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Student Association Senate

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

8:45 PM – Boardroom

**SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order and Opening Roll**
   * 1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Approval of Minutes**
   * 1. November 29, 2017 minutes approved.
3. **Opening Remarks**
   * 1. Sen. Jarrett Altilio, Chairman of the Senate
        1. Today is the last senate meeting of the semester. I just want to say god work this semester; we have gotten a lot of work done. However, there is still more to do next semester.
        2. We are designing senate t-shirts, and the plan is to order them over the break so that you can have them at the first meeting.
        3. Senators Agnes and Correia are on the parking advisory board.
        4. This is the last night to submit your biography for the senate website.
     2. Sen. Subha Tasnim, Vice Chairwoman of the Senate
        1. No opening remarks.
4. **University Reports**
   * 1. Mr. Kevin Wilcox, Associate Vice President and Comptroller
        1. We were going over the different fees students incur each semester, including the student activity fee. We were looking at these fees for students who would not be on campus for a semester for reasons which include: a semester in Washington, study abroad, or fully online students. We were looking to put in legislation a bylaw which made the students who participated in the semester in Washington be exempt from the fee because they are for study abroad and the fully online classes.
           1. Reporter Tyler McNeil: Do you have any comments on the transparency of the budget that President Rodriguez promised?
           2. Comptroller Wilcox: Yes. We are being more transparent and open with the process we are going through.
           3. Reporter Tyler McNeil: Is this true for non-budget issues?
           4. Comptroller Wilcox: I think so.
           5. Reporter Tyler McNeil: What is the biggest challenge for creating the budget?
           6. Comptroller Wilcox: The biggest issue is the salary increases which are mandated on the state level. The state does not fund us, and we have to increase their salary by 2%. This means an 1.6% loss for us on the budget. We are working on the Maintenance of Effort so that if the state mandates these salary increases, they fund them.
           7. Sen. Rybak: I was in Washington last spring and agree with helping students keep their money because most of the internships are not paid. What about the athletics fee?
           8. Comptroller Wilcox: We have been debating this. Orginally we thought that it should still be mandated because you are coming back to the school and the pride, but now we are leading more towards exempting the students from the fee. It is used for us to stay a Division I school.
           9. Reporter Tyler McNeil: What are the net losses that are coming from this?
           10. Comptroller Wilcox: We are looking into that.
           11. Sen. Rybak: Who else can we talk to exempt students from the fees?
           12. Comptroller Wilcox: You can talk to student affairs.
           13. Chairman Altilio: When we originally passed the increase of the fee, it didn’t go with the timeline. At what point would you need us to have a bill for this?
           14. Comptroller Wilcox: This is a 2018/2019 decision because we cannot get the billing in place for the spring.
     2. Rep. Alondra Berroa, University Council Representative
        1. University Council meeting is on Friday (12/8) at 1:00 pm. If you have any concerns, please reach out to me.
           1. Reporter Tyler McNeil: Can you elaborate on concerns already brought to you?
           2. Rep. Berroa: No I cannot because they were brought to me as confidential.
           3. Reporter Tyler McNeil: I am not asking who said it, but rather what they are about.
           4. Rep. Berroa: They are about the blue lights, winter commencement, parking, and asbestos.
           5. Reporter Tyler McNeil: What is your take on the issues?
           6. Rep. Berroa: We can speak to that in private.
5. **Committee Reports**
   * 1. Sen. Jarrett Altilio, Chairman of the Executive Committee
        1. No report
     2. Sen. Brandon Holdridge, Chairman of Rules and Administration
        1. Yesterday, we looked over the attendance records and saw that certain senators were over the attendance limit. We voted to remove Senators Dobler and MacArthur from power.
     3. Sen. Mark Anthony Quinn, Chairman of Appropriations
        1. We have 9 bills up tonight.
     4. Sen. Anna Agnes, Chairwoman of Government Operations
        1. Sen. Shayo could not be here today, so he wanted me to say that since the Director of Student Group Affairs is no longer in her position, the ethics’ complaint has been dropped.
        2. On another note, Sen. Correia and I were met with parking. We decided to add more students to their board. We are also working on getting access to students to repeal their tickets online.
           1. Sen. Adam Shayo, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Ethics

No report

* + 1. Sen. Olivia Johansen, Chairwoman of Community Engagement and Outreach
       1. We are now in the planning stages of SA Day. If you want to be a part of the taskforce, please reach out to me.
    2. Sen. Sean Correia, Chairman of Constituent Relations
       1. Myself along with Chairman Altilio and Senators Howard and Jones met with people and are happy to report that the ceilings will be asbestos free in the by next year. There is also a panel with us and them.

1. **Legislative Agenda**
   * 1. S.1718-073 Appropriations, United Nations Association of the USA
        1. Tabled to the end of the meeting.
           1. Sen. Rybak: Amend to move to a penny into their account so that they stay funded.
           2. Sen. Shapiro: Object. We need to wait for them to come because we owe it to them to give them the money. It was our fault they did not realize they had to apply for more money.
           3. Sen. Richards: We have had numerous groups telling us that they did not understand the new and unfunded process. This is our fault that they need this.
           4. Sen. Capuano: I echo their thoughts.
           5. Sen Rybak: I withdraw my motion.
           6. Sen. Quinn: We can give them to 10:45 to come.
           7. Sen. Edwards: Can we consider this as an emergency and vote on their money?
           8. Sen Asmus: Move to call to question to vote now
           9. (crowd murmurs)
           10. Sen. Asmus: I withdraw my motion.
           11. Sen Quinn: Move to do the bill now.
           12. Student Rep.: There are over 150 colleges and community charters in this grassroots organization. We will be using the money to rent out the ballroom.
           13. Vice Chair Tasnim: Move to call to question.
           14. Sen. Richards: Second

Voice vote: passes unanimously

* + 1. S.1718-074 Appropriations, Cultural Connections
       1. Vote combined with S.1718-076.
       2. Student Rep.: We try to foster a relationship between the university and the Mexican students here on campus.
    2. S.1718-076 Appropriations, The Posh Daily

1. Student Rep.: We were funded, but had difficulties keeping our status so now we are back to new and unfunded. We are a blog based organization with live stream from our youtube channel.

President Fontaine: This is a very committed student organization who did a great job covering Fallapalooza. I highly recommend giving them this money.

i. iClicker vote: passes 29-1-1

* + 1. S.1718-075 Appropriations, EOP Student Administrative Council
       1. Student Rep.: We are bringing toys downtown to the kids of all faiths so that they can celebrate.

iClicker vote: passes 29-0-3

* + 1. S.1718-077 Appropriations, La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity
       1. Student Rep. (Sen. Quinn): This is a Latino based fraternity who is putting on a scholarship reception this Friday. It allows access to 4 $1000 scholarships. Sodexo is catering and it is a nice event. I stepped down because it is my organization, and I followed every protocol for sake of transparency.
       2. Deputy Comptroller Polanco: Your event is Friday?
       3. Sen. Quinn: Yes, spoke to Comptroller Hackshaw already.

iClicker vote: passes 23-0-4

* + 1. S.1718-078 Appropriations, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
       1. Student Rep.: We are holding two events back to back. It is a people’s choice awards to recognize two people: best academic and best athlete. There will be hosts there too. We are providing transportation in order to make it easier on those going.
          1. Sen. Rybak: Who are the hosts?
          2. Student Rep.: One is a motivational speaker who is a brother that has previously graduated, and the other is a student stand-up comedian.

iClicher vote: passes 21-2-7

* + 1. S.1718-079 Appropriations, UAlbany Club Baseball
       1. Club Athletics Rep.: I am not a student, just a representative.
       2. Student Rep.: We are a part of the North Atlantic North division, and we need transportation to get to our game sites. We will have 30 people traveling with us and taking a bus is more efficient.
       3. Club Athletics Rep.: This club team is growing. It is not fair to rely on the same people driving. They have to stay for three games to complete the series so it is overnight too.
          1. Sen. Agnes: Do you pay dues?
          2. Student Rep: $100 per semester which is the highest for a club team on campus.
          3. Sen. Johansen: I know them all very well, and they do fundraise a lot.
          4. Student Rep.: We have been a lot better than in the past, and may go to the World Series soon.

Vote: 35-1-3

* + 1. S.1718-087 (Club Tennis)/S.1718-088(Club Spikeball)/S.1718-089(Club Basketball)
       1. Club Sports Rep.: (S.1718-087) This is just to makesure the club keeps their status, so we are asking for one cent. The club has had some rocky leadership in the past.
       2. Club Sports Rep.: (88) This is a new group. They are asking for a penny to start the process.
       3. Student Rep.: (89) This is the first semester on campus, and we are trying to get recognized.

iClicker Vote: passes: 29-1-2

* + 1. S.1718-080 Appropriations, NAACP
       1. Student Reps.: We help build up relations on and off campus. We love to do community service. We are having our seventh annual Founder’s Day Banquet. We have been awarded with having the most people in our chapter in the State of New York and for having the most meaningful interaction with the youth. Our membership has increased a lot so we had to move the event to off campus.

iClicker vote, passes 31-0-3

* + 1. S.1718-081 Appropriations, Model United Nations
       1. Student Rep. (Deputy Comptroller Polanco): We basically hit controversial issues from the past and discuss in different time periods. We are taking 12 delegates to the conference.

iClicker vote: 31-0-7

* + 1. S.1718-082 Appropriations, Fashion Association of Collegiate Entrepreneurs
       1. Student Rep. (Sen. Miller): We brand people on campus, trying to get them real gigs. We are a liaison from students to the School of Business. We have grown from having 30 members last year to 105 this year. We need extra money. There is one company they owns practically everything in fashion, and they have a conference with big name schools that attend. We only got invited because one school dropped out last minute. I put $1000 of my own money into this, and we need $18,000 to pay for conference, hotels and airfare. It starts on Monday (12/11) and goes through Thursday (12/14). When it comes to fashion, the world moves fast. This is a big opportunity for people in our group.
       2. Sen. Quinn: If they do go, they will be funded. However, if they don’t they will not get the money.
       3. Sen. Miller: We have had make-up and other pop-up shops, and are doing a lot of things to promote members.
          1. Sen. Agnes: Can you provide some clarification as to how this came about in the committee?
          2. Sen. Quinn: They had trouble accessing the request data page. They actually submitted a purchase request and not a supplemental funds request. Since they used that form before Friday, I let them go on Sunday.
          3. Sen. Blaise: We also made Sen. Miller leave the room for the vote, and abide by neutrality.
          4. Deputy Comptroller Polanco: If it passes, get to comptroller tomorrow.
          5. Sen. Quinn: 4 groups got patents in the semester through this club.
          6. Sen. Richards: We set the stipulation that if the trip doesn’t happen, the money goes back into the supplemental line.

iClicker vote: passes 29-1-4

* + 1. S.1718-086R Supporting the Living-Learning Communities
       1. Sen. Holdridge: Explains living learning communities. We figured that this program does so much for the school, and think the program going forward should improve.
       2. Dr. Linda Perowski: Thank you for your statement of support. Living learning communities started in 2010. The data is clear: students in living learning communities have higher satisfaction, GPAs, and engagement. They are growing too; they went from having 30 student is 2010 to 550 this fall 2017. Living learning communities also provide leadership and a place not only for freshman but also sophomores, juniors and seniors too.
          1. Sen. Asmus: What are you asking for in terms from funds?
          2. Dr. Perowski: This is just a statement of support for to give to the President of the university.
          3. Sen. Asmus: What about line 8 in the resolution?
          4. Sen. Holdridge: No specific dollar amount; we are just saying we support the living learning communities.
          5. Sen. Asmus: Where would the money go?
          6. Dr. Perowski: We would add new living learning communities.
          7. Sen. O’Connell: I yield time to Liza.
          8. Liza: I began in a living learning community and it gave me so much. It helped me get leadership positions and discover what I want to do with my life, so please support.
          9. Sen. Edwards: I have met people from living learning communities and they do so much. They are given leadership opportunities and they have helped improve student life.
          10. Sen. Losito: Just to reiterate, this is not a concrete number for funds. Living learning communities clearly comprehensive benefits as a whole and should be supported.

iClicker vote: passes: 27-1-4

* + 1. S.1718-083 Gender Neutrality Act
       - 1. Sen. Holdridge: This is basically a rewording of the bylaws so that they say they/their/them instead of the she/he pronouns.
         2. Sen. Rybak: they/them/there are singular for those of you with grammar concerns!
         3. Sen. O’Connell: What is that R?
         4. Sen. Holdridge: I did not know what that was, and didn’t want mess with it.
         5. O’Connell: I move to omit the R.
         6. Sen. Johansen: Second
         7. Amendment passes

iClicker vote, passes 29-1-2

* + 1. S.1718-084 Constitutional Amendment, Elections Commission Reform
       1. Chairwoman Haft: We have no new appointments, and this is always a delayed issue. We already have 5 people on the Elections Commission, so we would be legal.
          1. Sen. Edwards: How many people should be appointed? 2?
          2. Sen. Correia: Yes

Roll call vote, passes unanimously

* + 1. S.1718-085 Constitutional Amendment, Presidential Succession
       1. Sen Rybak: This just clarifies what to do if the Student Association President can no longer serve. It omits the need of an extra election, and just has the vice president step into place. President Fontaine and Vice President Khan have already agreed and thought this is the fairest way to go about it.

Roll call vote, passes unanimously

1. **Old Business**
   1. **No old business**
2. **New Business**
   1. **No new business**
3. **Closing Remarks**
   * 1. Sen. Jarrett Altilio, Chairman of the Senate
        1. Remember to look at attendance. There are six seats up in the special election. Let people know they are vacant.
        2. Bystander Training is on Friday for those of you who have not gone yet. This is MANDATORY; if you do not go you can no longer serve on Senate.
     2. Sen. Subha Tasnim, Vice Chairwoman of the Senate
        1. No closing remarks
4. **Closing Roll and Adjournment**