**Minutes for Senate Meeting 10/22/14**

**Called to Order: 8:37 PM**

**Opening Roll:**

* Roll called by Sen. De La Cruz.
* Quorum Met

**Public Comment:**

* Cassie Orlan: Badminton Club, Friday at 5:15 in the Bubble.
* ASUBA Lunch 7:30 CC375.

**Opening Remarks:**

Sen. Markisello:

* Next Friday from 3-5 reception with administrators by the fountain.
* Having a Constitutional Convention this year. Senators should sign up, make up bulk of the convention.

Sen. De La Cruz:

* Office Hours must be posted. One of three people designated to check.
* Senators need to have better attendance. Some are close to being referred.

**University Report:**

* **No University Report**

**Judicial Report:**

* Working to go through all cases going back to the 1960s to ensure that they are on record.

**Board of Finance Report:**

* Looking into performance of Comptroller by the end of the week.
* Board of Finance needs to meet at end of meeting.

**Executive Report:**

Gender and Sexuality Concerns:

* Introduced Associate Deputy Director.
* Tomorrow is the annual coming out reception.
* Rainbow flag up in front of the Campus Center.
* A few students have not been ok with the flag, which is alright.
* Dr. Sue Rankin will be coming in to speak about how we can be more LGBT friendly.

Community Engagement and Outreach:

* Veterans appreciation lunch will be 11/16.
* Breat cancer walk went very well, lots of students.

Academic Affairs:

* UAlbany You Should now contest winners announced.

Multicultural Affairs:

* Had meeting with Multicultural groups, had issue with reserving space.
* Scheduling time for meeting with administrators.
* Forum with Lee Stanton, crash course on how to manage your finances.

Programming:

* Not Present.

Legislative Affairs:

* County Executive coming to campus on November 3rd at 1 PM.
* Working on plans for Election Day, will have things finalized for next week.

Communications:

* Been under the weather the past week, was out of office.
* Looking for outside sponsorships for Fall Concert.
* November newsletter being worked on.

Dippikill:

* Working with Marketing to promote Dippikill.

Student Group Affairs:

* Not Present.

Comptroller:

* No new report, can approach Comptroller with any questions.

Marketing:

* University at Albany Marketing page going up. Sending out to Senate and Organizations.
* Any flyers needed, give a week and they will get it done.
* Thinking about having incentive for first people to like the page.
* Link will go up on MyInvolvement to request flyers.

President/Vice President/Chief of Staff:

* Nick Butler, Christina Mamone, Lee Stanton nominees for Constitutional Convention.
* 11/22 Programming will have concert.
* Hoping to finish all contracts for concert by the end of the week.
* Attended meeting with UPD, corrected some preconceptions of students.
* Very good engagement with the outside community.
* Sen. Webb: Can there be a calendar of events for Senators?

VP Cohen: Being put together, Marketing is working on it.

* Flyer will go up to fill permanent Marketing director job.

**Committee Reports:**

Rules and Admin:

* Rules met on Sunday at 5:30 PM at SA back table.
* Spoke about By Laws.
* Went to University Senate (Faculty Senate).
* They conducted a survey of students and faculty, students want more accountability from the University.

Appropriations:

* Met with two student groups. Legislation on the agenda.
* Met with Lee Stanton to talk about sponsorships for events.
* $71,500 in supplemental fund.

Government Operations:

* Continuing investigation, had meetings on Monday.
* Will have formal report next Wednesday.
* SA Office Hours will be posted on the front door of the SA office.

Community Outreach and Engagement:

* Meeting every Friday at 5 PM.
* Working with Executive Branch to monitor community service hours.

Constituent Relations:

* Decided on having meetings either before or after Senate Meetings on Wednesday.
* Working with new student groups on campus.

**Legislative Agenda:**

**Appropriation- Project U**

Sen. Chowdhury: Allocating maximum of $250

Project U Rep: Work to do community service projects in the Albany area.

Sen. Efekoro: What events will you be holding this year?

Project U Rep: We went to Breast Cancer walk, others being planned for this semester and next.

Sen. Markisello: What is money going towards?

Project U Rep: Will help with transportation to events.

***No Debate***

***Bill Passed by Unanimous Consent***

**Appropriation- UAlbany Swim Team**

Sen. Chowdhury: Allocated $1,200 dollars.

President of UAlbany Swim Team: Facilitate practices during the semester. Hold swim competitions against other schools.

Sen. Henderson: Did you get a budget this year?

President of UAlbany Swim Team: No, this is first allocation.

No Debate.

***Passed by Roll Call Vote.***

**Old Business:**

* No Old Business.

**New Business:**

VP Cohen:

* Proactive with results of University student survey.
* Chairs of committees putting together report on it.

**Discussion on Sponsorship Allocation:**

Sen. Markisello:

* $10,000 allocated for Senate Sponsorhip line.

Yielded floor to Dir. Stanton.

Dir. Stanton:

* Official 5K (Superhero Sprint) will be hosted on Campus.
* Proceeds will be sent to Starlight foundation.
* Helps sick children in hospital.
* We would be cosponsoring the event. Costs $5,000.
* Student Activity Fee money cannot be donated, this is not a donation. This is a co-sponsorship.
* Will generate positive press coverage and public perception of the Student Association.

Sen. Faver: How did you decide on $5,000

Dir. Stanton: Half of the $10,000 allocation. This will be our big sponsorship of the fall semester. Another big sponsorship could occur next semester.

Sen. Faver: Have you explored other opportunities for sponsoring other events this semester?

Dir. Stanton: None others have come forward, Comptroller Rienfierd can answer better.

Comptroller Rienfierd: No one else has come forward.

Sen. Maldonado: Are there other co-sponsors?

Dir. Stanton: Yes, all at different levels. We will have prime real estate at the event.

**Comments from Senators:**

Sen. De La Cruz: Maybe we could have gotten it for less, this is fine though.

Sen. Henderson: Using $5,000 is a good test run for the program.

Sen. Webb: Really great cause.

Sen. Hershenson: Is there an amount below $5,000 that gets us same level of sponsorship?

Dir. Stanton: Maybe, but this is the right thing to do.

Sen. Markisello: Do we know how much the event will cost?

Dir. Stanton: Will get that for you and report it to the Senate.

Sen. De La Cruz: Are other groups paying less, might be a concern.

Dir. Stanton: No one else will have our real estate. We get more for our money.

Sen. George: Was this event from a list or only one to come up?

Dir. Stanton: No one else had approached.

Sen. Efekoro: $5,000 is a good number. Will get our name out there.

**Closing Remarks:**

Sen. Markisello:

Sen. De La Cruz:

**Closing Roll:**

* Skipped due to roll call vote earlier.

**Senate Adjourned: 9:33 PM**