Student Association Senate

February 25, 2009

I. Call to Order – 8:45 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – 8:47 p.m.

- 2/11/09 Minutes approved as written – Senator Scheiner, 2nd Senator Grant

III. Public Comment – 8:48 p.m.

- Student for Live Music spoke:
    - Big Face Entertainment
        - Stand to benefit greatly from Parkfest
        - Hoping for Opening Opportunity; Do it for free
        - Assist with Parkfest promotions

- NYPIRG spoke:
    - Spring Action conference tomorrow in LC 31
    - National Resources Defense Council meeting
    - Intern Workshop Friday; coalition building, public speaking etc.

- Project INSPIRE spoke:
    - Found sponsor for Fashion Show; partnership looking very promising
    - May 2nd Pan-Caribbean Fashion Show in SEFCU
    - Designer coming Friday

IV. Opening Announcements – 8:54 p.m.

- Chairman Sussman:
    - Senators need to be working on service hours
        - Any Senators that don't complete service hours shall be put before Rules and Ops for questioning
    - Spring Semester Town Hall constituency meetings
        - Haven't set a date; planning to have all Town Halls in one week
        - Take place in late April
    - Copyright issue
        - Making presentation on liability to Administration; all welcome to attend

V. Committee Reports – 8:56 p.m.

- Governmental Affairs
    - Looking for Senators to participate in University Councils
        - See Chairman Lanterman if interested

- Board of Finance
    - Met with President Truchan and Programming Director Garcia
        - Unable to divulge names of artists
        - Financially, the Executive plan is fine; will be returning to Board once all financial transactions are finalized
        - Held interview for Deputy Comptroller position
            - Steve Berkowitz appointed.
                - Two other candidates recommended to Comptroller Ebel to be appointed Assistant Comptrollers.

VI. Executive Report – 9:01 p.m.

- Marketing Director Wah spoke:
    - Deadline for Newsletter was Tuesday; Will be ready for print on Monday
    - Preparing for Parkfest
        - Met with Assistant Director Reid Monday to reevaluate Parkfest strategy due to lack of artists
        - Altered to "Mystery" campaign and set artist release date of March 18th with Programming Director Garcia
        - Will begin ordering promotional items next week
        - "Mystery" Banner set to arrive Monday March 2nd before 3 p.m.
        - Launching internal SA survey on Monday also

- Programming Department spoke:
    - Relay for Life sign-ups; sign-up by March 2nd
    - Award Ceremony for Student Groups May 3rd
    - Parkfest: Saturday April 4th at SEFCU

- ATV Director Bonilla spoke:
    - 150 people currently involved
    - Mass meeting early in the semester
    - 17 shows currently on-air
    - Special events
        - Wake Up Albany starts March
        - Televised Relay For Life in the works
        - All RSO's invited to participate in shows

- Gender and Sexuality Concerns Director D'Allaird spoke:
    - Conference Website up and running; expecting Conference to sell-out
        - All information is posted
        - UAlbany students free; see Director D'Allaird for registration number

        - Have not submitted for Conference to be put in budget for next year
        - Now have a recognized LGBT Alumni Association
        - Lavender Graduation: May 15th
        - Fred Phelps here on March 5th

- Programming Director Garcia spoke on Parkfest 2009, 9:15 p.m.:
    - The concert is currently scheduled for April 4th in SEFCU
        - Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the concert will begin at 6 p.m.
        - At the door ticket sales from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. prior to the concert
    - Currently planning on having 4 artists (1 headliner and 3 smaller artists), 1 DJ (hour performance), 1 MC
        - Show in entirety slated to be about 5 – 6 hours in length
        - For security purposes there will be no re-entry
        - There will be no food or drink allowed in SEFCU during the concert
    - Received all contracts and writers; waiting for lawyers to approve contracts and have them returned
        - Projected return Wednesday (March 4th) of next week
    - Questions:
        - What were the deadlines given you by the school?
            - March 1st for all contracts completed, reviewed etc
            - March 13th for all logistics on location and costs etc submitted
            - Fully expect contracts to be in by March 1st, March 4th is the worst case scenario
        - Action plan or timeline of steps to be taken?
            - March 13th – everything finalized with the school administration
            - March 16th – Release of the names
            - March 18th – Beginning of marketing campaign
            - Pre-Concert Ticket Sales two weeks prior (circa March 23rd)
        - Is there going to be a price for tickets? If so, what is it?
            - The ticket price is currently undecided and is being reviewed; it may or may not be $25 - $30
        - What is the total projected cost?
            - Currently the total projected cost is $156,000
        - This just for the entertainment? – Senator Gaspard
            - Yes, the $156,000 includes only the artists

- President Truchan spoke:
    - SUNY SA
        - President Crawford of SUNY SA has stepped down. The new president is Melody Mercedes.
        - The New Vice President is our very own Vice President Bernstein.

        - April 17-19th will be the Next SUNY SA Conference. We have several spots open so please if you are interested let me know.
    - SA Town Hall Meeting
        - Next Town Hall meeting will be on March 2nd at 7 pm in LC 24.
        - At this meeting the RSOA will be discussed for impute from student groups themselves and I will have the presented to the Senate for your review.
        - For the rest of the Agenda it will for the most part be done by Friday.
    - SA Review
        - A survey will be sent out for all Executive Branch members of the SA. They will complete the survey and from that then turn it in. It will be totally anonymous and from this survey we can learn many different things.
        - I will also be sending out a survey to all student groups and on how SA is doing. This will be anonymous and from these we can see how we are doing on the student groups' eyes.
    - Student Groups
        - Perm Rec.
            - D.R.E.A.M. Org
        - Temp Rec.
            - VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood
            - UAlbany Hostelling and Travel Club
        - Review of SA Groups
            - A list of all groups has been compiled and will be released via a memo from my office in regards to what must be done to maintain their permanent recognition. This memo will be forward to the Senate Committee of Chairman. It will also be released at the SA Town Hall meeting.

VII. Legislative Report – 9:38 p.m.

- Bill 0809-078R: SA Affirmation of Appropriate Sponsored Group Behavior
    - Motion for friendly amendment to include the Albany Student Press
    - Motion for Unanimous Consent – Senator Scheiner, 2nd Senator Gaspard
        - w/ Acclamation – Vice Chair Rotella, 2nd Senator Patterson
- Bill 0809-079: Group Event Information
    - Move to debate – Senator Patterson, 2nd Senator Scheiner
    - Motion for Roll Call Vote – Senator Gondar, 2nd Senator Bonlarron
        - Call for show of hands – Chairman Sussman
            - Bill Fails with Unanimous Consent
- Bill 0809-080: Auditor/Legal Counsel Oversight
    - Motion for friendly amendment to change from President to Executive Branch
    - Motion for friendly amendment to change requirement to at least every 10 years on the zero

        - Move to debate on the Amendment – Chairman Sussman, 2nd Senator Grant
        - Motion for Previous Question – Senator Politano, 2nd Senator Gondar
            - Call for show of hands – Chairman Sussman
                - Ayes have it; Amendment passes
    - Motion for Unanimous Consent – Senator Politano, 2nd Senator Pena

Senator Gaspard objected to Unanimous Consent on the Bill as amended**

- Bill 0809-081: Elevation to Permanent Recognition Limit
    - Move to debate – Senator Grant, 2nd Senator Gondar
    - Motion to friendly amend to 6 months in an academic year – Senator Patterson
        - Motion rescinded
    - Motion to Amend to 2 semesters – Chairman Sussman, 2nd Vice Chair Rotella
        - Motion for Unanimous Consent on Amendment – Senator Politano, 2nd Senator Bonlarron
    - Motion for Unanimous Consent – Senator Murtha, 2nd Senator Grant
- Bill 0809-082: GlamourGals
    - Motion to skip the reading of the bill – Senator Pena, 2nd Senator Patterson
    - Motion for Unanimous Consent – Senator Grant, 2nd Senator Scheiner
- Bill 0809-083: Spring Election Dates
    - Motion to skip the reading of the bill – Senator Politano, 2nd Senator Gondar
- Bill 0809-084R: Parkfest Resolution
    - Senator McCarthy
        - Current Parkfest and Rules and Ops Review
            - Inconsistencies in stories; many discrepancies in testimony
            - Lacking in Fiscal Responsibility
    - Move to debate – Senator Patterson, 2nd Senator Pena
    - President Truchan:
        - Firmly believe that we should have this concert
            - Cancelling this concert would be harming SA credibility with students
        - Asked lawyer to rush contract review and have them back as soon as possible
            - Should be in by Friday at the latest
            - Full confidence that our lawyer can have them to us by then
        - Once we have information and it is confirmed and concrete we will be happy to present it before Senate
            - Did not wish to be preemptive with uncertain information
            - Had no intention of withholding information that we didn't possess
        - Questions:
            - Do you feel that Programming and Marketing can pull this concert off and have it properly marketed?
                - Yes, on solid ground currently and expect a very good turnout

        - Contracts have been requested by Friday at the latest from lawyer
    - When were the acts for last year's Parkfest selected?
        - Around the same time, late January – early February
        - Do believe we're on schedule
    - For a May concert as opposed to an April concert, however?
        - That is correct.
    - Why is there a ticket price this year and why is it so high?
        - The price is still in the negotiation process; no definite price currently
        - No guarantee there will be a price; personal desire for it not be above $10 (the price of the Mid-Fall Concert)
        - Price is being negotiated by Programming
- Motion for Roll Call Vote – Senator Grant, 2nd Senator Murtha
    - Bill passes with a vote of 20-0 with 1 abstention

VIII. Adjournment – Senator Scheiner, 2nd Senator Gaspard

- Meeting adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

Submitted by Chief Legislative Aide Tremayne T. Price