Stony Brook University Undergraduate Student Government Senate Meeting Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM in Student Union Ballroom, Executive VP John Kriscenski presiding.

1. Attendance

| | Present | <u>Absent</u> | Late/leaving early | <u>Excused</u> |
|------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Abrishamian, Tiffany | | | | Х |
| Ahmad, Tahir | X | | | |
| Baum, Ory | X | | | |
| Benelyahoo, Aharon | | Х | | |
| Bose, Aneta | X | | | |
| Cushing, Spenser | X | | | |
| Cushner, Jordan | X | | | |
| Dimitriyadi, Alexander | X | | | |
| Fan, Runyu | X | | | |
| Geckle, Theresa | X | | | |
| Graber, Daniel | X | | | |
| Haq, Syed | X | | | |
| Harounian, Jonathan | X | | | |
| Kashan, Mahyar | X | | | |
| Khan, Aysha | | X | | |
| Lanza, Alexandria | X | | | |
| Machalow, Deborah | X | | | |
| Mahmud, Kirin | X | | | |
| Mbisike, Nicole | X | | | |
| McCarthy, Craig | X | | | |
| Total | 17 | 2 | | 1 |
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| Non-voting members | | | | |
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| President Wilson | | Х | | |
| Treasurer Khan | Х | | | |
| VP of Communication Mazza | X | | | |
| VP of Academic Affairs Forbes | X | | | |
| VP of Clubs/Orgs Reji | | Х | | |
| VP of Student Life Tilley | | | Х | |
| Junior Class Rep Chan | | | Х | |
| Sophomore Class Rep Patestas | | Х | | |
| Freshman Class Rep Young | | Х | | |
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A quorum is present.

2.0 Announcements:

-Haiti vigil tonight at 8 pm. -Sen. Hagler has resigned. His seat is now vacant.

3.0 Approval of minutes

-Sen. Harounian made a motion to approve the minutes from 12/3/09. Seconded. Motion carried without objection.

-Sen. Kashan made a motion to approve the minutes from 12/10/09. Seconded. Motion carried without objection.

4.0 Special Services Council Allocations:

- \$1080 for I.F.S.C. After some discussion, Sen. Bose made a motion to approve the allocation. Seconded. After no debate a vote was taken. The motion carried (15-0-2)

5.0 USG Elections Timeline

-Sen. Machalow made a motion to amend "being" \rightarrow "begin" under March 16. Seconded and passed without objection. Sen. Graber made a motion to approve the timeline. Seconded. After no debate a vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (17-0-0).

6.0 Spring Budget Process Timeline

-Treasurer Khan presented the timeline to the senate. Sen. Ahmad made a motion to approve the timeline. Seconded. After no debate a vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (17-0-0)

7.0 Confirmation of Treasurer's Assistants

-Treasurer Khan spoke on behalf of three potential assistants: Ken Colton, Michelle Idrees and Ron Quillen. Some discussion was held on the assistants hired by the prior treasurer who were not retained. Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the 3 assistants. Debate continued. Sen. Ahmad called the question. Seconded. A vote was taken and the question was called (15-0-2) and debate ended. The motion to approve the 3 assistants carried 13-2-2.

8.0 Confirmation of the VP of Communications Assistant – Jasmine Trinh

-VP Mazza introduced Ms. Trinh. Her resume was distributed. After a brief discussion, Sen. Ahmad made a motion to confirm Ms. Trinh. Seconded. After no debate, Ms. Trinh was approved unanimously (17-0-0).

9.0 Appropriation Act 11 - \$16,000 for Roth Regatta.

-Treasurer Khan presented the Act. Sen. Graber made a motion to approve the Act. Seconded. Sen. Machalow made a motion to change spelling of "Regetta" \rightarrow "Regatta" and add a period. Seconded and passed without objection. A vote was taken on the Appropriation and it passed unanimously (17-0-0).

10.0 Appropriations Act 12 - \$1000 for PDF rendering software

-Treasurer Khan presented the Act. Sen. Cushing made a motion to approve the Act. Seconded. After no debate a vote was taken. The act passed (16-0-1).

11.0 Appropriations Act 13 - \$2500 for USG Budget Workshop.

-Treasurer Khan amended the amount $2500 \rightarrow 2000$. A brief discussion was held. Seconded and carried unanimously (17-0-0). Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the act. Seconded. After no debate a vote was taken and the act carried (16-0-1).

12.0 Open Agenda

-The NYPIRG regional coordinator addressed the senate and spoke about tuition increases and funding cuts. He also introduced Aarti Sheth, the new Stony Brook NYPIRG campus coordinator, to the Senate. A brief discussion was held.

-Vigil for Haiti will take place immediately following meeting. All senators are encouraged to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm