**STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING**

**Campus Center, Assembly Hall**

**April 16, 2014 at 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. Abraham * Sen. Victor Alicea * Sen. Nadia Belkin * Sen. Devin Caravello * Sen. Corey Carmello * Sen. Christian Chowdhury * Sen. Beroro Efekoro * Sen. Allie Faver * Sen. Chenaniah Henderson * Sen. James King | * Sen. Matthew Krush * Sen. Daniel Markisello * Sen. Kevin Murphy * Sen. Casey Olszewski * Sen. Kathleen Orlan * Sen. Zach Ripka * Sen. Roger Rook * Sen. Vanessa Salamy * Sen. Adam Sanzone * Sen. Emma Schwab * Sen. Raymond Webb * Sen. Connor Wilkins * Sen. Jamie Zieno |

Absent Senators

Sen. Alic, Sen. Augustin, Sen. Balzano, Sen. Cronin, Sen. Cuevas, Sen. DeAngelo, Sen. Hershenson, Sen. Ramnath, Sen. Russell, Sen. Gustave,

Also in Attendance

Deputy Comptroller Tyler Paladino, Director of Gender and Sexuality Concerns Emma Suarez, Director of Student Group Affairs Katie Thomas, Director of Community Engagement and Outreach Rose Avelino, Comptroller Lee Stanton, Vice President Nick Butler, Trey Price, Director of Legislative Affairs Justyn Turner, Chief of Staff Marc Cohen, Director of Academic Affairs Derek Ellis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to skip reading, Sen. Forman

Seconded by Sen. Schwab

Motion to approve minutes Sen. Chowdhruy

Seconded by Sen. Wilkins

PUBLIC COMMENT

Zero Energy Buildings, Inc.

On Earth Day, University asked to make presentation

Freedom from electricity- at meeting, cost effectively taking homes and offices to using zero energy. Make commitment to take university to net-zero over next few years. Zero carbon footprint. Become and example for city, state, country.

Presentation will be on Earth Day 4/22 in the Atrium from 4:00-5:30pm

UNIVERSITY REPORT

No report.

JUDICIAL REPORT

No report.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Director of Community Engagement and Outreach, Rose Avelino:

Thanks to everyone: 330 students showed up to Pine Hills Cleanup

Volunteer at Out of Darkness Walk 12-3 behind Liberty Terrace, May 3

Assistant Donavan Swanson:

Represent your constituents!

Clothing Drive for the rest of the semester

Justyn Turner on behalf of Director of Multicultural Affairs, Afiya Roberts

Cultural Carnival in the works

Chief of Staff Marc Cohen

Scholarships are all done!

Senators chosen for committee were emailed, will have the 31 applications to go through

Comptroller Lee Stanton and Deputy Comptroller Tyler Paladino

Tyler: Office is busy, many groups coming in for last minute fundraising, events, etc.

A lot of groups are putting off contracts for performers at end of year. Budget is safe with the office!

Tuesday, 4/29= last day for student groups to submit purchase requests, end of business day

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules and Admin., Sen. Markisello

No report

Appropriations, Sen. Rook

Understand frats and sororities can’t be funded by SA because they are exclusive. Funding is only for student groups. If they want to be SA funded, they can become one.

Community Engagement and Outreach, Sen. Forman

No report

Government Operations, Sen. Wilkins

Tomorrow at 6 outside of SA office

Subcommittee on Ethics, Sen. Gray

Elections concerns

Investigations on many parties

Final investigation, results by next senate meetings including recommendations

Speak to Gray about concerns

Constituent Relations, Sen. Flood

Appeals last Thursday and Friday

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

1314-130: Wrestling Room Resolution

Sen. De La Cruz: Many sports, dance teams utilize this facility. Unsure why the coaches are even requesting more space.

Sen. Chowdhruy: Is the space in the basement available?

Representative: That space holds about 5-10 people. The beginning of the year usually yields 30-60 people per class.

Sen. Markisello: Who wrote this? Shouldn’t we be asking them, not telling them?

Suggestion not found friendly, does not change wording of resolution. Stands as originally written.

Motion to vote via UC, Sen. Chowdhruy

Seconded by Sen. Ripka

Bill passes

1314-131Bioethics New and Unfunded

National Undergrad Bioethics Conference, Annually.

Compete in the bowl, and participate in the conference. Meet each week and discuss the cases.

Open to all majors and all ages.

Travel costs, competition costs

Motion to vote UC Sen. Dunleavy

Seconded by Sen. Faver

Bill passes

1314-132

Asked for $300

Motion to add bill to agenda Sen. Rook

Seconded Sen. Longo

Rally on 4/26 in Washington Park

Asking for money for water, food, etc.

Motion to vote via UC De La Cruz

Dunleavy objection

Objection carries

Motion to vote via roll call

Seconded Sen. King

Stand at roll call

Bill passes

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Presentation, Sen. Longo

Motion to adjourn Sen. Gray

Seconded Sen. Orlan

Meeting Adjourned

Board of Finance, Sen. Longo

$2,462,119 Million= current budget

External and internal

2.363 million dollars, current revenue

Current budget about 100,000 over revenue

Figuring out where cuts need to be made in internal budget

Dippikill just under 2%, revenues up $17,000

Programming

Cuts made

Office of the President

Cuts made

Office of the VP

Cuts made

Marketing Office

No cuts

SLS

Zumbo 1.9% increase

Increase in Gender and Sexuality Concerns Office

One-time increase due to conference. More than 700 students from Northeast due to attend

Going through appropriations is not conducive to budgeting/the conference planning

Career Fair

Annual, no need to go through appropriations each time

Dippikill Replacement Fund? - Sen. Markisello

Trey- same concept as ambulance replacement fund (5 quad)

used for upkeep, equipment needs, etc.

Sen. Dunleavy: Has Dippikill Replacement line ever been used?

Trey Price: Yes. It’s consistently used.

Sen. Schwab: If it’s not used, do we get the line back?

Lee Stanton: No, we don’t.

Summer stipends for president covers food and housing

Trey Price: Always refer to previous year when speculating current budget

New and Unfunded budget has gone from $2000 to $4000

Chairman Witte receives applause for buying pizza for SA meetings with his own money Supplement Allocations budget is $75,000 right now

Sponsorship Line has been moved down to $10,000

That $100,000 can come from the Internal OR External budget

$100,000 needs to be cut fom the budget

The total amount spent on Parkfest this year is not known yet Executive branch will have the ability to decide if there will be one or two concerts next year ($360000 budget for that)

Reminder, the internal budget has not undergone voting process yet. The total budget for stipends could go from $53000 to $62300The money goes towards capital projects such as the new cabin, site upkeep, maintenance Dippikill replacement fund is at $15,000 every year

Academic Affairs budget will go from $1250 to $2000 to pay for the Career Fair

Office of the VP budget goes from $2000 to $1500

Office of the President budget goes from $5000 to $2000

Marketing Office budget will go from $26,000 to $15,000

Programming budget is $340,000

Legislative Affairs Budgets stays at $1500

Motion to table Sen. Markisello

Seconded by Sen. Schwab

Motion to adjourn

10:41 PM