

SAC Senate Meeting 14/11/18

Minutes: 43

Start Time: 11:41

End Time: 12:24

SAC EXEC STATEMENTS

Sammy: I don't want anything in the past to stop you guys from starting bills and opening debate

- Class rep meeting tomorrow

Ethan: Please buy great race tickets

- mandatory

Michael: Attendance sheet is coming around

Laine: SAC Store is up.

- Put in senate group a week ago
- Orders are due this sunday
- It is for the SAC so senators should be buying it

Jack: Only has 3 requests for junk food forms

- Next week is United Way

Joey: Budget meeting will be official as soon as reps vote on it

- Meeting went smoothly yesterday
- Assuming it will be passed, budget will be official tomorrow afternoon

CLUB CHARTER

Rover: An arts and literature magazine with a long legacy at NSS.

ALL PASS

DHH BILL

Evan: DHH Bill is something that should be passed this year but it will probably be put into action next year

- We have been in contact with DHH wing but haven't fully had a conversation with them yet
- We still need to talk about the logistics
- Working on it actively

Diba: Is there another way to integrate this so they can contribute to the conversation at this moment?

Gibbons: Why can't DHH go now?

Evan: They can't officially be represented yet because of logistics

- They can definitely still come without official representation, however

Dale: I suggest that there should be an immediate change, not for next year

- Accessibility concern

Evan: If this is the case, then we can vote on it this this meeting

- Logistics can come after a vote so bill can be implemented ASAP

DHH BILL VOTE

All Pass

NSSAir REJECTION FROM ASSOCIATION STATUS

Sohier: I'm on the announcements.

- Why didn't we (NSSAir) get association status

Ethan: Multiple senators had specific problems with it

- Specific senators had reasons why they voted against it

Sohier: On the minutes the reason stated was that they don't have enough people

- We are on every day
- Vital to Northern
- We don't see why we don't represent the people
- Debate has same representation, yet they are an association

Sammy: Debate has been passed already, your argument won't change that

Will: There are more reasons than just amount of people.

- A lot of senators felt that having an NSSAir senator wouldn't give them much of a leg up

Sohier: Makes sense, but other associations also don't have use of the senator as well

NSSAir Rep: We send hundreds of reminds to teachers as well

- We didn't send it once and there were big consequences
- With a senate position we know the events, activities, etc for all associations.
- That is integral if we want to share this info to the school

Alex: Clubs that are able to do what they need to do without association status should not be an association

NSSAir Rep: We do a lot of work for the school

- You can't run without us

ASSOCIATION CRITERIA

Dale: The challenge is that the constitution only has 2 reasons for the criteria. (5 years, 75 percent vote).

- It appears that the questions asked with this club (NSSAir) were not made with other clubs in the process.
- These reasons were not laid out in the budget act or constitution. It's not fair.
- We are asking NSSAir and Stage crew questions that are not relevant to becoming an association
- They meet the criteria in the budget act & constitution.
- Moving forward the conversation must be to establish a better way to determine what makes an association.
- Looking at it black and white- NSSAir and stage crew meet the exact same requirements that the others did.

Diba: We need to address the constitution interpretation.

- Historically we've always judged associations to other things beside just a 5 year regulation.
- We shouldn't be making a change to things we've been doing for years

Dale: I've been doing this for 19 years. This has not been the case at all.

- Every year we can look at this past precedence, but unfortunately there's no historical record for this.
- Right now the only guiding principle for what becomes an association is laid out in the constitution.
- The only one who can interpret that is the speaker, not individual senators.

Evan: We upheld the vote and re-voted because there were unconstitutional discussions

- We were discussing things that were not relevant to the constitution.

Henry: That is censorship.

Evan: The second meeting the discussion was based around the constitution, so I upheld that.

Serena: Could we develop a point in constitution to make it more clear how a senator is allowed to vote in the future?

Ethan: We will be putting a committee together to resolve this issue and put a better criteria.

- Moving forward we recognize that this should be clearer in the future.

Henry: The idea that something was unconstitutional because it wasn't relevant wasn't fair.

- I think we followed the guidelines.
- Just because the speaker said it wasn't relevant and we (senators) have to vote on that degrades democracy

Evan: The criteria that we were holding some associations to others was unconstitutional.

- It just wasn't fair because we did not judge each club fairly.
- We changed the process because of that.
- We voted GSA before social justice but after social justice there was a huge discussion that wasn't applied to GSA

- Just because of the order we held social justice to a different criteria

Ethan: EXEC took full responsibility for the failure

- It was our job to notify you guys about the criteria laid out in the constitution

Jaleelah: From what i heard from the speaker the point of the senate is to vote on something.

- Other senators are entitled to their opinions.

NSSAir REJECTION FROM ASSOCIATION STATUS (continued)

Ms A (Staff Advisor for NSSAir):

- Based on the criteria, I don't understand how a club that meets the criteria and who are involved with knowing every single club and association, are rejected.
- This is across the board of NSS. They are not just the announcements.
- They have the finger on the pulse of Northern.
- They know everything.
- They are valuable to the senate.
- What is it about NSSAir that didn't meet the criteria?

Diba: If we give you this reasoning, I don't think this issue will be put to rest.

- The Information isn't the be all or end all for you
- You are just here to appeal.
- NSSAir only does one specific task that they can already do without association status.
- The reason we have association senators is to directly relate associations to the SAC.
- They haven't been able to point us to a group that isn't already represented here.

Evan: I'd like to be more explicit with the constitution.

- Being a club for 5 years is an objective set of criteria.
- More than half of these clubs have less than 800 dollars allocated.
- Technically these don't have to be associations based on funding.
- U way allocated only 80.
- As the speaker when I see the votes for different associations and some people raise their hands really quickly, I see that these clubs are held to different standards

Vlad: I think we need a reiteration with the purpose of the association senator in the senate.

Evan: It doesn't specify the reason. It just specifies that associations get a senator.

Sohier: Long story short, this boils down to senators individually feeling that clubs should not be associations.

- Debate has more or less the same things, but they have association status

Ms A: I would like to put a motion to vote for NSSAir to become an association.

Jack: Motion has to be brought up by senator or EXEC

Ethan: I'd like to put the motion in

VOTE FOR NSSAIR TO BECOME AN ASSOCIATION

Against: 8

Abstain: 7

Favour: 14

Not 75% so it NSSAIR does not pass as an association

Jaleelah: Motion to revote stage crew

VOTE FOR STAGE CREW TO BECOME AN ASSOCIATION

Against:2

Abstain:10

Favour: 18

Stage crew passes as an Association.

FINAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Vlad: In the facebook group there's more money for clubs associations available from PTA

- Feel free to apply

Jori: Message me if you want something on the SAC website