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Student Association Senate

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

9:00 PM – Boardroom

**SESSION AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order and Opening Roll**
   * 1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Approval of Minutes**
   * 1. Minutes from February 21, 2018 have been approved.
3. **Opening Remarks**
   * 1. Sen. Jarrett Altilio, Chairman of the Senate
        1. Dippikill is on Friday (3/2), let me know if you need a ride.
           1. Note: Due to inclement weather, Dippikill has been moved to a tentative date of 4/6.
     2. Sen. Subha Tasnim, Vice Chairwoman of the Senate
        1. No opening remarks.
4. **University Reports**
   * 1. Student Representative of the Center for Leadership and Service
        1. This is a new service/center. It helps students effectively work and participate in democratic process. MetroIS is a company based in New York City. They have representatives willing to come to campus and do programs which help better yourselves. The Center for Leadership and Service provides work with a variety of matters, and they have a vision to see UAlbany becoming a premiere university.
     2. Dr. Michael Christakis, Vice President of Student Affairs
        1. Presentation of the fees:
           1. Kim Basset from Finance and Budget:

The comprehensive, athletic, recreation and student life fees all need approval from SUNY to increase. We need to have 5 years of budgets to show to them. HEPI (higher education price index) dictates what some of the fees will increase to. Right now there is a 2. 6% HEPI, which means fees will increase $33 per semester ($66 for the whole 2018-2019 year). The five year projection will be about the same. We have no control over salary increases for employees, nor increases with the minimum wage as well as fringe benefits. The technology fee is going up $6 per semester for improvements. The transportation fee is facing $7 increase per semester. We are currently in year 4 of 5 year contract with CDTA, and we need new buses. The Health and Counseling Center has a 3 year plan to increase the rate significantly. Over the last few years, there has been a 54% increase in people using those services. Therefore we will be increasing that fee by $10 to decrease wait time. The intercollegiate athletic fee increases by $10 for the cost of operations, recruitment and travel. The recreation fee is increasing by $1 a semester, and campus life is not increasing.

Reporter Tyler McNeil: Where is the money from the university fee going to? It was instated in 1960 by SUNY.

I am not quite sure, it is spread about.

2. Reporter Tyler McNeil: What is the transportation fee going to add up to?

a. About $200,000 dollars

3. Sen. Shapiro: Where can we find this information?

a. Student accounts website, but it won’t be up until everything is finalized.

4. Sen. Blackwood: What are the standards for an athlete to continue school at UAlbany?

a. That is not part of my expertise.

Vice President Christakis: I encourage you to bring athletics in and ask them.

* + - * 1. UAS

How do you like Damien’s? Last night’s game was televised, with 38 screens, and can broadcast own team. There is a possible closing of Colonial Quad. There will be a meeting tomorrow morning with senior staff to move forward decision to close. If we are closing Colonial, UAS would move forward on keeping flex and unlimited plans flat. We are looking into decreasing the other levels for commuters and apartment living. The Sodexo increase will be absorbed by UAS. Employees are unionized. Minimum wage increase impacts food service, and have taken a hit in lower level staff members. Overall all meal plans are the same.

Reporter Tyler McNeil: What energy expenses are added due to Damien’s being opened?

I have no idea.

Public Comment: I am on Colonial, and am wondering: are there quality of food standards? Can we be rest assured that you are taking this into account?

Participation amounts on Colonial have decreased heavily. Students are choosing not to dine at Colonial.

Public Comment: If I may, the hours were cut too, so now I have to go spend $4-5 on toast.

You have to look at the resources. Having 4 quads open is ridiculous. We are so inefficient in the way we do food, and the analysis we have done is done hour by hour. Just this year, there is a 72% decrease in usage.

Chief of Staff Cadesca: Are the hours going to be longer for the dining halls that will remain open?

Man: Good question, I haven’t thought of that. Let me know what times they could be open for.

Sen. Hermann: Is there a way to reduce food waste?

We have been working a food pantry.

Sen. Asmus: What are your plans with the colonial space?

That will be given by people other than me.

Sen. Carty: The dining hall doesn’t open until 11 on the weekend.

Indian opens earlier. But it is a matter of usage and resources. It wasn’t being used earlier.

Sen. Zelaya: There is a food waste recovery on campus, but only 5-10 participate in it. Also, it is only on Indian. There should be more awareness of it.

Sen. Correia: Is there a way for Alumni Quad to be open more?

It is open more than any other quad.

Sen. Correia: Is there a way to shift resources so that we can use them to keep it open?

We are trying to keep your rates flat.

Vice President Christakis: We have good employees, and others who aren’t as good. We are trying to put the good ones in places where they can do the best they can.

* + - * 1. Housing

Residence halls are self-sufficient, and not state funded. We are proposing a 5% increase, where 2% goes to faculty. A lot of the money will be spent on the infrastructure. We are on phase 3 of the elevator project. We will also be spending a lot of it on the removal of asbestos. We have committed 5 million to complete state quad asbestos. There will be a renovation for Dutch Quad dining hall space, and is scheduled to open August 2019. State Quad success center is doing amazing, so we will be bringing it to Dutch Quad. Lighting upgrades, replacing Freedom’s original furniture, paining, and revitalization of Alumni Quad will also be projects we will be completing. There will be an interest meeting next Thursday (3/8) from 4:30-5:30.

Sen. Blaise: What about handicap accessibility?

By code we have to have that.

Sen. Carty: What are your plans for the downtown campus?

We will be expanding the living learning component.

Reporter Tyler McNeil: How much will the increase give you? Did you start with 5%? Or was it a lower/higher number.

I am fiscally responsible to keep them as low as can be. In fact, Binghamton is at the top with their rates.

Reporter Tyler McNeil: Where does it go?

Heat, light, cable, apogee, police, power plant, maintenance, and salaries

Sen. Blaise: Is there a possibility to enhance campus security?

We have 264 cameras in the residence halls.

Sen. Blaise: Do you think that those are insufficient?

UPD will say it is instrumental in solving crime, and increasing quality of life.

Sen. Hura: We should be preventing crime. There have been two viscous, preventable sexual assaults in the Dutch Tower in the last two years.

The biggest preventer is education. Right now the biggest issue is covering fire detectors.

Sen. Blaise: Is there a way for the doors to lock automatically?

I did look at that, and it cost about 20 million dollars.

Sen. Asmus: I am assuming you looked at swipe access into rooms, have you looked into regular locks?

$20 Million is the price for regular locks.

3. Chairwoman Haft: Presidential forum is happening next Tuesday March 6 at 8. Please come out to hear what they have to say. The Elections Commission will be administering it, and the marketing team will be live streaming.

1. **Judicial Report**
   * 1. Kate Cunningham, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
        1. All constitutions are electronic in hopes to make the process a lot smoother.
        2. We will also be using they/them/their pronouns to make them more inclusive.
2. **Board of Finance Report**
   * 1. Sen. Anna Agnes, Vice Chairwoman of the Board of Finance
        1. We had a meeting last Sunday and will have another this Sunday to continue going over budgets.
3. **Executive Reports**
   * 1. President and Vice President
        1. Jerlissa Fontaine, President of the Student Association
           1. Working with the Reslife task force in order to find a way to for them to allow student groups to use their space.
           2. I talked to some of the faculty to find the best system to include us in their issues, and using academic senators.
           3. A decent amount of students came to the mentorship program the other day.
           4. May 5 is the leadership conference.
        2. Madeeha Khan, Vice President of the Student Association
           1. No report
     2. Comptroller and Deputy Comptrollers
        1. Nicolas Hackshaw, Comptroller of the Student Association
           1. No report
     3. Executive Directors
        1. Joel Duran, Executive Director of Information and Technology
           1. Constitution and bylaws are on the website.
        2. Joey Fambrini, Executive Director of Programming
           1. Volunteers for Parkfest on April 28.
        3. Hallie Landwehr, Executive Director of Gender and Sexuality Concerns
           1. March 28 is the Higher Education Luncheon, please RSVP.
           2. March 8 is Women’s Day so there will be lollipops given away.
        4. Aniel Luna, Executive Director of Intercultural Affairs
           1. Conversation for change tomorrow (3/1).
        5. Ryan Maestre, Executive Director of Public Relations
           1. No report
        6. Katie McDermott, Executive Director of Health and Sustainability
           1. UAS partnered with field goods, so please push their marketing. There will be fresh local produce through 518.
           2. Partnering with the library for Stress Less.
           3. The Trashion Fashion show is coming up.
           4. Mind your mind is April 4.
        7. Darien Randolph, Executive Director of the Marketing Department
           1. We are still planning on breaking a world record. It will be at the Big Event on April 21, and we will be donating money back to the community.
        8. Haven Hutchinson, Executive Director of Community Engagement and Outreach
           1. NYPERD, April 12 7:15-9:15 representatives from the state will be here.
           2. April 14 is the Walk to End Aides.
           3. There will be a SA dodgeball team, an all proceeds go to the Boys and Girls Clubs.
        9. Alyssa Cacoperdo, Executive Director of Student Group Affairs
           1. Extended deadlines for the Purple and Gold Awards to March 3.
4. **Committee Reports**
   * 1. Sen. Jarrett Altilio, Chairman of the Executive Committee
        1. No report
     2. Sen. Brandon Holdridge, Chairman of Rules and Administration
        1. There will be 2 bylaws pertaining to attendance coming.
     3. Sen. Mark Anthony Quinn, Chairman of Appropriations
        1. We met with over 10 student groups on Sunday. I would like to thank the committee for their devotion.
        2. We made a list of all new and unfunded groups so that we now know.
     4. Sen. Anna Agnes, Chairwoman of Government Operations
        1. Respond to doodle poll.
           1. Sen. Adam Shayo, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Ethics

There is an investigation going on, and we do not know enough to give any information. My job is not to attack or interrogate, just to see if things are efficient and ethical.

* + 1. Sen. Olivia Johansen, Chairwoman of Community Engagement and Outreach
       1. I finally nailed down a day and time. It will be in the Campus Center Ballroom on March 21, from 7-9. Let me know if you want help; we need senators to do everything.
    2. Sen. Sean Correia, Chairman of Constituent Relations
       1. I emailed Dr. Desmone, for the Health Center questions students have.
          1. Sen. Agnes: We met with parking on Friday. We discussed the too icy bus stops. One of the guys said they are making electronic signs, and trying to become more to environmental friendly. There will be more bike racks and the parking people got new cars but they are electric so they will be saving money.

1. **Legislative Agenda**
   * 1. S.1718-103 Veto Override, Reforms to Conference Planning Oversight
        1. Sponsors move to withdraw bill for the week
           1. Pres Fontaine: Can we have the reason why you withdraw [withdrew] it?
        2. Chairman Altilio: We do not have the time to debate this bill to its fullest content.
     2. S.1718-104 Addition of Voting Criteria to Conference Planning Oversight
        1. Withdraw for the week
     3. S.1718-105 Supreme Court Nomination, Andrews
        1. Pres Fontaine: This is Nominee Andrews. He works for the front desk and does his research. This is his first year at UAlbany but he is a junior. He is also a youth counselor for the Department of Education.
        2. Nominee Andrews: This was my first day at a meeting, and it went by quickly.
        3. Sen. Agnes: Can they be part of the court and be an administrative assistant?
        4. \*Checks bylaws\*
        5. Sen. Holdridge: Reads a bylaw, and renders Nominee Andrews ineligible.
     4. S.1718-106 Appropriations, Cultural Connections
        1. This is a new and unfunded group.
        2. Representative: This organization helps bridge gap the gap for minority students. We want to provide refreshments to those to help bridge gap.

Vote by voice, Passes 34-0-2

* + 1. S.1718-107 Appropriations, Women and Children’s Rights in Africa (WACRIA)
       1. This is a new and unfunded group.
       2. Representative: We help fight for rights. We have an art gala help which helps schools in Tanzania. The rest of the money will be used to subsidize events.

Iclicker vote, Passes 35-0-1

* + 1. S.1718-108 Appropriations, Cyber Defense Organization
       1. Representative: We hold cyber security workshops to refine technical skills. We would like to compete on a national level; we did not budget for this because we were not expecting to be in it since it usually takes groups 10 years to do, and this is only our second.

Iclicker vote, Passes 34-0-3

* + 1. S.1718-109 Appropriations, UAlbany Ski & Snowboard Club
       1. Representative: We have weekly trips to ski resorts, and provide transportation. The money will go toward a weekend trip because we want to give students the experience. The breakdown is: $2100 for the bus, and $900 for lodging. We are going to Vermont, our usual place, and have dues.

Iclicker vote, Passes 37-3-3

* + 1. S.1718-110 Appropriations, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
       1. Representative: We are asking money for the Annual Fireman Luncheon which goes towards charity, the march of dimes, and working on giving scholarship to one high school student and one college student. If you want to come to the luncheon, come! It is open to students and faculty who are helping. We have been fundraising through Chipotle, Blaze, bake sales, and Black Jeopardy.

Iclicker vote, Passes 39-0-3

* + 1. S.1718-111 Appropriations, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
       1. Representative: We are asking for money for our annual event: Dubfest. We are planning to make it much more affordable. We are also in collaboration with Pan-Caribbean Association,

Iclicker vote, Passes 38-1-2

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, Dippikill is this weekend.
        2. Fill out the form for the Senate Shirts.
     2. Sen. Subha Tasnim, Vice Chairwoman of the Senate
        1. No closing remarks.
4. **Closing Roll and Adjournment**