

## MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

### USG Senate Meeting

Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:13 pm. Meeting held in SAC Ballroom B.

#### Agenda item 1.0: Attendance

The roll was called:

Senator Allen Abraham	Present
Senator Tahir Ahmad	Late – 7:31 pm
Senator Ory Baum	Present ; Left at 8:30 pm – Returned at 8:31 pm
Senator Spenser Cushing	Present
Senator Samuel Cushner	Present
Senator Ray Fan	Present
Senator Frank Fanizza	Present
Senator Christian Giraldo	Present
Senator Mahyar Kashan	Present ; Left at 9:01 pm
Senator Sidrah Khan	Present ; Left at 9:22 pm
Senator Thomas Kirnbauer	Present
Senator Yan Leyfman	Present by Proxy (Michelle Idrees)
Senator Deborah Machalow	Present
Senator Kirin Mahmud (PPT)	Present
Senator Shivani Rampersad	Present
Senator Masood Rustemi	Present

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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.

Senator Najee Simmons	Present
Senator Harminder Singh	Present by Proxy (Moiz Khan) (Late – 8:18 pm)
Senator Priya Sohi	Absent
Senator Michael Spinelli	Present
Senator Peter Stratoudakis	Absent
Senator Russell Williams	Present

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President Matthew Graham	Late – 7:58 pm
Executive Vice President Alexander Dimitriyadi (Chair)	Present
Treasurer Mark	Present
Vice President of Academic Affairs Forbes	Present
Vice President of Clubs and Organizations Jennifer Chan	Absent
Vice President of Communications David Mazza	Present
Vice President of Student Life Peter Molloy	Absent
Senior Class Representative Dexter Daniel	Late – 8:29 pm
Junior Class Representative Emilissa Trotman	Absent
Sophomore Class Representative Neville Hall Jr.	Late – 8:18 pm
Freshman Class Representative Rodriguez	Absent

Quorum established.

Agenda item 2.0: Announcements

The Chair announced that item 10.0 on the agenda should be “Statesman Contract.”

The Chair announced that this is the last meeting of the semester. Tentatively, meetings in the Spring semester shall be held from 7-9 pm on Thursdays. No room has yet been reserved.

Agenda item 3.0: Approval of the Minutes from 12/2/2010

- Senator Abraham moved to approve the minutes.
  - Approved without objection.

**Agenda item 4.0: Appropriations Act #6 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

- Senator Khan presented Appropriations Act #6.
- Senator Machalow moved to approve the “Appropriations Act #6 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.”
  - Senator Rampersad: If the Rugby team makes it to the Nationals, they will feature on CBS.
  - Vote on the main motion: 16-0-2. (Roll Call #1.) Motion passes.

**Agenda item 5.0: Appropriations Act #9 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

- Senator Kirnbauer introduced Appropriations Act #9.
- Senator Fanizza moved to approve the “Appropriations Act #9 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.”
- No debate.
  - Vote on the main motion: 17-0-1. (Roll Call #2.) Motion passes.

**Agenda item 6.0: Appropriations Act #22 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

- Senator Kirnbauer introduced Appropriations Act #22.
- Senator Abraham moved to approve the “Appropriations Act #22 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.”
- No debate.
  - Vote on the main motion: 18-0-0. (Roll Call #3.) Motion passes.

**Agenda item 7.0: Appropriations Act #5 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

- EVP Dimitriyadi introduced Appropriations Act #5.
  - EVP Dimitriyadi relinquished the Chair.
  - PPT Mahmud assumed the Chair.
- Senator Machalow moved to approve the “Appropriations Act #5 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.”
- No debate.
  - Vote on the main motion: 14-1-2. (Roll Call #4.) Motion passes.
- EVP Dimitriyadi resumed the Chair.

**Agenda item 8.0: Appropriations Act #11 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

- Vice President for Clubs and Organizations Chan introduced Appropriations Act #11.
- Senator Khan moved to approve the “Appropriations Act #11 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.”
- Debate:
  - Executive Council projects are voted upon by the Executive Council, to support programs in the university or to run its own programs.
  - What kinds of programs will this fund exactly?
    - This is a discretionary spending fund. The nature of the programs is not known. Without having funds, however, EC members could not fund any programs.
  - How much does the Leadership / Budget Workshop cost?
    - Around \$3000 on food and supplies. Costs are kept to a minimum.

- Executive Council can also fund club proposals.
- Which EC member is responsible for making these appropriations?
  - Any EC member can bring forth a proposal. It requires a majority of the EC to approve such a proposal.
- VP Forbes: I hope you guys are in favor.
- Vote on the main motion: 18-0-1. (Roll Call #5.) Motion passes.

**Agenda item 9.0: Undergraduate Student Government Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corp Contract 2010-2011**

- Treasurer Mark presented the contract.
  - Senator Khan moved to approve the “Undergraduate Student Government Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corp Contract 2010-2011.”
  - On the motion: 18-1-0. Motion passes.

**Agenda item 10.0: Undergraduate Student Government Statesman Contract 2010-2011**

- Treasurer Mark presented the contract.
- Senator Machalow moved to amend “Statesmen” wherever it appears in the contract to “Statesman.”
- The contract was amended to reflect “2010-2011” instead of “2009-2010,” without objection.
- Senator Machalow moved to amend the contract, to reflect that the newly elected Treasurer be the official entrusted to sign the contract.
  - Approved without objection.
- Senator Abraham moved to approve the Undergraduate Student Government Statesman Contract 2010-2011.
  - On the motion: 18-1-0. Motion passes.

**Agenda item 11.0: Science Fiction Forum Grant**

- Treasurer Mark presented the grant application.
- Senator Ahmad: Has the Science Fiction Forum obtained approval from the relevant building facilities manager regarding their furniture request?
  - Yes, a week after the grant was first introduced on the USG Senate floor; the Science Fiction Forum obtained the proper approval from the Union building’s facilities manager.
- Senator Ahmad moved to approve the “Science Fiction Forum Grant.”
  - On the motion: 19-0-0. (Roll Call #6.) Motion passes.

**Agenda item 12.0: Merit Raise Act**

- EVP Dimitriyadi presented the act.
  - EVP Dimitriyadi relinquished the Chair. PPT Mahmud assumed the Chair.
- Debate:

- If an employee leaves and is re-hired, they would begin again at the base rate.
- Senator Fan moved to approve the “Merit Raise Act.”
  - On the motion: 14-2-2. Motion passes.
- EVP Dimitriyadi resumed the Chair.

**Agenda item 13.0: December 2010 Unrecognized Club De-Funding Act**

- Treasurer Mark presented the act.
- Debate:
  - Have the unrecognized clubs been notified regarding this act?
    - No, but we do not know who their E-board members are, as they are unrecognized.
  - Is this act just defunding them, or dissolving them as well?
    - It is just defunding them.
- Senator Spinelli moved to amend the “December 2010 Unrecognized Club De-Funding Act” by striking Section 2, “3. Scuba Club.”
  - How much money is earmarked for the Scuba Club?
    - \$6,500.
  - On the motion to amend: 1-17-1. Motion fails.
- Senator Fanizza moved to approve the “December 2010 Unrecognized Club De-Funding Act.”
  - On the motion to approve: 18-0-1. Motion passes.

**Agenda item 14.0: Funded Organization Documentation Act**

- Senator Abraham introduced the act.
  - Senator Khan moved to approve the “Funded Organization Documentation Act.”
  - On the motion: 19-0-0. Motion passes.

**Agenda item 15.0: Committee on Technological Advancement**

- Item 15.0 postponed without objection.
- Item 17.0 moved to Item 15.9, without objection.

**Agenda item 15.9: Open Agenda**

- Senator Machalow introduced a resolution entitled: “Senate Resolution to Save Dave Maynard.”
  - Senator Fan moved to adopt the resolution.
  - On the motion: 19-0-0. Resolution adopted.
- Senator Cushing congratulated the newly elected USG officials.
- Senator Fan moved that the USG Senate move into Executive Session, to consider disciplinary action.
  - Decision: 16-3-0. Motion approved.

- The Chair announced that those attending in the gallery must now vacate the SAC Ballroom B, as an Executive Session has been approved.
- The USG Senate stood at ease at 8:03 pm.

Agenda item 16.0: **Executive Session** (*Disciplinary Action*)

- Meeting called back to order at 8:18 pm.
- The Chair announced that all those present in the Executive Session should not reveal the contents of what is discussed.
- Senator Abraham moved to end the Executive Session, without objection.
- Senator Abraham moved to enter into Executive Session, for potential disciplinary action.
  - Vote: 13-6-1. Motion approved.
- Motion to suspend the rules to remove the 2-hour time limit on the meeting.
  - Vote: 14-6-0. 2/3 majority achieved. Motion passes.
- Senator Cushing moved to end the Executive Session.
  - Vote: 9-9-1. Chair voted in the negative. Final vote: 9-10-1. Motion fails.
- Senator Giraldo moved to end the Executive Session.
  - Vote: 18-0-0. Motion passes.

Agenda item 15.0: **Committee on Technological Advancement**

- Any gallery members still present outside the chamber were invited back in.
- Proxy Moiz Khan presented the resolution.
  - Senator Ahmad moved to adopt the resolution “Committee on Technological Advancement.”
    - Motion passes by a vote of 17-1-0.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

	Roll Call #1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Abraham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ahmad	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	A	Y
Baum	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cushing	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cuhner	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fan	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fanizza	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Giraldo	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y
Kashan	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Khan	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kirnbauer	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Proxy Idrees	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Machalow	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mahmud	Y	Y	Y	*	Y	Y
Rampersad	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rustemi	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Simmons	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Spinelli	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y
Williams	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Total:	16-0-2	17-0-1	18-1-0	14-1-2	18-0-1	19-0-0
Decision:	Passes	Passes	Passes	Passes	Passes	Passes

**Y = Yes; N = No; A = Abstain; Ab = Absent**

**Total is in Y-N-A format.**

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\*Senator Mahmud, in her capacity as President Pro-Tempore, chaired the meeting during roll call #4. As there was no tie, PPT Mahmud did not vote during roll call #4.