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

**Called to Order: 8:49 P.M**

**Opening Roll:**

* Roll called by Sen. De La Cruz.

**Public Comment:**

* **No Public Comment**

**Opening Remarks:**

Sen. Markisello: Stay calm, going to be a long meeting.

Sen. De La Cruz: Lots of great conference this weekend.

**Legislative Agenda:**

**Motion to move bill 144 to the top of the agenda by Sen. Chowdhury. Passed.**

**S. 1415-144 Programming Line Transfer to Project Inspire**

* Giving $4,000 out of speaker line to help Project Inspire put on their fashion show.
* Co-sponsoring with ASUBA in addition to the programming department.
* Project Inspire had issues with budget process and were not allocated the money they needed for the Fashion Show.
* Last E-Board did not submit a budget packet.
* Sen. Dunleavy: Would you help other student groups with issues like this?
  + Dir. Rajpersaud: Yes if they come forward and present a plan.
* Sen. Markisello: Was the ability of the Programming Department to give money to student groups made publicly available?
  + No, but we have an obligation to help.
* Sen. Markisello: You guys didn’t submit a budget packet for this year either how are you going to avoid running into the same problems next year?
  + We are working on clarifying our position and ways to fund ourselves next year.

**Passed by Unanimous Consent**

**S. 1415-139 Appropriations- Project Inspire**

* Added money to help pay for Fashion Show.
* Will cover transportation and catering.
* Venue is in Schenectady so need transportation from Campus.

**Passed by Unanimous Consent**

**S. 1415-140 Gender and Sexuality Concerns**

* Expenses for NELGBT Conference exceeded budgeted amount.
* Sen. Webb: Why are you coming for money for an event that already happened?
  + It wasn’t possible to come to Senate before. Rise in expenses was unexpected.
  + Sen. Markisello was consulted.
* Sen. Webb: How long before the event did you go to Appropriations?
  + Tuesday before.
* Sen. Webb: Something should be done about departments continually coming to ask for money they have already spent. Also date for Appropriations committee makes no sense.
* Over 600 students attended the conference. 70 schools, 11 states.

**Passed by Unanimous Consent**

**S. 1415-141 Constitutional Review Bill**

* This bill reflects how the Supreme Court has operate over the years.
* It is difficult for the whole Supreme Court, and unnecessary, to approve student group constitutions.
* Sen. Dunleavy: I worry about the Associate Justices not having a role in the process.
* Sen. Sanzone: I can’t support this because I see it as violating the Constitution.
* Justices should be able to vote to give the Chief Justice the ability to act on their behalf.
* Sen. Cassidy: This might work with the current Court but maybe not in the future.
  + Considering next year the Associate Justices will elect the Chief Justice, the Chief Justice is only more likely to reflect the will of the entire court.
* Sen. Schwab: Associate Justices are never active, the Chief Justice is the one that gets a stipend and can be held accountable.
* The Chief Justice of SA “with the advice and consent “of the Associate Justices may act to approve student group constitutions. 🡪 Amended language.
* Sen. Cassidy: Still object to bill, Associate Justices should still have responsibilities, just because they haven’t been active in the past doesn’t mean they won’t be active in the future.
* Sen. Webb: This by law will help student groups and we have an obligation to do that.
* Sen. De La Cruz: When there is no business before the Court, the Associate Justices shouldn’t be active. Only active when something serious happens.

**Passed by Roll Call Vote 29-1-3**

**S. 1415-142 Supreme Court Meeting Bill**

**Passed by Unanimous Consent**

**S. 1415-143 SUNY Guidelines Pursuance Bill**

**Passed by Unanimous Consent**

**S. 1415-145 Programming Line Transfer to Marketing Department**

* What was spoken about last week.

**Passed by Unanimous Consent**

**S. 1415-146 Programming Line Transfer to Concert**

* Wants to amend the bill to allow the money to go Programming line so that money can go to other events besides ParkFest.
* Sen. Markisello: Bill specifies ParkFest. That would need to be amended to.
* Sen. Dunleavy: Motion to Table. Failed.
* Sen. Henderson: I would rather money just stay in account for ParkFest.
* Sen. Markisello: Do you have a list of where the money would go that isn’t spent on ParkFest?
  + Not tonight.
* Motion passed, concert line changed to programming line and ParkFest changed to programming.
* Added motion allowing the Comptroller to move money from programming line to concert line as needed. Passed.

**Passed by Unanimous Consent**

**Motion to add Bill 147 to the docket. Passed.**

**S. 1415-147 Middle Earth Allocation**

* Money for catering for annual dinner to recognize the hard work of their students.

**Passed by Unanimous Consent**

**Senate Meeting Concludes: 10:10 P.M**

**Budget Meeting:**

**Indented Responses are from Sen. Markisello**

**African Student Association**

**Albany Criminal Justice Association**

**Albany Society of Physics Students**

**Albany State Indian Alliance**

**Albany State Ski Team**

**Albany State University Black Alliance**

* Flagged by Sen. Dunleavy
* Budget was cut from last year, wants to know why.
  + Amounts listed didn’t add up to what they requested.
  + Six Flags trip for over $9,000 was cut.

**Amnesty international**

**Angelic Voices of Praise**

**Asian American Alliance**

**Autism Speaks U**

**Big Brother Big Sister**

**Black Theatre Productions**

**Campus Ambassadors**

**Circle K**

**Club Baseball**

**Club Field Hockey**

**College Democrats**

**College Republicans**

**Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry**

**Deception Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team**

**Equestrian Club**

**Fencing Club at Albany**

**Friends of Five Quad**

**Fuerza Latina**

**Great Dane Wrestling Club**

**Haitian Student Association**

**Hillel**

**Indian Christian Fellowship**

**Jamaican Student Association**

**Japan Student Association**

**Knemesis Dance Crew**

**L'Chaim**

* Flagged by Sen. Schwab
* Wanted to know what holidays line is.
  + There are 10 or so holiday celebrations they requested money for.
* Sen. Schwab: Seems like a lot of money for so many holidays.
  + Sen. De La Cruz: Allows students to stay on campus and celebrate holidays in the traditional way.

**Liga Filipina**

**Men's Club Lacrosse**

**Men's Club Soccer**

**Mens Volleyball**

**Middle Earth Peer Assistance**

**Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS)**

**Mixed Martial Arts Club**

**Model EU**

* Flagged by Sen. Kappetanos
* Model EU submitted their packet late so, as across the board policy stated, if you submit your packet late then you can’t get any more money than last year.
* Sen. Efekoro: What about groups with technical issues?
  + Would have considered any technical issues but none were brought forward to Beth Conrad.

**Muslim Student Association**

**NAACP**

**National Association of Black Accountants**

**Newman Association**

**NOYAA UAlbany Chapter**

**Organized CHAOS Step Team**

**Pan-Caribbean Association**

**Peace Action**

**Phenomenal Voices**

**Pitch Please**

* Flagged by Sen. Dunleavy
* Wanted money to make CDs. Cut one time expenses across the board. Wanted price quotes and more information before allocating a lot of money like that.

**Precizun Step Team**

**Project SHAPE; Sexual Health and Peer Education**

* Flagged by Sen. De La Cruz

**Project Sunshine**

**Project U**

**RUACH**

**Sanfoka Africa Organization**

**Scam Men's Ultimate Frisbee**

**Serendpity All Female A Cappella Group**

**Service Is Key**

**Sisters With Pride**

**Students of Albany Against Cancer**

**Swipe With A Purpose (SWAP)**

**The Creative Writing Club**

**The Earth Tones**

* Flagged by Sen. Schwab
* Cut CD, once again one time expense, across the board policy.
* Tour amount was cut, gas reimbursements violates SA policy. Cut food, across the board policy.

**The Guild**

**The UA Sketchy Characters**

**Theatre Council**

* Flagged by Sen. Dunleavy
* Why was their budget so different from what they requested?
  + Theatre Council was a late submission.
  + Motion to amend down $43.70 to match what they had last year.
  + Passed, Amended down.

**Toastmasters UAlbany**

**Torch Yearbook**

* Flagged by Sen. Schwab
* Why so different from what was requested?
  + All one time equipment expenses were cut out, across the board policy.
  + All equipment requests will go through Appropriations next year.

**Two And A Half**

**UA Alive**

**UA Musical Theatre Association**

**UA Nasha**

**UA Optometry**

**UA Pre Law Association**

**UA Veterans**

**UAlbany ACM**

**UAlbany American Red Cross Club**

**UAlbany Bowling Club**

**UAlbany Club Ice Hockey**

* Flagged by Sen. Schwab
* Equipment should go through appropriations next year.
* Motion to remove Line for Equipment in line with policy, $6,210

**UAlbany Math and Actuarial Club**

**UAlbany Outdoors**

**UAlbany Running Exchange**

**UAlbany Swim Club**

**UAlbany Students for Sustainability**

**UAlbany Tango Club**

**UAlbany Women's Club Soccer**

* Flagged by Sen. Kappetanos
* Motion to remove Equipment Line, $263 taken out of budget. Passed.
* Motion was removed for nationals in case they don’t make it. If they do, they can go to appropriations.
* Gas money also removed, in line with SA policy.

**Under Construction Dance Team**

**University at Albany Club Golf Team**

**University at Albany Debate Team**

**University at Albany Men's Rugby Football Club**

* Flagged by Sen. Chowdhury
* Sen. Chowdhury: They are an unfunded group right now, would like to remove their entire budget, reflective of their unfunded status.
* Motion to remove budget. Passed.

**University at Albany Tae Kwon Do Club**

**University Dance Council**

**University Photo Service**

**WCDB Albany**

**Women Excelling in Business**

* Flagged by Sen. Kappetanos
* Gave a range of expenses, we gave them the lowest of all the ranges.
* More than quadrupled the budget from last year.

**Womens Club Lacrosse**

**Women's Club Volleyball**

* Flagged by Sen. Kappetanos
* Motion to cut Nationals in line with policy for other clubs. Passed.
* Sen. Chowdhury: What if all these teams make Nationals and Appropriations is out of money? What will they do? Can we have a separate line for it?
  + More money is being given to Appropriations that used to be allocated for things like this. Balances out.

**Women's Rugby**

* Flagged by Sen. Schwab
* Why two tournament transportations lines?
  + Apply to different tournaments.

**Young Americans for Liberty**

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**Dippikill Policy Discussion:**

Sen. Schwab: We both fund Dippikill and student groups ability to go to Dippikill where could a profit be?

Sen. Markisello: Dippikill doesn’t make a profit.

Sen. Schwab: Can any group request money to go to Dippikill and just be able to go for free?

Sen. Markisello: Any group that requests it a year in advance in their budget than yes.

Sen. Dunleavy: Seems potentially unfair to some groups who don’t know they can go for free. Also what happens to the money if Dippkill books up or they don’t go.

No motion.

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Sen. Kappetanos: General inquiry into groups who were allocated more than they requested. Would like explanation on why each one happened.

UA Nasha

* Accident, more money allocated for hotel than was requested. Reduced to be in line with request. $1,460 reduced to $460.

NOYA

* Dippikill line adjusted to reflect request of $200.

SWAP

* Gave everything requested, mistake with what was given in spreadsheet.

UA Alive

* Accident, Outdoors club events misplaced, reduced to $2,400, in line with what was requested.

Musical Theatre

* All of their requested expenses added up to more than their listed total request. We gave them all itemized expenses.
* To be in line with BoF policy, Motion to lower total allocation to reflect listed total amount requested not the itemized totals. Passed.

Tango Club

* To be in line with BoF policy, Motion to lower total allocation to reflect listed total amount requested not the itemized totals. Passed.

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Sen. Schwab: Would like to address equipment line removal policy next week.

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**Closing Remarks:**

Sen. Markisello: Next week will do the internal first and then come back to the external.

**Closing Roll:**

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

**Senate Adjourned: 11:49 P.M**

**Prepared by Austin Ostro, Secretary of the Senate**