

Student Association Senate

September 24, 2008

Meeting called to order at 8:23 pm.

9/17/08 Minutes:

Motion to amend to give Senator Jacobs ½ attendance for 9/17 – Senator Jacobs, 2nd Chairman Sussman

Motion to approve the minutes – Senator Ingber, 2nd Senator Cavaretta

Public Comment:

- Project Coordinator Nicky spoke on behalf of NYPIRG:
 - General Interest meeting was a success – over 125 people came out
 - Rock the Vote Auditions 9/25 from 7-10 pm in LC 22
 - Work with public transportation has started
 - Currently recruiting for Global Warming Bike Tour
 - 10/4 Clean up in downtown Albany
 - Clothing and food drive with Hunger and Homelessness Outreach in November
 - Small Claims Court Action Training in the works

- Jake Crawford, President of SUNY Student Assembly spoke:
 - Thank you to Vice President Bernstein for successfully holding the August Student Assembly conference in Albany
 - UA now has a 4th seat for Student Assembly (as per surpassing the 12,001 cap)
 - Successful meeting in Buffalo this past weekend – 10 resolutions in 13 hours

** New Senators were sworn in by Chief Justice Crawford at this time.

Opening Announcements – 8:32 pm.

- Chairman Sussman:
 - Congratulations to all the new Senators.
 - Empire elections will be held on 10/2 on MyUAlbany
 - Thank you to Senators Jacobs, Patterson and Vice Chair Rotella for helping break down the Lupe Fiasco set until 3:30 in the morning.
 - Anyone interested in Chairing a committee should have a resume and cover letter in by October 10th at 5 pm
 - If you'd like to volunteer with Programming for upcoming events, speak to Lily
 - The Coca Cola contract is in the process of being signed
 - Congratulations to Chief Justice Crawford for the article in the Times Union on Wed.
 - No meeting 10/1 or 10/8 because of the Jewish holidays – next meeting 10/15

- Questions:
 - Anyone for Legislative Aide yet? – Senator Cavaretta
 - There are three people interested in the position. – Chairman Sussman
 - Will the meetings for Chair be an interview or preliminary hearing? – Sen. Radle
 - Meetings with me will be your actual interview. – Chairman Sussman
 - How many people came to the Lupe Fiasco concert? – Senator Bonlarron
 - Over 1500 people, ½ the capacity. – Programming Director Garcia
 - Will we be redoing the election for At Large and the amendment? – Sen. Radle
 - No, everyone on Empire was able to vote for those. – Chair. Sussman
 - How many people are running for Empire/how many seats? – Senator Gondar
 - There are three people running for three seats. – Chairman Sussman
 - How are the seats per living area determined? – Senator Cox
 - They are determined by a campus-wide census. – Chairman Sussman
 - How often is the census done? When will be the next one? – Sen. Patterson
 - It's done every 5 years on the 5s and 10s so 2010. – Vice Chair Rotella
- Vice Chair Rotella:
 - Meeting with new and unfunded student groups counts for your service hours.
 - Senator Scheiner – going to ACJA tomorrow?
 - Need a Senator for Organized CHAOS Sunday 10/5 – first come first serve.
 - Mailboxes for each Senator should be completed by the next Senate meeting.
 - Bills, agendas, previous minutes should be up on the website late Mon./early Tues.

Executive Report – 8:47 pm.

- Comptroller Ebel spoke:
 - Explained his position and introduced himself to the new Senators
- Programming Department (Lily, Dana, Phil) spoke:
 - Thanks to all the volunteers from Saturday night
 - University was very pleased with the concert
 - Next on the agenda: Homecoming
 - Saturday – Tailgate cosponsored with Alumni Association 2-4 at SEFCU
 - Saturday – Comedy Night in the Ballroom (Reno 911) 9 pm
 - Sunday – President's Brunch in the Ballroom 11 am – 1pm
- Marketing Department (Jess and Jess) spoke:
 - Second newsletter should be out by the 2nd or 3rd of October
 - Questions:
 - How can you submit to the newsletter? – Senator Bonlarron
 - Either online, or in the office. – Marketing Director Wah

- Vice President Bernstein spoke:
 - Anyone interested in volunteering internally with SA should come to the office
- President Truchan spoke briefly – nothing extensive to report.

Judicial Report – 9:02 pm.

- Chief Justice Crawford spoke:
 - No cases on recent election, surprisingly.
 - 1 open Justice spot – President Truchan past his 30 days to appoint so it is now up to the Chief Justice. Will work together, however.
 - Anyone interested can apply. If appointed, you need to resign as Senator.
 - More than 20 Constitutions have been approved
 - Office hours: MWF 3-5

Legislative Report – 9:10 pm.

- Bill 0809-027: UAS Appointments
 - Move to debate – Senator Danboise, 2nd Senator Gondar
 - Motion for a friendly amendment: “one appointment can not be from SA” – Senator Jacobs, 2nd Senator Radle
 - Previous Question with a Roll Call Vote: Senator Pena, 2nd Senator Scheiner
 - Amendment fails with a vote of 8-20 with 2 abstentions
 - Motion for a friendly amendment: “add in a Senate confirmation clause to 303.1.17.2” – Senator Danboise, 2nd Senator Patterson
 - Previous Question with Unanimous Consent: Senator Ingber, 2nd Senator Patterson
 - Significant objections
 - Move to a Roll Call Vote: Senator Ingber, 2nd Senator Radle
 - Bill passes with a vote of 26-1 with 3 abstentions.

Announcements – 9:25 pm.

- Senator Jacobs spoke on behalf of the College Democrats – 3rd meeting 9/25 8:30 pm
- Senator Patterson spoke:
 - There will be a student/faculty (SA/OSI) softball game on October 10th
- Senator Radle spoke:
 - The Globalization major will be unveiled tomorrow – all day presentation
- Senator Murtha spoke on behalf of Model UN – meeting next week

Motion to adjourn – 9:32 pm – Senator Scheiner, 2nd Senator Bonlarron.

Submitted by Vice Chair Leah Rotella.