update.</p>

<p>8. CCSLA Person to speak: Stephanie</p>	<p>The CCSLA took place last Thursday on 18 October in Westford. We had a large group of representatives to attend. There were two break-out sessions and in each session, participants had the opportunity to choose among three workshops with different topics. Everybody who attended CCSLA is asked to bring a writing or a short paragraph about what they liked and learned from this activity. In the next meeting a time interval of 2 minutes will be given to each participant to give us a short description of his/her experience.</p>	
<p>9. Open Forum</p>	<p>1. Senator Nelly Medina did bring into attention the issue that some senators get voted in as senators and then show up only for voting. Michael Beane stated that an attendance policy is going to be created, it was bring into attention by Jorgo Gushi in the Executive Board meeting.</p> <p>2. Senator Nelly Medina had a question about a proposal she has working for creating the co-curriculum transcript. All students should have the opportunity to be recognized for their activities and participations and this should be reflected in their college transcript. She posed a question about how she can promote this idea and start realizing it. Michael Beane proposed to her to gather information from the Registrar's Office and bring them to the Senate meeting.</p> <p>3. Senator Dean Fisher had a question about how the President and Secretary set the agendas for upcoming meetings. President Teixeira explained how the process works: every Tuesday of the week the Secretary will be sending an email with the minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda for the upcoming meeting. Every Senator has the opportunity to propose any topics the he/she would like to be discussed in the Senate meeting and this issue will be added to the next meeting's agenda.</p> <p>4. Senator Nelly Medina talked about the voting process. She proposed to organize some informative activities about the voting and information for the candidates. Nelly will discuss this with the Vice President Boweden.</p>	
<p>5. Meeting Adjourn</p>		
<p>Motion: Stephanie Teixeira</p>	<p>Second: Dean Fisher</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm</p>
<p>6. Upcoming</p>		
<p>1. Next Student Senate meeting on November 1. 2. Next WSGA meeting on November 4. 3. Wyvern interview: Mustafa 4. The Every Voice Coalition on November 9.</p>		

Respectfully submitted,

Jorgo Gushi

