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Student Association Senate

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

9:00 PM – Boardroom

**AGENDA**

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

Sen. Carroll: I move to put Executive Reports behind the Legislative Agenda.

Sen Capuano: Second

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes approved for September 27, 2018.

1. **Public Comment**

a) Nicole, Middle Earth: I have some concerns regarding our budget. First, there was a whole ordeal to gain access to the Treasurers’ Exam. Now myinvolvement says that there is no money in our account. We need this money so that we can make a payment for our hotline to be open.

Deputy Polanco: We realize that there are issues with the Treasurers’ Exam and are trying to fix it. The issue with the budget is that myinvolvement cleans it out every year, so it takes time for the funds to go in.

Nicole: If I have to put in a purchase request in tonight, will it be approved in two weeks’ time?

Deputy Polanco: No.

Sen. Carroll: When will it be done?

Vice Chairwoman Tasnim: Go to Dawn in the Office of Student Engagement. She knows how important Middle Earth is to the school and help you gain the access to the funds within the two weeks.

b) Danielle Haft: I work for the Office of Student Involvement and we are having a dance marathon. It is a nationwide program which is run with 300+ universities, and raises money for children’s hospitals. This program is great because all money stays local. We are looking to raise $20,000. If you do not know what happens at dance marathon, it is a consistent period of dance and activities to raise money. As it gets closer to February, I will you give more information about it. Maybe you can start rallying a team for the Student Association? There will also be a pizza party for a lucky team. Shoot me an email if you have a question

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

a) First, as those in the senate groupme know, one of our newly elected senators is in the hospital. We have a card for you to sign for her. It is important we support each other, and hopefully she will be back next week.

b) I am glad we are all on the same page for committees. I understand that it is hard to find times to meet with everyone’s schedules. So please if you haven’t responded to the doodle polls or emails, do that and make it a priority. Make sure people can nail down times so that there is a solid group there.

c) Lastly, parking. Today I came back to campus, and went to State Quad. Around 2:30, I come across the flex parking with barely any cars in it. It typically operates at 25-40% capacity. The past 10 months we have been calling on parking for better services for the students. It is disingenuous to me that we have brought this to their concern, and they take away 177 parking spots. And when we ask if they want to talk, they are only willing to do it in a more private setting and are definitely not interested in coming to senate. Their last priority is the students, seeing as they gave nearly 2000 tix were given out in September alone. The tickets themselves range from $20-$150. They must’ve been able to pay for a brand new office and then some with that money from the tickets. What the money did not pay for is the students. I am just at a loss for words for the lack of services from parking services. Their director Jason Jones allowed for me and only a few others to talk to him, so I will report back. I called upon you guys to talk to students and others, and find their concerns so I can bring them forth. It seems to me that all the fees we pay, we are not getting the services we are paying for, and we need more students, and more voice on appeals voice, relooking at the fee, the third thing we need are answers, I am not satisfied.

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

a) Completely echo Chairman Altilio.

1. **University Reports**

Representative Webb: Office of Student Involvement has a trip planned just for seniors, to Fright Night, which is at Six Flags.

Sen. Agnes: Do you know if there are any other days for bystander training?

Representative Webb: Those dates are the only ones we have scheduled now.

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

a) It has been a pleasure working with Director Perez for approving constitutions, and looking forward to go to the Rules Committees meeting.

1. **Board of Finance Report**

Chairman Altilio: The Board of Finance will be meeting Friday to elect chair and vice chair. We will also be having conversations about the comptroller, make decisions, and vote on a nominee no later than October 18 perm comptroller.

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

Executive Assistant Cutrone-

a) Thank you for moving the executive reports behind the agenda. Can I just stand here? We will talk as long as we want; awesome job senators for this.

b) I want to remind the Rules Committee of the resolution we passed early which would change the gender in the bylaws to non-binary gender.

c) The Office of the President has solidified the hiring of interns, and many of you haven’t met a lot of them yet, because you do not come the office.

d) We are moving along with the peer mentorship program. Do you think you guys can create a listserv with your constituents and let them know about it?

Chairman Altilio: That can’t happen because the university, and Reslife do not want to give the student’s information out.

Tasnim: President Fontaine can only send out a few emails herself so we do not spam the students.

Executive Assistant Cutrone: So the interaction with the constituents ends at the election?

e) We are working on creating three committees:

i) Student athletes

ii) Academic Disciplinary Committee: for different academic disciplines

iii) Student Worker Committee: means of advocacy for students who work too.

f) Self-care: this is something I have struggled with and other students have struggled with. This is the time where stress and mental illnesses are more prevalent. I have talked with a lot of different people, so that we can create a nice place where people can go and be totally at peace.

g) Those of you who know me know I do not like fighting.

Sen. Agnes: If you do not like to fight, then why are you making all these passive aggressive comments you are making? Also, why do you care so much about the athletes when they get everything paid for?

Sen. Johansen: Last year, we have only had one report for the president. Now we have 4 or 5, we care about what you are doing, but we have three hours to get our business done too.

Chairman Altilio: The procedure has changed many ways throughout my years.

Sen. Rybak: I yield tome to Executive Assistant Cutrone

Executive Assistant Cutrone: I agree we should condense it.

Vice Chairwoman Tasnim: We need to stop fighting, but I agree to condensing the reports.

Vice President Khan: No report.

* + 1. Comptroller & Deputy Comptrollers

Deputy Polanco:

a) We now have interns.

* + 1. Executive Directors

Associate Director Hutchinson:

a) On October 15, we will be having the breast cancer walk, please sign up

b) We moved the Pines Hills Cleanup to October 29. Remember when the neighborhood gets trashed, the neighborhood does too.

Associate Director Navarro:

a) We have confirmed the pride flag to hang on the football field

b) Director Landwehr has a meeting to discuss gender- inclusive housing.

Associate Director Ayoub:

a) Fatal Vision is on October 26, from 6-9 PM at State Quad Penthouse. This event will help you better understand the perception lens under the influence; and you will be playing Supersmash bros with alcohol and marijuana goggles.

b) Heart Healthy initiative on October 17, from noon to 4 PM in LC Concourse: in order to keep heart healthy certification for our campus; must have 1000 people practice hands only CPR. We will also be planning another event with Five Quad.

c) Agriculture carnival on October 22,on Liberty Terrace starting at 1 PM: Reslife sponsoring event that will have bobbing for apples and pumpkin carving, and we will be tabling and helping with the event.

Director Duran: No report.

Director Luna:

a)Remember Conversation for change, and the cultural report.

Director Randolph:

a) You all have to table. The Student Association is not just the executive board, it’s you too.

b) The marketing department is 10 people strong, so if you need any flyers, let us know.

Director Fambrini:

No report.

Director Maestre:

a) I would say it was nice to you you at the dcholar series event, but I do not think I saw any of you there. The next scholar series is November 1 and it will be for the School of Social Welfare.

Associate Director Gonzales:

a) Accounts will be frozen by Friday for student groups who did not attend the mandatory meeting. The groups will need to come into the office.

Sen. Shapiro: Will student groups be notified if their funds will be frozen?

Sen. Correia: groups have to update their information so that they can get notifications.

Sen. Capuano: Are there forms for groups to fill out?

Associate Director Gonzales: There are some now.

1. **Committee Reports**
   * 1. Chairman Jarrett Altilio, Chairman of Executive Committee

a) Our first meeting will be next week on Tuesday

* + 1. Sen. Brandon Holdridge, Chairman of Rules and Administration

a) Meet by flag to finalize meeting times after tonight. These meetings are public, so anyone can come.

b) For University Senate, we either missed it or given wrong time and date.

* + 1. Sen. Mark Anthony Quinn, Chairman of Appropriations

a) Have a running list of every bill brought forth to the floor. This excel spreadsheet has the percentage of funds available. It also shows the budget, bill number, organization title, proposed amount, and whether the funds were dispersed. It will be utilized for a more liquid experience, and will be used for the sponsorship line too. This is all an effort to be more transparent. We also will be making an email for the appropriations, [saapropriations@albany.edu](mailto:saapropriations@albany.edu).

b) Our meeting time will be Sundays at 7 pm, and we will be creating a rubric. This is to check out the equity, create set questions, and to have an actual standard.

c) We will have organizations stick to their budget, and apply and enforce the budget. The supplemental line is going to be use for actual additional expenses because the organizations should be sticking to budget. The forms have been made available for appropriations, so inform student body. The E-boards will get the forms.

Sen. Berrera: Where is the meetings?

Sen. Quinn: It is not set, as of now, the conference room.

Sen. Shapiro: If the budgets not set at comptroller’s office, how will you know them?

Sen. Quinn: I have a spread sheet with their approved budgets on it.

* + 1. Sen. Anna Agnes, Chairwoman of Government Operations

No report.

* + - 1. Sen. Adam Shayo, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Ethics

No report

* + 1. Sen. Olivia Johansen, Chairwoman of Community Engagement and Outreach

a) Fill out doodle poll

* + 1. Sen. Sean Correia, Chairman of Constituent Relations

No report

1. **Legislative Agenda**
   * 1. S.1718-036 Line Transfer, ASIA to Supplemental Allocations

Quinn: This group received $6000 and only need $3500, and came forward. This group is ethical, and emailed Jarrett, and wanted to help other organizations. So this is just a line transfer from their account into the supplementary funds.

Sen Carroll: I move to call to question.

Sen Holdridge: Second

Bill passes unanimously

* + 1. S.1718-037R Parking Must Think of Students (PMTS) Act

Chairman Altilio: In lieu of me speaking, I will let others share their stories.

Sen Agnes: This summer I went to move stuff in to my apartment and came to campus to see a friend. I came out to find a $150 ticket. So I went into their new office and was told it was because I had a “stolen decal.” It was because I crashed my car over spring break and brought a different car to campus. Then Barb, a worker in the office said “you’re lucky we didn’t boot your car.” The workers could be nicer.

Sen Asmus: Back when I was a sophomore, I got a ticket for parking in faculty because of the little signs in the Colonial parking lot. So then I move my car, and I do not use the car much, but I come to find 6 tickets on my windshield. This is because I put my decal on the wrong side of the car, so I appealed. The meeting was a month after, and my account was on hold. In the end they only took three away. I find out this semester that one of my professors had the same issue, and he got the tickets taken away. They are in it to make a profit.

Chairman Altilio: Sen. Agnes has best tweets about them.

Sen Shayo: I don’t have a car, but I must say, we are being bullied by an entity on this campus. If we want to correct this, we need to be aggressive. This is a start, but we must be more involved in this. Eventually they will make a change, so we need to get this out to the students. Definitely try to start a movement to get this going.

Sen. Altilito: Section X of this resolution says we have to be a partner. We did this 10 months ago, and 177 parking spots taken away. Something needs to change.

Sen. Johansen: This is largely a communication issue. There is a lack of signage, they give tickets out of a blue. The appeal is a text box with 150 characters. They need to make them more accessible to students as well.

Sen. Asmus: This speaks largely on the administration. They want to increase students yet where will they park? They really need to have communication with administration.

Sen. Capuano: The appeals process is a sham. Part XI, says scale back the fee, what does this mean?

Chairman Altilio: It is worded vaguely, because I don’t know. We need to have a conversation less about what is wrong, and more about what can we do together to improve the issue. My dream is not to have permit fee, which is not realistic, so that’s why it is vague. We need to have a statement we want to make.

Sen. Carroll: I believe this is indicative of PMTS, I echo Sen. Shayo. This is a great start, but we need to have a dialogue. They will read this and throw it out, they don’t care.

Sen. Bostwick: We do not have overnight parking for students. I have gotten a tix at 3:46 in the morning.

Sen. Altilio: No one is in the faculty lot on Sunday at 3:00 in the morning.

Sen. Blaise: Has there been a taskforce for this issue, like ASDAC?

Chairman Altilio: This is something I will consider because it is a great idea. I would definitely like to see this happen.

Sen. Rybak: There is one student on the Board of Appeals, but that doesn’t help with what you are trying to do.

Sen. Eldridge: To go along with Sen. Bostwick, the visitor pass system is not clear. They are ticketing people who do not go here, and they have to pay fine.

Sen. Losito: They gave five tickets to a RA because I came up early, and they ticketed before office opened. I have tried to appeal them all, and they don’t do anything/

Sen. Carroll: Appeals put a hold on students’ accounts which I find absolutely ridiculous. Their biggest goal is to make money.

Sen. Blaise: There is no parking on Alumni, which is a host for transfers and international students, who are already lost and confused. They get tickets a lot too.

Sen. Barrera: I move to call to question.

Sen. Shayo: Second

Voice vote, passed unanimously,

S.1718-038R Urging the United States Congress to Renew Funding for the Federal

Perkins Loan Program

Sen. Sevor: The Perkins Loan is for students to use to pay bills for college, and the government is taking it away. This is disadvantaging those who need it. We benefit from it and need it in our lives.

Sen. Barrera: Students at other universities need this too. College is expensive, room and board is expensive. We need this to pay for our education.

Sen Shayo: Move to call to question.

Sen. Demma: Second.

Passes unanimously

* + 1. S.1718-039R Protect Our Students From Asbestos (POSFA) Act

Sen Howard: Gives details as to what asbestos is.

Sen. Dobler: State Quad’s residents are alarmed at the signs on the walls. Resident Assistants told them not to worry about it.

Jones, signs says don not do anything about it, don’t touch it

Sen. Sevor: My suitemate went to Reslife and someone came from the plant and he said nothing can do it about the ceiling. The only thing they can do is lower the bed so it is not as close to the ceiling.

Sen Jones: Many people have no knowledge of what asbestos is.

Freshman audience Members: There were stars on the ceiling, and we wanted them down. There was a sign saying not to touch the ceiling because of asbestos which looks like it could be on the wall too. Our suitemate went to hospital with breathing issues which may be attributed to that.

Sen. Howard: It seems like the university is shutting down conversations, so we want to bring about conversations.

Sen. Shapiro: Reslife was never told that, why is it on your slide show?

Sen. Jones: We were told this when we went dorm storming, and they told us on all the floors on Eastman Tower. Why do the residents feel that way?

Sen Shayo: What quad is Sen. Shapiro on?

Sen Shapiro: Dutch.

Sen, Shayo: He’s not on the quad that has the signs, so maybe they told different people. Those signs are absolutely ridiculous.

Sen Richards: I think we all can agree asbestos is a problem, this is a problem, what are we going to do about it is what matters. The hush hush does not matter as much.

Vice Chairwoman Tasnim: I applaud you all for your efforts, make a motion to edit the bill to put the Residential Director’s name.

Sen. Demma: Second

Sen Altilio: I spoke to Lori Garafello, and she did say Carol Perrin, and the other guy are interested in coming to senate next week.

Sen. Asmus: I have a story. When I lived on colonial, my suitemate had his bed up, and he had breathing problems during the winter. This is a step in the right direction.

Sen Pilorge: The ceiling chips would fall on my bed, and I had bronchitis September to March. They also force people into triples.

Sen. Correia: I had bronchitis which turned into pneumonia and then I was hospitalized.

Sen. Jones: We need to start discussion with the university. They need to release statements of statistics, facts and figures. This dialogue that needs to happen, and they need to make pamphlets or give more information.

Sen. Shayo: Move to call to question

Sen. Richards: Second

Passed unanimously

1. **Old Business**
2. **New Business**
3. **Closing Remarks**
   * 1. Sen. Jarrett Altilio, Chairman of the Senate
     2. Sen. Subha Tasnim, Vice Chairwoman of the Senate
4. **Closing Roll and Adjournment**