**Minutes for Senate Meeting 11/12/14**

**Called to Order: 8:36 P.M**

**Opening Roll:**

* Roll called by Sen. Markisello.

**Public Comment:**

* Sen. King, UAlbany Sketchy Characters. 5 UAlbany students have made it to finals of Make you Laugh competition. Final round this Saturday downtown. Strong UAlbany presence there will help our students do well.
* Tal Porat, L’Chaim. Making Snack Packs to give out this weekend in advance of event this weekend. Food and caricatures, give a ways.
* Sen. Dunleavy, Liberty in North Korea presentation on 11/13.
* Next Thursday LC 6 there will be a guest speaker. Speech on professional development and life after college.
* Sen. Conroy, he and Sen. Zhao had a town hall with constituents at Colonial to discuss what we do. Come to him with questions on how to do the same for your constituents.
* Sen. Crepsack, Pre Law Association. Catered meeting next week in Indian Tower.
* ASUBA, Workshop with fraternal organization every month in Assembly Hall. Program targeting racial misconceptions coming up. 12/5 fashion show, more information to be announced.
* Albany Student Dining Committee, open discussion on dining concerns in Patroon Room on Monday at 7.
* Happy Birthday Sen. Webb.

**Audit Presentation:**

* Carol Housman, Marvin and Associates performed audit.
* Followed generally accepted accounting practices in preparing audit.
* Issued unmodified opinion on financial statements.
* Very strong current asset to liability ratio.
* Total assets up about $200,000, mostly in cash, mostly from Dippikill.
* Student Activity Fees up $240,000.
* Net Income, $211,000 for the year.
* Student Activity Fee is the main source of SA income.
* Depreciation was $92,000.
* Both Dippikill and The SA are tax exempt and Non-For Profit.
* No events that could jeopardize tax exempt status.
* Under Budget by $111,000 dollars for the past year.
* Sen. Efekoro: Can SA receive grants separately from the school?
  + In theory yes as a 501c3 we can, but bylaws need to be checked before applying.
* Audit went very well, to have the audit finished in November is the way it should be done. It has taken as long as May in the past.
* Deficiency exists in correcting misstatements in a timely basis.
* Bank reconciliations are not being reviewed in a timely manner, took 5 months in the past to notice and reverse a mistake.
* Assets and records must be handled by separate entities.
* Daily audit report should be given to Directors/Assistants before deposits are made.
* Memo should be required to use the credit card. Some charges were not properly approved.
* Cards should only be used when another form of payment is not viable.
* Only President and Comptroller have individual credit cards.
* Records need to be reviewed to ensure in advance that student groups are not going over budget.

**Opening Remarks:**

Sen. Markisello:

* Commends Mackenzie, Julie and Lee for working on the aduit.
* Senator Okwaha resigned, to most likely be filled by special election in January.
* Continued attendance issues with Senators, attendance policies will be enforced.
* Next week’s meeting might be cancelled due to Mockingjay premiere.

Sen. De La Cruz:

* No Comment.

**University Report:**

* **No University Report.**

**Judicial Report:**

* Associate Jusice Nudson and Nick Cerico will be on Constituional Convention.

**Board of Finance Report:**

* **Finishing work on Fall Concert Series**
* **Mackenzie presentation**

**Executive Report:**

Gender and Sexuality Concerns:

* No Report. Not in Attendance.

Community Affairs and Outreach:

* Veteran Appreciation Cook Out this Sunday.
* Having volunteers, Senators and Student Groups are Invited to attend.
* Over $20,000 raised at Superhero Sprint.

Academic Affairs:

* Working on Pizza Wars event.

Multicultural Affairs:

* No Report. Not in Attendance.

Programming:

* 800 Tickets sold for Fall Concert Series.

Legislative Affairs:

* Continuing work on brining representatives to campus.
* County Legislator meetings this week.

Communications:

* November Edition of SA Daily sent to OSI.

Dippikill:

* No Report.

Student Group Affairs:

* Events coming up.

Comptroller:

* Mass E-Mail sent out to Student Group Presidents and Treasurers.

Marketing:

* $150.000 Appropriated.

President/Vice President/Chief of Staff:

* University Senate Meeting next week.
* VP Cohen represented President Agyemang

**Committee Reports:**

Rules and Admin:

* Be aware of attendance records at Senate.
* Committee met on Sunday with Rob from Comptroller’s Office.

Appropriations:

* Met with 3 student groups and Marketing Department
* $62,0577.60 Left in Account, $3,000 Unfunded Group

Government Operations:

* Met this week, will report more later.

Community Outreach and Engagement:

* Meeting with student group Presidents and community service chairs.
* 15 groups came.
* On average, each student group contributes 7 hours of community service per week.
* Asked for new ideas from student group leaders, suggested there should be a Facebook page for Student Group Presidents and Community Service Directors.
* Suggested meeting once a moth.
* Positive reviews for meeting, good for networking and sharing ideas/events.

Constituent Relations:

* Working on getting Senators to three new student groups.
* Want to get student group formed, hand in form in SA office.

**Legislative Agenda:**

Appropriations (All Sponsored by Sen. Chowdhury):

**UAlbany ACM- $490.00**

* Aim to provide help for students with interest in Computer Science field.
* Funding for collaboration with ASIS, going to project they are working on together.
* Completely open group, any interested students regardless of skill level can join.

***Passed By Unanimous Consent***

**UA Musical Theater Association- $1,400.00**

* Need a software program for an upcoming event.
* Have play, Legally Blonde, next Thursday.
* Found program that simulates live orchestra, costs $1,400, couldn’t get a real band.
* Sen. De La Cruz: Is this a one time use?
  + Yes it is, software isn’t useful anymore after use this Thursday.
* Sen. Maldonado: Any cheaper alternatives?
  + Anything else would be more expensive, too short notice for a live band to learn the music anyway.
* Sen. Schwab: At what point did you realize you wouldn’t have a band?
  + Last week, members dropped out.
* Sen. De La Cruz: Will you be able to use software properly?
  + Yes we have a music director who knows how to work it.
* Sen. Cassidy: Did you look at any competitiors?
  + Only one that has rights to Legally Blonde.
* Sen. Cassidy: Will we have enough money for the rest of the year?
  + Sen. Chowdhury: Yes we will.
* Sen. Strickoff: How many people go?
  + Usually they sell out, sometimes not, it depends. Hoping to have a large turnout.
* Sen. Henderson: Does Software run throughout the show?
  + Yes.
* Sen. Dunleavy: Is this the only legal way to play the music.
  + Yes.

Motion to Call the Question.

Sen. Henderson: Musical brought in $2500 dollars last year according to the audit.

***Passed By Unanimous Consent***

**UA NASHA- $562.26**

* Group needs funds for an event they are having.
* Indian Fusion Dance Team on campus. Participate in competitions off campus and do dance on campus.
* Most of budget goes to a few events.
* Budget will go towards promotion, renting out Performing Arts Center.
* Getting wristbands, water bottles, things with their name on it.
* Sen. Henderson: Have you done any fundraising? What kind?
  + Not yet, we plan on doing bake sales, recycling. We would like to do fundraising for charities.

***Passed By Unanimous Consent***

**Marketing Department- $150.00**

* Need funds to help promote Fall Fest.
* Flyers cost money, need to promote the concert.
* Sen. De La Cruz: How effective will flyers be at this point?
  + Still 800 tickets left for students, we need them to buy them.
* Sen. De La Cruz: Will it be worth it?
  + Yes, but we are doing online promotion as well. Only so much can be done on social media sites.

***Passed By Unanimous Consent***

**Committee Appointments:**

**Conner Dunleavy- Ethics Subcommittee**

***Passed by Unanimous Consent***

**Rachel Eager- Committee on Rules and Administration**

***Passed By Unanimous Consent***

* Sen. Markisello: Senator Dunleavy also added to Government Operations Committee. Senator Dunleavy and Senator Sanzone also now on Constituent Relations committee, met three meeting requirement.

**Old Business:**

* **No Old Business.**

**New Business:**

* **No New Business**

**Closing Remarks:**

Sen. Markisello: None.

Sen. De La Cruz: None.

**Closing Roll:**

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

**Senate Adjourned: 9:50 P.M**