Student Association Senate

November 19, 2008

Meeting called to order at 8:14 p.m.

11/12/08 Minutes approved as written – Senator Jacobs, 2nd Senator Ingber

Public Comment:

- President Adam Kris spoke on behalf of Hillel:
    - Group focuses on Jewish life on campus
    - Held several event
        - Rock Café – Fundraiser
        - Trip to Six Flags
        - Semiformal
        - Apple-picking
        - Bonfire

- President Rebecca Howard spoke on behalf of the Society of Computers and Networking
    - Held numerous workshops – *circa* 4 – 5
        - Workshop tomorrow on robotics
        - Attempting to bring certification courses to campus

- President Sreyrath Chea spoke on behalf of the Badminton Club:
    - Play every week on Wednesday and Sunday
    - 40 members with 20 – 25 active
    - Fundraising to purchase equipment

- Cassandra Uthman spoke on behalf of Angelic Voices of Praise:
    - Held two concerts
        - Benefit on October 17th – proceeds went to Relay for Life
        - Another concert 11/22 at 5 p.m. in LC 18
    - Sing at various events on campus including EOP events

- Treasurer Crystal Tapia spoke on behalf of Theatre Council:
    - Done many performances – another on 12/2

- Secretary Marian Marji spoke on behalf of Belly Dancing:
    - Hold classes Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.
    - Conducted 4 performances at Fuerrza Night
        - Next performance tomorrow
    - Having Social December 4th

    - Arabian Nights event next semester

- Vice President Brandon Asch spoke on behalf of the College Republicans:
    - Very active this semester
    - Debate with College Democrats very successful
        - Video to be shown on ATV
    - Recruiting
    - Charity Work –Toys-4-Tots and Salvation Army

- President Logan Doyle spoke on behalf of Ski and Snowboard Club:
    - Held event on Monday – premiered movie
    - Trip on December 6th

- Vice President Zachary Werheim spoke on behalf of The Guild:
    - Club for gaming
    - Meet Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m.
    - 15 – 25 members
    - Two events this semester
        - Smash Bros. tournament
        - Game Olympics co-sponsored with Project INSPIRE
    - Gaming tournament in February

- President Devin Breen spoke on behalf of Students for Live Music:
    - Working on Hip-Hop conference
        - Hours for Senators that wish to assist

- President Andrew Martin spoke on behalf of Albany Running Exchange:
    - Ran 3 races
        - Here on campus
        - Saratoga
        - Troy
    - Took a trip to Dippikill
    - Have been actively fundraising and volunteering

- President Jen Duggan spoke on behalf of Dance Council:
    - 120 members
    - Fundraising earned $5000
    - Show December 12th at 8 p.m. - $5 admittance

- Ex-President Gina Tak spoke on behalf of the Korean Student Association:
    - Have been very active this semester

        - Put on volleyball and basketball tournaments
        - Fundraising
    - Planning cultural shows and workshops next semester

- President Ian Busch spoke on behalf of the Chinese Student Association
    - Held 2 culturally oriented workshops
    - 150 members
    - Working on more for next semester
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- Emmanuel Adamfed spoke on behalf of Third World Impact:
    - Goal to make UAlbany students aware of issues in the third world
    - Facilitates activities for students interested in humanitarian work abroad
    - Held at least 4 successful events this year including several guest speakers – one of whom who was from the Peace Corps

- President Lynn Radle spoke on behalf of NYPIRG:
    - Higher Education:
        - Held news conference in book store with Lambda Sigma Upsilon to tell legislature to reject proposed tuition increases – 3 NYPIRG members interviewed by local news
        - Hosting forum tomorrow on tuition hike – attempting to make students aware
    - Hunger and Homelessness:
        - Co-sponsoring documentary watching event for Poverty Awareness Week followed by discussion
        - Housing Simulation on Friday
        - Volunteering at the Soup Kitchen
    - Public Transportation:
        - Planning winter-themed news conference on bus lateness
        - Evaluating parking systems in SUNY system and comparing it to ours
    - Environmental Protection:
        - Working to get professors to being using online syllabi
        - Gearing up for legislative session to help pass Bigger Better Bottle Bill
    - Consumer Action:
        - Actively taking Small Claims Court calls
        - Planning trip to meet with Judge and attend court session
        - Starting Toy Safety Survey

- French Club E-Board spoke:
    - 17 members – new group on campus
    - Planning breakfast during finals week
    - Volunteering in cooperation with Humanities Department

    - Academic resource for French and French-speaking students
    - Planning trips to French-speaking regions of US
        - Hope to make it to other countries –Canada etc.

- Jared Horowitz spoke on behalf of WCDB:
    - Campus Radio Station – offer alternative to mainstream radio
    - Very busy thus far
    - Done a lot of work on-campus – orientation all summer
    - New to WCDB
        - 24/7 schedule
        - Live broadcasting
    - Check website for events

- Arhik Mitra spoke on behalf of Albany State Indian Alliance:
    - Upcoming show for Asian Occasion Saturday at 6:30 p.m.
    - Held dance workshops
    - Participated in Fuerzza Night
    - Conducted cultural workshops
    - Putting on event with Skidmore Indian group February 28nd

- Jessica Lavides spoke on behalf of Liga Filipina:
    - Held workshop on line dancing
    - Done a lot of tabling
    - Held bake sale
    - Hosting Holiday Diner in December
    - Have a performance upcoming at Asian Occasion
    - Hosting "Fiesta" – March 27th

- Zombie Preparedness Committee
    - Teaching people how to be prepared for zombie attack
        - Why on EARTH would anyone be involved with this?
    - No longer active
        - I wonder why?
        - Thank GOD

Opening Announcements:

- Chairman Sussman:
    - 21 groups reported to Senate – most ever
    - Losing voice – using microphone for the night
    - Attended executive meeting for lighting on campus
        - White lights to be substituted for orange – white apparently better

        - Waste of life attending
    - 15 applicants for open Senate seats
        - 6 At-Large
        - 1 Dutch
        - 4 Off Campus
        - 3 Freedom

- Vice Chair Rotella:
    - Senators that need service hours still have plenty of opportunity
        - Saturday at 8 p.m. attend group event for hours

Committee Reports – 8:54 p.m.

- Appropriations
    - Passed supplemental bills
    - Gender & Sexuality, Middle-Earth, and Third World Impact to be discussed

- University Outreach
    - Discussed FAME
        - Poetry Jam at 8 p.m. in PAC
    - Spoke with Fencing Club
        - Discussed proper organization for Student Groups
    - Discussed Veteran Affairs Resolution
    - Talked about future Town Hall meetings

- Governmental Affairs
    - Discussed Executive Order No. 4
        - Found order to have significant merit – recommend inclusion in SA bylaws
        - Meeting to have bylaws amended by the end of the semester
    - University Senate meeting at 3 p.m. on Reading Day, December 8th

- Rules and Operations
    - Bill on Ethics decision discussed
    - Discussed Executive Order No. 3
        - Concluded that it did not impede on Rules and Operations duties – recommends going through with it
        - Stresses putting legislation through Senate
    - Also looked over the memo on position appointment for Jessica Reid
        - Have questions for President Truchan

- Board of Finance
    - 6 members currently

    - Vice Chair to be appointed soon
    - Bill on Five Quad going up
    - Discussed President Truchan's list of frozen group budgets
    - Groups have 3 weeks to report before budget meeting

Executive Report – 9:02 p.m.

- Athletics Director Gorozdi spoke:
    - Forgoing awards ceremony – buying equipment instead
    - Final games for the season the next few weeks
    - Brining trophies to championship games

- Programming Director Garcia spoke:
    - Fuerrza Night very successful
        - At least 400 students attended
        - Had 27 performances
    - SA Formal coming up – 8 p.m. – 11 p.m. in CC Ballroom

- Vice President Bernstein spoke:
    - Thinking about hosting another SA formal next semester due to high level of interest

- Assistant Marketing Director Reid spoke:
    - Dorm storming for SA survey
    - Flyering for survey as well
        - Senators who need hours should consider helping

- President Truchan spoke:
    - Starting to plan the internal budget.
    - Legislation will be going to many different committees mostly to Rules and Operations on changes to policy that I see necessary to allow for groups and SA to function.
    - Will be going before Committees for change in how the e-board is set up.
    - SA Town Hall Meeting
        - The Majority of the meeting will be about the campus center.
        - The Mary Ellen who is in charge of Satiability will be talking.
        - This will also be a thank you for all your hard work type of meeting.
    - Executive Orders
        - No. 1 SA Town Hall Meetings
            - Making town hall meetings official Mandatory
        - No. 2 Notification of Events
            - I put a bill forth but it failed and thus this executive order will remain in effect.

        - Making it mandatory for Student groups to be proactive and responsible so that there would be no reason SA as a whole does not show up physically at events to support our student groups.
    - No. 3 Elections Commission
        - SA Senate Chair gets three student appointments
        - President gets three student appointments
        - President appoints one facility from Poly Sci dept to be an advisor
        - Vice President will be Chair
    - No. 4 SA Long Range Planning Task Force
        - President gets five students to appoint
        - SA Senate Chair gets four students to appoint
        - Three students for SA recognized groups will be chosen by both the Chair and President
        - Vice President will be chair of this
    - No. 5 SA Fiscal Planning Commission
        - Comptroller gets one student appointments
        - SA Senate chair gets two student appointments
        - President gets two student appointments
        - Vice Chair of the Board of Finance will serve on this commission
    - SA Review
        - I have set up appointments with all Directors and Assistants as well as the AA's to review how they perceive that SA and this semester has gone.
        - This also is to review things that might need to change next semester and how we can fix some current problems if any quickly.

Legislative Report – 9:13 p.m.

- Bill 0809-050: German Culture Club
    - Motion to skip reading of the bill
        - Significant objections
    - Motion for Unanimous Consent – Senator McCarthy, 2nd Senator Gondar

Chairman Sussman recommends E-Board consist of students not faculty members**

- Bill 0809-051: Students for Live Music
    - Motion to skip reading of the bill – Senator Patterson, 2nd Senator Taplinger
    - Motion for Unanimous Consent – Senator Scheiner, 2nd Senator Hipp
        - Significant objections
    - Move to debate – Senator Jacobs, 2nd Senator Bonlarron
    - Previous Question w/ Unanimous Consent – Senator Bergman, 2nd Senator Scheiner

- Bill 0809-052R: Executive Orders
    - Motion for Unanimous Consent – Senator Scheiner, 2nd Senator Ingber

- Bill 0809-053: Ambulance Replacement Fund
    - Motion for friendly amendment to have *italicized* line made into section 500.2 – Senator Ingber
        - Call for show of hands
            - Ayes have it
        - Amendment passes
    - Move to debate – Senator Patterson, 2nd Senator Jacobs
    - Motion for Unanimous Consent – Senator Jacobs, 2nd Senator Ingber

Senator Pena absent during the vote**

- Bill 0809-054: Copies Plus: Extension of the Executive

Several Senators absent

    - Move to debate – Senator Ingber, 2nd Senator Patterson
    - Motion for roll call vote
        - Bill fails with a vote of 5-16 with 5 abstentions

New Business – 10:06 p.m.

- Executive Orders
    - Order No.1 and No.2 revised by President Truchan
    - Order No.3
        - Motion for Unanimous Consent – Senator Vilenchik, 2nd Senator Jacobs
    - Order No.4
        - Order to be put into legislation
    - Order No.5
        - President Truchan to reexamine – will look into professional advisor

Announcements – 10:18 p.m.

- Chairman Sussman
    - Forgets announcement
- Circle K
    - Tuesday 7:30 in SS Building
- Senator Mittler
    - Spoke on behalf of Pride Alliance

Motion to adjourn – Senator Scheiner, 2nd Senator Hipp

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.