**Minutes for Senate Meeting 10/29/14**

**Called to Order: 8:36 PM**

**Opening Roll:**

* Roll called by Sen. De La Cruz.

**Remarks from Vice President Bouchard**

* Vice President Bouchard is retiring after 32 years at UAlbany.
* As an alumnus, Bouchard bleeds purple and gold.
* Would have waited until the end of the year but parents are sick and needs to care for them.
* Has appreciated working with the students for the 7 years she has served as Vice President of Student Success.
* Works closely with E-Board, proud of Senate for dedication to the school.
* Always follows Senate meetings if not in person, online.
* Takes our concerns seriously.
* Never underestimate the power we have to make the lives of students better here.
* Even when we don’t see eye to eye, they know that we are all we can to make the University a better place.
* Will miss working with us, but knows we will carry on and do good.
* Even though she is retiring, Bouchard will still be around.

**Minutes Approval**

* Minutes approved for the past two weeks,

**Public Comment:**

* Great Danes for Israel on Monday 11/3 will have journalist come in to speak about what it is like to report under fire.
* James King, President of UAlbany Sketchy characters 🡪 Make Me Laugh UAlbany competition on Tuesday, 11/4. Anyone can come perform 5 minutes of Stand Up comedy.
* UA Spanish Club, next Tuesday having event at Mexican restaurant downtown. Dinner is inexpensive. Club for people who want to learn Spanish can come and practice and learn about Spanish culture. Meet on Tuesdays from 6 to 7.
* Sen. Dunleavy 🡪 This past weekend proud to represent UAlbany at Harvard Young Americans for Liberty conference.

**Opening Remarks:**

Sen. Markisello:

* Senators should come to meeting with administrators Friday at 3 PM.

Sen. De La Cruz:

* No Statement.

**University Report:**

* Haunted Hay Ride sold out on Friday, students can go stand by.
* CarnEvil Friday Night.
* Dining Etiquette dinner in Patroon Room. Tickets in OSI Office.
* Make sure to turn clocks back this weekend for Daylight Savings Time.
* Training University women to want to run for office here and beyond.

**Judicial Report:**

* **No Judicial Report**

**Board of Finance Report:**

* Reviewing Office of the Comptroller.
* Meeting immediately after Senate Meeting.

**Executive Report:**

Gender and Sexuality Concerns:

* Director not in attendance, reported by VP Cohen.
* Coming Out reception went very well.
* Sue Rankin event next week.
* Transgender Day Remembrance next week as well.

Community Affairs and Outreach:

* Superhero Sprint 11/8 from 10-12. Working with ResLife. All proceeds will go to Starlight Foundation. Looking for over 60 volunteers. Reach out to department if interested.
* On 11/16, Veteran’s Appreciation Cookout, getting donations from supermarkets. Will hopefully get all food donated. Looking for about 30 volunteers. Trying to get students who serve there so they know they are appreciated.
* Food Drive starting, collection boxes on all quads. Money will be collected also. Money will go to Salvation Army.
* There will be clothing drive as well.

Academic Affairs:

* On Tuesday, 12/9 having first annual UAlbany Pizza Wars. In the Ballroom from 7-9. $3.00, all proceeds going to charity.
* Participants will sample local pizza, vote on best.

Multicultural Affairs:

* UAlbany Spiritual Council and Multicultural Council meetings on Tuesday.
* Working to get those two councils working together.
* Spiritual/Interfaith multimedia campaign going live on Social Media.

Programming:

* Working on Fall Concert 11/22 at Armory.
* Sen. Webb: Good job, doing well.

Legislative Affairs:

* County Executive coming on Monday.
* Please vote on Election Day, polling location right in Campus Center.

Communications:

* SA Daily coming out next week.
* Thanks to Vice President Bouchard for years of service. Personal honor of Dir. Stanton working with her.

Dippikill:

* Sent out handwritten thank you notes to Dippikill donors.
* Will table with Marketing department.

Student Group Affairs:

* Student leaders dinner next week.
* 11/14 Sudexo holding event to showcase menu to student groups.
* Whenever Senators are visiting student groups, need to fill out meeting report form and submit to Francis and Danny.

Comptroller:

* In the process of wrapping up audit. Account has been going over issue with student groups who overspent in 2013-2014.
* These groups will have what they overspent taken out of their 2014-2015 budgets.
* Had to freeze the budget of the UAlbany Ice Hockey Club. Overspent last year, budget dwindled. Meeting with OSI, Board of Finance to discuss resolution.
* Doesn’t want to end their season, will report progress next meeting.
* MyInvolvement updates going slowly. Working to make sure all clubs have access to their money.

Sen. Efekoro: How did groups overspending get past Comptroller’s Office?

Comptroller Reinfeird: Some groups didn’t know they were overspending. Working to fix this year.

Marketing:

* Promoting Marketing position.
* MyInvolvement set up.
* Like Facebook Page, Twitter.
* Starting to accept flyer requests on MyInvolvement.
* Looking at 3 to 5 Day turnaround on fliers.

President/Vice President/Chief of Staff:

President Agyemang: Senator had a concern that we aren’t doing enough this semester. Not true, in fact we have had more Community Service events this semester than last year altogether.

* Event calendar being completed, will be shared with Danny who will share it with the Senate.

Vice President Cohen: Met with new Athletic Director. Explained how SA can team up with the athletic department.

* University Senate Report, more on next meeting, meeting next Monday.

***Motion to Move to Legislative Agenda, Passed Unanimously.***

**Legislative Agenda:**

**Resolution Honoring Christine Bouchard**

President Agyemang:

* Christine Bouchard has been phenomenal advocate for students, very rare to find in administration officials.

Resolution read by Vice President Cohen

Action Taken: ***Passed by Unanimous Standing Vote.***

***Motion to Move back to Committee Reports, Passed Unanimously***

**Committee Reports:**

Rules and Admin:

* Rules meets Wednesday at 5:30 at SA Back Table.
* Discussed importance of Senators attendance.

Appropriations:

* Met with five student groups. One withdrew their request, didn’t have quotes.
* Withdrew two other bills for logistical reasons.
* Two bills on the docket tonight.

Government Operations:

* Current Review is ongoing, official report next meeting 11/5.

Community Outreach and Engagement:

* Planning to have meeting with directors of student groups on 11/6, but considering moving due to conflict.

Constituent Relations:

* No report this week, meeting after Senate meeting.

**Legislative Agenda**

***Motion to combine bills, objected by Sen. Henderson.***

Sen. Henderson: Unfair to cut time of student groups preventing.

Sen. Chowdhury: When bills are combined, student groups do still get to speak, vote is just combined.

***Motion Approved by Voice Vote.***

**Appropriations- Korean Student Association**

* Appropriating $250.00 for Fliers, Room Rental and Food for Workshops and events.
* No one from group in attendance therefore tabled.

***Motion to sever the bills, passed by Unanimous Consent.***

**Appropriations- The Inklings**

* $250.00 for Programming
* Creative writing club on campus, work to improve skills of writers, budget will help them hold open mics and put out annual publication.
* Meet on Tuesdays in Humanities 124 and 7:30.

Action Taken: ***Passed by Unanimous Consent***

**Old Business:**

* **No Old Business.**

**New Business:**

* **No New Business.**

**Closing Remarks:**

Sen. Markisello:

* Come on Friday!!!!!!

Sen. De La Cruz:

* One Director sent out e-mail on behalf of the Senate.
* Senate must approve something before it is sent out on behalf of the Senate.

Sen. Efekoro: Did not send out on behalf of Senate, only his committee.

Sen. Markisello: Cannot hold mandatory meeting of student groups. E-Mail said message on behalf of Senate. Did not tell Danny before sending.

**Closing Roll:**

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

**Senate Adjourned: 9:29 P.M**

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