

## **Saint Michael's College Student Government Association**

### **Senate Meeting Minutes**

**February 4th, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm (EST) by the President of the Student Government Association, Jarrett Sweet

- **Attendance**
- **Invocation:** Now I would like introduce Father Michael Carter to do the Invocation for this eventing
- **E-Board Updates:**

*President, Jarrett Sweet*

- ❖ Hello everyone, This week I have been working on getting a new club ready to present tonight and have been scheduling meetings with different departments across campus to meet this week. Reminders that if you want a table for your club at the student engagement thursday reach out to James Baker, great way to get more club members. Another reminder to reach out to your advisor, thats all I have this week, thank you.

*Vice President, Aidan Finnagan*

Hello Everyone, this week I concluded PNN investigations, am working on the Financial literacy series, and just a reminder that elections will be posted soon!

*Secretary of Academics, Joelle Cameron*

- Hi everyone happy Tuesday, hope all is well!
- Not much from me, I just met with my committee to work on a new resolution supporting the removal of finals on Saturdays. We hope to get this ball rolling, but we also want to make sure that this resolution is strong.
- Other than that, I hope to start working on a new initiative that was brought up to me by a student that will support student teachers.

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*Secretary of Athletics, Preston Hewett*

- Happy Tuesday everyone! I hope you all have been enjoying this snowy few weeks on campus.
- There are no home athletic events this week, stay tuned for more in the following weeks.
- This Thursday February 6th from 5-7pm, a dozen of Saint Michael's skiers and riders will be competing in the Anon Optic Winter Railjam hosted by Champlain College. There is a \$10k cash purse, with prizes being dispersed to the top 3 skiers and riders. The event will conclude at J-Skis Intergalactic Lounge, where competitors will receive free hot chocolate!
  - Stay posted for updates on the Shred MC Instagram page within the next 48 hours, van departure times and sign up sheets will be attached to story posts.

*Secretary of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Kaltuma Ibrahim*

Hello everyone. Sorry I couldn't make it! Happy Black History Month! Hope things are going well for you all. This week, more of DEI series of events planning,

This month for DEI series of events, we have tabling for the student engagement fair Feb 6 11-1

We also have our BIPOC Marketplace later on this month - inquire for more.

Thanks.

*Secretary of Finance, Nick Wracker*

Good Evening everyone! Happy national sweater day! National Thank a mailman day! National homemade soup day! This past week I did not do a whole lot out of the norm-P-Card and Budget inquiries. I hope that you all have a wonderful rest of your week and I challenge you to make at least one person smile each day!

*Co-Secretaries of Programming, Amy Hysten & Catherine Wennerstrom:*

Hi everyone! Happy Tuesday! We have our first Skate Knight of the semester coming up this Saturday February 8th from 9:25-10:25 PM at Cairns Arena. (CANCELLED) There will be free van transportation, and \$5 skate rentals available! Sign up for the vans with the QR code on the poster! We hope to see you there, bring your friends!

*Secretary of Student Life, Yamuna Turco*

Hi everyone, and happy black history month! This week I've been reviewing and updating the hand book for my position, and also have started looking at the newly-reworded amnesty policy. I just want to give a reminder for underclassmen, room selection is getting started and there will be info sessions about the process and housing options starting next monday evening, that is monday february 10th. There will be more information coming as well. If you need anything let me know, have a great week.

*Secretary of Student Policy, Elliot Jordan*

Hello, i've been working on a lot of in house cleanup and general forward planning. In the spirit of that I need to remind the club reps that they are required per the constitution to submit their clubs social media login information. Hannah sent out a google form a while back to the clubs please fill that out. Additionally if your club who does not know who their club advisor is please reach out to me.

*Secretary of Community Engagement, Hannah Bennett*

Good Evening! I hope you are all doing well! This week I have been working on creating content and speaking with a few professors on a project I am working on for later this semester. I have also been working on a few videos for the social medias and more. Have a great week!

- **Approval of the minutes:**

*President, Jarrett Sweet:* Approval of the minutes- we need to approve last weeks minutes 1/28, if everyone could log onto poll.ev

*President, Jarrett Sweet:* Any motions on the table?

Christina Cummings: Motion to approve the minutes from Jan 28th

Elani Gikas '25: Seconds the motion

*President, Jarrett Sweet:* Discussion? We will now move into voting on poll.ev... Have all that have wished to vote done so... Motion passes

- **Senate Announcements:**

- Blood Drive Feb 19th
- Cook will have a meeting this month sign up for our email
- Knit and Crochet is looking for leadership
- 2028 is having a night to meet the class officers
- Onion River review submissions due tmr
- This thursday student success center is making little hats and chocolate will be there 3-5pm
- James Baker - if you need a P-card between now and next week come and see me after the meeting!

- **Open Forum**

*President, Jarrett Sweet:* We will now move into Open Forum.

Impeachment - *Vice President, Aidan Finnagan*

Person A:

Reason for impeachment Excessive absences 7 Absences 1 Excused 1 Proxy Lapses in Communication  
In Their Defense Member of Varsity Sports Team Practices / Travel directly conflict with Senate Meetings Successfully ran a class event Fall Semester Difficulty finding proxy

Statement: Additionally, I acknowledge that I could have made more effort to send a proxy in my place, though this was difficult since many of my closest peers were also on the soccer team with me. Despite these challenges, I want to reassure you that I have been fully committed to my role, attending every meeting I could since then, and actively working to fulfill my responsibilities. Beyond attendance, I have helped plan and execute a successful class event, a pickleball tournament, and I am currently collaborating with my cabinet to organize an exciting Senior Week that I believe will be a great experience for our class. I am really excited about what we are planning and remain fully dedicated to making this year as memorable as possible. I completely understand the concerns regarding my absences, and I take full responsibility for them. I want to emphasize that I am fully committed to attending meetings. I appreciate the opportunity to clarify this and hope to continue serving in this role.

Person B:

Reason for impeachment Excessive absences 8 Absences 1 Excused 0 Proxy Lapses in Communication  
In Their Defense Member of Varsity Sports Team Practices / Travel directly conflict with Senate  
Meetings Successfully ran a class event Fall Semester Difficulty finding proxy

Statement:

I want to take a moment to address my commitment to SGA and to our class as I enter my final semester. At the beginning of the year, I was upfront about potential scheduling conflicts due to my athletic commitments. However, now that my season has ended, I no longer have any conflicts and am fully committed to attending every meeting moving forward. Even with my schedule last semester, I remained dedicated to our work in SGA, contributing to events like the pickleball tournament, and I'm excited to continue that momentum with another event planned this semester. I have also already reached out to Kerri Leach to start brainstorming for senior week, ensuring that we make our last semester the best one yet. Beyond SGA, I take pride in my involvement across campus. I serve as a Team IMPACT Fellow, an Admissions Ambassador, SAAC Secretary, women's soccer captain, and the only student-athlete on the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. Leadership and service are at the core of who I am, and I am eager to continue to bring that same dedication to SGA. I truly value this opportunity to work with all of you, and I am committed to showing up, engaging, and making a meaningful impact in my final semester. Thank you.

Considerations: Class Officers in 2025 have responsibilities in planning Senior Week Activities In the event of impeachment their will either be a Snap Election or Senate Policy which would outline expedited process This vote requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority to succeed A vote in the affirmative (yes) is a vote to impeach A vote in the negative (no) is a vote to NOT impeach

Also, they had direct conflicts during the senate meeting time

A vote yes on Poll EV is yes to impeach, and no is to not impeach

Questions:

Abbie Whitley '26: It is difficult to be a student athlete and I have so much respect for Preston and the E-board but I want to point out that he is missing a lot of these meetings. It does happen to the best of us, and I know if it was me I would want you to consider.

*Secretary of Finance, Nick Wracker:* As a member of the executive board, I would be up for impeachment if I was in your shoes due to the amount of meetings i have missed. These people who are up for impeachment want to be involved due to senior week and planning it, it takes a lot of work, taking someone out of this position would be harmful.

Question: If i was a spring athlete and exceed the absences would be up for impeachment at the end of the term?

Aidan: It seems redundant but, we do need to put all findings to the PNN committee,

Elani Gikas '25: I am person B and I wanted to give a statement, there is nothing in my way to stop this ?

Christina Cummings: I have been looking forward to planning this - please don't go a breaking my heart

Cassie Lathrope Women's Rugby: How long would elections take?

*Secretary of Student Policy, Elliot Jordan* : point of order we would have snap election- election for all positions, since we have to do it at the end of the year -though someone can motion to only run an election for 2 positions

Cassie Lathrope Women's Rugby: How long?

*Secretary of Student Policy, Elliot Jordan*: Week and a half

Josselyn Summers '26: We want all voices, we don't want to take away a voice for fall athletes - if they are impeached can they run again?

*Secretary of Student Policy, Elliot Jordan*: Will check in

*Vice President, Aidan Finnagan*: Questions can be asked soon, if a motion is pitched

Karaoke Club Patrick

Feeling KaraOke aims to be more than the average Karaoke club by offering a welcoming and safe environment for students at Saint Michael's to explore their vocal talents and have fun. It is a judgement free zone focused on positive mental health and mindfulness. Future goals include participating in school events such as Friday Night Drys.

\$60 for karaoke Machine, \$200 for snacks, \$50 for Printing posters

Questions:

Luke WWPV: We have a karaoke event in 3-4 weeks what do we do?

Jarrett: Collaboration between clubs would be great

- **Old Business**

Jarrett SGA President: We will now move into Old Business, seeing as there is none we will move into New Business.

- **New Business**

Abbie Whitey '26: can I vote to dismiss it?

*Secretary of Student Policy, Elliot Jordan*: point of order you can

Abbie: I vote to dismiss the impeachment of class officer A and B?

Jarrett: Can this be two or one motions?

*Secretary of Student Policy, Elliot Jordan*: Separate

Abbie Whitley '26: I vote to dismiss the impeachment A

Christiana Cummings '25: Second the motion

*President, Jarrett Sweet*: Officer A leave please

*President, Jarrett Sweet*: Discussion? We will now move into voting on poll.ev... Have all that have wished to vote done so... Motion passes

Christina Cummings has not been Impeached

Abbie Whitey '26: I vote to dismiss the impeachment B

Christiana Cummings '25: Second the motion

Jarrett: Officer B please leave

*President, Jarrett Sweet:* Discussion? We will now move into voting on poll.ev... Have all that have wished to vote done so... Motion passes

Elani Gikas has not been Impeached

*President, Jarrett Sweet:* Are there any motions on the table?  
Abbie Whitley '26: Motion Approve Karaoke Club

Shawn - Spanish Club: I second the motion

*President, Jarrett Sweet:* Discussion? We will now move into voting on poll.ev... Have all that have wished to vote done so... Motion passes

Emily Alford '27: Motion to Approve Karaoke Club's Budget of \$310.00

Abbie Whitley '26: Second the motion

*President, Jarrett Sweet:* Discussion? We will now move into voting on poll.ev... Have all that have wished to vote done so... Motion passes

Cassie Lathrope Women's rugby : Motion to adjourn

Mike check: Seconds the motion

*President, Jarrett Sweet:* Any Discussion?...Show of Hands... This meeting is dismissed