



QUINSIGAMOND

Community College

STUDENT SENATE

Meeting type	Regular Meeting		
Date of Meeting	11/29/2018	Call to Order	Stephanie Teixeira at 2:05 pm
Minutes prepared by	Jorgo Gushi	Location	Room B03A
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	
✓	Bright Bremang	Senator	
✓	Dean Fisher	Senator	
✓	Dereck Edith	Senator	
✓	Fabian Delatorre	Senator	
✓	Mahmoud Boweden	Senator	
✓	Nelly Medina	Senator	
✓	Philip Saal	Senator	
✓	Ron Nneji	Senator	
A	Vaughn Lee	Senator	
✓	Zack Carlson	Senator	
✓	Michael Beane	Advisor (Director of Student Life)	
✓	Paige Walton	Advisor (Student Life Assistant)	
✓	Benjamin Aryah	Student Trustee	
✓	Hellen Hatzopoulos	Student	
✓	Emmanuel Kolawole Adedeji	Student	
✓	Kelsey Crisostomo	Student	
2. Approval of Minutes Date: 11/15/2108			
Motion: Dean Fisher	Second: Devon Arthur	Approved: Unanimously	
3. Approval of Agenda			
Motion: Jorgo Gushi	Second: Mustafa Boweden	Approved: Unanimously	
4. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues			
Topic	Discussion		
1. President Report Person to speak: Stephanie	<p>President Stephanie Teixeira included in her President's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is the last official meeting of the Student Senate, we will meet up again once the Spring Semester starts. If any student hasn't yet register for classes should consider doing it before the deadlines. The meeting minutes of the Student Senate get sent out every week to everybody to look over and all senators have the opportunity to go over the minutes at the beginning of every meeting and to vote for their approval. If any senator feels that something was left out of the meeting minutes or that something should be added or explained better should give feedback and email the President or the Secretary about that before voting for approval. Once the minutes are approved by the Senate no changes can be made. Reminder of the Attendance Policy: There is no senator induction taking place in this meeting. In order to be eligible one should be 		

	<p>present in two consecutive Senate meetings and express interest in becoming a voting member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no Open Forum because a lot of topics are to be discussed. • About the logo discussed earlier in this semester: Senator Vaugh Lee proposed a logo and all senators moved forward to approve it as the official Student Senate logo. However, we are looking into having a different logo to be on the Senate polos to keep a more professional look. • Reminders listed on the Agenda
<p>2. Commencement Speaker Person to speak: Selina Boria</p>	<p>Selina Boria, the Executive Assistant to the President for Policy, Governance and Diversity presented to the Student Senate a possible Commencement speaker and asked for student’s feedback. Usually every year the Commencement speaker is chosen based on proposals from any of the trustees, or the President. This year a trustee proposed the idea of inviting Joyner Lucas as a Commencement speaker, a singer born in Worcester that graduated from Student High. This idea was shared with the Commencement Committee and no good feedback was given from them. Some view him as controversial, forward-looking or edgy, and some also oppose him based on his relationship with Chris Brown. This issue was discussed in the Student Senate meeting. As Joyner Lucas has never attended College, Senator Nelly Medina claimed that his background might not be inspirational for students and might not pass the right message of attending college and earning a degree. President Teixeira is not in favor of inviting this speaker due to his background, the possible language he could use, his ideology and his controversy. On the other side, it would be good to invite Joyner Lucas to sing and speak at a campus activity to entertain students, but his presence in a Commencement doesn’t seem suitable. The conversation was left open for further information.</p>
<p>3. SETA, New club approval Person to speak: Kelsey</p>	<p>Kelsey presented the initiative of creating a new club named SETA. The name SETA stands for Students of Ethical Treatment for Animals. Kelsey as the president of the club along with this club’s advisor who was present in the meeting presented the program of this club. On March 9th this club will organize an activity in Herbert Auditorium in which a speaker will be present.</p> <p>There was a motion made by senator Dean Fisher, seconded by Vice President Boweden and the club’s creation was approved unanimously.</p>
<p>4. Senate Constitution Person to speak: Stephanie</p>	<p>There are three articles of the Student Senate Constitution revised based on the proposals of the Constitution Revision Committee and presented to the Senate for approval. Senators were provided with a copy of the existing sections of the Constitution and the revised ones. The voting was conducted for every article.</p> <p>Article I Motion: Mustafa Boweden Seconded: Ron Nneji Article II Motion: Jorgo Gushi Seconded: Philip Saal Article III Motion: Mustafa Boweden Seconded: Mohamed Boweden</p>
<p>6. Ethics Code Person to speak: Jorgo</p>	<p>As mentioned in the previous Senate meetings, Secretary Jorgo Gushi has been working on the preparation of an Ethics Code for the Student Senate. As part of this Ethics Code, Attendance Policy will be included. As part of this Policy, the Secretary prepared a Letter of Absenteeism that will be sent out to Senators who reach their absence limits, so if they make three unexcused absences in a row this letter will be sent as a warning for further disciplinary actions. There was a motion for approving</p>

	the Letter of Absenteeism made by Secretary Jorgo Gushi, seconded by Senator Dean Fisher and the letter was approved unanimously.	
7. Advisor Comments Person to speak: Michael	Michael Beane, the Director of Student Life discussed about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Student Senate Logo: Although the dragon logo discussed earlier will not be used in the Senate polos, it doesn't mean that it will not be used in the Senate flyers etc. • Meeting schedule: For the Spring semester the Student Senate meetings will still be held on Thursdays at 2 pm. • Senators that will be returning next Fall in QCC should start thinking if they wish to run for any positions for the next year's e-board. The Student Trustee and Student Senate President are open campus-wide elections that will take place in the end of the Spring Semester. And the elections for the other positions of the e-board will take place at the beginning of Fall 2019. • About the Student Senate party on December 6th, senators who will participate should not forget do bring any gifts. 	
5. Meeting Adjourn		
Motion: Jorgo Gushi	Second: Nelly Medina	Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm
6. Upcoming		
1. Next Student Senate meeting on January 24th. 2. SAC Meeting, on QCC Campus, January 23.		

Respectfully submitted,

Jorgo Gushi

