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Student Association Senate

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

9:00 PM – Boardroom

**AGENDA**

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

1. Minutes from September 19, 2017 were approved.

1. **Public Comment**
2. **Opening Remarks**
   * 1. Sen. Jarrett Altilio, Chairman of the Senate
     2. Sen. Subha Tasnim, Vice Chairwoman of the Senate
3. **University Reports**
   * 1. Dr. Havidán Rodríguez, President of the University at Albany

a) Thanks to the Chairman and senate for having him. The Student Association is so important as to the entities it provides to the student body. The leadership of the Student Association helps the future and as well as now, but it comes with great responsibility. It is our job to reflect the conversations in senate with the student body. UAlbany is a top research university which happens to be a reason why I decided to work here. We need to be a part of moving forward, and I want to work together with the students to ensure the continued success. I want to applaud Michael Christakis on his leadership and help thus far. Senators: how can we move forward together in order to reach our goals as a school?

b) I met with strategic planning committee on how to engage everyone at the school. Student success is the priority over everything. Another vital component is diversity and inclusive excellence which is one of the strengths of UAlbany. We need to continue to present a campus where everyone feels included. Campus culture is something we need to do as a community, not one person can change it.

c) Getting involved on campus helps with everything from retention rates all the way to future employment. New growth in areas such as homeland security. Thanks everyone again and expresses his excitement to continue working with us in the future.

Reporter Tyler McNeil: Can you speak more on the draft report for the strategic plan in the next 3 years. Are these things the university could do, or will do?

Pres. Rodríguez: They will continue to work on it and come up with ideas for us to do in order to continue building the school. Focuses on academics and student success (engagement, study abroad, etc.).

Reporter McNeil: Is the three years subject to change?

Pres Rodríguez: It is always subject to change but the focus should be more on what will get done rather than time line.

Sen. Johanson: Last year we spoke about strengthening the relationship with Albany Law and UAlbany. Has that continued to expand?

Pres. Rodríguez: Yes we are also working with Albany Med as well as others around the state in order to establish programs that will allow our students to transition easier.

Sen. Carroll: Any updates on 20,000 students by 2020?

Pres. Rodríguez: We are looking at that and figuring out how to grow and where to grow. We are unsure if they will be able to reach that goal by 2020 because of difficulty, but we are focusing on what makes most sense moving forward as a school.

Sen. Blaise: Do you have any current and feasible goals to make the campus more inclusive?

Pres. Rodríguez: We are evaluating the things that work and don’t work, and having open communication is key and students should express their feelings. There's no one office responsible for diversity, it is all our jobs.

Director Fambrini: Any recommendations for Park Fest artist?

Pres. Rodríguez: I will sing for it

Sen. Correia: Any plans to expand housing?

Vice President of Student Affairs Christakis: We have engaged leaders on the thought, but as of now there is no more plans for housing but that is based off of current enrolment and not what it could be in the future. ASPEN as well as another future ASPEN will be options. We also plan to work with the city of Albany to work on it. There are plenty of other factors in expanding such as advisors, mental health, health center, etc.

Pres. Rodríguez: Once again, thank you for active engagement and remember, first of all you are all students.

* + 1. Ms. Carla Oliver Bowens, General Manager of the UAlbany Bookstore

a) Thank you for the invite and thanks to Sen. Blaise for "planting the seed". We continue to try and get books for the cheapest price because our education is priority. Students can always come in to discuss new "swag" or make attire for a group. I am also willing to come back at any time to discuss any issues. There is potential for renovations in the future. Thank you and come see me anytime.

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

Associate Justice:

a) The court will be working with Civic Action and will make reports weekly or bi-weekly on the relationship with the Supreme Court and student body. Will work on reviewing student group constitutions.

Sen. Carroll: Is there a backup in constitution approvals?

Associate Justice: They will get done.

1. **Board of Finance Report**

No report

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

Pres. Fontaine:

a) I want to make life better for the athletes on campus and I want you to help me. Please bring any concerns.

b) EOP has been looking for advocates for the Perkins Loan, let me know if you are interested.

c) October 28 or November 4 are possible dates for New York Capital Region Council.

Executive Assistant Cutrone:

a) Please keep promoting mentorship program; it is a great opportunity to network and help.

* + 1. Comptroller & Deputy Comptrollers

Interim Comptroller Hackshaw:

a) Interns are going to start soon, and they look forward to working with SA.

Deputy Comptroller Polanco:

a) We will be focusing on moving funds in order to be able to fund groups quicker.

Vice Chair Tasnim: A lot of students group have been upset with not having access to Treasurers Exam on blackboard, is that being fixed?

Deputy Comptroller Polanco- Yes, they have to email us so we can grant them access. I think there needs to be procedures for future leaders of groups.

* + 1. Executive Directors

Director Frempong:

a) We made 300 meals and over 200 goodie bags. Thank you for coming.

b) Remember, Pine Hills cleanup is coming up.

Director Landwehr:

a) October 6 from 3pm-5pm, State Quad is having a health fair: come out and show face. If you would like to table, reach out to me.

b) Free HIV testing at Cooper Hall.

c) October 21 is Coming Out party, and we are looking for more people to share stories.

Director McDermott:

a) I am excited to be giving out condoms.

b) We will be working with Planned Parenthood.

c) Super Smash Bros club is grouping with UPD and will wear "beer goggles" and play Smash. There is no date in mind.

Director Duran:

a) Fixed server with ITS.

Question from visitor: When do they plan on posting the minutes?

Chairman Altilio: I will provide minutes, budget or anything else that is requested. There is still work to do in order to have it online but for now approach me if you want.

Director Luna:

a) Tomorrow in boardroom from 4-6: Conversations for Change, everyone come.

Director Randolph:

a) Block Party video is now on youtube, and senate video will be up in a week.

b) Added two interns to the groupme and they will promote all flyers. I encourage you to follow twitter and instagram.

Pres. Fontaine: Remember how important these programs are!

c) Monday October 7 7pm in old assembly room: 5 alumni coming.

Director Fambrini:

a) October 21, after coming out reception, come to speaker series. Speaker to be announced soon.

b) Fall Fest Saturday November 11, artist will be announced soon.

c) April 8 is Park Fest, don't ask who is coming.

Director Mastre:

a) First newsletter out in the next week or two.

b) All student group leaders will be receiving group registration forms.

Director Perez:

a) Weekly emails will be coming out, if you want any events emailed out then email me.

Sen. Rybak: Have the Supreme Court justices been helping to approve constitutions?

Director Perez: Yes.

Representative Berroa:

a) On behalf of Board of Finance, applications are on myinvolvement. Advertise it and spread it around.

1. **Committee Reports**

No report

1. **Legislative Agenda**
   * 1. S.1718-034 2017-2018 Committee Assignments

Chairman Altilio:

a) The committees are where the real work starts, and I did my best to accommodate all assignments but it wasn’t possible to give everyone first choice. Leadership of these committee's is a big deal.

i) Sen. Holdridge as Chair of Rules Committee. He was ranking member last year. Lots of experience in the committee, wants more change this year with effectiveness.

ii) Sen. Quinn as Chair of the Appropriations Committee. Quinn was ranking member last year for a little bit and helped especially when things got tough.

iii) Sen. Agnes as Chair Government Operations Committee and Sen. Shayo as Chair of the Subcommittee on Ethics. Shayo has experience from last year and now there are more and better guidelines.

iv) Sen. Johanson as Chair of the Community Engagement and Outreach Committee. SA day is a huge priority, pine hills clean up and donating will be done too.

v) Sen. Correia as Chair of the Constituent Relations Committee. Sen. Correria has experience with student group affairs.

Sen. Agnes:

a) Government Operations Chair ensures everyone will follow bylaws. I want the committee to be more active. Everyone needs to be at office hours.

Sen. Johanson:

a) I was in Community Engagement Outreach last year. I was sadden by the absence of SA day which makes my main goal to ensure that SA day is a large scale event and shows off where the money goes.

Sen. Correia:

a) I am the former director of Student Group Affairs, and am familiar with the process. I want to have a "town hall" for student to express what they want to see change in and then bring the department in to speak.

Sen. Holdridge:

a) My goals are to be a lot more proactive and efficient and be more involved in SUNY Senate.

Sen. Shayo:

a) My goal is to reduce the amount of ethics complaints from last year, but I encourage anyone with an issue to come forward. If there are any problems then everyone has to be open to helping.

Sen. Quinn:

a) Becoming the chair of appropriations is what I strived to do. I hope to combine previous experience to this position and be a real resource, be transparent and conscious of our commitment. I am excited for the year.

Chairman Altilio:

a) Motion to add Sen Demma to 9/11 fund.

Seconded

Vote- passes 38/2

* + 1. S.1718-035 Board of Finance Nominations (Agnes, Altilio, Rybak, Tasnim)

Sen. Altilio:

a) I appoint Vice Chair Tasnim to two year term.

Sen. Tasnim:

a) I have been in contact with multiple student groups and serving as a medium between groups and Board of Finance.

Sen. Agnes:

a) I believe this would be a great medium for student groups and I am learning about budgeting in classes now.

Sen. Rybak:

a) I have been in senate for a while and have worked with UAS. I am involved in many student groups and look forward to helping.

Vote- passes 32/3/4

Chairman Altilio:

a) There will be an evaluation of committees mid-November and at that point changes could be made depending on efficiency.

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

**Altilio- reminds us if they are interested in Perkins Scholarship**

* + 1. Sen. Subha Tasnim, Vice Chairwoman of the Senate

a) Please promote comptroller position.

1. **Closing Roll and Adjournment**

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| **S.1718-034** | **DATE INTRODUCED:** September 27, 2017 |
| **SPONSORED BY:**  Sen. Altilio | **COMMITTEE:** N/A |
| **COSPONSOR:** Sen. Tasnim |
| **SUBJECT:** 2017-2018 Committee Assignments | **COMMITTEE VOTE:** N/A |
| **SENATE VOTE:** | **LEGISLATIVE RESULT:** |

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

1. That the following be adopted as the Student Association Senate’s committee structure through November 15, 2017:

**COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION**

*(and University Senate appointments)*

**CHAIR** Brandon Holdridge

**RANKING MEMBER** Dillon Asmus

**MEMBERS** Amanda Demma, Morgan Eldridge, ChiChi Igboekwe, Logan Losito, Mitchell Rybak, Moises Urena

**COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**CHAIR** Mark Anthony Quinn

**RANKING MEMBER** Patrick Carroll

**MEMBERS** Chloe Anne Blaise, Owen Howard, Terrell Miller, Nadia Naoum, Jessica Richards, Max Sevor, Jeffrey Shapiro, Subha Tasnim

**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**CHAIR** Anna Agnes

**RANKING MEMBER** Adam Shayo

**MEMBERS** Kenny Barrera, Cara Berkey, Paul Capuano, Katherine Dobler, Amanda Goldfine, Paulina Hatzipetrakos, Kennedy Kujawa, Phil O’Meara

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ETHICS**

**CHAIR** Adam Shayo

**MEMBERS** Anna Agnes (*ex officio*), Kenny Barrera, Cara Berkey, Paul Capuano, Katherine Dobler, Amanda Goldfine, Paulina Hatzipetrakos, Kennedy Kujawa, Phil O’Meara

**COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH**

**CHAIR** Olivia Johansen

**RANKING MEMBER** Hannah Bostwick

**MEMBERS** Dee Carty, Briana Dominguez, Roselynn Frempong (*ex officio*), Isaiah James, Saskia Pilorge, Tyler Polite, Hannah Smith, Dejourae Williams, Jenna Zier

**COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUENT RELATIONS**

**CHAIR** Sean Correia

**RANKING MEMBER** Nicholas Leonardo

**MEMBERS** Chaz Blackwood, Danny Cheng, Lela Edwards, Cassandra Jones, Jouly Lajara, Carlos McArthur, Jack O’Connell, Zacharie St-Hubert

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**CHAIR** Jarrett Altilio

**MEMBERS** Anna Agnes, Emma Benz (*ex officio*), Sean Correia, Brandon Holdridge, Olivia Johansen, Mark Anthony Quinn, Subha Tasnim

**SPECIAL COMMISSION ON THE SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL PROJECT**

**MEMBERS** Paul Capuano, Brandon Holdridge, Subha Tasnim

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

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| *Jerlisa Fontaine*, *President* |

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| **S.1718-035** | **DATE INTRODUCED:** September 27, 2017 |
| **SPONSORED BY:**  Sen. Altilio | **COMMITTEE:** N/A |
| **SUBJECT:** Board of Finance Appointments – Agnes, Altilio, Rybak, Tasnim | **COMMITTEE VOTE:** N/A |
| **SENATE VOTE:** | **LEGISLATIVE RESULT:** |

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

1. That Anna Agnes, Jarrett Altilio, and Mitchell Rybak are appointed to the Student Association Board of Finance for the duration of the 2017-2018 academic year.
2. That Subha Tasnim is appointed to the Student Association Board of Finance for the duration of the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 academic years.
3. That this bill goes into effect immediately upon passage in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

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| [bill not subject to presidential signature] |
| *Jerlisa Fontaine*, *President* |