**Minutes for Senate Meeting 10/15/14**

**Called to Order: 8:34 PM**

* Minutes Approved.

**Opening Roll:**

* Roll called by Sen. De La Cruz.

**Public Comment:**

* John DeMaio, Ice hockey club. Hoping to improve relationship with Senate.
* Indian Fusion Dance Club. Seeking to build relationship with Senate. Seeking funding from the appropriations committee. Have had to deny invitations to outside dance competitions due to lack of funding. Have doubled membership in past year. Would like more space opened up for their use.
* Sen. Dunleavy: Young Americans for Liberty, next Wednesday hosting speaker coming to talk about entrepreneurship. In LC 22 during
* Sen. Efekero: Leaving Senate meeting to attend event, supports legislation tonight.
* Sen. Schwab: College Democrats are taking trip to Ithaca to campaign this weekend. See leadership if interested.

**Opening Remarks:**

Sen. Markisello: Stay focused today as it is midterms week and everyone is really busy. Thank you to Stanley for making nametags.

Sen. De La Cruz: Return name tags to Sen. De La Cruz at end of meeting.

**University Report:**

* **No University Report**

**Judicial Report:**

* **No Judicial Report**

**Board of Finance Report:**

* **No Board of Finance Report**

**Executive Report:**

Gender and Sexuality Concerns:

* Next week is coming out reception. Biggest event of its kind solely catering to UAlbany students.
* Trying to make campus aware it is LGBT history month.
* Rainbow flag being flown by fountain near Campus Center.
* Having speaker 11/7 to talk about how our university can be more inclusive of LGBT students.

Community Affairs and Outreach:

* Over 200 students attended Pine Hills clean up. Over 60 student groups.
* ABEL won free Dippikill weekend raffle.
* Media attended Pine Hills clean up.
* Looking to have event with student groups that want to have their own community service events.
* Trying to help market Relay for Life.
* Introduced intern who is doing good work.

Academic Affairs:

* Graduate fair had decent but not great turnout today.
* Over 250 students came. Bad timing with midterms.
* Working to do something for finals week. Still working on title for event.

Multicultural Affairs:

* Unity festival this Saturday from two to four.
* LGBT awareness all October.
* Had first MSAC meeting, went well. Next one will be in November.

Programming:

* No Report.

Legislative Affairs:

* Registered close to 500 voters.
* Big push to get those who registered to vote.
* Met with OSI on Monday to figure out how to get more people to vote.

Communications:

* Working to help student groups handle their finances. Send any student who need training to the Communications department. A few groups have already taken advantage. Hosting expo for intercultural clubs in early November.

Dippikill:

* Dippikill materials came in, distributed pens to Senators.

Student Group Affairs:

* On 11/7 having E-Board mixer. Networking opportunity for E-Boards of student groups.
* Senators are welcome to attend.

Comptroller:

* Loose last day to take treasurer’s exam. Any who haven’t should come in ASAP.
* Working to send student groups advice on how to best deal with the Comptroller’s Office.

Marketing:

* Helme Taklu new Interim Marketing Director.
* Open Door Policy for department.
* Opening up on MyInvolvement for flyering requests.
* Has all department employees on a roll.
* Hoping to launch Facebook page in the near future.

President/Vice President/Chief of Staff:

* President: James Scott resigned on Monday. Helme Taklu nominated as Interim director.

***Motion to move into Executive Session by President Agyemang. Seconded by Sen. De La Cruz.***

***Objected by Sen. Dunleavy.***

***Motion to call the question by Sen. Chowdhury.***

**Vote carries. Executive Session entered at 9:01 PM**

**Exec. Session ended at 9:06 PM.**

**Committee Reports:**

Rules and Admin:

* Committee passed bill on attendance policy. On legislative docket for today.
* Sen. Schwab acting chair for next meeting.

Appropriations:

* 71,500 budget, bill on docket today.

Government Operations:

* Had very busy week.
* Having investigation into what was spoken about during Executive Session.

Community Outreach and Engagement:

* Fridays at 5 PM in front of SA office, new committee meeting date.
* Looking to meet with Community Service student groups.

Constituent Relations:

* Sent senator to new student group.
* Meeting times still flexible, changing from week to week. Will notify.

**Legislative Agenda:**

**Attendance Policy Bill:**

***Motion to skip reading by Sen. Chowdhury.***

***Reading Skipped.***

Sen. Webb: Read through by laws, found contradictory rules as to executive department attendance policy. This bill makes policy fall in line with constitution.

***Motion to Call the Question: Sen. Dunleavy***

***Passed by Unanimous Consent.***

**National Organization on Global Education Appropriation**

* Trying to host events.

Sen. Schwab: What makes this a national organization?

Sen. Chowdhury: First chapter of soon to be national organization.

***Bill passed by Unanimous Consent.***

**Old Business:**

Sen. De La Cruz: ***Motion to de commiting investigation of former Dir. Scott.***

***Motion Approved.***

Sen. Chowdhury: ***Motion to table matter indefinitely.***

***Motion Approved.***

**Closing Remarks:**

Sen. Markisello: Working with OSI to set up meeting with Senators on 10/31 from 3 to 5.

Sen. De La Cruz: No Remarks.

**Closing Roll:**

* **Called by Sen. De La Cruz.**

**Senate Adjourned: 9:21 PM.**