

Tabs: I'm gonna start meeting at 3:04 PM on this Friday, the 12th of February. Happy New Year, by the way. Okay, first off, hello to anyone who's new here, I'm the president, Tabitha Chang. The Science Fiction Forum will continue to have its rooms closed, thanks to Covid-19. So we're still having meetings online in this Google Meet. We're making them biweekly now because we don't actually have as many allocations we can do. In fact, probably no applications we can do. Our treasurer will talk about that later, but hopefully we can have a bunch of fun events anyway, and maybe next semester we'll be in person again. And I wish the next president the best of luck when they do that, 'cause I'm graduating this semester. Kind of sucks that my last year here, I didn't get to spend with all of you guys in person, but I guess you get what you get. All right, next up, Vice President.

Ken: Hey, guys, what's up? I'm the Vice President coming at you from my car. Normally, I won't be phoning it in like this, but today was a special occasion. I am the Vice President of Science Fiction Forum for anyone who's new. My name is Kenneth Aragon and I just manage certain things in the Forum. If you have any complaints with anyone in the Forum, you come to me. I can't really give you access to the complaint form right now, but it is on our website or you can directly message me through any form of communication that you wish to. My Stony Brook email's, [Kenneth.Aragon@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Kenneth.Aragon@stonybrook.edu), also feel free to check out our events on our event Discord, and we will add that to the chat here momentarily. And that's about it for me, next up is Treasurer.

Tabs: Jolee, you there?

Jolee: Oops, hi. Like Tabs said, they lowered our activity fees this year, so you guys pay less for school, but it cuts our budget down. We can't really make that many allocations. We probably won't get to make any, maybe at the end of the year if we have a little bit of surplus. But if you want to put in, request form's through the link in chat right now, feel free. We'll get to the allocations, hopefully, when we have budget.

Tabs: Yeah, so even if we don't get to do them the semester, anything you request to add to our library will be bought probably next semester. All right, we just did Treasurer. So next up is Secretary, who is not here right now. Normally-

Tom: I mean, would you want me to be fill in Secretary?

Tabs: Do you- Okay, yeah, sure. Go ahead, fill in for Secretary. Normally I do it, but go ahead.

Tom: Ok, hey, I'll fill in for Alex. He usually asks that everybody, when they present, speak clearly and he thanks everybody for showing up and having cameras on and allowing for great meeting notes usually.

Tabs: He also usually asks everyone to mute when they are not speaking, missed that one. All right, after Secretary, we have Head Librarian.

Shane: I guess I'll talk. Hello, I'm Shane McGarry. I think I'm kind of splittin' Head Librarian with Jolee right now 'cause I'm kind of learnin' it, but there's not much for me to say right now, I guess. Everyone's off campus, sad, the books are all alone... I guess that's all.

Jolee: Yeah, like Shane says, we're co-Librarians right now. I'm working on, hopefully when there's less snow, I'll go to the room and organize the books a little more and unpack. But, there really is very little we can do right now.

Ken: You guys might want to mention what shiftholder might be for people who might be interested next semester.

Jolee: So ideally, we keep our lounge open as long as possible, and the person who's in charge of keeping the room open would be the shiftholder, they have precedent over what goes on the TV, they keep the room open, If someone wants to take out a book, people go to them. It's very low risk.

Tabs: Yeah, sadly, there won't be any shiftholders this semester as our rooms are still closed. But as Ken said, if any of you guys are interested in that for next semester, you know, hopefully we can do that again. All right, after Head Librarian, we got Head Activities Coordinator.

Will: Hello, everybody, I'm Will, I'm the Head AC. As you probably guessed, we're not gonna be doing any in-person activities this semester unless we all wanted to stand outside in the cold. Everybody is, you know, not on campus anyway for the most part. However, we are going to be doing virtual activities. So I'm going to be putting out a Google Form probably later today where you can vote on what sort of activities you'd like to see and all that kind of stuff. Normally the kind of things we do are movie nights, game nights, the sort of things that you'd expect. Because of rules with USG, we can't really do all of the movies that we'd like to because of copyright issues, but we can still find some to do. Yeah, that's about all for me, I think.

Tabs: Alright, thank you. And after Head AC, we got Historian, yeah, Historian.

Tom: Hi, guys. I'm Tom, I'm the Historian. I have a scuff set up for Alex right now, who's our Secretary. So hopefully you don't hear much feedback from that. I tell stories every week of the 50 years plus the Forum has had and usually around this time I tell a specific story. Unfortunately, we missed it already. Usually it occurs on February the 8th, but it is of one day called Sherman Raftenburg Day. So on February 8th, Sherman was most likely drunk with his friends. We're pretty sure it was forumites, but it could have been random engineers, S.B, students, etc. So they were drunk and at the time the steam vents in the Frey Center, they were uncovered for some reason and he was compelled to jump in to the steam vent not once, not twice, but three times and to jump over. On the third time, though, he fell in and was steamed alive for 18, some people can test that it was 19, we're not super sure, 18 seconds. After that, campus finally got smart and put on grates on the vents with other safety initiatives. It's said that the parents at court received one K for every second Sherman was alive and was screaming in the vent. So 18 or 19 K, yeah no, he did indeed die, if I didn't make that clear, he's gone. We still aren't super sure if this is truly an actual event or if it's a mythic story, as we have conflicting, as with anything in history, we have conflicting tales. But in any case, it was a tragic event and now we have a tradition that we usually don't hold to, but it's so good to mention it. It starts with

getting White Castle bought by forumites because of their steamed burgers, of course, then we travelled to the steam vent we were pretty sure he fell in and we place offerings of the White Castle burgers. Sometimes, you do one person, sometimes you do eighteen, and then the president then jumps on the steam vent three times, and after the third time, everybody screams for 18 seconds, just as Sherman did that night and then run the fuck away before UPD catches us. You know, for screaming in the middle of the night, which honestly, midnight screams aren't too uncommon nowadays, but still don't want to be caught. And that is the story of Sherman Raftenberg, I hope you all enjoyed.

Tabs: Yeah, we haven't done this tradition for at least four or five years, I think. But it was at one point a part of- it's died and been brought back multiple times. I personally don't wanna do it. All right, thank you for sharing that tidbit of history. The dude did actually die, there are New York Times articles about when it happened. Whether or not he was a forumite, we don't actually know, that's contested, but yes, thank you for sharing, Tom. Next up, we would have Head PR, but it looks like Brenda's not here. What she usually does is make our lovely posters and stuff to help promote our club, our events, and pretty often when we're in person, they usually have a group of people, or a PR committee, to help put up flyers around campus. But considering everything's online, we'll probably not have a PR committee. I mean, that's up to Brenda, I guess, probably she's just gonna post things on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and, of course, keep the Event server updated. All right, I think that's all for this, so we're gonna open it up to the Forum. If anyone has any questions, feel free to unmuted yourself, or statements if there's any shows you wanna promote or anything of that sort, feel free to unmute yourself.

Ken: Or even just wants to introduce themselves, 'cause I think there are new people here.

Tabs: Oh, yes, that too.

Jolee: I will say that maybe Will wants to go over what a sub AC is, just a little bit.

Tabs: Oh, good idea.

Jolee: 'Cause I think that is the only committee that is running the semester.

Tabs: That is a good idea.

Will: Yeah, so basically what sub ACs are- AC is activity coordinator. So basically, they sort of help come up with ideas, and plan events, and run events, you know, for times when the Head AC is busy with other stuff. But also just because, you know, I like to have all the help I can get and I have trouble coming up with good event ideas for, you know, obvious reasons, we can't be in-person. So, if anybody would like to be a sub AC, I'm not really sure what the process is, but- or even if you just have event ideas, @ me somewhere or DM me and I'd be happy to look into making them happen.

Ken: Preferably in the Forum Event server.

Tabs: Yeah, the process to becoming a sub AC is generally just decided by the Head ACs. Move pizza from the-

Jolee: Oh, from West.

Tabs: the cafeterias?

Jolee: Yeah.

Tabs: You're out of a pizza again?

Jolee: They just got rid of it.

Tabs: Oh, it's gone for the semester?

Jolee: Mmhm, yeah.

Tabs: Oh my god.

Jolee: So essentially, you can be a sub AC if you have, like, an event you really want to do. So, let's say I just really wanna play Skribblio with everyone and I'll be like, 'Okay, I wanna hold a Skribblio event, like, in two weeks on Friday,' just make an event of it or if I wanna hang out with people.

Tabs: Yep, you do pretty much anything you want as long as it's at least genre adjacent. But yeah, anyone else wanna announce things on open forum? I think I'm gonna promote Kid Cosmic, watch it on Netflix, it's good.

Tom: We may or may not be competing in the game designing/game developer club, making a VN for one of their competitions. So if you're interested, we do have a channel in the main Discord, #sf4m-literature-club, so, that's popping off.

Tabs: Yeah.

Ken: The Zack Snyder cut of Justice League is apparently coming out pretty soon, so if you wanna see if Zack Snyder can somehow save that awful movie, then it's coming out pretty soon on HBO Max.

Shane: The Expanse is a pretty good sci-fi show, it's like, as realis- well, it's not super real. It's as realistic as, like, a mainstream sci-fi show is gonna get. It's cool.

Jolee: I've been hearing really good things about WandaVision, haven't seen it, but...

Tom: No spoilers.

Will: Gonna have to burn my Disney+ free trial eventually to watch Mandalorian and WandaVision. Are you guys looking for help with the visual novel thing, or have you reached the limit of people yet?

Tom: I believe we have, but I think we're still taking contributions. I think we should probably discuss it more in the actual chat. I don't wanna take up meeting time just to talk about it, but yeah.

Tabs: Alright, anyone else got anything for open forum? Oh, yeah, and as Jolee just pointed out, normally when the Forum is open, we have Disney+, Netflix, Amazon Prime, Hulu, so you can watch- usually, we can just watch those shows together, just ask for them to be put on and usually people will put it on because they have it. Yeah, we also have over 200 DVDs and counting. You can request more DVDs through the request form but, you know, we'll probably take a semester to get them, thanks to the budget cuts. But yeah, if you do get your Disney+ free trial done and then another show comes up, give it a semester hopefully next semester we can be together again and you can watch all the great shows with us. Usually if you have a specific show you wanna watch and you ask, it'll be put on 'cause most people don't have a specific show they wanna watch.

Ken: Also, we're going to be at the 6 to 9 PM involvement fair tonight if you wanna ask us more questions directly. I don't know, if you just wanna be there. We might be watching something, I don't know, usually when there are new people coming in saying like, 'Hey, guys, what are you guys all about?' we just kinda put on a movie. If you just wanna watch a movie with some people tonight, we can do that.

Tabs: I think because it's through the Zoom thing that USG is hosting, they might not let us do that.

Ken: So we're just gonna stay stand there and- Okay, we can stand there, we can play-

Tabs: Probably music, definitely gonna have some music, we'll figure it out. But they're probably gonna hit us with- we might be able to find a copy of one of the the movies Will found where they are allowed to be watched without everyone having a weird thing. But, yeah, if it's a movie that is copyrighted, they're gonna give us flack for it, I'm sure.

Ken: Bravest Warriors? That's on YouTube.

Tabs: Probably we'd watch Bravest Warriors.

Jolee: We can talk about it later, it's fine.

Tabs: Any other announcements? Going once, going twice, Alright, open forum is closed.

Alright, so meeting ends at 3:22 PM. Old business, stay clean, don't get sick, treat the Discord like a child you don't abuse. New business, stay clean, don't get sick, treat the Discord like a child you don't abuse.



## **TL;DR/Important Notes**

- Please fill out the request form on our website if you want us to allocate for anything. If you have any reason for discomfort, please fill out the complaint form. <https://sf4m.org/forms.html>. You may also directly contact Vice President Ken at [Kenneth.Aragon@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Kenneth.Aragon@stonybrook.edu).
- If you want to run events or become a sub AC, please speak with Head AC Will.
- Today's history story was about the death of Sherman Raftenberg.
- There were no allocations