**STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING**

**Campus Center, Assembly Hall**

**November 20, 2013, 8:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING ROLL

Chairman Witte convened the meeting at 8:35 PM.

* Pledge of Allegiance
* The following senators were present:

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| * Sen. Finney Abraham * Sen. Haris Alic * Sen. Anthony Balzano * Sen. Nadia Belkin * Sen. Devin Caravello * Sen. Patrick Cronin * Sen. Khadija Cuevas * Sen. Stanley De La Cruz * Sen. Skyler DeAngelo * Sen. Beroro Efekoro * Sen. Benjamin Engwer * Sen. Allie Faver * Sen. Michael Gray * Sen. Roevelle Gustave * Sen. Chenaniah Henderson * Sen. Brad Hershenson * Sen. James King | * Sen. Matthew Krush * Sen. Michael Longo * Sen. Daniel Markisello * Sen. Cylas Martell-Crawford * Sen. Casey Olszewski * Sen. Kathleen Orlan * Sen. Shireen Ramnath * Sen. Zach Ripka * Sen. Johnathon Rood * Sen. Roger Rook * Sen. Brittany Russell * Sen. Vanessa Salamy * Sen. Emma Schwab * Sen. Connor Wilkins |

Absent Senators: Augustin, Cappola, Flood, Forman, Messmer.

Also in attendance: President Francis Agyemang, Vice President Nick Butler, Director of Legislative Affairs Marc Cohen, Director of Academic Affairs Derek Ellis, Director of Legislative Affairs Justyn Turner, Comptroller Lee Stanton, Deputy Comptroller Tyler Paladino

Public Comment:

-Sen. Henderson:

* There are currently no bikes for rent on Empire. It’s a long walk to campus- need them out of storage.

-Sen. De La Cruz:

* Commitment to Education Day.
* Women’s basketball game at noon.
* Many kids from local schools
* Free stuff!

-Director Thomas:

* Feb 3 Empire Commons will be having a blood drive from 1:30-6:30 in the community building
* Sen. Skyler DeAngelo:
* Feb 22 Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) will be holding the NYS convention in our campus center’s ballroom

OPENING REMARKS:

-Chairman Witte:

* Next week new student programs come in.
* Encourages senators to apply for OA (orientation assistant) positions. It is paid and a good way to get your foot in the door for possible Res Life position.
* Want student leaders to be more involved.
* All students/student groups: nominate yourself or others/other student groups for President’s award for student leadership. Go to MyInvolvement to apply! SA helps
* Vice chair Krush suggests utilizing both OA assistant position and President’s award.
* Senate special elections will be held: 9 seats are currently open

UNIVERSITY REPORT:

-Trey:

* Thanks to all of those who responded to surveys that were emailed to student leaders. Results will be available some time over next few weeks. Waiting on feedback from some additional items.

BOARD OF FINANCE REPORT:

-Justyn Turner:

Reviewing contract

-Sen. Engwer:

* Reported: he is meeting with Beth Conrad to fix a few things on budget packet.

-Director Thomas will send email to student groups.

* Groups had example packets to work with since December
* New bylaws suggested for internal controls in comptroller’s office.

-Director Thomas:

* Do not send budget packets to her! Relay the message to student groups

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

-President Francis Agyemang:

* Two Associate Justices positions are open and available
* 1 Director of Multicultural Affairs position open

-Vice President Nick Butler

* SA Scholarship in the works: looking at logistics and numbers, hoping to present it/get funding; in conjunction with purple and gold awards.
* Advises senators to look into supplementing $50,000 to buffer up the allocations we can give.

Chief of Staff Marc Cohen:

* Going to wait until next Wed. for office hours of all directors to be posted to give them time to settle

Comptroller Lee Stanton:

* Not much changed since email report/yesterdays update
* KANYE is NOT ours. Let constituents know. Not related to us or Parkfest.
* Check run was Jan. 6-11th: ahead of business cycles for monthly bills. Paying down credit card as we speak. Wrapping up “credit card fiasco”

Director of Programming, Ajon Crump

* Update on Parkfest: Not where we want to be.
* Timeline (special session) should’ve contracted artists. A lot comes into play when contracting artists (schedules, etc.)
* One contract- BOF, president, vice president will look at it

Sen. Schwab: “Is the artist the number one you wanted to get in terms of allocated money?”

Director Crump: Not number one, but we’re waiting until the Grammys end because the Number One option was nominated for many awards.

Sen. Henderson: “We gave you $200,000, What was the point of rushing?”

Director Crump: If we waited to add the $200,000, we would’ve had many more setbacks. We

are not where we want to be, but progressing.

Sen. Rook: “You do have a contract?”

Director Crump: Yes, waiting to agree with them.

Vice Chair Krush: “When was it received?”

Director Crump: Today, 4 hours ago.

“Will it be reviewed by our lawyer?”

Will be reviewed by president and vice president, then the lawyer will view it.

Sen. Henderson: Timeline for signature on contract?

Director Crump: Need to speak to president and vice president. Don’t know if we want to release just one (smaller artist) then another, as opposed to just one big release.

Sen. Markisello: “How much is this contract for?”

Director Crump: $115,000

Sen. Rook: “We’re waiting on another (big) artist, what is the update?”

Director Crump: Bigger artist is waiting for the Grammys to be over. We’d still be able to afford another smaller one.

We have several back up artists. We don’t see it impossible for going with someone else based on price. If he wins all Grammys, he’ll up the price.

Director Thomas: No report

-1314-073 Special Senate Election Dates

Chairman Witte:

* Application deadline one week from today.
* Polls open 2/5 at 12:00am pending approval.

Motion to Vote via voice vote: Vice Chair Krush

Second: Sen. Martell-Crawford

Bill passes

Director Ellis:

* Self-nomination forms available for election
* Seats available: 4 at-large, 2 alumni, 1 freedom, 1 off-campus, 1 natural sciences
* Recently changed the program on MyInvolvement, hopefully now it’s foolproof.
* Email [UAstudentelections@gmail.com](mailto:UAstudentelections@gmail.com), or questions to Chairman Witte.

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

CLOSING REMARKS-

Meeting adjourned.