Student Council 2013-2014
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2013
Rm L2.69

Members Present: Clinton Dyer, Shereef Hassan, Gabriella Mungalsingh, Anthony
Deda, Julio Torres, Benedicta Darteh, Joshua Medas, Isabel Ocampo, Veronica
Acevedo, Faika Kabir, and Joanne Jeung,
Members Absent: Nadia Taskeen, Vitali Kremez, Ivonne Torres, Grace Agalo-Os

Presiding Chair: Clinton Dyer
Presiding Secretary: Julio Torres

The meeting is called to order at 1:56pm

There are no meeting minutes which need to be approved of.

Motion #1: Motion to approve the agenda for October 4, 2013 made by Isabel Ocampo
Second: Motion seconded by Veronica Acevedo.
Discussion: None
Vote: Favor [ALL] Opposed [] Abstain []
Motion Passed

Unfinished Business

1. Motion #2: Motion to elect the New Vice President of Student Council made
by Isabel Ocampo
   a. Second: Motion seconded by Veronica Acevedo
   *Shereef Hassan walked in at 1:59 pm
   b. Discussion: The following were nominated to be elected for Vice
      President: Julio Torres was nominated by Shereef Hassan, Nancy
      Jeeuth was nominated by Nadia Taskeen, and Dev Sharma was
      nominated by Joshua Medas. Dev Sharma withdrew his nomination via
      phone. Julio Torres read his candidate statement and Nancy Jeeuth’s
      proxy, Taisha Guy, read her candidate statement. As Nancy Jeeuth
      could not be contacted over the phone, all questions were directed to
      Julio Torres. Four questions were asked and responded to.
     c. Vote for Julio Torres: Favor[7], Opposed [2], Abstain [1]
     d. Vote for Nancy Jeeuth: Favor [2], Opposed [2], Abstain [1]
         i. Nadia Taskeen submitted her vote electronically.
     e. Vice President: Julio Torres has been elected to be Vice President of
        Student Council.

2. Treasurer’s Report: Update on Student Council Budget made by Shereef
   Hassan. He showed a spreadsheet which detailed all the expenditures made
thus far since June 2013 with a breakdown by each category. There is currently $215,901.80 in the budget for the rest of the fiscal year.

3. **Marketer’s Report**: Deadline for the flyer needs to be submitted along with other information which will be typed up in a memorandum. Better directions must be detailed for Shereen Hassan. In the month of September she has worked on eleven fliers. Various members from Student Council mentioned lots of positive feedback overheard from the Student Populace. Shereen will be holding a workshop for Student Council about Photoshop.

4. **Executive College Committee**:
   a. **Motion #3**: Motion made to vote on a slate for Clinton Dyer, Julio Torres and Gabriella Mungalsingh to the Executive College Council Committee by Shereef Hassan
   b. **Seconded**: Motion seconded by Isabel Ocampo
   c. **Discussion**: None
   e. **Motion Passes**

Announcements

1) Discussion of Clinton Dyer’s leadership style as President of Student Council
   a. Clinton asked for every member present to give their opinion, concerns or complaints about his leadership style. There are those who felt Clinton needs a more involved leadership style with the Student Council Representatives. There are those who understand the Clinton’s responsibilities are extremely heavy and time consuming and are fine with current leadership style. There are some who prefer that Clinton become more transparent with his activities as President.
   b. Further discussion was on the disrespect of authority from some members of Student Council towards the President and that should not continue as it undermines the whole of the Council.

*Benedicta Darteh left at 3:00pm
   c. Office of Student Life (OSL) Representative John Leebens reaffirms the support from the OSL for anything that is needed by the Council.

*Anthony Deda arrived at 3:10pm
   d. President’s Comments: Clinton discussed that his role as President is to help brainstorm ideas and that for planning on every step of the way, the initiative for Representatives must be to seek help from OSL. As President he meets with various Directors of the College and other heads of the school to discuss policy changes and his physical presence must be there. There are large scale policy changes within the University that he is working on.
i. Representatives are happy with this transparency and hope it remains this way. Additionally they feel that the Vice President will be a great benefit to the whole Council.

ii. Treasurer’s Comments: Shereef Hassan feels that memorandums on Student Council Operations should be a priority to the Clinton. He also feels that there are issues of Clinton’s managerial decisions to implement memorandums that Clinton does not agree with.

iii. Additional Representative Comments: The tension with the President and Treasurer needs to be dealt with, and the Vice President will work on it with them. Student Council as a whole has become an extremely professional and the plan mentioned by the Vice President is appreciated and should be effective.

2) Discussion of future policies for John Jay Student Council Events
   a. Veronica Acevedo: During the Black Light Party on September 19, 2013 there was an incident where the DJ began a dancing completion (Twerking) and people were throwing Dollar Bills to the dancers. This lead to an issue also during the Jay Walk Carnival where a student approached Veronica Acevedo and offered her money to compete in a “Twerk Competition”
   b. The following items were discussed but not voted on
      i. Joshua Medas: Student Council needs DJ “Can and Cannot Do List” and that a DJ cannot do anything without first informing Student Council.
      ii. Clinton Dyer: Anything other than playing music needs to be addressed in a policy concerning DJs
      iii. Clinton Dyer: Wants all parties to be managed by Student Council with the clubs to help, because events can create a bad reputation for John Jay
      iv. John Leebens: Suggests that Student Council write a rider to be voted on by Student Council and govern the policy of behavior by contracted individuals. Also an additional signature page or line can be created so Student Council must authorize the use of a contacting individual.

Motion #4: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Gabriella Mungalsingh.
   Seconded: Motion seconded by Shereef Hassan
   Discussion: None
   Vote: Favor [All] Opposed [None] Abstain [None]

Meeting adjourned at 4:03pm
Presiding Chair: President Clinton Dyer

Presiding Secretary: Vice President Julio Torres