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Student Association Senate

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

9:00 PM – Boardroom

**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order and Opening Roll**
   * 1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes approved from September 6, 2017 were approved.

1. **Public Comment**
2. **Opening Remarks**
   * 1. Sen. Jarrett Altilio, Chairman of the Senate

1. So the Student Association fall election began at today 4:30 because of difficulties on myinvolvement. Election is now going on as planned; thanks to the elections commission for their quick response time. We are going to keep the 48 hours of voting which means the polls close at 4:30 Friday September 15. Unfortunately, due to the difficulties, the reveal party is canceled. We want to maintain the integrity of time for the candidates, and we have it up and running now. Please let Chairwoman Haft know if you come across any more issues; they are very receptive to this. Also, the voters who had already cast their vote, will be able to vote again. Results will be announced after 4:30 on Friday, and the winners will be notified by email.

2. This past Monday was the 16th anniversary of September 11th. We were very young when this tragedy struck, so we may not have realized how very serious it was. We grew up in the aftermath, and it had a major impact on Americans, some more direct than others, but the way we live our lives are different. UAlbany had 26 alumni who passed away in the tragedy, so last year we started up a September 11th foundation (gift of class of 2017) in their honor. UAlbany fund has since started raising money for this cause and has been promoting it to alumni. They have raised $10,000 from the alumni. The other day, I met with the president and comptroller and we decided to donate $2,000 on top of the $10,000 from Student Association. We feel that since we began this, we should follow through with the commitment and we want to memorialize the victims of the day. There is a special commission of senators to keep this foundation going and help the UAlbany Fund. If you are interested at being involved in this project, let me know, shoot me an email.

1. **University Reports**

OSI Representative Webb:

a) I want to just want to say good job to Directors Perez and Fambrini for block party. The President’s reception will be held Friday and the senators are invited. There will be make your own cheesecake there! Also on Saturday September 16, there will be a Great Dane game day event.

1. **Judicial Report**
   * 1. Monica DeJesus-Ramirez, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

a) Tomorrow, September 14, we will have our election for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Chairwoman Danielle Haft will be overseeing the election so that there is no bias.

Sen. Agnes: Why weren’t the two new justices contacted until Tuesday?

Associate Justice Dejesus-Ramirez: I didn’t realize they were a part of the court until I talked to President Fontaine on Monday.

Sen. Agnes: That doesn’t explain why they were not contacted until Tuesday.

Associate Justice Dejesus-Ramirez: I emailed them eight or ten hours after I found out which is better than three or four days. Remember too, that I am a student too.

Sen. Agnes: It is important to keep the court connected, and we also need to remember that this election needs to be done before the new senators are sworn in because the Chief Justice is the one who swears them in.

Associate Justice Dejesus-Ramirez: We will keep that in mind for next time.

1. **Board of Finance Report**

No report.

1. **Executive Reports**
   * 1. President & Vice President

President Fontaine:

a) For those of you in student groups, we are sorry for you the last minute meeting. If people cannot make it there is another on Monday, but we needed to wait for Myinvolvement and other factors to be up to date.

Sen. Rybak: Will you talk about the sponsorship line in the meeting, and let them know that we are going to have the line?

Pres. Fontaine- We emailed the groups that would be able to use the lines and we are going to go to their meetings so that they are informed as to how to use it.

b) We are finalizing the talks with Dippikill. I also talked to the parking department, and found out that it is compromised by a lot of committees in this department. I will be looking more into that.

Executive Assistant Cutrone:

a) I have no report, but I will be filling in for Chief of Staff Cadesca. She is working on mental health awareness campaign named “I am awareness.” This is a great cause, and we need to work hard and bolster it. We are almost done with maintenance of effort as well.

b) On a different note, as student leaders, we are both students and leaders, and we go through a lot of stress throughout the year. I just want to tell you that your stress matters, your struggle matters, and your experience matters. Please remember to put yourself first, put yourself before others if you need to deal with something. Ryan and I are coming up with something to address this.

Chief Strategist Elahi: No Report

Vice President Khan:

a) We are in the final stage of interviews for executive office manager; three candidates into final round. The new manager will be in the office 2 two weeks from Monday.

Chief of Staff Louisa:

a) I want to have some staff bonding. I was looking into Dippikill, but it was all booked, so now I am looking into bowling. They have Dollar Tuesday, I will send an email invite for October.

* + 1. Comptroller & Deputy Comptrollers

Comptroller Spellane:

a) Student groups’ incomes are not up to date because we have to do some accounting procedures, but they should be accurate in a week and a half.

b) For those student groups who were affected by money being lost or checks being cancelled last year, we are voiding the past checks and reissuing new ones

Sen. Tasnim: What are we doing for student groups whose checks were lost last year?

Comptroller Spellane- The checks will be voided and reissued. We are looking at each group that has had these issues and working with them on a case by case basis.

Sen. Tasnim- What if the Student Association lost it?

Comptroller Spellane- A lot were lost in the move, so we are just voiding and reissuing.

Sen. Agnes- When is the Treasurer’s exam due date?

Comptroller Spellane: No set date, but it must be done before purchase requests are done and approved.

* + 1. Executive Directors

Director Frempong: I want to introduce my associate director: Haven. Come to Meet, Munch and More this Sunday September 14, it will be fun. Also Hungry Heroes is September 27.

Director Landwehr: The Coming Out reception has been rescheduled in order to incorporate more alumni like the man who wrote Wicked and other alum who want to set up scholarships for queer students. Family Day Thanksgiving, and other events for transgender people are on November 20.

Health and sustainability: No report

Director Duran: We have figured out who most of our interns are. I will be bringing my associates to the next meeting. All the bios for the executive branch are updated. The *Tech Savvy* series is in the works and most of the computers are up and running.

Reporter Tyler McNeil- Is the information about senate on the website?

Vice President Khan- That would be the senate’s responsibility.

Sen. Altilio: It’s up to you and if you want to put it up.

Director Duran: I actually do not have access to the senate page, so I have to talk to Bev.

Reporter Tyler McNeil: So it will not be going up?

Director Duran: I cannot answer that question right now.

Representative Webb: I am actually still listed a chair on the senate website.

Director Duran: It is part of the senate website, so I will have to ask Bev.

Vice President Khan: We will work with Senator Altilio.

Director Duran: The developer made it a little difficult.

Sen. Asmus: Do you need help with the *Tech Savvy.*

Director Duran: I will take all the help I can get!

Director Luna:

a) Nothing new to report. Just remember the conversation for change discussion 8pm that night in CC ballroom, the MLK committee in February for which we will be getting a speaker. Meet my associate Michael Khan.

Director Randolph:

a) You have seen me up in the groupme with the doodle for the table, which we have been promoting the UAlbany chant. Unfortunately there have been no submissions, so we will be extending the deadline.

Director Fambrini:

a) Thanks for coming to block party, and thank you to Director Perez for a great t team effort.

Director Maestre:

a) We will be putting those pamphlets in every office, which is part of rebranding. We are working with directors, to get alumni here to represent their department. Business will be first, and you will be able to socialize with people and get their cards and gain connections.

Reporter Tyler McNeil: Can you explain more about rebranding?

Director Maestre: Yes, we are trying to get feedback from the students, so that we can know what they need to make their experience here better.

Reporter Tyler McNeil: Will there be a logo change?

Vice President Khan: No, we will not be changing their logo.

Director Maestre: We are trying to get our name more out there.

President Fontaine: The Scholar Series are different for every aspired professions, so let people know about them. If you want more information or others want more information, talk to Ryan.

Director Perez:

a) There are mandatory meetings Thursday September 14 in LC7. There will be three sessions: comptroller student group affairs, and programming.

Sen. Shapiro: The meeting information went to last year’s treasurers and presidents.

Director Perez: There will be another one on Monday. There has been a lot of new constitutions, so it is a good that the Chief Justice will be elected tomorrow.

1. **Committee Reports**
2. **Legislative Agenda**
   * 1. S.1718-028 (Committee Reorganization to Ensure Accountability, Transparency, and

Effectiveness [CREATE] Act)

Chairman Altilio:

a) Entering into this year, I want committees to be more accessible to the student groups so this is just the fixing of the bylaws that I think will help the committees run more efficiently. I still think that SA day is a good idea regardless of the fact that it didn’t work out last year. It will be a great way to improve the image of the Student Association to the UAlbany community. I also felt that Marketing and Public Relations would be great allies for some of the committees so I threw that in there as well. Another thing included in this bill is the impeachment process of committee chairs; for example if the chair of the community engagement and outreach is not doing what they set out to do, it would be better if I could consult with the vice chair and begin the removal process. This is not being done to punish anyone, or go after anyone, it is another layer of accountability.

Sen. Cupuano: How do you know that people will not just want to impeach someone because they don’t like them?

Chairman Altilio: The dismissal has to be tied to a legitimate reason and if it is not they will deal with Government Operations.

Sen. Shapiro: If that chair is removed, will they still have voting power in the committee?

Chairman Altilio: Yes, they will just be removed from position as chair.

* + 1. S.1718-029 (Establishment of a Process to Remove the Chairs of the Board of Finance

[the Pepe Plan])

Sen. Rybak:

a)There is no process for the Board of Finance Chair to be removed, so this is just to outline it. If the Chair is voted unanimously to be removed, he will be removed and become just a voting member of the Board. If the vote passes by 2/3rds majority, then the Chair must come before senate, and if 2/3rds majority agree to remove him as chair, he will be removed.

Passes unanimously.

* + 1. S.1718-030 (Senate Enforcement of Election Deadlines [SEED] Act)

Sen. Agnes:

a) This is a reinforcement of the Chief Justice Election deadline and states that a member of the Election’s Commission is there to oversee it.

Passes unanimously.

* + 1. S.1718-031 (Fall 2017 Supreme Court Elections Deadline)

Sen. Agnes:

a) We set the deadline of Monday September 18, at 5:00 PM because the new senators need to be sworn in the next day by the chief justice.

Passes unanimously.

* + 1. S.1718-032 (Bylaw Reforms Toward Gender Inclusivity)

Sen. Ryback:

a) Basically all this does is replace he/she with they as SA represents all student body, even those we do not believe in the usage of these pronouns.

Executive Assistant Cutrone:

a) This is a resolution, so technically it is not binding. However, the Rules Committee will have it on the front of their mind. I urge you to try to make the campus more inclusive, but I will be damned if you make it less.

Director Landwehr:

a) If anyone has questions, please refer them to me. If you do not understand, please come have a conversation with me. Sen. Rybak just said it all, why not make campus more inclusive?

Passes unanimously.

1. **Old Business**
   * 1. S.1718-027 (Omnibus Bylaw Reform Package of 2017, Part IV)

Sen. Holdridge:

a) The 1st section is about the Elections Commission, and was struck out because it was already stated. Section 601 was rewritten to make it simpler and cut out the stuff that was repeated and what was regarded as common sense. 601.4 was reworded to make it simpler and reworded to make sense. The bolded font are the new rules.

1. **New Business**
2. **Closing Remarks**
   * 1. Sen. Jarrett Altilio, Chairman of the Senate

a) Senate will be held next Tuesday September 19 in CC 375. At this meeting, we will have all the new senators and elect a Vice Chair.

2. President Fontaine:

a) Is anyone comfortable speaking about MOE? We have a rally and need some student speakers. This money is to go back to the students and is extra funding.

1. **Closing Roll and Adjournment**

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| **S.1718-028** | **DATE INTRODUCED:** September 13, 2017 |
| **SPONSORED BY:**  Sen. Altilio | **COMMITTEE:** N/A |
| **COSPONSORS:** Sen. Holdridge, Sen. Leonardo |
| **SUBJECT:** Committee Reorganization to Ensure Accountability, Transparency, and Effectiveness (CREATE) Act | **COMMITTEE VOTE:** N/A |
| **SENATE VOTE:** | **LEGISLATIVE RESULT:** |

**Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:**

1. That the 202.1 Section of the Student Association Bylaws be amended to read:

202.1 – The following shall be considered standing committees of the Student Association Senate:

202.1.1 – Executive – Shall be responsible for crafting the agenda for meetings of the Student Association Senate as well as reviewing all legislative proposals and referring them to the proper committees. In addition, the committee shall be responsible for reviewing all Executive appointments of Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet level.

202.1.2 – Government Operations – Shall deal with internal operations of the Student Association, investigate the enforcement of Student Association policies, and ensure action is taken by the appropriate Student Association agency.

202.1.2.1 – Ethics – Shall be responsible for reviewing any complaints or violations ~~with regard to~~ ***regarding*** ethics or conduct within the Student Association or breaches of conduct or employment contracts***, and ultimately making a recommendation based on its investigations***.

~~202.1.2.2 – Events and Awareness - Shall oversee the Student Association’s programming and marketing efforts. Strictly oversight; not empowered to make any decisions with regard to actual implementation.~~

202.1.3 – Rules and Administration – Shall be responsible for making sure that the voice of the students at UAlbany ~~are~~ ***is*** heard within ~~the~~ ***a*** number of governance bodies on this campus, locally, and statewide, ***by reviewing and updating provisions of the Student Association Constitution and Bylaws***. Members of this committee will serve as University Senators, and as such they are responsible for attending monthly meetings of the University Senate. This committee will also serve as the Senate’s liaison to the statewide Student Assembly of the State University of New York. In addition, this committee shall be responsible for reviewing organizational policy. ~~This committee will also be in charge with the duty of engaging the students and administration of the University, looking for concerns or desire from both, as well as serving as liaisons for the Senate to both of these groups.~~

202.1.4 – Appropriations – Shall deal with matters regarding supplemental and new funding to Student Association groups, ***as well as unfunded groups that are legitimately recognized outside of the Student Association***.

202.1.5 – Community Engagement and Outreach – Shall work together with the Director of Community ***Engagement and*** Outreach in engaging students on the University at Albany campus and the Albany community in community-building and partnership endeavors. In addition, the committee will assist with community service projects undertaken by the Student Association ***and various student groups***, ***as well as facilitate the planning and execution of the annual SA Day***.

202.1.5.1 – The Director of Community ***Engagement and*** Outreach or a member of their department shall be required to attend the weekly committee meetings and act as a nonvoting *ex-officio* member.

202.1.6 – Constituent Relations – Shall hear all issues from students and student groups ***with*** ~~in~~ regard to the Student Association. ***In addition, the committee*** shall organize a town hall meeting on the behalf of the Student Association Senate ~~for the interest of the constituency. The committee will also define a tangible means of communication that each Student Association Senator must create to contact their constituency throughout their term in office.~~ ***The committee shall also be tasked with working toward ways, in consultation with the Departments of Marketing and Public Relations, respectively, to communicate and maintain contact with the student body on issues of campus advocacy.*** This includes, but ***is*** not limited to, social networking, printed materials, and office hours.

202.2 – Any member of the Student Association Senate shall have the power to request the formation of an ad hoc committee and outline its functions. The formation of an ad hoc committee is subject to a majority vote of those Senate members present and voting.

202.3 – Committee Procedures

202.3.1 – Committee meetings shall be open to the general public.

202.3.2 – Each committee has the authority to determine its own procedures for conduct of committee business.

~~202.3.3 – Any procedures that require policy changes, including bylaw amendments, must be put in bill form and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration for recommendations. The Chair of the Senate may introduce policy changes to the Senate.~~

202.3.3 – The Committee Chair or a designated representative shall present a report of committee proceedings at each Senate meeting including, but not limited to, bills passing their respective committees.

202.3.4 – A bill may be called out of committee by a two-thirds vote of those Senate members present and voting.

202.4 – Senate Appointments

202.4.1 – Committee Chair Appointments

202.4.1.1 – Committee Chair appointments shall be made by the Chair of the Student Association Senate through formal consultation with the Vice Chair of the Senate. These appointments are subject to confirmation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

~~202.4.1.2 – Revocation of a committee chairship may be instituted by a two-thirds vote of Senate, upon recommendation of the Chair of the Senate through formal consultation with the Vice Chair of the Senate.~~

***202.4.1.2 – A Committee Chair may be removed from their position via a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Association Senate or through their direct dismissal by the Chair of the Senate, through formal consultation with the Vice Chair of the Senate. Dismissal of a Committee Chair shall only be initiated as a result of neglect of duty, unethical behavior, or a high degree of demonstrable ineffectiveness.***

202.4.2 – Committee assignments

202.4.2.1 – Shall be made by the Chair of the Senate, through formal consultation with the Vice Chair of the Senate, with the approval of a majority of Senate.

1. That this bill goes into effect immediately upon passage in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

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| **S.1718-029** | **DATE INTRODUCED:** September 13, 2017 |
| **SPONSORED BY:**  Sen. Rybak | **COMMITTEE:** Board of Finance |
| **COSPONSORS:** Sen. Tasnim |
| **SUBJECT:** Establishment of a Process to Remove the Chairs of the Board of Finance (the Pepe Plan) | **COMMITTEE VOTE:** 3-0-0 |
| **SENATE VOTE:** | **LEGISLATIVE RESULT:** |

**Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:**

1. That the 500.4 Section of the Student Association Bylaws be amended to read:

500.4 – Rules

500.4.1 – All meetings shall follow Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

500.4.2 – Voting rights shall be rescinded after two (2) consecutive unexcused absences and/or four (4) total unexcused absences per semester. To be counted as present, a member must attend at least half of the meeting.

500.4.3 – Any member of the Board of Finance who loses voting privileges shall be referred to the Student Association Senate Committee on Government Operations.

***500.4.4 – To remove the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board of Finance, the following criteria must be met:***

***500.4.4.1 – A unanimous vote of the Board, not including that of the subject of the vote, shall be sufficient means to remove the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board of Finance from their respective positions. The completion of this process shall immediately trigger a new election.***

***500.4.4.2 – A two-thirds vote of the Board, not including that of the subject of the vote, supplemented by a two-thirds vote of the Student Association Senate, shall be sufficient means to remove the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board of Finance from their respective positions. The completion of this process shall immediately trigger a new election.***

1. That this bill goes into effect immediately upon passage in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

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| **S.1718-030** | **DATE INTRODUCED:** September 13, 2017 |
| **SPONSORED BY:**  Sen. Agnes, Sen. Correia | **COMMITTEE:** N/A |
| **COSPONSORS:** Sen. Altilio, Sen. Capuano, Sen. Holdridge, Sen. Rybak, Sen. Tasnim |
| **SUBJECT:** Senate Enforcement of Election Deadlines (SEED) Act | **COMMITTEE VOTE:** N/A |
| **SENATE VOTE:** | **LEGISLATIVE RESULT:** |

**Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:**

1. That the 400.2 Section of the Student Association Bylaws be amended to read:

400.2.1 – The Supreme Court shall run from the beginning of the academic year to the end of the academic year. The Supreme Court shall be considered out of session when classes are not in session.

***400.2.2 – The Court shall hold elections for Chief Justice and Deputy Chief Justice at the end of the spring semester or, if vacancies exist, as soon as all seven Justices have been confirmed to the Court. The Student Association Senate shall be empowered to enforce this provision by setting a fall deadline by which the elections must have been completed.***

***400.2.2.1 – A representative of the Student Association Elections Commission shall be in attendance to administer the elections of the Chief Justice and Deputy Chief Justice.***

400.2.3 – If the Court deems necessary, ~~they~~ ***it*** may call an emergency Court session during ~~intercessions~~ ***intersessions*** ~~in order~~ to schedule a hearing which, because of its immediate and important nature, must be decided at once.

400.2.4 – The hearings of the Supreme Court shall be made public and announced.

1. That this bill goes into effect immediately upon passage in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

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| **S.1718-031** | **DATE INTRODUCED:** September 13, 2017 |
| **SPONSORED BY:**  Sen. Agnes, Sen. Correia | **COMMITTEE:** N/A |
| **COSPONSORS:** Sen. Altilio, Sen. Capuano, Sen. Holdridge, Sen. Rybak, Sen. Tasnim |
| **SUBJECT:** Fall 2017 Supreme Court Elections Deadline | **COMMITTEE VOTE:** N/A |
| **SENATE VOTE:** | **LEGISLATIVE RESULT:** |

**Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:**

1. That the Supreme Court of the Student Association (SCSA) be compelled to hold and complete the elections of its Chief Justice and Deputy Chief Justice, pursuant to S.1718-030 (the Senate Enforcement of Election Deadlines Act), no later than Monday, September 18, 2017 at 5:00 PM.
2. That this bill goes into effect immediately upon passage in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

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| **S.1718-032R** | **DATE INTRODUCED:** September 13, 2017 |
| **SPONSORED BY:**  Sen. Holdridge, Sen. Rybak | **COMMITTEE:** N/A |
| **SUBJECT:** Bylaw Reforms Toward Gender Inclusivity | **COMMITTEE VOTE:** N/A |
| **SENATE VOTE:** | **LEGISLATIVE RESULT:** |

**Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:**

1. *WHEREAS*, The Student Association is a beacon toward equality at the University at Albany, SUNY; and
2. *WHEREAS*, The Executive Branch has a revived and powerful agenda to highlight the imperative of acting and thinking toward gender and sexuality inclusivity, one which the Senate, too, is working to promote, accord, and assist; and
3. *WHEREAS*, At the moment, neither the Student Association Bylaws, nor the Student Association Constitution reflect the accomplishment of this imperative, but, instead, accept binary “he/she” terminology; and
4. *WHEREAS*, The social necessity to transcend gender binary language is an increasingly-received one, to respect, and be inclusive to, the gender identities and sexualities of all people; and
5. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Student Association amend the formal language of its Bylaws to be gender non-binary, and, thus, gender inclusive. This, effectively, replaces any statement of “he/she” to “they”; and
6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, This bill goes into effect immediately upon passage in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

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| **S.1718-027** | **DATE INTRODUCED:** September 6, 2017 |
| **SPONSORED BY:** Sen. Holdridge | **COMMITTEE:** Rules and Administration |
| **SUBJECT:** Omnibus Bylaw Reform Package of 2017, Part IV | **COMMITTEE VOTE:** 4-0-1 |
| **SENATE VOTE:** | **LEGISLATIVE RESULT:** |

**Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:**

1. That the 601.2 Section of the Student Association Bylaws be amended to read:

**~~601.2~~** ~~– Composition~~

~~601.2.1 – The Elections Commission shall be composed of the following members:~~

~~601.2.1.1 – Three (3) Commissioners appointed by the Chair of the Student Association Senate through formal consultation, which shall include but not be limited to written notification at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to appointment, with the Vice Chair of the Senate and confirmed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Association Senate. These Commissioners shall serve for one (1) year terms.~~

~~601.2.1.2 – Two (2) Commissioners appointed by the President of the Student Association, with the advice and consent of the Vice President of the Student Association, and confirmed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Association Senate. These Commissioners shall serve for two (2) year terms.~~

~~601.2.1.3 – Two (2) Commissioners appointed by the University at Albany Office of Conflict Resolution and Civic Responsibility from the Judicial Board. One (1) of these Commissioners shall serve a two (2) year term.~~

~~601.2.1.4 – There shall be one non-student Advisor to the Commission appointed by the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership. The Advisor to the Commission shall be an~~ *~~ex officio~~*~~, non-voting member of the Elections Commission and shall serve in a strictly advisory capacity to the student members.~~

~~601.2.1.5- The elections commission shall be appointed directly before voting begins in the general election, with their terms not starting until after the spring elections, with the old commission terms ending after the full conclusion of the spring elections with final act as being meeting with the new commission.~~

~~601.2.1.5.1- In the event of resignation or delay of an appointment, commissioners can be appointed at another time.~~

~~601.2.1.6- No commissioner shall hold or run for any elected office.~~

~~601.2.2- The newly appointed commission must meet at least once with the old commission before the end of the school year in order to maintain a continuity of records and learn the responsibilities of the commission.~~

1. That the 601.3 Section of the Student Association Bylaws be amended to read:

**601.3** – Duties and Powers of the Elections Commission:

601.3.1 – The Elections Commission shall be responsible for deciding and resolving any and all disputes arising out of this policy. Any decision may be appealed to the Supreme Court of the Student Association.

601.3.1.1 – The Elections Commission shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among the Commission membership at the beginning of the first meeting by a majority vote.

601.3.1.1.1 – Chair terms shall last one (1) academic year.

601.3.1.2 – Responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Elections Commission shall be as follows:

~~601.3.1.2.1 – The duties and responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair written in these bylaws are only meant for when the commission conducts their regular meetings and nothing else.~~

601.3.1.2.2 – The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Elections Commission, have powers to call special meetings of the Elections Commission, must notify the Chair of the Student Association Senate of all actions taken by the Elections Commission and report to the Senate regularly during election cycles. The Chair shall keep and manage all attendance records for the members of the Elections Commission.

601.3.1.2.3 – It shall be the duty of the Chair to enforce the responsibility of the Elections Commission to all members.

~~601.3.1.2.4 – The Elections Chair shall represent the Elections Commission before the Student Association Senate. If the Chairperson is unable to attend a Senate meeting then this responsibility of the Chair becomes the responsibility by the Vice Chair of the Elections Commission.~~

601.3.1.2.5 – ~~At any time the Chair is absent from a Elections Commission meeting, then this duty of the Chair becomes the responsibility of the Vice Chair.~~ ***The Vice-Chairperson, in the absence of the Chairperson or at his/her request, shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson.***

~~601.3.1.2.6 – The Chair and Vice Chair are given no more power or authority over any other commissioner. Every commissioner has equal power when supervising the election.~~

~~601.3.2 – The Commission shall ensure just and proper Student Association Elections.~~

601.3.3 – The commission shall ensure that all candidates are eligible to run as defined by university policies and election bylaw policies.

601.3.4 – The Commission shall have the responsibility of producing and/or updating the Student Association Election ~~Rule Guide~~ ***Guidelines***. The Election ~~Rule Guide~~ ***Guidelines*** should contain all pertinent election information including, but not limited to, all relevant University policies as well.

601.3.4.1 – The Election ~~Rule Handbook~~ ***Guidelines*** shall be presented to the Rules & Administration Committee by the beginning of the self-nomination process of every election.

601.3.4.1.1- The Election ~~Rule Handbook~~ ***Guidelines*** shall contain, at the minimum, the pertinent contents of The Student Association Elections Policy, the relevant University policies and how they pertain to Student Association elections, and the consequences for failure to comply with the policies therein.

601.3.5 – The Commission shall be responsible for the tabulation of all ballots.

601.3.6 – ~~The Commission shall hold a candidates meeting for all the candidates at the close of the nomination period, to hand out Election Rule Guides and to be certain that the candidates have been instructed on the contents of the Election Rule Guide, the Elections Policy, and to ensure that the candidates are aware of the election dates and times. Any candidate not to submit a nomination form by the deadline shall not be placed on the ballot.~~ ***The Commission shall hold a mandatory candidate meeting at the close of the nomination period. At this meeting, the commission will review the SA elections guidelines and ensure that all candidates are aware of the election dates. Any candidate who does not submit a nomination form by the advertised deadline shall not be placed on the ballot.***

601.3.6.1 – ~~Any nominee who is not in attendance at this meeting without a valid excuse deemed by the Elections Commission will not be considered for candidacy.~~ ***Any candidate who does not attend the candidate meeting without prior approval by the elections commission shall not be placed on the ballot.***

601.3.7- The elections commission is responsible for ensuring that the nomination process as well as the election dates and times are well marketed by the Executive official responsible for marketing. ~~These need~~ ***This needs*** to be advertised for at least two weeks before the filing deadlines.

601.3.8 – The Elections Commission shall be responsible for acquiring Residential Life/University policies on specific quads and distributing said policies, via the Election Rule Guide, to the respective candidates during the candidate’s meeting.

1. That the 601.4.1 Section of the Student Association Bylaws be amended to read:

~~601.4.1 – The Elections Commission shall maintain, for the semester after the election, all ballots, nomination forms, voter lists, reports, complaints, and tabulation sheets, as well as other written material used in the election.~~ ***The Elections Commission shall retain all election materials for one academic semester after each election.***

1. That the 602 Section of the Student Association Bylaws be amended to read:

602.1.1 ~~Any nominated candidate may decline in writing to run at least two business days prior to the beginning of the elections and will have his/her name removed from the ballot.~~ ***Any candidate may withdraw their name from the ballot as long as such a request is made in writing to the elections commission 48 hours in advance of the ballot going live.***

602.2.1 – The Chair of the ~~Election commissions~~ ***Elections commission*** shall notify each candidate of their eligibility by means of written notification.

602.2.1.2 – No person may receive candidacy for an office for which he/she will be ineligible, or run for more than one of the following positions in the same election.

602.2.1.2.1 – President of the Student Association

602.2.1.2.2 – Vice President of the Student Association

602.2.1.2.3 – Student Association Senator

602.2.1.2.4 – University at Albany Council Student Representative

602.2.1.3 – Eligibility for nomination to any Student Association office will be limited to matriculated activity-fee-paying undergraduate students who intend to serve for the duration of their term, and have no foreseeable obligations which may conflict with or supersede their availability of performance of their duties. Candidates who have applied for graduation for the spring semester are not eligible to be nominated for any office in the spring general election.

1. That this bill goes into effect immediately upon passage, in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

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| *Jerlisa Fontaine*, *President* |