Stony Brook University Undergraduate Student Government Senate Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM in SAC Ballroom B, Executive VP John Kriscenski presiding.

	<u>Present</u>	Absent	Late/leaving early	Excused
Abrishamian, Tiffany				X
Ahmad, Tahir		X		
Baum, Ory	X			
Benelyahoo, Aharon				X
Bose, Aneta	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		X		
McCarthy, Craig	X			
Russo, Joseph	X			
Total	17	2		2

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Non-voting members				
President Wilson		X		
Treasurer Moiz Khan	X			
VP of Communications Mazza	X			
VP of Academic Affairs Forbes		X		
VP of Clubs/Orgs Reji			Arrived 7:40 pm	
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

- -Leadership Day is this Saturday 3/20/10.
- -Sen. Lanza has resigned. Please forward resumes of potential replacements to President Pro Tempore Haq and President Wilson.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes from 3/09/2010

-Sen. McCarthy made a motion to amend Sec. 6.0 to read 'regional' instead of 'state.' Seconded and passed without objection. Sen. Hand made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Seconded and passed without objection.

4.0 Special Services Council Allocations: SSC Chair Mashouf presented the allocations.

- -Stony Brook Independent: \$1484.74. Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the allocation. Seconded. After no debate, a vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously (17-0-0).
- -Society of Women Engineers: \$375. A brief discussion was held. Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the allocation. Seconded. After no debate, a vote was taken and the motion carried (16-0-1).

5.0 Grants (supplied by Budget Committee), presented by Treasurer Khan

-Motorsports: \$8780. A discussion was held. Sen. Graber made a motion to approve the grant. Seconded. After no debate, a vote was taken and the grant was approved unanimously (17-0-0).

-SAB: \$34,699. Sen. Dimitriyadi made a motion to approve the grant. Seconded. After no debate, a vote was taken and the grant was approved unanimously (17-0-0).

6.0 Struck by EVP

7.0 Resolution of Engineering Quad Flooding Problem: Presented by Sen. Cushing

-Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded. Sen. Machalow made a motion to make several corrections: insert 'potentially' in line 4 after 'weather'; insert 'accumulated' before water in line 5; capitalize 'Heavy Engineering' in line 6; strike everything after 'water' and insert 'as the water floods and students walk across it, attempting to avoid the puddle' in line 6. Seconded. After no debate, a vote was taken and the amendments were approved unanimously (17-0-0). After no further debate, a vote was taken on the amended resolution and it was passed unanimously (17-0-0).

8.0 Elections Board Nominations

-Julian Cordero: Presented by Sen. Dimitriyadi. A brief discussion was held. Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the candidate. Seconded. After a brief debate a vote was taken and Mr. Cordero was confirmed (14-1-2).

-Frantz Lamothe: A brief discussion was held. Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the candidate. Seconded. After brief debate a vote was taken and Mr. Lamothe was confirmed (15-1-1).

9.0 2010 Establishment of Identity Act: Presented by Sen. Dimitriyadi.

-Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the Act. Seconded. Sen. Geckle made a motion to add 'and sbusg.org' to the end of Section 5. Seconded. After a brief debate, a vote was taken and the amendment carried (11-4-2). Sen. Graber made a motion to strike '2010' from the title and short title of the act. Seconded. After no debate a vote was taken and the amendment carried (15-2-0). Sen. Cushing made a motion to strike Section 4 and renumber accordingly. Seconded. A debate was held. Sen. Khan called the question (passed, 16-1-0). A vote was taken on the amendment and it failed (4-12-1). After no further debate, a vote was taken and the act was approved (15-2-0).

10.0 2010 Clarity of Legislation Act: Presented by Sen. Dimitriyadi.

-Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the Act. Seconded. Debate was held. Sen. Graber made a motion to strike 2010 from the title and short title. Seconded. After no debate a vote was taken and the amendment carried (14-1-2). Sen. Machalow made a motion to strike 'aformentioned guidelines' and replace it with 'criteria laid out in Sect. 3 of this Act' in Sect. 4. Seconded. A discussion was held on the amendment. After further clarification this change was actually made in subcommittee and the motion was discarded without objection. Sen. Graber

made a motion to strike everything after 'the' in Section 4 and replace it with 'aforementioned criteria.' Seconded. After no debate, the amendment carried (13-4-0). Sen. Machalow made a motion to amend the short title to insert 'Intent' before 'Act'. Seconded. After no debate, a vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. After no further debate, a vote was taken and the act was approved unanimously (17-0-0).

11.0 Amendment to the Commission on Constitutional Reform Act: Presented by Sen. Dimitriyadi.

-Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the Act. Seconded. Sen. Graber made a motion to insert 2010 in the title and Sect. 1. Seconded. After a brief debate, a vote was taken and the motion failed (3-13-1). After no further debate, a vote was taken on the original motion and the amendment carried unanimously (17-0-0).

12.0 Open Agenda

-Business from the Senate:

VP Reji spoke about Leadership Day (3/20/2010): 10-2 pm. Sen. McCarthy spoke about the Stony Brook vs. Illinois NIT game this Wednesday (3/17/2010). Go Seawolves!

-Business from the Gallery:

NYPIRG Rep: Lobby day was held in Albany last week. It was a great success. Over 60 people attended a student action day 2 weeks ago.

A student speaker spoke out against PHEEIA.

Executive VP Kriscenski adjourned the meeting at 7:55PM.