



## Northern Essex Community College Student Government Association

**How many Meeting called to order** by President, Samantha Cook  
**Date | Time:** 3/5/2020 4:00 PM **Total Voting Members:** 3 **Quorum:** Yes

**Roll Call:** Secretary, Chloe Upham conducted the roll call. The following individuals were present:

### Executive Board Attendance

- ✓ President: Samantha Cook
- ✓ Acting Vice President of the Lawrence Campus: Rosielis Herrera Berroa
- ✓ Secretary: Chloe Upham
- ✓ Parliamentarian (Vacant)
- ✓ Programming Chair of the Haverhill Campus: (Vacant)
- ✓ Programming Chair of the Lawrence Campus: (Vacant)
- ✓ Marketing Chair: (Vacant)
- ✓ Treasurer: (Vacant)

### General Member Attendance

- ✓ Felipe Sención

### Non-Voting Board Attendance (3)

### Guests In Attendance

- ✓ Advisor: Stephanie Haskell
- ✓ Chair of the Executive Committee and All Club Assembly: Sheila Muller
- ✓ NECC President: Lane Glenn

### **The following members were absent:**

- ✓ Courtney Morin

## Invited Speaker/Open Forum

### *Lane Glenn*

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1. Leading Into the Future Together (LIFT) Campaign
  - a. The Lawrence Promise Program fund is hoping to raise one million dollars for Early College scholarships for Lawrence students. There will be an appreciation event held on March 26th celebrating the people and organizations who donated.
  - b. The Haverhill Promise Program fund currently has raised \$150,000 and hopes to reach one million for Early College scholarships.
  - c. NECC is in conversation with the Haverhill YMCA to put something like the YMCA on the Haverhill campus including pools, an indoor track, etc.
  - d. The NECC expansion into downtown Haverhill will be opening April 1st and they hope to soon have classes in those buildings.
  - e. Allison Dolan-Wilson and Bill Heineman have been working on the Student Success Initiative this semester.
  - f. There was a feasibility study conducted a few years ago where the college realised it was harder to get funding for the library and IT department. They have been more successful raising money for other areas of the college and will come back to funding the library in the future.
2. Chief Diversity Officer



- a. The number one goal of NECC right now is the Equity Imperative, which is closing the gap in student success between Latino and white students. Although the gap has narrowed to about 6% in the past few years due to Title 5 funding, President Glenn would like to see the gap close completely.
  - b. A chief diversity officer would be the conscience of the president and staff when it comes to hiring. Currently, when posting for jobs, NeCC encourages everyone to apply and if the interview pool is not diverse, they will put more postings out.
  - c. President Glenn has wanted to hire someone into that role, but has faced many challenges. The individual would need to be someone of a minority or struggling group in society, but it would be unfair that they would be seen as the voice of that whole group. Additionally, the budgetary concerns include that they would need to find \$100,000 from the NECC budget as a salary and benefits for that position.
  - d. Sheila feels as though NECC is leading for change, but she wishes we got there faster. She thinks someone who can help with that structure and getting it right would be beneficial to the college.
  - e. NECC does not go by a quota, because it is illegal to have a quota. Instead, President Glenn wants a faculty group that reflects the student body, although he is not sure what that looks like yet.
3. Next Strategic Plan
    - a. They are finalizing the New England Commission on Higher Education study, which is a comprehensive inspection NECC does on itself.
    - b. President Sonya Christian of Bakersfield College will be coming to NECC in October, as she is being sent by the NECHE accrediting association to assist in the inspection.
    - c. The projections that follow this final report will be the basis of the next strategic plan and will look at where NECC spends money, diversification of faculty/staff, enrollment, etc.
  4. 2021 Community College Budget Priorities packet
    - a. The PACE program at NECC was given \$400,000, so each student that is part of PACE is given \$1,561 towards their schooling.
    - b. There is a new line in the budget priorities pack called the "SUCCESS fund" in which community colleges are asking for \$14 million, which would be used for students that would target solutions through investments in college supports and services to improve student success for the most vulnerable populations at community colleges.
    - c. Students can reach out to state representatives to ask them to support the SUCCESS fund.

### Open Forum

1. Stephanie informed SGA that there is an article in the new edition of the college paper about SGA.
2. Academic Centers on Lawrence campus
  - a. In the Fall 2020 semester, the Business center, Professional Studies center, and Liberal Arts center will be placed together in Dimitry 200. The Health and STEM center will be placed in the El-Hefni building.
  - b. They are trying to provide a cohesive center that works for all of the students. This has been difficult for them because each center has its own feel, dynamic, and look, while also trying to put in all of the services that the students need/want.
  - c. Matt Day noted that the STEM center on the Haverhill campus is a great example of a successful center because there's lots of things for students to do. He suggests more decoration and catering towards each area.
  - d. Samantha suggests distinguishing the centers separately to create more specialization towards each center specifically.
  - e. If anyone has suggestions for what they would like to see in the centers, email them to either Sheila or Janice Rogers.
3. There is a balcony on the Lawrence campus that SGA could look into requesting/reserving for a future event.

### Approval of Minutes





*There were no minutes approved at this meeting.*

**Moved by:** N/A      **Seconded by:** N/A

**Voting results:** N/A

*Minutes for all meetings are posted on our SGA Facebook page.*

## **Executive Committee Reports:** *(Briefly State in 1 minute or less)*

**President: Samantha Cook**

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1. SGA will be holding a tabling event at the Academic Coaching center on March 9th from 12:30-1:30pm. SGA members should wear their SGA polos.

**Vice President of the Haverhill Campus: Courtney Morin**

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1. **ABSENT**

**Acting Vice President of the Lawrence Campus: Rosielis Herrera Berroa**

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1. Rosielis met with Stephanie about the Diversity event. There will be a panel of people with diverse backgrounds that will talk about the obstacles they went through to get to their current success. It will be on the Lawrence campus from 12:00-2:00pm on the 2nd floor conference room in El-Hefni. However, the date is TBD.

**Treasurer: VACANT**

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**Secretary: Chloe Upham**

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1. Chloe heard back from two of the presenters that will be speaking at the All Club Engagement, and will be reaching out to them with more information.

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## **Committee Reports**

**Constitution Committee**

1. The chair was absent.

**Transportation Committee**



1. No report
2. Sheila noted that Mike McCarthy will be doing a summer study to see how many students use the summer shuttle. Additionally, the summer shuttle schedule will stay the same. Mike McCarthy also plans to meet with MVRTA to finalize the 5 minute delay for the shuttle schedule.

### ***Election Committee***

1. Rosielis met with Samantha and discussed the structure of the elections and how to approach it. They will be meeting with Allison Gouveia to discuss and solidify the budget.
2. They will be putting a question on Blackboard asking students if they want to join SGA. If the students are interested and meet the requirements, we will send them a petition for them to fill out as well as other information about the roles in SGA. This will be up on Blackboard from March 12th to the 27th. The elections will be held from April 6th to the 28th. All inducted members will have their headshots put in the end of year banquet presentation.
3. For the elections, the committee will be holding tabling events with tablets outside the centers so that students can vote.
4. Rosielis will be reaching out to Melba Acevedo by Wednesday to create the survey.
5. Rosielis moves to take \$20 out of the SGA budget to print flyers and colored petitions to have at the tabling events, Chloe seconds, the motion passes unanimously.
6. Felipe moves to take out an additional \$7 out of the SGA budget to print flyers, Rosielis seconds, the motion passes unanimously.

### **Tabled Business**

1. All Club Engagement
  - a. Dates:
    - i. March 23rd, 3:00-5:00pm, Lawrence campus
    - ii. March 24th, 12:30-2:30pm, Haverhill campus
    - iii. March 25th, 12:30-2:30pm, Haverhill campus
  - b. This event will allow SGA to connect with clubs on campus and give them necessary information that will help them successfully run their clubs. This will also allow clubs on campus a place to interact and exchange any helpful information that they may have.
  - c. Presenters:
    - i. March 23rd; Stephanie
    - ii. March 24th; Sheila from 12:30-1:00pm
    - iii. March 25th; tentatively Amy Larkin-White
  - d. Samantha will send the dates to Zoey Lauria, and Zoey will reach out to all of the clubs.
  - e. SGA needs to:
    - i. Create an introduction/conclusion presentation
    - ii. Vote on snacks
    - iii. Finalize the gift idea for the most involved clubs

### **New Business**



1. Business Cards
  - a. Chloe moves to take \$10 out of the budget for business cards, Rosielis seconds, the motion passes unanimously.
2. Future Meetings
  - a. It was discussed whether SGA should change the dates and frequency of meetings.
  - b. Chloe suggested a leniency on attendance policy. However, Samantha noted that if we do that then it would be hard for members who did not regularly attend to understand the flow of SGA.
  - c. Rosielis commented that SGA should be bi-weekly.
  - d. Sheila noted that faculty schedules change every semester so the committees themselves have had issues with attendance. Some committees have meetings once a month or every 3 weeks. They looked at how many meetings actually had votes to determine the frequency of meetings. This put more responsibility on the chair of the committee to communicate with members.
  - e. Matt Day felt that weekly meetings are a good structure so if there are students that want to come then there is a consistent schedule. At the same time, it depends on the workload of SGA.
  - f. Zoey Lauria thinks Executive Board members should have mandatory attendance and general members can have more lenient attendance.
3. SAC Meeting
  - a. On March 26th, SGA is going to Bunker Hill Community College and taking a van so members can carpool. The dinner starts at 4:00pm, but the time the van is leaving is TBD.
  - b. Sheila suggests Stephanie contacts Bunker Hill to see where they will park.
  - c. Rosielis moves to take \$150 out of the budget for renting the van and gas for the SAC meeting, Chloe seconds, the motion passes unanimously.

## Advisors Report

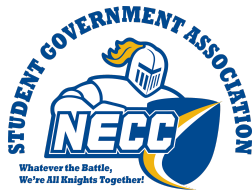
1. Audrey who oversees Navigate asked for SGA to send tips for students about how to use Navigate to [navigate@necc.mass.edu](mailto:navigate@necc.mass.edu).
2. Stephanie received an email inviting SGA members to attend a White Ribbon Day celebration on March 19th from 7:30-9:30am. There is more information regarding this event on the Student Life social media pages.
3. Stephanie will not be on campus on March 9th.
4. On Wednesday March 11th there is a "Passport to Inclusion" event on the Lawrence campus from 5:00-8:00pm. There will be international food, activities, belly dancing, and more.

## Trustee Report

The trustee was absent.

## Final Forum

1. Samantha reminded SGA of important dates:
  - a. March 12th, walking tour of Dimitry Lobby, 2:00-3:00pm
  - b. March 26th, SAC meeting
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## Announcements

1. SGA Vacant Positions
  - a. Parliamentarian
  - b. Treasurer
  - c. Programming Chair (Haverhill & Lawrence)
  - d. Marketing Chair

## Next Meeting / Adjournment

The next SGA meeting will be on Thursday, March 12th at 4:00 P.M. in Haverhill, SC 106 & in Lawrence in Dimitry 143

Chloe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 P.M., Rosielis seconded, the motion passed unanimously.