**Minutes for Senate Meeting 4/8/15**

**Called to Order: 8:47 P.M**

**Opening Roll:**

* Roll called by Sen. De La Cruz.

**Public Comment:**

* Sen. Conroy: SWAP event on Colonial Quad tomorrow night.
* Five Quad leaders would like to introduce themselves to the Senate.
* Sen. Webb: A lot of Senators held town halls on Student Activity Fee vote and it was great, we should do more of it.
* Sen. De La Cruz: Cultural Carnival, LGBT Conference, Fuerza Latina conference this weekend, take advantage.
* Sen. Sanzone: Troy is hosting grown up easter egg hunt for charity.
* Sen. Dunleavy: YAL hosting Incareration Nation event next Wednesday at 7:15.
* Sen. Chowdhury: College Dems hosting “March for Justice” tomorrow afternoon.
* Middle Earth holding 5K in celebration of their 10th anniversary on campus.
* Sen. Kamins: Great Danes for Israel having speaker come to the Science Library next Wednesday.

**Opening Remarks:**

Sen. Markisello: Budget is being worked on, end of year stuff. 28 days left in the semester.

Sen. De La Cruz: Student Activity Fee campaign was a huge success, students have spoken.

**University Report:**

* **No University Report**

**Judicial Report:**

* **No Judicial Report**

**Board of Finance Report:**

* Finalized allocations for student groups at the end of last week.
* Student groups were notified of their allocation and how they can appeal.
* Everything is still in flux, first Senate budget meeting will be next week.
* Danny will look into Senate being able to stay in the Campus Center past midnight.

**Executive Report:**

Gender and Sexuality Concerns:

* No Report

Community Affairs and Outreach:

* Pine Hills clean up next Saturday.
* Relay for Life is two Saturdays from now.
* Wants feedback on whether a food pantry would be beneficial to have on campus.

Academic Affairs:

* UPD Appreciate night was a success, appreciates turnout.

Multicultural Affairs:

* Cultural Carnival on Sunday from 1 PM-6 PM
* Cultural student groups should respond if they would like to participate.

Programming:

* No Report

Legislative Affairs:

* No Report

Communications:

* Collaborating with other colleges on conference.

Dippikill:

* No Report

Student Group Affairs:

* Purple and Gold Awards coming up.

Comptroller:

* Last date to submit purchase requests is April 27th.

Marketing:

* Thanks Marketing team for their work on the Student Activity Fee campaign.

President/Vice President:

* Several senators were instrumental in the Student Activity Fee campaign, should be commended.
* Most voters in recent history in the revote. Huge margin in favor of mandatory.
* Senators should attend more events so they know better what they are voting on.

**Committee Reports:**

Rules and Admin:

* Three by law changes to be considered on Sunday.

Appropriations:

* $18,390.33 left in line, $12,823.75 if all bills are approved tonight.

Government Operations:

* Meeting with Supreme Court members to check the Judicial Branch.
* Sen. Markisello: Do you do this with other branches or are they being singled out?
  + Some concern about the way the court operated last semester, being investigated.

Community Outreach and Engagement:

* Meeting next week.

Constituent Relations:

* Been hearing student group appeals. Encourages dissatisfied student groups to reach out with their concerns.

**Legislative Agenda:**

**S. 1415-133 Appropriations- Academic Affairs Department**

* Wants $300 to help cover costs of UPD night and awards.
* Sen. Webb: Concerned that money covers retroactive costs.
  + VP Cohen: Couldn’t be avoided in this circumstance.

***Passed by Unanimous Consent***

**S. 1415-134 Appropriations- Communications Department**

* This would be the first funding the department has received this year.
* Money would be used to help fund student government conference.

***Passed by Unanimous Consent***

**S. 1415-135 Appropriations- Liga Filipina**

* Hosting celebration of Pilipino culture. Raising money for charity as a result.
* Banquet will be May 6th, up to 300 people expected to attend.

***Passed by Unanimous Consent***

**S. 1415-136 Appropriations- Marketing Department**

* Money will be used for promotional material for SA and student group events.
* Amount requested was brought down from $6,000 to $420 by the committee.
* Wants more money than what was allocated by the committee to put on UAlbany Day.
* Dir. Teklu: Miscommunication with committee over what money would be used for.
* Sen. Markisello: Only Appropriations committee can amend supplemental line allocations, the full Senate cannot pursuant to the by laws.
* Sen. Chowdhury: Not enough left in appropriations to give Marketing Department more money.
* Sen. Dunleavy: Could more money be added to the Appropriations line from reserves.
  + Sen. Markisello: Maybe, has to check the amount.
* Sen. Terezakis: Motion to add $3,000 to the allocation.
* Sen. Markisello: Understanding of by law is that Appropriations committee is the sole arbiter of supplemental line allocations. Sen. Terezakis’s motion is denied.
* Motion to overrule by Sen. Terezakis
* Objected by Sen. Webb
* Motion to overrule fails by a vote of 3-23-5.
* Sen. Cassidy: If Marketing Department wants more money, they should go back to the Appropriations Committee.
* Dir. Teklu: Promotion will stop because there is no money.

***Passed by Unanimous Consent***

**S. 1415-137 Appropriations- Student Group Affairs Department**

* Want money to make the Purple and Gold Awards a big deal, something student groups would aspire to.

***Passed by Unanimous Consent***

**S. 1415-138 Appropriations- Women Excelling in Business**

* Work to promote gender equality in the business world.

***Passed by Unanimous Consent***

**Motion to add bills 139 and 140 to docket and combine them. Passed.**

**S. 1415-139- ASBO**

* Introducing students to the sports marketing world.
* Need money to bring students to

**S. 1415-140- Model EU**

* Reimbursement for attended conferences

***Passed by Unanimous Consent***

**Old Business:**

**Bills 78-80 combined.**

**S. 1415-078 Town Hall Committee Assignment**

**S. 1415-079 Consitutent Relations Inclusion Amendment**

**S. 1415-080 Order of Succession Amendment**

* Clarifying role of Constiutent Relation committee in relation to Town Halls.
* Sen. Efekoro: Why wasn’t Community Engagement committee consulted?
  + Sen. Sanzone: Sorry.
  + Motion to Table by Sen. Efekoro
  + Objected to by multiple Senators.
  + Bills are not tabled.
* Sen. Efekoro boycotting the vote.

**Bill Passed by Roll Call Vote 23-1-5**

**Closing Remarks:**

Sen. Markisello: No Remarks.

Sen. De La Cruz: No Remarks.

**Senate Adjourned: 10:25 P.M**

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