**STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING**

**Campus Center, Assembly Hall**

**September 3, 2014, 8:30 PM**

Senators Attendance:

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|  | Beginning | End |
| Beaton | P | P |
| Bleck | P | A |
| Chin | P | P |
| Chowdhury | P | E |
| Daniels | P | P |
| De La Cruz | P | P |
| Dushing | P | P |
| Efekoro | P | P |
| Faver | P | E |
| Flood | A | A |
| Hershenson | P | E |

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|  | Beginning | End |
| Jegede | E | P |
| Jones | P | P |
| Kamins | P | P |
| Markisello | P | P |
| Okwuoha | A | A |
| Roberts-Blake | E | E |
| Schwab | P | P |
| Walsh | P | P |
| Webb | P | P |
| Yeates | P | P |

P= Present, A = Absent without Excuse, E= Excused Absence

Motion to start the meeting

     • Attendance:

         • Read & Sign Senator Agreement contracts

     Public Comment

         • Derek Ellis- Elections Commission

                   - Self-nomination closed today

                   -Must be write a in from here out

                   -Friday candidate’s bootcamp

                   -Tuesday- Thursday noon to noon are elections

• Chairman Markisello- Opening Rem

                   -Welcome back

                   -Waiting for fall elections to train senators

                   -Any questions? Always welcome to come in

 • University Report-Susan Henry from OSI

          1. Workshops for student group leaders open to all students

          2. Sept. 10th "How to Market Yourself" 7-8pm HU 132

          3. Sept. 17th Job/ Internship fair

          4. November Dinner

          5. Team building workshop with Campus Rec

          6. Registering process for Myinvolvement

                            -2 new items for student groups

1. Every groups needs a faculty advisor

2. Appoint one no more than two reservation coordinators, they are the only ones who can make reservations for spaces on campus

          7. Booking starts Monday the 8th for academic space

          8. Registrations need to be approved before space is officially booked

          9. EMS system updates starts next week. After the 12th, every Friday                                 morning

          9.  Thursday the 4th- 3pm EMS will provide training for system

          10. Will be a delay from login time and request and approvals

Questions:

         Lee Stanton: Will university allow there to be no booking until purchase                                                        orders are complete through comptroller?

         Susan Henry: Still a thought they're working out

         Senator De LaCruz: What time does the EMS system go live?

         Susan Henry: 8 AM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday next week

University Council: No Report

Judicial Report: No Report

Chairman Markisello:

     •   Appointments for deputy comptroller and comptroller due by 5pm on friday. Application forms are online or in the SA office, resume and cover letter required for application.

Chairman Markisello:

     •   Mackenzie Rinefierd and Rob have been serving as interim comptroller and deputy.

Executive report:

President Francis:

     1. Summer update: Did trainings with OSI for executive board

     2. Will have meeting with SUDEXO Thursday the 4th at 1pm about student                 groups and prices of food for on campus events

     3. Currently communication with SUDEXO is poor, plans to work on this and                         discuss prices of food for on campus events

     4. E-mail in concerns or questions to Francis

Vice President Marc Cohen:

     1. Summer update: Able to get SafeSpace training for full E-board via Gender and Sexuality Center

Chief of Staff Habeeb:

     1. Working on a tutoring program, there’s none on campus other than EOP

     2. Comparing tutoring at other schools and adopting a system of our own

President Francis:

     1. Police brutality efforts, will collaborate with UPD to clear up situations on               and off campus in order to protect yourself and review the student code                 of conduct

Gender & Sexuality Report- Deidre

     1.  Working on a reception expected in Oct.

Comptrollers Office Report- Lee Stanton:

     1. Summer Update: Cleaned up 99.99999% of credit card debt, finishing last                 minute bills, and fixing up Myinvolvement

     2. Student groups can access their budgets now

     3. Thanks to Rob and Mackenzie for their help this summer

Communications Report- Lee Stanton:

     1. Thanks to Sam Wagner for work on a new SA Daily News Letter set to                     come out every month

Questions

         Senator De LaCruz: Why is it called the daily but comes out monthly ?

         Lee Stanton: Thats the point! It's dry humor

• Poor joke by Lee Stanton

Programing Report- Bianca Rajpersaud :

     1. Block party this Sunday on Academic podium from 12-4

     2. Oct. 11th expected date for speaker’s series

     3. Possible off campus fall concert estimated on Nov 22.

     4. Thanks to Lizzy Doyle for being the acting associate director

Student Group Affairs Report -Michalea Torrez:

     1. Town hall meeting on Sept 20th location to be determined

     2.  Creating an easier process to help student groups start with a packet instead of individual forms

Academic Affairs and Outreach Derek Ellis:

     1. UAlbany U should know is launched

     2. Creating new social media campaign including prizes and contests

     3. There will be a Albany police appreciation night at football game and                         social hour/ mixer before, all students are welcome

     4. Reminder that academics come first !

Community Engagement- Donavan Swanson:

     1.  Mississippi day looking for 25 volunteers E-mail if interested

     2. Working on a September service day

     3. Looking to collaborate HAB, Ronald McDonald house etc.

     4. Look for more material at block party

     5. Wants to encourage student groups to have a community service chair

Legislative Affairs-Jamie Zieno:

     1. New intern Austin

     2. Voter registration deadline Oct. 10th -

     3. Interested in voting? Stop into SA for a form

Dippikill Outreach- Allison Bliss:

     1. Had an SA and administration retreat

     2.  Working with international affairs dept. get new kids up to Dippikill

     3. Will be tabling at block party and spreading word

End executive report

No committee reports

Bill 1415-026 - Appointment of Programming Director Bianca Rajpersaud

Bianca: Is Interim currently, been around for 9 months, was intern for Crump and Assistant director for Jolly, believes she is well prepared for position

Motion to Unanimous Consent- Senator Efekoro

2nd Senator Schwab

Approved

Bill 1415-027

Marc / Francis- Nomination- Jill Reichel for UAS board

Senator De LaCruz: Motion to vote via roll-call

2nd Senator Favor

Rollcall taken

Passes: 13-0-1

Old business- None

New business-

     •  Senator Efekoro- How many senators are there now, and they are out of order

     • Markisello- 14 today, will fix that

Closing remarks-

     • Markisello: Come to block party even just for a bit

     • Senator De LaCruz: Avoid night events on Wednesdays so senators are able               to attend the events and serve their purpose as senators

Meeting adjourned

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Minutes taken by:

**Emma M. Schwab**