



## Senate Meeting Minutes

Southern New Hampshire University Student Government Association  
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**Meeting Date:** February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**Call to Order:** A meeting of the Senate was held on 2/21/23 at Southern New Hampshire University in Green Center 102A in Hooksett New Hampshire. The meeting convened at 5:02PM, with President Matte presiding.

**Absent:**

- Senator Marian Roqueortega
- Senator Greg Tolson
- Senator Sean Joudrie

**Early Departures:**

- Senator Nunes 5:41pm

**Approval of Minutes:**

- A *Motion* was moved by Senator Lisciotta and seconded by Senator Nunes to approve the 2/7/2023 Minutes.
  - *Motion Passed 7-0-0*

**Guest Speaker:**

- Meagan LaMarca- Dean of Students
  - New mySNHU feedback from SGA Senators
    - Events page shows as a list and not a calendar view
      - There is a link on the list page to make it a calendar view
    - Difficult to find Workday
    - Quick Links work well on mobile, calendar does not work on mobile
    - Feels like everything is hidden
    - Academic Advisor contact information is not on main page anymore
    - Very easy to change preferred name and automated mass emails come through addressed to that name
    - IT ensured to have Brightspace automatically open on all classroom computers- faculty were having trouble navigating to Brightspace through the new mySNHU for staff/faculty
    - Course registration is hard
    - Many times the interface switches between old and new mySNHU
    - Online students who transfer to on campus have trouble understanding mySNHU
  - New Dining Plan for 2023-2024 update from Meagan
    - Email to students will go out on Wednesday 2/22/23
    - New dining provider offers membership meal plan
    - Residential students will pay \$1,900 per semester



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- Commuter students can buy a \$1,200 plan that can be used but will have restricted hours of use (late night)
- All you can eat everywhere on campus
- Current stations may change
- Swipe to get in, eat whatever you want, swipe as many times a day as you want (will never run out)
- Einstein Bagels, Dunkin, Webster Café- all you can eat as well (Dunkin example- coffee and bagel all one “swipe”)
- Bottled beverages and pre-packaged items are not included in swipes- You will have Penmen Cash on your card to use for these items
- This plan will hopefully keep students less hungry
- Penmen Place will still have a convenience store but will not be swipes- can use Penmen cash
- Sodexo employees can transfer over, American Dining has been holding info sessions for current employees and they will just need to apply for the new company
- Still working on hour structure including late night
- There will be a group called CHAT where students can share thoughts on dining hall throughout the year
- Looking into allergy friendly, vegetarian, and vegan options
- Looking into summer meal plans as ½ will be with Sodexo, ½ will be American Dining- will be lower cost and spring 2023 money will be good until 5/15 (Sodexo’s last day)

### Officer Reports:

- President Matte \*
  - Excellence in Teaching and Excellence in Support Services Committees
    - Excellence in Teaching- 3/20 4pm- Senator Dasilva and Senator Ayala
    - Excellence in Support Services- 3/24 10am- Senator Lisciotto and Senator Carbone
  - Elections 2023-2024
    - Applications close Friday 3/3 11:59pm
    - Current senators who want to return must re-apply and re-run
    - No signature sheets required
    - All current senators are eligible to run for an Executive Board position- if interested
  - The Chandler Center and Graphics Class- Volunteer Opportunity
    - Playground cleanup at Beech St School



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- Saturday 3/4 10am-12pm
- Sign up through link in teams
- Senator of the Month- January
- Senator Adrienne Ayala
- EVP of Internal Affairs\*
  - Communicate absences at least 24 hours prior
  - Reminders about attendance policy and importance of meeting quorum at meetings
- VP of External Affairs\*
  - none
- VP of Marketing and Publicity
  - Penmen Pride Event Sign-Ups
  - Valentine's Recruitment Event Recap- made and sent 60 cards to children's hospital
  - Starting to brainstorm Spring Event- visit VP Catania during office if you want to help plan
  - Penmen Pride Prize feedback from Senate- will put polls on Instagram to finalize prizes
- VP of Budget and Finance McNamara
  - A *Motion* was made by Senator Dasilva and seconded by Senator Carbone to *Approve* Theta Phi Alpha's Conference Request for \$3,675.
    - *Motion Passed 5-0-1.*
  - A *Motion* was made by Senator Dasilva and seconded by Senator Goettel to *Approve* Theta Phi Alpha's Additional Allocation Request for \$1,200.
    - *Motion Passed 5-0-1.*
- VP of Student Advocacy Oza
  - Planning more tabling events
    - Webster?, Greenspace with pop up tent?, Dining Hall, Student Center
    - Wednesday and Thursday during lunch/afternoon hours
    - 1 Penmen Pride point?
    - Questions: Which academic professional would you like to see at the next town hall? If we had a mascot, who would you like to be? What would help you as a student to feeling a better sense of belonging here as a student?

**Public Comment:**



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- None

### Unfinished Business:

- Senator Lisciotto- update about Special Project- menstrual product dispensers in residence halls
  - Citron (current vendor) partnered with Aunt Flow
  - \$975 per machine- includes installation, and product
  - Facilities is hoping to put them in 1 gender neutral bathrooms on each floor in residence halls- ESA does not have any common bathrooms, Kingston would get 2 per floor
  - SGA does not need to pay to maintain
  - SGA may need to present to SAFOC to ask for more money for this project

### New Business:

- VP Catania is trying to get picnic tables from facilities for ESA and Windsor/Hampton- most other building have a patio area of some sort

### Committee Reports

- Budget and Finance
  - Approved Theta Phi Alpha conference
  - Approved Theta Phi Alpha additional allocation
  - Getting more presentation requests for future meetings
- Marketing and Publicity
  - Brainstormed for future events and elections
- Student Advocacy
  - General Updates

### Advisor Comments: Jay Tifone

- Continue working on Special Projects
- This is not a sprint, it's a marathon to enact change

### Announcements:

- 2/24 and 2/25 7pm- Drama Club dinner theater in Upper Dining Hall

### Snaps:

- To Senator Lisciotto: working on special project!



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A *Motion* was moved by Senator Dasilva and seconded by Senator Lisciotto to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Adjournment:** The Senate meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM



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President  
Student Government Association

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Date of Approval

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Taryn Carrier  
Business Analyst  
Student Government Association

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Public Notary:

State of New Hampshire

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed or attested before me on \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the year \_\_\_\_\_ by *Stephanie Matte* and *Taryn Carrier*.

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