

SAC Senate Meeting 20/11/18

Minutes: 42

Start Time: 11:42

End Time: 12:24

SAC EXEC STATEMENTS

Sammy: I will be stricter on attendance

- Excuses must be valid with principal
- Excuses must be notified 1 day beforehand
- I will post on SAC Senate group for upcoming meetings (sunday before)

Joey: Budget has passed

Jack: Jersey day is this friday.

- If you don't have a jersey any sports gear will work.

Ethan- Constitutionally you have to represent the SAC by participating in SAC spirit events

- This includes jersey day

Laine: SAC store closes on friday

- Tell the group you represent to buy it

INCONSISTENCIES IN THE CONSTITUTION

Ethan: SAC EXEC, staff advisor, and speaker have declared a semi emergency

- This opens up an opportunity to reform the constitution
- Other than clubs that have already applied to become an association, we will withhold all club applications to become an association
- Will put together a committee of people, speak more of that in later meetings

NSSAIR STRIKE

Sohiers back

Sohier: The decision of the senate was unfair as they held NSSAir to a different standard than other clubs when dictating association status

- We are vital to the school
- We are withholding extracurricular announcements.
- Still doing the anthem (TDSB requires to do so)
- We work incredibly hard at what we do
- Most other associations that perform a vital duty to Northern have a senator; we should have one as well.
- Senate argues that we don't represent the people with so little members
- This is absurd because we are the conduit between students and extracurriculars

- Essentially we want recognition for the vital role we bring to the school through association status.
- Strike comes down to us seeing that the SAC thinks that we don't matter and acting accordingly
- Strike will end the day after we are granted association status (This is later changed by Ms A)

Noah Hunt: Them being an association is not a detriment against anyone

- What is the rationale for the vote against them?

Gerd: True, but if there's no reason to vote them in, why change the status quo?

- People should remove their bias from NSSAir and reflect the body they represent

Alex: 75 percent vote is crucial to understanding association status

- Voted against because NSSAir is able to function without association status
- They have run fine as a club in previous years

Ethan: We have to apply the same standard for every club.

- There should be more objective criteria for the constitution,
- But right now we will abide with the criteria laid out to us in the constitution.

Noah: Speaker of the house did not set the new precedent.

- I was told that Dale pulled people out from exec to change their opinions for a revote in senate

Ethan: I will stop you right there, that didn't happen.

Noah: I was informed by Sammy that that happened

Sammy: I was not pulled out of class

Noah: to Quote you verbatim

- It is the speaker of the houses job to interpret the question, not mine
- Yet you said that Dale forced that course of action upon you

Ethan: No, the EXEC had different opinions at first but our final decision was that we would abide by the one criteria set by the constitution.

Diba: NSSAir is willing to instrumentalize the vote of the senate by striking just because they didn't get their way

- Other associations would not stop their activities, it is their job to put the duties of their organization and well being of the school above an association vote

Gibbons: You said to NSSAIR last meeting that "we do not need you to tell us what happens with extracurriculars because we could do that ourselves,"

- You said that NSSAIRs value to you was nothing
- I don't understand why you are upset with them after you told them that they are nothing and now they are doing nothing

- Please own up to what you said in your response.

Diba: I believe that the NSSAir senators would not serve a purpose because senate does not need their voice nor the information that they give us

- They are trying to extort the senate by holding our decision against us

Liam: It's unfair that they aren't allowed to go on strike

- Stage crew is suddenly voted in right after NSSAir was rejected despite the fact that senate voted against it last meeting
- Obviously there is some spite against NSSAir here

Diba: Think about who the real villain is here.

Ms A: Watch the language, villain is a bit strong

Serena: Most votes for NSSAir were based on whether it is necessary for them to have association status

- But there are a lot of associations that don't need their status to function
- Therefore necessity is not something that we should judge them upon
- No one has really provided a reason as to why there would be harm in granting them association status
- However, there are obviously some direct harms by not giving them the status (derailed meeting, strike)

Jack: I got the impression that you were forced to strike

- It may have not been a decision on your part but a consequence of the senates action

Sohier: Not forced, but more because we were told that we were unnecessary to the school

- We don't want to drag out the strike longer than it should be

Jack: I apologize if you feel that you are unneeded, that is not my view or the SACs view

- But I find it disturbing that you stop services to prove your dedication

Sohier: Striking isn't to show our dedication, it is to show that we are necessary to the school

Ms A: Ideally this is resolved when everyone understands what's happening

- The strike came up last meeting when senators said that we are irrelevant
- I don't understand why we are being held to different standards
- At the end of the day, association status is not what matters
- What matters is that we were rejected even though we met a set criteria

Sohier: Basically, until we meet a deal that everyone is happy with, we'll stop striking

Noah: Section 3 article X of constitution:

It should be noted that the SAC is the students council, thus staff advisors should not control the vote

- I feel that certain members of the association have been openly critical and therefore violating the constitution

Gibbons: There is an education act that takes precedence over that

Ethan (Speaking on Dale): The advice that he gives us helps us with our decisions

- We often go against what Dale advises

Noah: Ms Gibbons acted very directly in the first meeting

- I felt that it is inappropriate of her to be so involved in the student council

Gibbons: Dale and I are staff advisors, it is our job to do so

Jack: I respect you very much but I would be remiss to say that we do not appreciate being put to the sidelines.

Gibbons: I have not cut in and said "no you can't vote."

- What I have said is that I am concerned on the consistencies that have gone on in here
- There should be clarity and transparency in the senate that hasn't been cleared up yet

Ryan (On NSSAir): The fact that they are using the entire student body to push the senate means that they do represent the student population to some degree

Max Rosen: Both NSSAir and Senate agree that there is a disagreement in the constitution

- Given that the harms are so massive, why don't we just let them into the senate
- Sohler comes in here every meeting anyway
- We should get this out of the way so we can focus on the real issue at hand

Motion to vote for NSSAir as an association

6 opposed

2 abstain

Majority for

NSSAir passes as an association in the Senate

everyone applauds and cheers