



# United Student Government

October 17th, 2023 | 4:45 - 6:30pm | LOCATION: HUB UBC | General Meeting

## Call to Order:

◆ TIME - 4:50PM

## Roll Call:

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| ◆ Michael Irving, President                             | ◆ Melody Fermin Clase, Commuter Student Representative |
| ◆ Drew Decatur, Executive VP                            | ◆ Alexander Dillon, South Campus Representative        |
| ◆ Kayla Biege, VP of Club Outreach                      | ◆ Fernand El Helou, Class of 2024 Liaison              |
| ◆ Sara Turkdonmez, VP of Internal Operations            | ◆ Dylan Lazar, Class of 2025 Liaison                   |
| ◆ Liliana Brockway, VP of Student Engagement            | ◆ Giselle Ponce, Class of 2025 Liaison                 |
| ◆ Damian Almonte, Secretary of Campus Life              | ◆ Aylia Mahon, Class of 2026 Liaison                   |
| ◆ Raymond Stivala, Secretary of APPC                    | ◆ Elizabeth Kameen, Class of 2026 Liaison              |
| ◆ Rachel Korb, Secretary of Dining                      |  |
| ◆ Cielo Disla, Secretary of DEI                         |  |
| ◆ Todd Reedy, Secretary of Environmental Sustainability |  |

## ABSENT:

- ◆ Vivianna Samite-Estevez, Advisor
- ◆ Guruveer Bhamra, VP of Finance
- ◆ Grace DiDomenico, North Campus Representative
- ◆ Victoria Santoriello, Secretary of Student Wellness
- ◆ Melanie Pagan, Secretary of Campus Engagement

## Guest:

- ❖ Suzanne Moyer
- ❖ Emily Alonge
- ❖ AJ Minnich
- ❖ Erika Sanchez
- ❖ Avante Kendall
- ❖ Hailey Hoffman

Approve Last Weeks Minutes



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- Motion: To approve
  - First: Alex
  - Second: Dylan
  - Result: 16-0-0

| <b>ITEM</b>   | <b>PRESENTER(S)</b> |
|---|---------------------|
| <b>Introductions and Overview</b>   |                     |
| Welcome<br>Info Session!<br>All Population Representatives<br>All Class Liaisons  | Irving              |
| <b>New Business</b>   |                     |
| Discretionary request: (Link presentation here)<br>1.   | Presenter(s)        |
| <b>Guest</b>  |                     |
| 1. Name:<br>- Discussion Item:  | Presenter           |
| <b>Internal Voting Items</b>  |                     |
| After your guests leave the space but before you vote on discretionaries. Students can bring up any voting items board members may have. This way all voting is done at the same time<br><br>1. CS Event Idea:<br><a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1_XDrOU1tYBQGRp8mt_jhGGnaE9vJsA9UIMJn9rXgTio/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1_XDrOU1tYBQGRp8mt_jhGGnaE9vJsA9UIMJn9rXgTio/edit?usp=sharing</a><br><br>- 10/30-11-3 activities for commuters, but open to all Moravian students (first 30 minutes will be only open to commuters) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If commuters attend at least one event they will be entered to win a gift card at the end of the week (three winners)</li> </ul> - Ordering through Moravian catering – should they order for 75 or 100 people? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Individual items like sandwiches and beverages - move to 100</li> <li>- Bagels and muffins - 75</li> <li>- Ultimately up to CSA how much they are willing to contribute</li> <li>- Maybe Alex Lauth from Housing would know how to email</li> </ul> | Presenter           |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>only commuters</li> <li>a. Motion to table for next week               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. First: Kayla</li> <li>ii. Second: Todd                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Result: 11-0-5</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |                 |
| <b>Unfinished Business</b>  |                 |
|   | Presenter       |
| <b>Cabinet Meeting Update</b>   |                 |
| No major updates!   | Cabinet         |
| <b>Committee Update</b>   |                 |
| Club Outreach Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Made a new club email list - copy of it in the drive</li> <li>2. Updating club log document/prep for transition</li> <li>3. Moravian's SAAC wants to become recognized by USG - guidance on this process would be helpful, is this even possible??</li> </ul>   | Biege           |
| Finance Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discretionary requests are pending</li> <li>2. Vouchers on minor hold/Viv out of office</li> <li>3. Finance delegations are set</li> </ul>  | Bhamra          |
| Internal Operations Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Email went out to Gender Equity on Friday for hygiene products, awaiting response</li> <li>2. Secretary switch for general meetings</li> </ul>  | Turkdonmez      |
| Student Engagement Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inauguration will be completely in the Sally               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Nov 15</li> <li>b. More details to come</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Thanks to everyone who volunteered at Fall Fest!</li> <li>3. Next week we'll take the picture, I'll send either a message or a calendar invite as a reminder</li> </ul> | Brockway        |
| <b>Student-Year Class Liaison Updates</b>   |                 |
| Class of 2024 Liaisons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No Updates</li> </ul>  | El Helou        |
| Class of 2025 Liaisons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Melody and I will present our Commuter Student Appreciation week idea</li> </ul>   | Lazar and Ponce |
| Class of 2026 Liaisons  | Mahon and       |



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Liz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Heard many good things about Fall Fest - great work!</li> <li>- Comenian Published with USG beat on Friday</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Aylia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students have concerns about elevators</li> <li>- South Campus elevator broken for two weeks, going to talk to Maintenance and Alex about fixing it</li> <li>- Handicap Elevator, Lt. Appleman was not made aware that PPHAC elevator was broken or repaired, Accommodations Staff, Tracy Urban, was not informed until the end of the day</li> <li>- Professors unaware, unable/unwilling to move classes, will update next week</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | Kameen       |
| <b>Population Representatives</b>   |              |
| North Campus Representatives<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No Updates</li> </ol>   | DiDomenico   |
| South Campus Representatives<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No Updates</li> </ol>   | Dillon       |
| Commuter Student Representatives<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No updates</li> </ol>   | Fermin Clase |
| <b>University Governance Committee Updates</b>  |              |
| Dining Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christine never got back to me about the napkin holders. I will be sending a follow up email if I don't hear back soon. Alex also cc'd Viviana and I sent an email to Christine about getting more information about the new culinary council. It's supposed to be at some point this week I believe and I never got a response for this either. I'm hoping I get a response soon and that I will be able to attend this meeting.</li> <li>- Will be reaching out to Dale and Pat Harrigan from Dining</li> </ul>   | Korb         |
| Academic Planning & Program Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Data Science Major <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CSCI 210: needed for advising worksheets</li> <li>- Writing Intensive Class</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Health Humanities Minor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revised submission</li> </ul> </li> <li>- HLTR 285 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Make a biology elective for majors and minors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | Stivala      |



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| <p>Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DEI Affinity Club Council this upcoming Thursday, October 19th 4-5 pm in UBC Room.</li> <li>- Still in the process of Data collecting for “Your Perspective: Shaping Clubs and Organizations”</li> <li>- Bridging the Gap Conference: “Reclaiming Our Narratives: Authenticity and Agency in Higher Education”             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DEI sent out email to all students, link to register within email</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Friday Forum featuring Dr. Natasha Woods</li> </ul>  | Disla       |
| <p>Environmental Sustainability Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sus. is Ghost. (*Spooky*)</li> <li>- Dr. H was leading study Abroad to Costa Rica focusing on national sustainability             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Officially canceled.</li> <li>- GCE advertising only towards science majors, while last year had one of the most diverse groups of students</li> <li>- Confusion about course credit for these trips</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Revamping sustainability plan on campus that’s over a decade old (implemented in 2014)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implementing and normalizing sustainability within a college education, viewing climate change as a new norm and utilizing these topics within class</li> <li>- New plan needed to be implemented ASAP which is why meeting is necessary</li> <li>- Dr. Lord concerned about trips being canceled due to not enough students signing up</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Elevate is confusing to students, extra fees they can’t afford like trip insurance             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- People don’t know if they’re signed up or not, process is vague</li> <li>- Flat rates and no extra fees</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Reedy       |
| <p>Student Wellness Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No updates</li> </ul>  | Santoriello |
| <p>Campus Life Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No Updates</li> </ul>   | Almonte     |
| <p>Campus Engagement Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No updates</li> </ul>   | Pagan       |
| <p>Parking Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No meeting has occurred yet.</li> <li>- Many students complaining, especially South students who can’t</li> </ul>   | Redacted    |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>park on North when shuttle isn't running</li> <li>- Students with classes at the SMRC cannot park there</li> </ul>   |                           |
| <b>USG Signature Program Updates</b>  |                           |
| <p>If there are any updates regarding a signature update it will be here</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Signature Program             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Summary/Description</li> </ol> </li> </ol>   | Presenter                 |
| <b>USG Events Updates</b>   |                           |
| <p>Any updates on upcoming USG events and debriefs on a recent event</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alumni Newsletter             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. I have sent out the Newsletter to Matt Nesto and he and his team are going to look at it and make sure that it looks good. Then they will send it out to USG Alumni to come to the inauguration.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>  | Decatur                   |
| <b>Executive and Advisor Updates</b>  |                           |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fallfest was absolutely outstanding, great work all around!</li> <li>2. Election Committee             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Working on finalizing some purchases</li> <li>b. Let's review who is tabling next week on Gcal                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Use your discretion while tabling, tell them your experiences and future initiatives</li> <li>ii. Be transparent and positive; if you don't know the answer to a question, refer them to a VP or the USG email</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Waiting on communication regarding the UN fellowship             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Finance you should be getting an email soon</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Common Misconceptions to review             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. MAC is <u>not</u> a USG Club                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Completely separate budgets, split institutional funding from student activity fee</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Greek life is <u>not</u> funded by USG</li> <li>c. We do not force tax payments, that is why we have the exemption form University-wide                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A form has to be brought to the store and an account needs to be developed with that store so the purchase can be tax exempt</li> <li>ii. If a club is taxed on a personal card, USG cannot reimburse that</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> | Irving and Samite Estevez |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. USG has 0 say in catering/food prices</li> <li>5. I need all of the lists tonight! Send them to my personal email <a href="mailto:irvingm@moravian.edu">irvingm@moravian.edu</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Seven names per representative</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. UGC Senators, you are up on deck!</li> <li>7. Proud of you all!</li> </ul> |                 |
| <b>General Remarks, Updates &amp; Announcements</b>  |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any Volunteers for Weigh the Waste?           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Anytime between 11am-3pm on 10/25 in the Star.</li> <li>b. Talk to Todd if interested! - Reedy</li> </ul> </li> <li>2.</li> </ul>  |                 |
| <b>Deferred Discussions</b>  |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commuter Student Appreciation Event</li> </ul>  | Fermin Clase    |
| <b>End of Meeting</b>  |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Time of Adjournment - 6:16 p.m.</li> <li>2. Approval of the minutes -</li> <li>3. Clerk of the Assembly Signature -</li> </ul>   | Kameen & Dillon |