

## MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

### USG Senate Meeting

Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm. Meeting held in Humanities 1006.

#### Agenda item 1.0: Attendance

The roll was called:

Senator Allen Abraham	Present
Senator Tahir Ahmad	Present
Senator Ory Baum	Present by Proxy (Bash Naran)
Senator Spenser Cushing	Present
Senator Samuel Cushner	Present
Senator Ray Fan	Present
Senator Frank Fanizza	Present
Senator Christian Giraldo	Present
Senator Gary Hagan <sup>2</sup>	Present; Left at 8:26 pm
Senator Mahyar Kashan	Present; Left at 7:43 pm
Senator Sidrah Khan	Present
Senator Thomas Kirnbauer	Present
Senator Yan Leyfman	Present
Senator Kirin Mahmud	Present by Proxy (Aimee Pameray)

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<sup>1</sup> Typically, minutes should only contain the essentials of a meeting. This includes the meeting time and location, a list of those who attended, as well as a record of all motions made and their outcome. Debate or even a summary of debate is usually not included. I include it here at the request of the Chair. Mistakes and omissions are likely, so Senators are encouraged to e-mail the Secretary with corrections prior to the next Senate meeting, so that the record reflects what was actually said at the meeting and so corrections can be made efficiently.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Hagan and Mr. Myers are newly appointed USG Senators. Their GPA has not been checked yet for compliance to the USG Constitution's mandate that USG Senators maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 or above. As such, by order of the Chair and without objection, they shall be afforded full speaking privileges but will not be allowed to vote.

Senator Kenneth Myers <sup>2</sup>	Present
Senator Shivani Rampersad	Present
Senator Masood Rustemi	Late (7:18 pm)
Senator Najee Simmons	Present
Senator Priya Sohi	Present
Senator Peter Stratoudakis	Absent
Senator Russell Williams	Present by Proxy (Brian Anziano)

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President Matthew Graham	Present
Executive Vice President (EVP) Deborah Machalow (Chair)	Present
Treasurer Jackie Mark	Present
Vice President of Academic Affairs Forbes	Absent
Vice President of Clubs and Organizations Jennifer Chan	Present
Vice President of Communications David Mazza	Present
Vice President of Student Life Peter Molloy	Absent
Senior Class Representative Dexter Daniel	Present
Junior Class Representative Emilissa Trotman	Absent
Sophomore Class Representative Neville Hall Jr.	Absent
Freshman Class Representative Rodriguez	Absent

Quorum established.

Agenda item 2.0: Announcements

The Chair announced that all committees are required to meet at least once per month. Please be aware of that.

The Chair further announced that committee minutes should be forwarded to the EVP.

The Chair further announced future meeting locations. The March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in SAC Ballroom A.

The Chair struck “Katherine Chu” and “Syed Karim” from agenda item 7.0, without objection.

**Agenda item 3.0: Approval of the Minutes from 3/10/2011**

- Senator Abraham moved to approve the 3/10/2011 meeting minutes.
  - The motion was approved without objection.

**Agenda item 4.0: Executive Session (for the discussion of proposed/pending litigation.)**

- Senator Abraham moved that the USG Senate enter into Executive Session, for the purpose of discussion of proposed/pending litigation.
  - The motion was approved by a vote of 17-0-0. (Roll Call #1.)
- *Executive Session (in italics)*
- *Senator Kashan moved to invite “Rudolph Miguori, Kenneth Myers, and Gary Hagen” to the USG Senate Executive Session, with full speaking privileges.*
  - *The motion was approved without objection.*
- *Senator Abraham moved to end the “Executive Session.”*
  - *The motion was approved unanimously.*

**Agenda item 5.0: New Student Club Policies and Procedures Act**

- Senate returned to order at 8:17 pm.
- Senator Abraham presented the act.
  - 5% Petition process for club eligibility for funding/recognition is removed.
- Senator Ahmad moved to amend the “New Club Eligibility Act” portion of the “New Student Club Policies and Procedures Act”, Section 2, Definitions, “Eligibility”, by striking the definition and replacing with: “Shall be defined as the official and formal acknowledgement of a student club.”
  - The motion was approved by a vote of 15-1-0. (Hand vote.)
- Senator Ahmad moved to amend “New Club Eligibility Act” portion of the “New Student Club Policies and Procedures Act”, Section 2, Definitions, by striking “Duplication of Services” and the definition following.
  - The motion was approved by a vote of 13-3-0. (Hand vote.)
- Senator Ahmad moved to amend “New Club Eligibility Act” portion of the “New Student Club Policies and Procedures Act”, Section 3, Line 1, Part 4, by striking Part 4 in its entirety.
  - The motion was approved by a vote of 12-4-0. (Hand vote.)
- Senator Ahmad moved that the Senate stand at ease.
  - The motion was approved without objection.
- Senator Cushing moved to refer the “New Student Club Policies and Procedures Act” to the “Planning and Activities Committee.”

- Senator Abraham moved to amend the motion, by replacing “Planning and Activities Committee” with “Legislative Review Committee.”
  - Senator Giraldo: I have spoken with USG counsel, and action must be taken now.
  - Senator Ahmad: This is time sensitive, and must be done tonight.
- On Senator Abraham’s motion to amend, the motion failed by a vote was 0-17-0. (Roll Call #2.)
- On Senator Cushing’s motion to refer, the motion failed by a vote of 1-16-0. (Roll Call #3.)
- Senator Ahmad moved to strike:
  - “Section 2 – Line 2; Section 3 - Lines 3 and 4; Section 4, Line 2, both instances of the word “recognition” and replace with “eligibility,” in the “New Student Club Policies and Procedures Act.”
    - Motion approved by a vote of 16-1-0. (Hand vote.)
- Senator Ahmad moved to strike, in the “New Club Eligibility Act”:
  - Section 7, Line 2 and all subsections within, and replace with: “The Special Services Council may deny eligibility for funding on the following basis – A club does not follow the procedures and policies of the Undergraduate Student Government.”
    - Motion approved by a vote of 14-3-0. (Hand vote.)
- Senator Ahmad moved to approve the “New Student Club Policies and Procedures Act” as amended.
  - Motion approved by a vote of 15-2-0. (Roll Call #4.)

**Agenda item 6.0: Special Services Council Recommendation**

**Craft Club**

- Senator Giraldo presented the SSC recommendation.
  - The Craft Center currently charges students for materials at most occasions.
  - The Craft Club would provide students the ability to create crafts free of charge.
- Senator Fanizza moves that the USG Senate grant eligibility for funding to the Craft Club.
  - Motion approved by a vote of 17-0-0. (Roll Call #5.)

**Agenda item 7.0: Judiciary Nominations**

**~~Katherine Chu~~**

**Joe Garlow**

- President Graham presented the nomination and spoke on behalf of the candidate.
  - Senator Simmons (Vetting Committee) urged the Senate to approve the nominee’s appointment to the USG Supreme Court.
- Senator Kirnbauer moved to approve the nomination of Joe Garlow to the USG Judiciary.

- Motion approved by a 17-0-0 vote. (Roll Call #6.)

#### **Malack Hamade**

- President Graham presented the nomination and spoke on behalf of the candidate.
  - Senator Simmons (Vetting Committee) spoke briefly on the Vetting Committee's assessment of the candidate.
- Senator Ahmad moved to approve the nomination of Malack Hamade to the USG Judiciary.
  - Motion approved by a 17-0-0 vote. (Roll Call #7.)

#### **Syed Karim**

#### **Michael Spinelli**

- President Graham presented the nomination and spoke on behalf of the candidate.
- Senator Kirnbauer moved to approve the nomination of Michael Spinelli to the USG Judiciary.
  - Motion approved by a 16-0-1 vote. (Roll Call #8.)

#### **Agenda item 8.0: Cheerleading Contract**

- Senator Kirnbauer presented the Cheerleading Contract.
  - Senator Ahmad: We have one minute left.
- Senator Cushing moved to adjourn.
  - The motion was agreed to without objection.
  - Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Senator	Fan	P	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senator	Fanizza	P	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senator	Giraldo	P	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senator	Hagan	P								
Senator	Kashan	P	Y							
Senator	Khan	P	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senator	Kirnbauer	P	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senator	Leyfman	P	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Abstain
Proxy	Pameray	P	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senator	Myers	P								
Senator	Rampersad	P	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senator	Rustemi	Late (7:18 pm)		N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senator	Simmons	P	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senator	Stratoudakis	Absent								
Senator	Sohi	P	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Proxy	Anziano	P	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Total:	17 present and	17-0-0	0-17-0	1-16-0	15-2-0	17-0-0	17-0-0	17-0-0	16-0-1
	Decision:	voting	Passes	Fails	Fails	Passes	Passes	Passes	Passes	Passes