**STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING**

**Campus Center, Assembly Hall**

**January 29, 2014, 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. Corey Carmello * Sen. Patrick Cronin * Sen. Khadija Cuevas * Sen. Stanley De La Cruz * Sen. Beroro Efekoro * Sen. Benjamin Engwer * Sen. Allie Faver * Sen. Alex Flood * Sen. Robert Forman * Sen. Chenaniah Henderson | * Sen. Brad Hershenson * Sen. James King * Sen. Matthew Krush * Sen. Michael Longo * Sen. Daniel Markisello * Sen. Cylas Martell-Crawford * Sen. Joe Messmer * Sen. Casey Olszewski * Sen. Zach Ripka * Sen. Johnathon Rood * Sen. Roger Rook * Sen. Vanessa Salamy * Sen. Emma Schwab * Sen. Connor Wilkins |

Absent Senators: Sen. DeAngelo, Sen. Gustave, Sen. Orlan, Sen. Ramnath, Sen. Russell

Also in Attendance:

President Francis Agyemang, Vice President Nick Butler, Chief of Staff Marc Cohen, Comptroller Lee Stanton, Deputy Comptroller Tyler Paladino

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

-Motion to skip reading by Sen. De La Cruz, second by Sen. Cronin.

-Motion to approve minutes with unanimous consent by Sen. Forman, second by Sen. Faver.

-Minutes pass.

PUBLIC COMMENT

-Sen. Henderson

Has continuously found price quotes for artists through his own research; it appears the programming department has and continues to avoid their duties to putting together a quality event. Questions abilities of dept. to do their jobs.

-Jeffrey Lasher

Member of bowling club. Club went on to win their first tournament this past weekend. Four more tournaments left this semester. The club is using their allocated funds efficiently.

-Middle Earth

Katie Lyons: Next week is Sexuality Week. Offering SA members and senators seats to meet guest speaker Sandra Fluke

OPENING REMARKS

* There are a few reports to go through
* The university representatives are here to explain how to become an orientation assistant for the summer programs
* Encourages all to apply for President’s awards for leadership. Can be found on Myinvolvement.com. The honor looks great on resume.

UNIVERSITY REPORT

* Flynn, director of new student programs: orientation, great dane beginnings, parent programs.
* Here to speak about applying for OA (orientation assistant) summer position. Interest meeting will be held next week. Flyers were handed out. Be sure to pass them along!
* We’ve had same program for many years. Flynn took over last summer and plans to make changes for the upcoming summer.
* Now hiring for office leaders AND group leaders. Office and family leaders

grouped with students. Office positions will now be out doing bus tours, interacting with family programs.

* Complete info is on Myinvolvement.
* In total: changes this summer, improvements to social activities, encourages applying.

Sen. Efekoro: How many positions are available?

Flynn: We tend to have over 100 applicants; we take 20 students.

Steven Valentine: Assistant director of marketing is here.

* The office is working on getting lapel pins for staff and senators.
* Brainstorming ideas for Parkfest t-shirt; waiting to hear about artist though
* Printing out canned food drive fliers.

JUDICIAL REPORT

No report

BOARD OF FINANCE REPORT

Sen. Longo

* Sent out the BOF minutes
* Parkfest

-Concerns over sealing a contract with Renee Solomon

-Hoping to hear soon a different contract from a different agent.

-The BOF minutes sum it up pretty well

Sen. Schwab: Are there any other agents on file?

Sen. Longo: I believe so; not really involved in that process

Sen. Engwer: Any type of response from agent?

Sen. Longo: Yes, response from agent, clarified some stuff. There are still unanswered questions. There is possibility we’ll reconsider contract

Sen. Olszewski: do you have any idea where director of programming is?

Chief of Staff Marc Cohen: She was unable to attend.

Sen. Krush- have you communicated with executives regarding the standards

Sen. Longo: I have contacted them

Sen. Olszewski: What are the top concerns with current agent?

Sen. Longo: Status of his license. Stated intentions to apply for license.

Sen. Krush: Did agent address other concern?

Sen. Longo has not reached out yet on other concerns. There is one contract as of now that does not have any riders attached to it.

Vice President Butler: Have you run concerns by our lawyer

Sen. Longo: Not yet

EXECUTIVE REPORT

President Agyemang, Vice President Butler, Chief of Staff Cohen

President Agyemang:

* On Friday we will have our e-board meeting.
* All directors get paid, Dippikill director wants to get paid
* Director of Multicultural Affairs: There shall be a new director by next week.
* Still two associate justice seats open.

Vice President Butler:

* Chris Bouchard held monthly meeting
* Looking to create off-campus ambassador program. Will be someone you can go to to reach out to community, students to talk to; will be paid, 10 positions, 8$ per hour. Next year’s program will cost $50,000 per one semester. Great idea, always trying to improve our image in community. Chairman Witte will forward information to everyone when it is available.

Chief of Staff Marc Cohen:

* Office hours (for officers) should be posted by the end of this week

Christine Jolly, on behalf of Director of Programming, Ajon Crump:

* As of now, programming is dealing with a change in agent. Leaning toward Adam Taylor- he has also contracted with New Paltz and Binghamton
* Point of clarification: the department is not okay with Suave as an agent because when one contracts with them, it is mostly with him, not the particular artist.

Ex: If 2 Chainz came to the school, he wouldn’t have to do anything we ask him to. This raised big concerns with programming and BOF.

* After Grammys, there’s a little bit of flux with prices.
* Still looking at same artists, just waiting on Adam Taylor to get back w quotes
* May 2 or 3 at SEFCU.
* May 2 isn’t prime option because production would have to be done with everything by 2am; includes influx in amount of labor to hire.
* Looking more towards 1st or 2nd week of April.
* There are many implications on the field with athletics especially
* In contact with assistant director of athletics. Jen Anderson is the liaison between SA and Athletics. Athletics prefers SA going through OSI.

Comptroller Lee Stanton: Clarify, so is it reasonable to say the programming dept. is not seeking contract with Suave?

Jolly: Yes, correct.

Adam Taylor is very trustworthy. He brought Drake to Binghamton. With him it’s a contract with the actual artist.

Suave is an alumni. He’s been successful in planning concerts.

Sen. Engwer: You used him last year?

Jolly: Yes

Comptroller Lee Stanton

* Has assistants lined up and scheduled so excluding one business hour M-F, there will be a trained assistant/deputy to assist with any walk-in regarding purchase requests, etc.
* Even weekend plans; 6-7 days per week
* Keeping books up to date
* BOF voted unanimously to not move on a contract with Suave.

Sen. Markisello: Is the credit card situation finished?

Comptroller Lee Stanton: Credit card debt is to be paid off through series of purchase requests. Shall be paid off in 2-3 weeks. Expect a report from Comptroller’s office detailing the process in approximately a month and a half.

Sen. Henderson- How much debt exactly?

Comptroller Lee Stanton: Under 20,000$ unpaid debt on credit card

Sen. Rivka: Interest rate?

Comptroller Lee Stanton: Interest rate is compiling. Last charge under 100$. Ensuring each line of payment is handled. Will include a line specifically showing interest.

Sen. Krush- Interest is roughly 8-10% annually

Comptroller Lee Stanton: Credit card is on probationary period instead of lock down. Slowly but surely moving into using the credit card.

Chairman Witte: Middle of March expect the debt to be cleared

Stanton affirmed this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules and Admin., Sen. Messmer

This will be Sen. Messmer’s last meeting as he is resigning after tonight

1. Rules committee- suggested voting amongst selves for replacing chair.

1. There are two absences on committee. Sen. Messmer recommends the committee.
2. Cake and memory slides!
3. Appropriations, Sen Ben Engwer

* First meeting tomorrow (Thursday) night at 7:15pm
* Missing three members right now.
* Going to talk to ATV and Dippikill; it will be on agenda next week.

Sen. De La Cruz: There’s an opening on appropriations.

Appoint him to appropriations committee

Sen. Wilkins motions to vote UC

Second Sen. Schwab

Motion passes, Sen. De La Cruz is now a part of the appropriations committee.

There will be openings on both rules and appropriations. These committees have a size cap. Send Chairman Witte or Vice Chair Krush an email if interested.

Sen. Messmer: On the rules committee, you will also sit on faculty senate.

1. Community Engagement and Outreach, Sen Rob Forman

* Agenda for committee this semester: passed 6-0-0. It receives support from executive branch.
* Ideas include: Ronald McDonald house, a Senator’s relay team at end of April, The Out of the Darkness walk Sunday, May 4th
* The mid-semester agenda will be produced.
* Meeting early this Sunday: 2pm at SA office.

1. Government Operations, Sen Connor Wilkins

Sen. WIlkins passed out report

Sen. Rivka: Last Wednesday or Thursday sent request to programming in regards to Parkfest; CC’d Vice President Butler and President Agyemang- request wasn’t answered by anybody.

Sen. Wilkins: Passed out report regarding past insurance incident. Two versions of the report (more concise public version, more detailed for senators) will be available.

Sen. Engwer motioned for executive session, objection.

Sen. De La Cruz: Could we not release a public version until we decide what should be public? Have executive session first, then vote.

Motion to move into debate on voting, Sen. Rivka

* First debate point: issues regarding employee who was named in report

-The abbreviated form would be released; simply trying to discuss student funds, it’s our students rights.

Sen. Faver: Why are we discussing this twice when we can just have the discussion once?

Sen. Wilkins: If we bring in less detailed (no names, etc.) version, we won’t violate state law.

Chairman Witte: At this point we should move into executive session.

9:06: Executive session commenced

9:34: Regular session commenced

Will provide a public report next week

1. Constituent Relations, Sen. Patrick Cronin

* There are two student groups in need of permanent recognition. Any senator can attend the recognition meeting.
* Working with government operations.

Sen. Forman: What’s the name of the student group of interest?

Sen. Cronin: Golden Chords

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

No agenda

OLD BUSINESS

No report

NEW BUSINESS

No report