

**Stony Brook University Undergraduate Student Government Senate
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM in SAC Ballroom B, 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				X
Bose, Aneta (by proxy Franck Joseph)	X			
Cushing, Spenser	X			
Cushner, Jordan	X			
Dimitriyadi, Alexander	X			
Fan, Runyu	X			
Geckle, Theresa	X			
Graber, Daniel	X			
Hand, Jennifer	X			
Haq, Syed	X			
Harounian, Jonathan				X
Kashan, Mahyar	X			
Khan, Aysha	X			
Machalow, Deborah	X			
Mahmud, Kirin	X			
Mbisike, Nicole			Arrived 7:15 pm	
McCarthy, Craig	X			
Russo, Joseph	X			
Total	17	0	1	3

<u>Non-voting members</u>				
President Wilson		X		
Treasurer Khan	X			
VP of Communications Mazza			X	
VP of Academic Affairs Forbes			X	
VP of Clubs and Orgs Reji			X	
VP 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

- A Resolution on PHEEIA was passed by SUNY Assembly.
- Leadership Day was a success. Thanks to all who attended.
- The University Senate is in the process of passing a resolution in favor of PHEEIA.
- The April 6th Senate meeting is cancelled.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes from 3/16/2010

- Sen. Machalow made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded and passed without objection.

4.0 Executive Council Reports

- VP of Student Life: written report provided.
- Junior Class Rep: written report provided.
- Sophomore Class Rep: written report provided.

5.0 Agency Reports

- Student Activities Board Chair: written report provided.
- Special Services Council: written report provided.

6.0 2010-2011 Undergraduate Student Government Budget: Presented by Treasurer Khan. *Note, budget not yet certified by School Administration*

Sen. Machalow made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for members of the Stony Brook Statesman to speak from the floor to address their funding cuts. Seconded. A discussion was held. *Sen. Mbisike arrived at 7:15 pm.* Sen. Khan called the question (passed 13-4-1). The vote on Sen. Machalow's motion to suspend the rules failed (9-8-1, 2/3 majority required).

Sen. Cushing made a motion to approve the budget. Seconded. After no debate, a vote was taken and the budget passed unanimously (18-0-0).

7.0 Election of a Senator to the FSA Board of Directors

Sen. Khan had to resign her position on the FSA Board. A replacement is needed. Nominations were taken from the floor. Sen. Fan nominated himself. Sen. Ahmad nominated Treasurer Khan who accepted. Sen. Graber nominated Sen. Kashan, who declined. No more nominations were made and the 2 candidates made brief speeches. A vote was taken by secret ballot (J. Miranda and VP Tilley were tellers). The results were as follows: Treasurer Khan – 16, Sen. Fan – 2. Treasurer Khan elected to FSA Board of Directors.

8.0 The Final Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee to Examine Potential Tuition Increases

Presented by Committee Chair Sen. Machalow.

9.0 2010 Employment Act – Presented by Treasurer Khan

Sen. Geckle made a motion to strike the '1' from Sec. 5. Seconded and approved without objection. A discussion was held. Sen. Cushing made a motion to amend Sec. 6.5 from '15' to '20' hours per week. Seconded. A discussion was held. A vote was taken and the amendment carried unanimously (18-0-0). Sen. Cushing made a motion to insert 'Executive' before Vice President in Section 2.2. Seconded and approved without objection. Sen. Machalow made a motion to insert '/Office Manager' after USG Executive Vice President in Sec. 2.7. Seconded. After a brief discussion, a vote was taken and the motion carried (15-2-1). Sen. Dimitriyadi made a motion to strike the word 'Manager' from Sec. 2.7 and replace it with 'Administrator.' Seconded. A vote was taken and the amendment was approved (17-0-1). Sen. Khan made a motion to refer the Act back to committee. Seconded. A vote was taken and the motion carried (14-4-0). Act referred back to committee.

10.0 2010 Due Compensation Act – Presented by Treasurer Khan

Sen. Graber made a motion to refer the Act to Legislative Review. Seconded. A discussion was held. Sen. Cushing made a motion to amend the motion to Budget Committee instead of Legislative Review. Seconded and approved without objection. Sen. Graber called the question (passed, 16-2-0). A vote was taken on the motion to send the act to the Budget Committee, which passed (16-2-0).

11.0 Open Agenda

-Business from the Senate:

-Sen. McCarthy: Let him know if you need additional information on graphs from Ad-hoc report.

-Treasurer Khan/VP Tilley: Grant application for Brookfest: \$20,000 for concert, approved by Budget Committee. Sen. Cushing made a motion to approve the grant. Seconded. A discussion was held. A vote was taken and the grant was approved (16-0-2).

-Sen. Cushing presented a resolution condemning the lack of internet in Tabler Quad from 20-21 March. Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded. Sen. Graber made a motion to strike 'big deal' and 'huge' and replace them with 'pressing issue' and 'great,' respectively. After no further debate a vote was taken and the resolution was approved unanimously (18-0-0). Sen. Dimitriyadi made a motion to enter executive session. Seconded. A discussion was held and a vote was taken and the motion failed (0-17-1).

-VP Mazza made a report.
-VP Forbes made a report.

-Business from the Gallery:

-Frank, from Stony Brook Statesman, addressed the senate regarding his organization's budget cuts.

-Sam, from Stony Brook Statesman (sports editor), addressed the senate regarding budget cuts.

-'Opinionater' from Statesman addressed the senate regarding budget cuts.

-Erica from Statesman addressed the senate regarding budget cuts.

-Co-editor-in-Chief from Statesman addressed the senate regarding budget cuts.

-James, a student, addressed the senate to ask about the source of funding for Brookfest.

Sen. Dimitriyadi made a motion to enter executive session for discussion of the previously distributed resolution. Seconded. Sen. Ahmad made a motion to include reconsideration of Agenda Sec. 6.0. Seconded and passed unanimously. A vote was taken on the amended motion and it carried (15-1-2).

(Franck Joseph (proxy for Sen. Bose) left at 8:41 pm).

-The Executive session commenced at 8:41 pm. Sen. Dimitriyadi moved to exit executive session. Seconded and approved without objection. Sen. Cushing made a motion to enter executive session to discuss prior disciplinary actions. Seconded and passed (16-0-1). Executive session resumed at 8:51. Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the Force Resolution against the Impeachment of Senator Daniel Graber. Seconded. Sen. Machalow made a motion to make several grammatical corrections to the resolution ('their' replaced with 'its,' 'senator' replaced with 'senators'). Seconded and passed (16-1-0). A discussion was held. Sen. Graber stated for the record that he did not write the resolution or even see it prior to the meeting. Sen. Cushing called the question (passed, 16-0-1). A vote was taken and the resolution was approved (12-1-4).
Executive VP Kriscenski adjourned the meeting at 9:07PM.