Student Association Senate
Wednesday, February 6th
9:00PM – Campus Center Board Room
Session Agenda

I. Call to Order and Opening Roll
   1. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Minutes
   a. Motion to correct Blaise’s motion to table portion of the bill TO motion to table indefinitely AND correct Sen. Daquial’s name – Salazar 2nd- Gonzalez

III. Public Comment
   a. Constantine- Sodexo concerns, will create ad hoc committee to address it.

IV. Opening Remarks
   1. Sen. Brandon Holdridge, Chairman of the Senate
      a. Keep all things short and sweet tonight
   2. Sen. Samuel Salazar, Vice Chairman of the Senate
      a. Vote in special election! Encourage you to go to events that celebrate black history month

V. University Reports
   1. Ray Webb, Office of Student Activities
      a. Sexual harassment training, if you haven’t done it, do so immediately and see Ray
      b. Vote in special election!

VI. Judicial Report
   1. Anahi Tapia, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
      a. No report

VII. Board of Finance Report
   1. Subha Tasnim, Chair of the Board of Finance
      a. Mandatory budget meeting last week, board preparing for budget season

VIII. Executive Report
   1. President and Vice President
      a. President – leadership symposium March 31st looking for local leaders. Higher education advocacy, buses uptown to downtown. Conference coming up, I will like to send another person, send a link for applying
      b. VP- hire new interns for environment and sustainability as well as appointing a new enrollment and sustainability director
   2. Comptroller and Deputy Comptrollers
      a. Feb 15- budget due for student groups
   3. Executive Directors
      a. Programming – no report
b. Marketing – We need new interns

c. Public relations- reach out if you want to be featured in newsletter, promote videos for student activity fee

d. Intercultural Affairs- Monday Feb 11th MSAC meeting

e. Student group affairs- purple and gold awards, applications out soon, student groups outreach

f. Health and sustainability- no report (vacant)

g. Community engagement and outreach- dance marathon Feb 23, want to sponsor a child as student association, 2-8pm, if you haven’t signed up please do

h. Sevor- where is it going to be table?

i. A – In the Great hall in CC

j. Gender and sexuality concerns- Feb. sexuality month, go to programs, GSRC for lesbian-identified

k. Information and Technology- working with marketing department, updating website

IX. Committee Reports

1. Sen. Brandon Holdridge, Chairman of the Executive Committee
   a. Formalized meeting time this semester. Be on the lookout.

2. Sen. Morgan Eldridge, Chairwoman of the Rules and Administration Committee
   a. Unable to have first meeting- Superbowl, meeting on Sunday nights, small changes
   b. University senate meeting, talking about funding for Unleash Greatness campaign, star initiative- funding of scholarships, increase enrollment

3. Sen. Jeffrey Shapiro, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee
   a. Not at 50% threshold yet, good thing, new and unfunded barely 25% there

   a. Meetings on Wednesdays when necessary, usually by appointment

5. Sen. Kelly Zelaya, Chairwoman of the Community Engagement and Outreach Committee
   a. First meeting on Tuesdays at 6:15pm, ideas for SA day, sign up for dance marathon

6. Sen. Zachary Constantine, Ranking Member of the Constituent Relations Committee
   a. First meeting yesterday, discussed town hall, resolutions, environmental sustainability town hall, need volunteers to sit for it, message Senator Sevor or me, optimization plan, create a calendar of student groups meetings

X. Legislative Agenda

1. S.1819-108 Health and Sustainability Director Nomination, Fisher
   a. Motion to move S.1819-108 as first – Blaise 2nd – Constantine
   b. VP Pepe- Speak on behalf of Zachary Fisher, could not be here due to work. Done a great job in the department.
   c. Sevor – motion to correct bill 2nd – Holden
   d. Motion to call to question – Eldridge 2nd – Holden
   e. Point of Information – isn’t a nominees supposed to show up?
   f. A- Yes,
   g. Tasnim – we are setting a precedent for all nominees
   h. Vote – 32-1-5

2. S.1819-094R Preserving Adequate Spaces for Creative Student Expression Act
   a. Invite university photo services
b. Sevor- **amend clause 5, restores to contracts.** Recognize work of university photo services, SA allocated money to UPS, January 15th letter sent to UPS to evict the current room, replacement wasn’t adequate for UPS, inconvenient to move to hub, only access to darkroom, UPS provides photography to students important effect on students, support university initiative to seek new spaces but at the same time, preserve good spaces

c. UPS- special thanks to Max, relocation would lead to dissolved group, important room history, asked to sign petition

d. UPS – Petition- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jh8O0n1o4VKuAdP9zH9TGQ2t7ZEB3LdM3vNdL9T7pgs/viewform?edit_requested=true

e. Instagram: @UAlbany_UPS (For comparison between rooms)

f. Gonzalez- what happens if you don’t get the room?

g. A - The organization will die out

h. Hura- a shame for UPS to dissolve

i. Goudiaby- do you have social media?

j. A- Yes-Instagram UAlbany_UPS and website

k. Constantine- supporting student groups important, should pass resolution

l. Blaise- UPS takes most pictures on campus, room crucial to success

m. Asmus- hope the bill gets administration to take action

n. Yield time to Modell-Rosen- WCDM has its own space and UPS should have their own space

o. Sevor- in resolution respect new initiatives, put them in new spaces

p. Motion to call to question – Salazar 2nd - Blaise

q. **Vote- 40-0-1**

3. S.1819-095 Men’s Club Volleyball Team Supplemental Funding Line Transfer

a. Budget cut, want to compete in national tournament again, paying for tournaments out of pocket

b. Motion to call to question- Salazar 2nd McCracken

c. **Vote- 40-0-1**

4. S.1819-096 WCDB Supplemental Funding Line Transfer

a. Noise cancelling headphones, wall mount reconfiguration for sunlight, saves energy, fit more students, dippikill trip for all students, food, fire safe table cloth

b. Shapiro- cut food budget

c. Motion to call to question - Constantine 2nd - Eldridge

d. **Vote- 40-0-2**

5. S.1819-097 UNA-USA Supplemental Funding Line Transfer

a. Bring UN activities on campus, need funding to do activities, community service on campus, attend first summit (transportation, food, hotel) for only 15 students, paying for event tickets out of pocket

b. Initial request cut

c. Motion to call to question- Chandan 2nd - Eldridge

d. **Vote- 40-0-0**

6. S.1819-098 Doctors IV Hope Supplemental Funding Line Transfer

a. Expand organization, get more well known, asking for dippikill funding for bonding, continue senior tradition

b. Initial funding cut- tee shirts (to represent organization)

c. Motion to call to question – Constantine 2nd – Diallo
d. Objection- Gonzalez

 e. Holden- stole

 f. Gonzales- stole for graduating seniors means won’t vote yes

 g. Picard- have significant extra funds stole are negotiable

 h. Blaise- stole are an article of apparel, can’t be personalized, can be reused

 i. Asmus- have given money for stole before

 j. Other clubs have gotten stole funding

 k. Shapiro- appropriations go first come first serve

 l. Sevor- are stole personalized? Not for individuals, for organization

 m. - Objection rescinded -

 n. Motion to call to question Blaise 2nd Diallo

 o. Vote- 34-0-7

 7. S.1819-099 Society of Physics Students Supplemental Funding Line Transfer

 a. Funding for events, community outreach, have previously applied for grants and haven’t received any

 b. Sevor- explain glass bending.

 c. A- Money is to order glass rods, trying to collab with other clubs to

 d. Picard- funding is just for supplies, thanks for listing events

 e. Asmus- hot air balloon trips around campus?

 f. A- No, mini air balloons

 g. Eldridge- heard positive things about collaborations, do we need safety measures?

 h. A- Yes, need TA supervision

 i. Motion to call to question, Zelaya 2nd Eldridge

 j. Vote- 40-0-1

 8. S.1819-100 Phi Beta Sigma Sponsorship Line Transfer

 a. Dubfest- venue, security, and DJ, give scholarship

 b. Motion to call to question Blaise 2nd McCracken

 c. Vote- 36-1-1

 9. S.1819-101 201 Section Update

 a. McCracken- accountability, bylaws about voting while in meetings, failure to vote 50% or more in a meeting counts as an absence, responsibility to students, reasonable excuses see Salazar

 b. Salazar- vice chair authority is attendance

 c. Sevor- excused absence cross referenced?

 d. A- Excused absence doesn’t require vote

 e. Naoum- half absence or full?

 f. A- Full.

 g. Motion to call to question Sevor 2nd Osei

 h. Vote- 32-2-6

 10. S.1819-102 Reform to Appropriations Committee Membership Requirements

 a. Sevor- Senators need to understand process of funding requests to make better more informed decisions, help them understand as well

 b. Shapiro- what inspired the bill?

 c. A - Idea from when he served on appropriations, complications new members might not understand

 d. Diallo-All appointed senators or just that specific group?

 e. A- Just appropriations committee

 f. McCracken- when on committee easily understood requirements through experience
g. Asmus- treasurer exam appropriate for this committee? Yes
h. Comptroller Caroll- Treasurer exam not a quiz/test, easy read and test
i. Daquail-if senator doesn’t know treasurer, appropriations committee is not the best fit
j. Howard- effective in fall instead for current members? A - No.
k. Pepe- consider taking out last part? Ambiguity. Consequence from may be to will be removed
l. Blaise- would this apply to those who already took test? A - No.
m. Shapiro- everyone in appropriations should know what’s in treasury? Why not everyone on senate? Everyone deals with money. Appropriations should have expertise
n. Eldridge- point of information- you have two tries to take test, you have handbook to study directly from
o. Motion to go into debate 2nd
p. Constantine- important part of responsibility, appropriations owes it to the rest of senate, have everyone not just app
q. Blaise- support training, question “effective immediately” should wait until fall
r. Cadesca- not about current appropriations members, not about aptitude, about facts, appropriations mandatory to take test, others should
s. Eldridge- all senators go through handbook, test not mandatory except on appropriations
t. Picard- board of finance required to take it and are in charge of less, can’t implement rules without knowledge
u. Kelley- supports bill exactly how is, many rules new members don’t know
v. Howard- change bill to go into effect last semester or table permanently, serves on committee and already have system, agree with taking exam
w. Holden- member of committee, would not have known without taking exam, what does effective immediately mean? Exam helped.
x. Constantine- agree with bill as is, should have knowledge on topic, consider all members looking in handbook
y. Blaise- yield time to Kitty- shouldn’t be against more knowledge, exam should be easily passed by committee
z. Comptroller Caroll- can commit to administering exam in a lenient manner, just wants them to learn information
aa. VP Pepe- mandatory for everyone to take exam, only those who score better than8/10 should be able to serve on committee
bb. Shapiro- appreciate compromise. Wants bill enacted in fall. Everyone takes test, appropriations held to higher standard.
cc. Sevor- reminds us the test is only 10 mc questions, disagrees about being held to a higher standard, requirements for all committees
dd. Eldridge- no new standards, just more knowledge
e. Motion to call to question - Sevor 2nd Blaise

ff. Vote- 26-6-8

11. S.1819-103 Roll Call Attendance Reform
a. Salazar- amend, “manually” to “orally” roll call shorter, not waste time that could be used debating
b. Motion to call to question Daquial, 2nd Constantine
c. Vote- 33-1-6

12. S.1819-104 Committee Assignment III
13. S.1819-105 Elections Commission Nomination, Jones
   a. Holdridge - comfortable with appointing her
   b. McCracken- will she have any responsibilities with special elections right now? Yes
   c. Motion to call to question Daquial, 2nd McCracken
   d. **Vote- 35-1-5**

14. S.1819-106 Excused Absence Cap II
   a. Meet with committee heads and come up with hard number for each committee
   b. Motion to call to question Chin 2nd senator Zelaya
   c. **Vote- 37-0-3**

15. S.1819-107R Resolution to Better Prepare for and Respond to Winter Weather Conditions on Campus
   a. Disability ramps affected, wet floor signs
   b. Motion to call to question Tasnim 2nd Salazar
   c. **Bill passes unanimously**

XI. **Old Business**

1. S.1819-084 International Student Senators Amendment
   a. Formality
   b. Motion to call to question - Salazar 2nd Constantine
   c. **Vote- 38-0-3**

XII. **New Business- none**

XIII. **Closing Remarks**

1. Sen. Brandon Holdridge, Chairman of the Senate
   a. none

2. Sen. Samuel Salazar, Vice Chairman of the Senate
   a. Go to committee meetings!
   b. motion for attendance by iclicker – 2nd Blaise

XIV. **Closing Roll and Adjournment**

   a. motion to adjourn- Salazar 2nd Blaise