

Student Association Senate

September 3, 2008

Meeting called to order at 8:06 pm.

8/27/08 Minutes approved – Senator Jacobs, 2nd Senator Gondar

Public Comment:

- Pratik Shah spoke on behalf of Chess Club (20 people showed up to their first meeting) and Model UN – first meeting to be held that evening.
- Project Coordinators Josie and Nicky spoke on behalf of NYPIRG. Meetings – Tuesday 7 pm.
 - Higher Education – working on TAP mid-year adjustments
 - Rock the Vote event in the works and over 600 people registered this past week
 - Small Claims Court Action Center will be starting up, as well as a Toy Safety event
 - Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week will be held again this year
 - Environmental Project still working on the Bigger Better Bottle Bill
- Craig spoke on behalf of the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership.
 - Student Leader Reception will be held this Friday from 3-5 pm. All Senators welcome.
 - Danes After Dark First Run Movies have been successful so far. “Ironman” brought in over 100 people last Friday and “Indiana Jones” will be showed this Friday.
 - The Greek Fair was successful today.
- Devin spoke on behalf of Students for Live Music.
 - Plans for many Open Mic Nights are in the work, as well as larger concerts featuring student artists.
 - Will be looking for new group leadership next semester, if anyone is interested.

Opening Announcements:

- Chairman Sussman:
 - One can no longer vote “with rights,” as per Robert’s Rules of Order.
 - Twenty-nine self-nomination forms have been submitted so far.
 - Still looking for nominees for Alumni, Empire, Dutch
 - Copies of the “Blanket Bill” will be available next Wednesday 9/10 to be voted on 9/17
 - Looking for suggestions for legislation to be created for a potential internal credit card
- Vice Chair Rotella:
 - Looking for potentials for the position of Legislative Aide.
 - Please be mindful of the schedule for legislation: turn in bills preferably by Friday (though accepted until Monday 5 pm) and agendas will be printed on Tuesday.

Executive Report – 8:19 pm.

- Programming Director Garcia spoke:

- SA Group Fair will be held Wednesday, September 10 from 11-4
 - First 90 groups to RSVP will be given a table
- Volunteers for fall concert needed!
- Over 400+ Lupe Fiasco tickets have been sold in two days

- Marketing Director Wah spoke:
 - The first edition of the newsletter is being printed and will be available Friday
 - Details for the two CBS pilot episodes are up on the SA Website's blog
 - Flyers have been hung for both the Lupe concert and available SA positions

- President Truchan spoke:
 - Applications received to date:
 - 3 for Elections Commissioner
 - 1 for ATV Director
 - 1 for ATV Assistant
 - No one interested in Board of Finance
 - The SA Office will be closed on Monday 9/8 for refurbishing.
 - Intramural sign-ups start September 8th.
 - First Town Hall Meeting – September 16 from 7-9 at Alumni House.
 - Groups A-M will meet 7-8.
 - Groups N-Z will meet 8-9.
 - Due to budget cuts, we may have to cosponsor with other departments on campus.
 - First University Senate Meeting will be September 22.
 - Middle State committee openings – talk to Dan.
 - Assessment of Students & Learning – Mondays
 - Assessment of Student Leaders – Wednesdays
 - New Campus Center within 4 years will result in a relocation of the SA office

Legislative Report – 8:36 pm.

- Bill 0809-012: Copies Plus Manager
 - Previous Question – Senator Cavaretta, 2nd Senator Jacobs
 - Roll Call Vote – Senator Cavaretta, 2nd Senator Gondar
 - Bill passes with a vote of 9-0 and 2 abstentions

- Bill 0809-013: Student Association Service Act
 - Motion for a friendly amendment: 8 hours for Living Area Senators (Fall) – Rotella
 - Previous Question – Chairman Sussman, 2nd Senator Gondar
 - Unanimous Consent on Amendment – Senator Radle, 2nd Senator Cavaretta
 - Objections – Senators Scheiner and Vilenchik
 - Roll Call Vote – Senator Radle, 2nd Senator Jacobs
 - Amendment fails with a vote of 4-5 with 2 abstentions

- Motion for an amendment: Service hours cut in half to 5 (Fall) & 6 (Spring) – Jacobs
 - Amendment fails with a vote of 5-3 with 3 abstentions
- Previous Question – Senator Scheiner, 2nd Senator Patterson
- Roll Call Vote – Senator Bonlarron, 2nd Senator Jacobs
- Bill passes with a vote 8-3

Judicial Report – 9:16 pm.

- Chief Justice Crawford spoke:
 - Court is in session as of Monday and petitions are available on the website this year
 - The Supreme Court now has its own office
 - The reallocation of offices was completed by Senate Chairman Sussman, Chief Justice Crawford and President Truchan
 - There is one available seat for a Justice

Announcements – 9:21 pm.

- Jess Forbes spoke on behalf of ASUBA:
 - First Mass Meeting 9/10
 - Upcoming events:
 - Habitat for Humanity build this Saturday
 - Bowling 10/17
 - T-shirts available in the next two weeks
 - Spring Fashion Show – 80s theme – already being planned
 - Black Solidarity Day
- Senator Radle spoke on behalf of Students for Sustainability
 - Interest meetings will be September 11th and September 15th

Closing Remarks – 9:23 pm.

- Chairman Sussman: Driving Force (commuter/transfer student group) needs someone to attend their meeting to become recognized on Wednesday, September 10th at 10 am
- Vice Chair Rotella: National Multiple Sclerosis Society fundraiser Monday, September 8th at Cold Stone Creamery

Motion to adjourn: Senator Cavaretta, 2nd Senator Bonlarron.

Meeting adjourned 9:32 pm.

Submitted by Senate Vice Chair Leah Rotella.