

**Stony Brook University Undergraduate Student Government Senate
Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 12, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 8:45 PM in Room 311 of the SAC, Executive VP John Kriscenski presiding.

1. Attendance

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Late/leaving early</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Abrishamian, Tiffany (by proxy Kyle Freiman)	X			
Ahmad, Tahir	X			
Baum, Ory	X			
Benelyahoo, Aharon	X			
Bose, Aneta				X
Cushner, Jordan	X			
Fan, Runyu	X			
Geckle, Theresa	X			
Graber, Daniel	X			
Hagler, Michael	X			
Haq, Syed	X			
Harounian, Jonathan	X			
Kashan, Mahyar	X			
Khan, Aysha	X			
Khan, Moiz	X			
Machalow, Deborah	X			
Mahmud, Kirin	X			
Mbisike, Nicole				X
McCarthy, Craig	X			
Total	17			
Non-voting members				

President Wilson	X			
Treasurer Anderson	X			
VP Comm Mazza		X		
VP Academic Affairs Forbes		X		
VP Clubs/Orgs Reji		X		
VP Student Life Tilley	X			
Senior Class Rep Yu	X			
Junior Class Rep Chan	X			
Soph Class Rep Patestas		X		
Freshman Class Rep Young		X		

A quorum is present.

2.0 Announcements

Please submit any late reports.

3.0 Approval of minutes from 11/05/09

Sen. Geckle made a motion to mark VP Mazza as arriving late. Seconded. Passed without objection. Sen. Machalow made a motion to correct the spelling of her name to include an “h” at the end of her first name. Seconded and approved without objection. Sen. Benelyahoo made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded. After a brief debate the minutes were approved without objection.

4.0 Confirmation of Presidential Appointments to Senate

President Wilson introduced the candidates to the Senate.

-Spenser Cushing, College of Engineering. Mr. Cushing addressed the Senate and took questions. Sen. Baum made a motion to approve Mr. Cushing. Seconded. After no debate, a vote was taken (15-0-2). Candidate Cushing was confirmed.

-Alexander E. Dimitriyadi, College of Engineering. Mr. Dimitriyadi addressed the Senate. Sen. Graber made a motion to confirm Mr. Dimitriyadi. Seconded. After no debate, a vote was taken. Candidate Dimitriyadi was confirmed (16-0-1).

-Alexandria Lanza, College of Arts and Sciences. Ms. Lanza addressed the Senate and took questions. Sen. Ahmad made a motion to approve Ms. Lanza. Seconded. After a brief debate, Candidate Lanza was confirmed (13-0-4)

5.0 H1N1 Presentation by Ahmed Belazi

Mr. Belazi from the Center of Prevention Outreach distributed a survey and gift packs to Senate members. He then explained the role of CPO on campus and took questions. He then gave a presentation on minimizing the risk of getting a flu-like illness while on campus.

Students will not be penalized for missing class if they are sick. Doctor’s notes are not required, but contact must be made with the professor on a “good-faith basis.” Policy is

rough and not formalized in writing at this time. He then took questions on H1N1 and vaccines.

The 2009-2010 budget revisions were moved to Item 5.1 without objection.

5.1 2009-2010 USG Budget Revisions

Revisions were distributed to the Senate and were presented by Treasurer Anderson. He made an immediate correction to the distributed budget. Unallocated amount \$182,235.0 corrected to \$161,266.03. He then went through revised items line-by-line. Questions were taken from the floor.

Treasurer Anderson explained the grant process to the Senate. Sen. Ahmad made a motion to approve the revisions. Seconded. After no debate a vote was taken. Motion carried (16-1-0). Budget revisions were approved.

Sen. Benelyahoo left at 9:41 (excused)

6.0 Confirmation of Treasurer's Assistant

Treasurer Anderson presented his candidate, Melissa Fleury, to the Senate. She was not present at the time. A resume was provided. Treasurer Anderson took questions on her behalf. Sen. M. Khan made a motion to postpone the appointment until the next meeting. Seconded. After some debate a vote was taken. Motion carried and the vote on the candidate was postponed (12-3-1).

7.0 Payroll Adjustment Act V

Sen. M. Khan presented the Act to the Senate. Sen. Harounian made a motion to approve the Payroll Adjustment Act. After no debate, Payroll Adjustment Act V was approved unanimously. (16-0-0)

8.0 NYPIRG Contract

Sen. Haq raised a point of order to postpone the Senate vote on the contract due to the Budget Committee not meeting/voting on this contract. The contract was labeled draft and will be discussed at the next Budget Committee meeting. Item was postponed.

9.0 2009-2010 USG Budget Revisions

(Moved to 5.1)

10.0 Open Agenda

- Sen. Graber presented Rules, Election and Referendum Committee revisions to SSC Bylaws to Senate.
- Sen. A. Khan made a motion to approve the revisions. Seconded. After a brief debate a vote was taken. Motion carried (13-1-2).
- Sen. McCarthy pitched "Happy Hour" a drug/alcohol event presented by RHA at SAC. Free blended (non-alcoholic) drinks will be provided.
- Sen. Baum's band is playing Monday night at the Ucafe.
- Pres. Wilson addressed the Senate regarding Leadership Day issue. VP for Clubs/Orgs wants to use \$956 previously allocated for Leadership Day for pullovers. Referred to Budget Committee.

-Brendan from NYPIRG addressed the Senate on re-activation of NYPIRG chapter on Campus.
He urged the Senate to vote on the contract.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.