



## Senate Meeting Minutes

Southern New Hampshire University Student Government Association  
2500 North River Road, Manchester, NH 03106-1045  
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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022

**Call to Order:** A meeting of the Senate was on 2/22/2022. The meeting Convened in the Green Center Room 102A at 5:03 PM, with President Barrett presiding.

**Absences:** Senator Galante, Senator Silvestre, Senator Taylor

### Approval of Minutes:

- A *Motion* was moved by Senator Potts and seconded by Senator Case to approve the 2/8/2022 Minutes
  1. Senator Bigos – Approved
  2. Senator Caswell – Approved
  3. Senator Douglas – Approved
  4. Senator Mock – Approved
  5. Senator Potts – Approved
  6. Senator Shaughnessy – Approved

*Motion* passes with a vote of 6-0-0.

### Guest Speakers:

- Jay Tifone – CARE Team
  - Link to CARE Team referral
    - [https://snhu-advocate.symplicity.com/care\\_report/index.php/pid354262?](https://snhu-advocate.symplicity.com/care_report/index.php/pid354262?)
  - Fall CARE Team referrals have increased from previous Fall semesters (40% increase)
  - Spring CARE Team referrals are approximately the same as previous Spring semesters (50 referrals under the highest number of referrals in a single academic year)
  - Hot spots for WIFI and laptops have become a significant need
  - Previously only faculty/staff could report, now students can
    - Self-referrals have become higher than referrals from other students
  - The Cupboard → Student Center; 7 days a week, 6AM-12AM



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- Open for the entire SNHU community
- Food, personal hygiene items, school supplies
- The Closet → Student Center Lobby
- Student Assistance Program (HelpU)
  - Free, confidential, 24/7 support to help students succeed
  - Calling, app, texting, portal on MySNHU
  - Immediately connected to a master's level HelpU Coordinator
    - Assistance with: crisis counseling, holistic needs assignment, clinical recommendations, personalized care planning
  - Has ability to tailor support to you
    - Race, ethnicity, gender, sex, etc.
  - Supplements help from the Wellness Center, especially after business hours
  - HelpU is licensed to help nationwide → Wellness Center can help when living in New Hampshire (on campus or as a commuter)

### Officer Reports:

- President Barrett \*+
  - Meeting changes
    - Taking off last two meetings of the year so last SGA meeting will be March 29th
  - Speaker Suggestions
    - Message in “Random” channel to put a department/name of potential guest speakers → open until Friday
  - Casino Night Recommendations
    - Food → no Pub vouchers
    - Set up starts at 5PM; breakdown
    - Years past we have invited faculty/staff to deal
    - Ideas for faculty/staff this year:
      - JB, Dr. Henley, Patrick Cullen, Dr. Matthews, Losapio, Dr. Corbo, Dr. Frost, Paul LeBlanc, Kayla Page, Dennis Hill, Shannon Brown, Dr. Lorenz, Kristina Wright, OSI Staff, Keith!!
    - Themes of the past
      - Safari, Winter Wonderland, Candyland



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- Prizes will be listed in Teams
  - Plug in iPads after using them
  - Alumni Board
    - Trying to navigate Covid in meetings and events
    - Global Days of Service coming up – look out on Teams
      - Projects that help the community
  - Questions / Comments / Concerns
  - EVP of Internal Affairs Lopez
    - Teams
      - Please read Teams announcements fully
      - Do not Teams message me, email me
    - Office Hours
      - During your Office Hour time that is unrelated to Special Topics or Penmen Pride events, it is expected that when you are “on the clock,” that you are available via Teams and/or Email.
      - If doing a generic Office Hour, “rate” the shift and in the comments, write down what was done during your Office Hour
  - VP of External Affairs \*
    - Casino Night
  - VP of Budget & Finance Matte
    - DECA
      - International Career Development Conference
      - 5 students, 1 advisor – April 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>
      - Club growth + development; helps SNHU gain recognition
      - A *Motion* was made to approve the conference allocation request of \$7,624.00 by Senator Potts and seconded by Senator Menter.
1. Senator Bigos – Approved
  2. Senator Caswell – Approved
  3. Senator Douglas – Approved
  4. Senator Menter – Approved
  5. Senator Mock – Approved
  6. Senator Potts – Approved
  7. Senator Shaughnessy – Approved

*Motion* passes with a vote of 7-0-0

- VP of Marketing & Publicity Stantial



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- Penmen Pride
  - Events
    - Big Money Bingo [Upper Dining Hall]; 9-10PM on Wednesday 3/2
      - Volunteers: Sara, Danny
    - Karaoke Night with Radio SNHU [Last Chapter Pub]; 9-10PM on Thursday 3/3
      - Volunteer(s): Logan
  - VP of Student Advocacy Oza
    - Tabling starting on Tuesday
      - 3/1 in the Student Center 11AM-1PM
    - Tabling also on Wednesday
      - 3/2 in the Dining Center 3:30-4:30PM

### Unfinished Business:

- None

### New Business:

- Meagan discussing the Academic Calendar
  - Changed significantly to reflect same schedule for online and on campus classes
    - If students had on campus and online classes, there were different midterm/final dates, breaks, grading times, etc.
  - Calendar is staying the same again for next year (start date January 9<sup>th</sup>)
  - What impact was had on you this year?
    - Bad due to the remote start because a professor did not start the term virtually → started classes in person and then professor had Covid so missed a month of a class
    - Had already scheduled a trip on the assumption of the old calendar → worried they would miss first few classes but started virtual anyways
      - Scheduling conflicts for holiday vacations
      - Didn't count remote period against students
    - Did not have course syllabi or needed books posted in time for the semester meaning it was not feasible to be ready for the start of the term approaching quickly



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- Mental burnout → not enough time to breathe and actually enjoy break
  - Break was not relaxing because of constant stress
- Stressed because that break is used for work and it was not feasible to work
- Traveling was no doable for many students due to distance and not having enough time to go home for break
  - Isolation period for international students would not have been long enough to not miss classes
- Winter training was shifted for RAs
  - Missed out on staff development time
- Next year's calendar cannot be changed, but what can be made to make it better for students?
  - Remote start might be beneficial for time at home
  - Remote start made weeks 3 and 4 very stressful
    - ADHD and OCD students may struggle being remote and having issues staying on top of things
  - Idea: offer remote and in person start so students can choose
  - Consistency needed between professors for appropriate materials are
  - With a remote start again if it happens again, maybe implement more students can come back to campus if they want
  - Consider having President's day off for an extra day of rest/a little break
  - Have more lenient due dates the first two weeks (if remote)

### Committee Reports:

- Budget & Finance
  - None
- Marketing & Publicity
- Please reapply if you are interested in SGA for the 2022-2023 academic year\*
- Student Advocacy
  - Good ideas coming out

### Advisor Comments:

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### Announcements:

- Next week is week 9 for 16 week courses, week 1 for 8 week courses
- Big Money Bingo next Wednesday, 9-10PM in the Upper Dining Hall
- If you're struggling in a class, now's the time to ask
- Club Night at the Pub, 8-11PM in the Last Chapter Pub
- Housing license and roommate matching is open
- RA applications are being reopened
- Service learning projects → talk to Stephanie or stop by the Chandler Center
- Sorting clothes for foster homes
- Donations to The Cupboard and The Closet are always open; take donations to the Concierge Desk in the Student Center

### Snaps:

- None

**Adjournment:** A *Motion* was moved by Senator Menter and Senator Potts to adjourn the meeting.

1. Senator Bigos – Approved
2. Senator Caswell – Approved
3. Senator Douglas – Approved
4. Senator Menter – Approved
5. Senator Mock – Approved
6. Senator Potts – Approved
7. Senator Shaughnessy – Abstained

*Motion* passes with a vote of 6-0-1

**Adjournment:** The Senate meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM



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**\*\* Do not sign unless in presence of a public notary for document to be notarized. \*\***

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Kealoha Lopez

Executive Vice President of Internal Affairs  
Student Government Association

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Date of Approval

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Tarnya Carrier

Business Analyst

Student Government Association

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Date of Approval

Public Notary:

State of New Hampshire

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

Signed or attested before me on \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the year \_\_\_\_ by *Kealoha Lopez* and *Tarnya Carrier*.

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(Signature of notarial officer)                      (Date)

(Seal, if any)

Notary Public, State of New Hampshire

My Commission Expires

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