Students Committee
Meeting Minutes

November 20th, 2020
3:03 PM
Via Zoom (Recording available)

Committee Members Present: Paul Riccardi (Chair), Jeffrey Delgado (Secretary), Samuel Springle, Avri Beard, Peter Cohen, Maria Patestas (Guest- Office of Student Life) Michael Demartino and Lana Krinberg

- Discussion of creating an orientation for students’ representatives to be acclimated to College Council
  - Maria Patestas explained Office of Student Life and how they facilitate a training for the newly elected students to College Council (Delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions)
- Discussed the possibility of inviting others to Students Committee meeting from various offices across campus to discuss better communication between students and faculty
- Michael Demartino- SGA report
  - Primary concerns from student populace is the lack of communication between students and faculty. Emphasized that this is not an accusatorial statement, just that communication should be improved.
    - Information of programs, new initiatives across campus, laptop loaning, hotspot loaning, etc. All of this information is not broadcast enough to student populace
  - Creation of a concerns folder in SGA email for students to email their concerns to Student Government which would be relayed to the Students Committee.
  - Creation of Office Hours, held by students for students
- Peter Cohen
  - There has been discussion of Strategic Communication between students and faculty.
    - How can we get immediate answers to our students?
- Discussion among committee members on best way to act on this

Action Plan for Students Committee:
1. Students Committee will work with Office of Student Life with Orientation of students into College Council.
2. Michael will provide reports from SGA to the Student Committee
3. Invitation to other club representative to join the Students Committees next meeting.
   a. Next meeting scheduled for March 23 3-4 (Via zoom)

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 PM
Respectfully submitted by Jeffrey Delgado