Student Association Senate
11/8/2023
8:00PM
Campus Center Boardroom
SESSION MINUTES

I. Call to Order
- See “Senate Attendance Fall ‘23” for Opening Roll: Senate Attendance Fall ’23.xlsx

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Public Comment
- Sen. Klein made a motion to move Campus Climate Discussion after Public Comment.
- Sen. Chen seconds.
- Sen. Miller objected.
- Vice President Crawford wants guests Senate invited to speak first before
- Sen. Goldsmith emphasizes that the Senate needs to follow bylaw changes.
- This motion passes 24-9-3.
- Maceo Foster calls back to last week’s Senate meeting where President Javidan refused to say “Palestine”. Urges university to conform to Boycott, Divest, Sanction. He asks the body to continue to press the Africana Studies & Latin American and Carribean merger to the administration.
- Fanny reiterates that the senate body be informed about who Provost Kim is and be informed about the merger.
- Another student is ashamed of President Javidan’s rhetoric behind erasing the African American & Latin American departments in the merger and views his words as intentional.
- Mike Christakis, VP of Student Affairs, emphasizes that the article about RPK consulting was referenced throughout the meeting while being a falsehood. Asks the body not to take everything as gospel and calls that referencing articles be truth, not false. Wants this body to do better with accepting information during Public Comment and is ashamed that nobody corrects false information during discourse.
- Deborah Hoyt says that the student body has been asking for answers about the merger for a long time and it has taken until November for direct communication.
- Henry Fisher, Editor in Chief of ASP, tells body that articles remain impartial and to not cherry-pick information when referencing articles in the body.
• Maceo Foster remains that he feels accused of spreading falsehoods and emphasizes that he asked the body to ask President Javidan to conclude if or to what extent RPK

IV. Campus Climate Discussion

• Caleb Sapp reiterates that the LACS and AFS merger was addressed more in the ASP
• Sen. Rennard wants the body to address administration by their formal names.
• Sen. Smith wants anyone to reach out to her if they want to collaborate in fixing the dietary restrictions issue on campus.
• Sen. Klein states that his emails to FOIL are not getting a response.
• Sen. Cooper states that the only reason there are falsehoods and misinformation in the body is because of the lack of information coming from the administration.
• Sen. Zheng states that there are many contradictory statements coming from the administration. Asks the administration to answer all questions truthfully and with their utmost knowledge.
• Director strand emphasizes that HIV test kits, pregnancy tests (already taken), and STI test kits are available and will continue to be available in Spring.
• Sen. Blair motions to consider Bill S2324-078 right now. Sen. Kohout seconds.
• S.2324-078 Stiletto Dance Team New & Unfunded Request.xlsx
  o Stilettos Dance Team requesting $414.
  o Sen. Kohout moves to pass by unanimous consent.
  o Sen. Alonso seconds.
  o Sen. Miller moves to call to question. Sen. ___ seconds.
  o This bill passes 33-0-2.
• Sen. Mattupurath asks the Senate to be concise and timely.
• Sen. Gonzalez informs the Senate that many Senators probably did not know Provost Kim as well as her.
• Carmen, Director of Sustainability, expresses frustration
• Sen. Goldsmith clarifies that he objects to passing by unanimous consent
• Caleb Sapp urges that constituents inform their legislators. Student Health Services is understaffed

V. Opening Remarks

• Sen. McGrath, Chair of the Senate
  o States that it is important for all Senators to try their best to stay informed
  o Chair McGrath appreciates that Senators have been sending emails about absence excuses and urges the body to continue to do so.
  o Reiterates Sen. Rennard
• Sen. Sarah Jamil, Vice Chair of the Senate
  o New nametags should be here by next week.
  o Collaboration Convention was a success and corrects
  o Senate Dropbox is available and urges the body to use it.
  o Working on getting RISE directors to come speak in the Senate.

VI. Certificates and Celebrations

VI. Appropriations Agenda

i.S.2324-079 Umoja Dance Team New & Unfunded Request.xlsx

• Student Representative requests $408.57 for apparel for Umoja Dance Team.
• Sen. Kohout motions to call to question.
• Sen. Jamil seconds.
- This bill passes 32-0-2.
  ii. S.2324-080 National Alliance for Mental Illness New & Unfunded Request.xlsx
- Student Representative requesting $414 for tabling.
- Sen. Kohout moves to call to question.
- Sen. Ewumi seconds.
- This bill passes 34-0-3.
  iii. S.2324-081 Best Buddies New & Unfunded Request.xlsx
- Student Representative requesting $414 for club activities.
- Sen. Kohout moves to call to question.
- Sen. Aloyce seconds.
- This bill passes 35-0-2.
  iv. S.2324-082 Albany Student Press New & Unfunded Request.xlsx
- Student Representative requesting $395.82 for a Wix.com Subscription.
- This bill passes by unanimous consent.
  v. S.2324-083 Bletnitsky's Boxing Club New & Unfunded Request.xlsx
- Student Representative requesting $414.
- This bill passes 26-5-6.
- Sen. Blair objects.
- Sen. Klein rescinds original motion to reconsider.
- This bill passes 26-5-6.
  vi. S.2324-084 Albany State Indian Alliance Supplemental Request.xlsx
- Student Representatives requested $3000 of supplemental funding
- Sen. Cooper makes a motion to amend this bill to the edits made in committee.

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• The total stands the same. Sen. Ewumi seconds.
• This bill passes 31-1-6.
  vii. S.2324-085 The Posh Daily New & Unfunded Request.xlsx
• Student Representative requests $414.
• Sen. Madappatt motions to call this to question. Sen ___ seconds.
• This bill passes 33-0-4.

VIII. University Reports
  o Sen. Jamil motions to allocate 45 minutes to the Provost. Sen.
  o Sen. Klein makes a point that the provost is here due to his resolution.
  o Vice President Crawford disagrees with Sen. Klein’s sentiment that Provost Kim is here due to a resolution that has not been signed or put in action.
  o Sen. Miller moves to call the amendment from 45 mins to 30 mins to question. Sen. Goldsmith seconds.
  o This amendment passes by majority vote.
  o The motion to allocate a time limit to the provost’s report fails 5-27-6.

• Carol Kim, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
  o Merger – two departments are coming together. All the current programs will remain. Faculty and staff remain.
  o Sen. Miller asks for a justification of the merger. Provost Kim points to declining enrollment.
  o Sen. Khan asks what the administration is doing to address that advisors are discouraging students from enrolling in LACS and AFS courses. Provost Kim explains that this is not something the university would encourage or condone.
  o Sen. Khan asks what the university will do to combat the declining enrollment numbers and encourage visibility. Provost Kim emphasizes that the merger will help both departments
  o Sen. Chen asks if the university will be willing to hire new faculty and staff. Provost Kim explains that it is in accordance
  o Sen. Cooper asks for the Provost’s definition of shared governance. Provost Kim determines shared governance primarily as a consultation process. Sen. Cooper asks if there was support. Provost Kim
  o Sen. Pettit asks how the university will respond in the future to promote transparency and an open line of communication. Provost Kim emphasizes the students should have been consulted.
  o Sen. Klein asks who initiated the merger. Provost Kim names the Dean as who initiated the merger.
  o Provost Kim emphasizes that the decision has already been made. However, she prioritizes students’ concerns through the planning and implementation stage of the merger.
Sen. Kaiser asks for a clarification of the LACS and AFS department heads' quote on not feeling supported by the President and the Provost. Provost Kim expresses that she has spoken with Dr. Little, and his quote was taken out of context and that he does feel supported, now.

Sen. Zheng asks why the university is limiting students’ ability to take classes from both departments. Provost Kim reiterated that the departments remain the same.

Sen. Effendi asks what the point of communication at this stage is. Provost Kim

Sen. Miller asks how the university will include student voices in future decisions that have an impact.

Sen. Khan asks if there's any way to make the department larger. Provost Kim expresses that this is up to the students to express interest in different programs.

Sen. Chen asks how students can show interest in these majors. Provost Kim recommends conversing with faculty heads.

Sen. Cooper asks if the increased funding in AI and STEM and if this is a sign of divesting from investing in the liberal arts and humanities. Provost Kim vehemently denies that the university is divesting from humanities.

Sen. Zheng asks how these departments are going to be promoted. Provost Kim expresses that the merger will help with visibility.

Sen. Cooper asks where the meetings are being held.

President Rose asks for mass communication for smaller meetings. Provost Kim agrees to a mass email.

- Sen. Miller motions for all committee reports and executive reports to be sent electronically to the Chair.
- Sen. Wheeler objects.
- Sen. Miller motions to amend his original motion for
- Sen. Wheeler rescinds objection.

- Nathan Blank, Student Assistant for Student Activities and Student Governance

I. Legislative Agenda

i. S.2324-086 RIPP Act (1)
- This bill is split into two sections.
- Sen. Wheeler is confident in this bill.
- Sen. Cooper motions to pass this bylaw change by unanimous consent. Sen. Cooper rescinds.
- This bylaw change passes 26-2-7.

ii. S.2324-087
- Sen. Goldsmith makes a motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- This passes by unanimous consent.

II. Elections Commission Report

- Anjalee Modasra, Acting Chair of the Elections Commission

X. Committee Reports

- Jalen Miller; Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration
- Michael Regateiro; Chair of the Subcommittee on Government Operations
- Shane Gardner; Chair of the Committee on Ethics
- James Cooper; Chair of the Committee on Appropriations
- Sidney Wheeler; Chair of the Committee on Community Engagement and Outreach
- There is a Big Pine Hills Cleanup this weekend (this Sunday 12-4). Encourages senators to sign up for this event.
- Jeremy Zheng; Chair of the Committee on Constituent Relations
  - If you want a student org to be recognized, submit a form on myinvolvement.
- Gina Smith; Chair of the Committee on First-Year Experience

XI. Executive Reports
- Jalen Rose, President
- Amelia Crawford, Vice President
  - Encourages senators to attend the events mentioned by directors.
    - Caleb Sapp, Director of Marketing and Programming
    - Toluwanimi Ademola-Thomas, Director of Intercultural Affairs
    - Jed Pacheco, Director of Gender and Sexuality Concerns
    - Faith Archer, Director of Student Group Affairs
  - Organization Speed Dating Event
  - Wants 20-21 organization to get a certificate.
    - Sean Millington, Director of Civic and Community Engagement
    - Carmen Munoz, Director of Sustainability
  - Has a mixer coming up, information will be distributed in the groupme.
    - Mariannie Matos, Director of Academic and Professional Affairs
    - erica strand, Director of Disability and Health

XII. Judicial Report
- Tolu Anjorin, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

XIII. Comptroller’s Office Report
- Jason Lisciandro, Comptroller

XIV. Board of Finance Report

XVI. Old Business
  i. S.2324-053 Senate Session Code of Conduct Reformation Act Updated.docx
     - Sen. Goldsmith makes a motion to use the last roll call vote as adjournment.
     - Sen. Khan made a motion to call the motion to adjourn to question and use as closing roll. Sen. Ewumi seconds.
  ii. S.2324-071 Attendance Bylaw Change

XVII. New Business

XVIII. Closing Remarks
- Sen. McGrath, Chair of the Senate
- Sen. Sarah Jamil, Vice Chair of the Senate

XIX. Closing Roll and Adjourn: Senate Attendance Fall ’23.xlsx