

**Stony Brook University Undergraduate Student Government Senate
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:28 PM in SAC Auditorium, Executive VP John Kriscenski presiding.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Late/leaving early</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Abrishamian, Tiffany				X
Ahmad, Tahir	X			
Baum, Ory	X			
Benelyahoo, Aharon			Arrived 8:11	
Bose, Aneta	X			
Cushing, Spenser	X			
Cushner, Jordan	X			
Dimitriyadi, Alexander	X			
Fan, Runyu	X			
Geckle, Theresa	X			
Hand, Jennifer	X			
Haq, Syed	X			
Harounian, Jonathan	X			
Kashan, Mahyar	X			
Khan, Aysha	X			
Machalow, Deborah	X			
Mahmud, Kirin	X			
Mbisike, Nicole	X			
McCarthy, Craig	X			
Russo, Joseph	X			
Spinelli, Michael	X			
Total	19		1	1

<u>Non-voting members</u>				
President Wilson				Arrived 8:39 pm
Treasurer Moiz Khan	X			
VP of Communications Mazza	X			
VP of Academic Affairs Forbes		X		
VP of Clubs/Orgs Reji		X		
VP of Student Life Tilley		X		
Senior Class Rep Georges		X		
Junior Class Rep Chan		X		
Sophomore Class Rep Patestas		X		
Freshman Class Rep Young		X		

1.0 Attendance: *See above*

2.0 Announcements

- Submit Senate reports to Executive VP.
- Opening on budget committee; submit resumes to EVP or PPT.
- Items 7.0 and 11.0 will not be discussed at this meeting.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes from 3/23/2010

- Sen. Ahmad made a motion to strike 'Press' and replace it with 'Statesman' from Item 11 Business from the Gallery. Seconded and passed without objection. Sen. Bose made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded and passed without objection.

4.0 Special Services Council Allocations

- Students out of State \$150: Sen. Fan made a motion to approve. Seconded. After no debate, a vote was taken and the motion carried (18-0-1).
- KCF \$150: Sen. Ahmad made a motion to approve the allocation. A debate was held. A vote was then taken and the motion carried (17-1-1).

5.0 Senate Resolution Condemning State Budget Cuts to Stony Brook University

- Presented by Sen. Machalow. Sen. Dimitriyadi made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded. After a brief debate, a vote was taken and the resolution was approved (18-1-0).

6.0 Senate Resolution Condemning the Decision to Close Stony Brook Southampton

-Presented by Sen. Geckle. Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded. Sen. Machalow read a resolution from the Stony Brook Southampton Board of Finance against the decision of the administration. After no further discussion, a vote was taken and the resolution was adopted (18-1-0).

7.0 Struck

8.0 2010 Employment Act: presented by Treasurer Khan

-A lengthy discussion was held on the act and its content. Sen. Ahmad made a motion to approve the act. Seconded. After no debate, a vote was taken and the 2010 Employment Act was approved (16-0-3).

9.0 2010 Due Compensation Act: presented by Treasurer Khan

-A lengthy discussion was held on the merits of stipend increases. Sen. Cushing made a motion to approve the Act. Seconded. After a brief debate a vote was taken and the motion failed, *requires a majority of filled seats* (10-8-1)

10.0 Omitted

11.0 Struck

12.0 Discussion of 2010-2011 Undergraduate Student Government Budget

-Consideration of rescinding the previously approved budget *Moved to item 14.5*

13.0 Treasurer Khan's request for the Senate to extend the budget deadline to April 30:

-Southampton students are being re-matriculated at Stony Brook next year; this will a Sen. Khan made a motion to extend the budget deadline to April 30. Seconded and approved unanimously (19-0-0).

14.0 Appropriation Act 15 – Presented by Treasurer Khan

-\$10,000 for Southampton students to travel to Albany 18-0-1. A discussion was held. Sen. Machalow made a motion to amend the motion to strike 'computer equipment' and replace it with 'Budget Cuts' Protest.' Seconded and approved without objection. Sen. Cushing made a motion to approve the Act as amended. Seconded. After no debate, a vote was taken and the act was approved (18-0-1).

14.5 Discussion of 2010-2011 Undergraduate Student Government Budget

- Consideration of rescinding the previously approved budget: Presented by Treasurer Khan→ Approximately \$85,000 was allocated to Stony Brook Southampton which might be closing. Sen. Fan made a motion to rescind the budget. Seconded. After no debate a vote was taken. The budget was rescinded (17-1-1).

Sen. Benelyahoo arrived at 8:11 pm.

15.0 Open Agenda

-Business from the Senate:

-Sen. Haq: Pre-Law Society Law Forum on Friday in the Wang Center.

-Sen. McCarthy: Come watch Wall-E!

-Business from the Gallery

-Former USG President Akita and others spoke regarding SAB and its role in campus life. A lengthy question and answer session was held.

-NYPIRG report: Conference last week.

More discussion was held on SAB *President Wilson arrived at 8:39 pm. Sen. Haq left at 8:52.*

Chief Justice Kushner addressed the Senate regarding the impeachment of Sen. Graber and the motion made regarding the postponement of the trial.

Executive VP Kriscenski adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.