Student Association Senate

March 25, 2009

I. Call to Order – 8:15 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – 8:16 p.m.

- 3/18/09 Minutes approved as amended – Senator Cavaretta, 2nd Senator M. White

III. Public Comment – 8:16 p.m.

- College Republicans Vice President Brandon Asch spoke:
    - Had a debate with College Democrats at election time
    - Collecting money for care packages for soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan
    - Planning another debate with Democrats on economy
    - Designing a website

- NYPIRG spoke:
    - Participating in environmental projects
    - Holding Energy Forum
    - Press Conference on Bigger-Better Bottle Bill
    - Conducting Pharmacy Research
    - Participated in Relay For Life

- Campus Ambassadors Vice President Matthew Parker spoke:
    - Thursday Meeting – 10-25 members regular
    - Breakfast Bar every Tuesday
    - Participated in Relay For Life

IV. Opening Announcements – 8:21 p.m.

- President-elect Sussman:
    - Meeting Schedule the next few weeks
        - 4/1 – Last year's audit – meeting in Assembly Hall
        - 4/15 – Board of Finance rationale for 1000-4000 groups – meeting in CC 375
        - 4/22 –Board of Finance rationale for 5000-9000 groups – meeting in LC 25
        - 4/29 – Board of Finance internal budget rationale – meeting in Assembly Hall
        - 5/5 – Budget Meeting – meeting in CC Ballroom
    - Congratulations to all those elected
    - 4/21 at 10:30 a.m. Dalai Lama at SEFCU Arena, Registration on MyUAlbany
        - Volunteer opportunities for Senators w/ Dalai Lama

- Vice Chair Rotella:

    - Be sure to feel out sheet for service hours
    - Town Halls for both Alumni and Indian are set, be on the lookout for further info

V. Committee Reports – 8:22 p.m.

- Appropriations
    - Meeting at 6 p.m. on Friday

- University Outreach
    - Dorm Storming last week
    - Thursday at 6:15 p.m.

- Rules and Operations
    - Attendance issues

- Board of Finance
    - Going through budget packets
    - Working on bylaws to assist Student Groups
    - Accepting applications for positions of Comptroller and Deputy Comptroller
    - Cracking down on stricter enforcement of regulation on expenditures over $5,000
    - 5/5 Budget Meeting

VI. Legislative Report – 8:38 p.m.

- Bill 0809-102: Golf Team
    - Motion to skip reading of the bill – Vice Chair Rotella, 2nd Senator Bergman
    - Motion for Unanimous Consent – Senator Scheiner, 2nd Senator Gondar

- Bill 0809-103: College Republicans
    - Motion to skip reading of the bill – Senator Hipp, 2nd Senator Scheiner
    - Motion for Unanimous Consent – Senator Scheiner, 2nd Senator Grant

Senator Gondar abstained from the vote**

VII. Executive Report – 8:42 p.m.

- Assistant Marketing Reid spoke:
    - Sign-ups for tabling, need Senators
    - Dorm Storming: Monday at 7:30 p.m. – Meet at SA office
    - Tuesday night: chalking classrooms in Podium at 7:30 p.m.
    - See a Marketing Director to have hours signed off on

- President Truchan spoke:
    - Elections now over

        - President-elect: Josh Sussman
        - Vice President-elect: Alex Pena
        - Student Activity Fee passed – 79% voted yes
    - Doing transitional work
    - Conducting research on college hour – hour where there are no classes conducted
    - Issue with SUNY Assembly voting – elections to be re-held in the Fall

VIII. Judicial Report – 8:48 p.m.

- Chief Justice Patterson spoke:
    - Congratulations to all the candidates that were elected
    - No court cases currently
    - Spoke w/ Beth Conrad about SUNY Assembly vote
        - Decided best to hold another election in the Fall

Motion to move into Executive Session, 8:50 p.m. – Chairman Sussman, 2nd Vice Chair Rotella

Motion to leave Executive Session, 8:55 p.m. – Chairman Sussman, 2nd Vice Chair Rotella

- Bill 0809-104R: Dalai Lama
    - Motion for Roll Call Vote – Senator Scheiner, 2nd Senator Register
        - Bill passes unanimously

IX. Adjournment – 8:59 p.m.

- Motion to adjourn – Senator Scheiner, 2nd Senator Dreyfus

Submitted by Chief Legislative Aide Tremayne T. Price