Assembly Speaker, Heather Sussman called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

November’s Assembly meeting was visited by the leaders of the GSA and all the RGSOs and also guest speakers Dr. Michael Christakis, Vice President for Student Affairs, Mr. Todd Foreman, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Kevin Williams, Dean of Graduate School.

Ajay has introduced all the guest speakers to the assembly and told about his collaboration with them on various critical issues and it followed by the talk of each guest speaker and an opportunity for questions from the students.

Mike spoke about concluding the 175th year celebration and about the time capsule they are going to put on the campus and also told the room they are welcomed to give suggestions on what should be included in the capsule.

He also told about the increase in the Research Funds, Purple thread and Purple Pantry, 150 million dollar campaign and also said the rice conference is being held On Campus on 18th, 19th, 20th.

He said the Health and Counseling facility is moving back On Campus to Dutch Quad in January.

After Mike Todd has started his talk. In his talk he has spoken about the E-tech building.

There was a question, if there are any plans to move Health Science Campus back to Main Campus and he said there is not much concrete plan for it yet.

Ajay also asked about 10% fee by UAS on GSA for which he said that every organization has to pay fee to UAS for the services it is offering including GSA but this issue can be discussed.

There was a concern from a student about the logistic and locker problem at the GA spaces in CAT SKILL building and Lisabeth made a point that no RA’s are allowed to enter into the space.

Ajay spoke to the assembly about his discussions with Todd and Kevin Williams regarding the doctoral stipends.
Kevin Williams said that the floor is set to $18,000 for doctoral stipends and to $20,000 for some departments. A student has questioned why not a living wage is paid to the students for which Kevin has answered that the students are being paid at a rate better than the living wage. A student has also asked why not the masters students are not being paid a similar amount for which Kevin said that every attempt is being made to help and support the Masters students by offering them as many hourly jobs as possible.

Then, there was a motion to approve the August and September meetings minutes. Voting for August Meetings Minute:
Y-12, N-0, A-3
Voting for September Meetings Minute:
Y-16, N-0, A-2
There was a motion to approve the Agenda:
Voting: Y-16, N-0, A-1

It is followed by the Dylan Card talking about the Judicial Board Resolution on a Complaint.
The complaint was,
Former Treasurer of the GSA, Ms. Haft inquired to the status of her summer pay from the Graduate Student Association. Ms. Haft expects compensation for work done this summer from June 1 and August 1, 2019 (See Appendix A and B). The GSA President, Mr. Ajay Raghavendra, has requested that the Judicial Board rule as to what a fair compensation for Ms. Haft’s work would be.

Verdict:
Is compensation required?

Given Ms. Haft was employed by the GSA as Treasurer over the summer she is entitled to compensation for her work. According to records received from the GSA Executive Board and as stated in Ms. Haft’s email to the GSA President, Ms. Haft was terminated July 19, 2019 and subsequently resigned effective August 1, 2019. It is the opinion of the Judicial Board (unanimous) that Ms. Haft is entitled to compensation resulting from her employment from June 1 to August 1, 2019 (2 months).

How much compensation?
Ms. Haft is entitled to a portion of the first payment equivalent to her time served as GSA Treasurer. The first stipend payment of the GSA Executive Board members takes place in September for work done in the summer (June, July, and August) to the sum of $687.50. It is the opinion of the Judicial Board (unanimous) that Ms. Haft was employed for 2 months and is entitled to $458.33 for her service as GSA Treasurer (2/3rds of the summer amount).

August meetings minute was expected to have an update of missing information.

GSA member speakers President of GSA (Ajay Raghavendra), Vice president of GSA (Qingyang Liu), Treasurer (Alexander M. Tomoff), Equity Inclusion Chair (Elizabeth Ann S.Kelly), Programming Chair (Mitchell B. Torres), Lead Senator (Timothy C. Knight) spoke their respective reports in the meeting.

Officer’s Report:

- **Ajay Raghavendra (President):**

  Ajay spoke about the inauguration of the of GSA office soon enough.

  He also said that GSA will not sponsor alcohol in the future events.

- **Alexander M. Tomoff (Treasurer):**

  **Executive Summay:**

  Purchase requests have been being processed and approved with the new system set in place during September’s meeting with Randy Simmons and MO Schifley from UAS and Pamela Alexander, our campus designee. We still experience some delays, but the increase is organization and communication between GSA, UAS, and the campus designee is now much more direct and streamlined. Staffing issues with UAS may delay payments and reimbursements until further notice. The campus designee has helped clarify procedural matters regarding programming events.

  He also said that the ex-treasurer will be compensated from Operations Budget.

  Financial activity
  · $27,740.08 of budget spent; over $13,000 from grants, $8,000 in programming, $6250 in stipends (through September 2019), and $1,600 in printing
• Transferred $310.80 from Diversity and Inclusion discretionary to Programming (half of Social Justice on Tap at Madison Pourhouse expenses)

Motion to approve the Rollover. Motion seconded.

Voting: Y-14, N-0, A-1

• Qingyang Liu (Vice President):

She said if an RGSO is inviting an outside speaker then RGSO has to fill in the Independent Contract Form signed by President and Reimbursement will be done after event.

During the October, she hold two more appointment-based Purchase Request training with the president and treasurer in all apply recognized GSO. She formed the RGSO committee based on equity and inclusion principles. On the behalf of RGSO committee, they approved several events. She approved several Purchase Request via MyInvolvement. Lastly, She will attend SUNY SA Fall conference in November.

• On the behalf of RGSO Committee, they approved the following events:

1. SASPA (School PSY): Guest Speakers from Four Winds
2. ISO: Diwali Night
3. DAES: RGSO update meeting
4. Social Welfare GSO Pumpkin Decoration Event
5. Geography GSO Day event
6. Atomic Danes: Bowling night event

• She approved following Purchase Request through MyInvolvement:

1. Indian Student Organization: Welcome Party 2019 Reimbursement & Campus Center Management
2. School of Public Health: Lunch Potluck reimbursement
3. Atomic DANES: Career Paths reimbursement

Liaising:

• She will attend SUNY SA Fall 2019 Conference in November as voting delegate.

• Elizabeth Ann S. Kelly (Equity & Inclusion Chair):
She spoke about the Diversity Conference SASPA which is for increasing the diversity. She also spoke about Social Justice event held on October 18th where they explored research focusing on Women and said the next Social Justice event will be held on Nov 15th focusing on research related to Indigenous people.

She spoke about the Murrell proposal to be painted in the GSA office.

- **Mitchell B. Torres (Programming Chair):**

  **Executive Summary:**

  **Past Events:**

  Doctoral Student Discussion Forum: Session1: Navigating Your Early PhD Career Humanities: October 7 11 - 12:30 pm HU354

  Session2: Managing Your Dissertation & Planning Your Career Path Humanities: October 7 1 - 2:30 pm HU354
  Social Sciences: October 2 2:30 - 4 pm HU354

  Promotion of Green Drinks Albany networking event along with the UAlbany Sustainability Office: Fort Orange Brewery Wednesday, October 9 from 5 to 7 pm
  Networking of students with faculty, professionals, and community members

  Engagement in and the discussion of community plans at work and local business startups, process behind the motions.
  Performed GSA outreach and representation.

  Sponsorship of Diwali 2019 in conjunction with ISO November 9, 2019 from 5 to 9 pm Campus Center Multipurpose room

  Sponsorship of TA & Professor Effective Communication: FFLC/ITLAL moderated December 6, 2019, confirmation pending Location: Standish Room
  Topic: Strategies to effectively communicate as a graduate student and TA/RA with both students and Faculty, Explanation of expectations, responsibilities and policies to better navigate through various circumstances one may encounter.

  Social food and drink hour, end of the semester
  Confirmation of details pending, updates will be announced via GSA listserv.
Liaising:
Discussion with Office of Sustainability/Mass transit regarding potential if not inevitable UAlbany and city of Albany expanding Albany’s public city bikes (CDPHP CYCLE) and their integration into our CDTA bus agreements (free bus and bike usage, potentially)

- **Grants Chair (Rae D. Drach)**

  She said that approval of Grants are progressing. Summer Grants are processed and Fall Grants are under process.

- **University Council Representative: Brad Hershenson**

  **Executive Summary:**
  The Council met on Friday, October 4th, and discussed various strategic initiatives related to academic affairs, an overview of the ETEC building, updates regarding University Middle States Accreditation, Opportunities for naming of campus space, and Council Member Hershenson represented the University at Albany at the Association of College Trustees Conference.

  Programming / training – Title IX and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training
  Meetings – The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Friday, December 13, 1:00PM UNH 306. Meetings are open to all members of the public and are available via live stream.

  Executive Director of the University at Albany Foundation
  The Association of Council Members and College Trustees 2019 Conference
  Council Member Hershenson joined college trustees from across the SUNY system at the Ottesaga hotel in Cooperstown, NY, to discuss the role of college council members in University advancement and academic excellence. He had the opportunity to sit on a panel alongside Heather Hage, Vice President for Industry and External Affairs at the SUNY Research Foundation, and Christopher Nomura, Vice President for Research at SUNY ESF, and speak about the importance of impactful research and economic development across the system.

  Recruitment / outreach contributions – General graduate student body communication, correspondence with other members of the University Council / Boards of related institutions. New Member of the Council – The Council welcomed Grace McGrath as the Undergraduate Representative

- **UAS By Dylan:**

  Dylan said that he has looked at Round 2 applications which RGSO’s have submitted.
And also spoke about Finance and Audit Policy.

Motion for Adjournment
    Y-12 N-0 A-0

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.