**STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING**

**Campus Center, Assembly Hall**

**September 18, 2013, 8:30 PM**

Chairman Witte convened the meeting at 8:30 PM. The following Senators were present:

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| Sen. Stephanie Augustin  Sen. Anthony Balzano  Sen. Nadia Belkin  Sen. Alexa Cappola  Sen. Patrick Cronin  Sen. Khadija Cuevas  Sen. Stanley De La Cruz  Sen. Skyler DeAngelo  Sen. Beroro Efekoro  Sen. Benjamin Engwer  Sen. Allie Faver  Sen. Alex Flood  Sen. Robert Forman | Sen. Roevelle Gustave  Sen. Chenaniah Henderson  Sen. Brad Hershenson  Sen. James King  Sen. Ashley Klingberg  Sen. Matthew Krush  Sen. Stephanie Leader  Sen. Michael Longo  Sen. Daniel Markisello Sen. Cylas Martell-Crawford  Sen. Joe Messmer  Sen. Steven Nevins  Sen. Casey Olszewski | Sen. Kathleen Orlan  Sen. Diana Parisi  Sen. James Perry  Sen. Shireen Ramnath  Sen. Zach Ripka  Sen. Johnathon Rood  Sen. Brittany Russell  Sen. Jacob Sherretts  Sen. Vanessa Salamy  Sen. Emma Schwab  Sen. Michael Snyder  Sen Michael Gray  Sen. Corey Carmello |

Absent with an excuse:

Sen. Roger Rook, Sen. Skyler DeAngelo, Sen. Michael Longo, Sen. Finney Abraham, Sen. Haris Alic, Sen. Devin Caravello, Sen. James Perry, Sen. Lyle Weintraub

Also in attendance:

President Francis Agyemang, Vice President Nick Butler, Chief of Staff Lee Stanton, Director of Legislative Affairs Marc Cohen, Director of Academic Affairs Derek Ellis, Director of Multicultural Affairs Rachel Arnaud, Director of Programming Ajón Crump, Director of Marketing Steven Valentine, Director of Student Group Affairs Katie Thomas, Director of Gender and Sexuality Concerns Emma Suarez

Absent with excuse:

Director of Community Engagement and Outreach Rose Avellino

Absent without excuse:

OPENING REMARKS

1. Chairman Witte welcomes the Senators to a new year of Senate, baring pizza.
2. Molly O’Brien spoke on behalf of the Albany County District Attorney’s Office. She Spoke about the Community Accountability Board.

* To become a member of the Board you must attend a training taking place October 26th.

• Chairman Witte distributed flyers to those Senators interested.

JUDICIAL REPORT

1. Chief Justice John Bogil swears in new Senators

EXECUTIVE REMARKS

1. President Agyemang and Vice President Butler address Fountain Day prerogative
2. Associate Justice positions are still available
3. Student Association discount (10%) in the works
4. Student Association scholarship in the preliminary stages
5. Senator Olszewski - Question for Vice President Butler
6. Senator Ripka - Comment
7. Chief of Staff Lee Stanton welcomes new senators
8. Director of Programming announces SA block party in Sunday, Sept. 22nd
9. Speaker Series is Saturday, Sept. 28th at 8:00pm (John Favreau David Plouffe, David Axelrod from President Obama's campaign will be in attendance)
10. Senator - Question for Director of Programming
11. Sen. Olszewski - Question for Director of Programming
12. Senator - Question for Director of Programming
13. Sen. Olszewski - Question for Director of Programming
14. Director of Marketing Steven Valentine gives report
15. Director of Student Group Affairs Katie Thomas reports that starting this week all student groups, including temporary groups, will need an academic advisor; also, a collaborative initiative has been started
16. Director of Academic Affairs reports on the "Wish I knew as a freshman" program
17. Director of Legislative Affairs reports that he's pushing for more TAP awards and capital investments at SUNY Albany, also a bill which would allow all veterans to get the benefit of in-state tuition prices
    1. Sen. Torres - Question for Director of Legislative Affairs Cohen
18. Director of Multicultural Affairs gives report, attempting to bring a farmers market to campus
19. Director of Gender and Sexuality Concerns gives report, Coming Out Reception on October 24th (Jay Mason III may speak), LBGT Dippikill retreat,
    1. Northeast LGBT Conference returning to Albany in April 2015
20. Director of Dippikill Outreach gives report, group which logs the most community service hours wins a trip to Dippikill, advertising charter bus to Dippikill
    1. Chairman Witte speaks eloquently of the brilliance of Dippikill
21. Community Outreach intern Donavan Swanson gives reports on Pine Hills Clean Up and events at Hackett Middle School
22. Chairman Witte introduces interim Comptroller Matthew Krush

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Committees are being formed

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Bill S1314-026: Board of Finance: Christopher Catt

1. Sen. Schwab – Motion for Unanimous Consent
2. Sen. Cronin – Second to motion for Unanimous Consent
3. Sen. Olszewski - Objects (Question for Catt)
4. Sen. Markisello - Motions to voice vote
5. Sen. Leader - Second to motion to voice vote
6. Chairman Witte - Motion passes

Bill S1314-027: Board of Finance: Justyn Turner

1. Sen. Markisello – Question for the Candidate
2. Sen. Cronin – Motion for Unanimous Consent
3. Sen. Schwab – Second to motion for Unanimous Consent
4. Chairman Witte – Asks for any objections, seeing none, the motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

1. No new business

OLD BUSINESS

Vice Chair Nominations:

* 1. Senator Cronin nominates Senator Krush
     1. Senator Snyder seconds
     2. Senator Krush accepts
  2. Senator Martell-Crawford nominates Sen Engwer
     1. Senator Orleans seconds
     2. Senator Engwer accepts
  3. Sen. Flood Nominates Sen. Augustin
     1. Sen. seconds,
     2. Sen. Augustine accepts
  4. Sen. nominates Sen. Efekoro
     1. Sen. seconds,
     2. Sen. Efekoro accepts
  5. Sen. nominates Sen. Torres
     1. Sen. Krush seconds
     2. Sen. Torres accepts
  6. Sen. nominates Sen. Gustave
     1. Sen. seconds
     2. Sen. Gustave accepts
  7. Sen. Ripka nominates Sen. Wilkins
     1. Sen. Markisello seconds
     2. Sen. Wilkins accepts
  8. Sen. Markisello nominates Sen. Olszewski
     1. Sen. Olszewski declines nomination
  9. Sen. nominates Sen. Cronin
     1. Sen. Cronin declines
  10. Sen. Flood nominates Sen. Hershenson
      1. Sen. Seconds
      2. Sen. Hershenson accepts
  11. Sen. Alic nominates Sen. Gray
      1. Sen. Seconds
      2. Sen. Gray not present to accept nomination is automatically added to list

1. Nominees Sen. Krush, Sen. Engwer, Sen. Augustine, Sen. Efekoro, Sen. Torres, Sen. Gustave, Sen. Wilkins, and Sen. Hershenson speak; Sen. Alic speaks on behalf of Sen. Gray
2. Sen. Markisello - Question for all candidates (Do you understand 10 office hours are required?)
3. VP Butler - Question for all candidates (What part of a bicycle would you be?)
4. Sen. Schwab - Question for all candidates (What character trait do you bring to the position?)
5. Sen. Ramnath - Question for all candidates (What separates you from the other candidates?)
6. Sen. Leader - Question for all candidates (What are the duties of the Vice Chair?)
7. Hearing no more questions Chairman Witte excuses the candidates and opens the floor for debate
8. Chairman Witte closes debate to begin a vote by secret ballot
   * 1. Sen. Torres: 7
     2. Sen. Efekoro: 3
     3. Sen. Wilkins: 3
     4. Sen. Krush: 13
     5. Sen. Augustine: 1
     6. Sen. Engwer: 11
     7. Sen. Gustave: 1
     8. Abstain: 1
9. Runoff Election between Sen. Krush, Sen. Engwer, and Sen. Torres Questions:
   1. Sen. Markisello - What is your understanding of the Bylaws?
   2. President Agyemang - What can you do to improve the relationship between the Executive Branch and the Senate?
   3. Sen. Olszewski - Where does the responsibility of being Vice Chair rank in your priorities?
   4. Sen. Messmer - What one thing make you a better candidate than the other two?
   5. Sen. Henderson - Why should('nt) your ranking in the runoff change?
   6. Sen. Markisello - Question for Sen. Engwer - Why were you not more active in your position as counsel to the President?
10. Chairman Witte - moves back in to debate
11. Chairman Witte - ends debates and opens the vote to a secret ballot
    * 1. Sen. Torres: 9
      2. Sen. Krush: 21
      3. Sen. Engwer: 10
      4. Abstain: 0
12. Sen. Engwer - drops from the second run off
13. Sen. Leader - motions to vote by Unanimous Consent, Sen. Cronin seconds the motion
14. Sen. Markisello - objects to the motion
15. Sen. Leader – motion to vote by hand count, Sen. Longo seconds the motion

* Chairman Witte - opens vote by hand count, 36-0-4
  + Krush wins Vice Chair elections
  + Vice Chairman Krush - thanks the Senators for their support
  + Chairman Witte- Closing attendance