# University at Buffalo Student Association Inc.

# **Senate Meeting Minutes**

April 12, 2022

# Capen 567

### **Present**

Nicholas Singh, President; Austin Wolfgang\*\*, Treasurer; Tyler Herman, Senate Chair; Nathan Cottom, Academic Coordinator; Emma Elliot, Engineering Coordinator; Justin Barnes, Sports Coordinator; Krish Thakkar, Senator; Fatoumata Camara, Senator; Madison Nitsche, Senator; Ian Roma, Senator; Jessica Ellis\*\*, Senator

### **Absent**

Montana Desabio, Vice President; Josephina Nimarko, Student Affairs Director; Jason Li, Hobby Coordinator; Cassandra Ramsay, International Coordinator; Liryc Lewis, POC Coordinator; Afreen Tanisha, Special Interest Coordinator; Fatou Diop, Senator; Aastha Pandey, Senator; Khan Yasin, Senator

## Guests

William Eaton, SA Chief of Staff; Joshua Korman, SA Attorney; Mohrael Attia, SA Media and Marketing Director; Cole Fredericks, SA Assistant Director of Health and Wellness; Trevor Barnes

### Call to Order

Tyler Herman, Senate Chair, calls the meeting to order at 7:18 pm

## **Approval of Minutes**

I. Tyler Herman, Senate Chair, presents the Senate Meeting Minutes for March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for approval

Motion to approve Senate Meeting Minutes for March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 by Nicholas Singh

Second Madison Nitsche

Without objection, the motion passes by unanimous consent

Conclusion: Senate Meeting Minutes for March 29, 2022, approved

Motion to move old business to after new business on the agenda by Nicholas Singh

Second Justin

Without objection, the motion passes by unanimous consent

Conclusion: Agenda updated to move old business to after new business

# **New Business**

- I. Tyler Herman, Senate Chair, presents the appointment of Jessica Ellis to the Senate to fill a vacancy for consideration
  - a. Motion to approve Jessica Ellis as a new Senator by Nicholas Singh,

#### Second Emma Elliot

Nicholas Singh Yes

Austin Wolfgang Yes

Nathan Cottom Yes

Emma Elliott Yes

Justin Barnes Yes

Fatoumata Camara Yes

Madison Nitsche Yes

Krish Thakkar Yes

Ian Roma Yes

Tyler Herman Abstain

9 Favor, 0 Against, 1 Abstain

# Conclusion: Jessica Ellis approved as a New Senator

# \*\* Jessica Ellis becomes a voting member of the Senate

II. Austin Wolfgang, Treasurer, presents Budget Adjustment #10 for review and approval

Motion to approve budget adjustment #10 by Austin Wolfgang

Second Justin Barnes

Without objection, the motion passes by unanimous consent

Conclusion: Budget Adjustment #10 approved

## **Old Business**

I. Tyler Herman, Chair, presents Bylaw Amendment Resolution for review and approval

Motion to approve Bylaw Amendment Resolution by Nathen Cottom Second Justin Barnes

Nicholas Singh Yes

Nathan Cottom Yes

Emma Elliott Abstain

Justin Barnes Yes

Fatoumata Camara Yes

Madison Nitsche Yes

Krish Thakkar Abstain

Ian Roma Abstain

Jessica Ellis Abstain

Tyler Herman Abstain

<sup>\*\*</sup> Austin Wolfgang Leaves Meeting at 8:07pm

5 Favor, 0 Against, 5 Abstain

Conclusion: Bylaw Amendment Resolution does not pass

Motion to suspend Rules of Procedure and Robert's Rules of Order to allow for a revote on the Bylaw Amendment Resolution by Krish Thakkar

Second Fatoumata Camara

Without objection, the motion passes by unanimous consent

Conclusion: Rules of Procedure and Robert's Rules of Order Suspended to allow for a revote the Bylaw Amendment Resolution

**Discussion Ensues** 

Motion to approve Bylaw Amendment Resolution by Madison Nitsche

Second Justin Barnes

Nicholas Singh Yes

Nathan Cottom Yes

Emma Elliott Yes

Justin Barnes Yes

Fatoumata Camara Yes

Madison Nitsche Yes

Krish Thakkar Yes

Ian Roma Yes

Jessica Ellis Yes

Tyler Herman Abstain

9 Favor, 0 Against, 1 Abstain

Conclusion: Bylaw Amendment Resolution approved

# Adjournment

I. Motion to Adjourn meeting by Krish Thakkar

Second Madison Nitsche

Without objection, the motion passes by unanimous consent

Conclusion: Meeting of the Senate Committee Adjourned at 8:48pm

#### Instructions:

This form must be completed for all budget adjustments. This from must be signed by the President, Treasurer and Campus Designee.

### Detailed description of budget adjustment:

## SA Budget Adjustment #10

Account Number:	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budget Amount</b>	Adjustment Amount	Adjusted Budget	
002-1100-4155	Staff Development	14,000.00	14,000.00	28,000.00 N	Money to Staff Development
002-1100-2101	Capital Equipment Purchases	309,531.26	(24,000.00)	285,531.26 N	Money to Staff Development
002-1708-4118	Sound A/E	5,000.00	3,000.00	8,000.00	Money to Sound A/E
002-1100-4105	Office Supplies	27,000.00	(3,000.00)	24,000.00 N	Money to Sound A/E
002-1100-4455	Technology	22,000.00	10,000.00	32,000.00 N	Money to Technology
002-1500-4118	Academic A/E	500.00	500.00	1,000.00 A	Academic Supplemental Funding
002-1500-4120	Academic Supplemental Funding	850.33	(500.00)	350.33 A	Academic Supplemental Funding
002-1600-4766	African SA	26,481.94	5,000.00	31,481.94 S	Senate Supplemental Funding
002-1501-4721	AIAA	16,682.68	3,000.00	19,682.68 S	Senate Supplemental Funding
002-1251-4120	Senate Cosponsorship	12,155.33	7,061.36	19,216.69 S	Senate Supplemental Funding and Money from Derecognized clubs
002-1900-4281	Ultimate Frisbee	12,974.36	950.00	13,924.36 S	Sports Supplemental Funding
002-1900-4120	Sports Supplemental Funding	1,400.00	(950.00)	450.00 S	Sports Supplemental Funding
002-1403-4120	Hobby Supplemental Funding	3,200.00	(200.00)	3,000.00 H	Hobby Supplemental Funding
002-1401-4922	Pilots Grant	6,954.82	(441.56)	6,513.26 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1403-4225	Photo Grant	4,401.49	(16.03)	4,385.46 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1403-4236	Badminton Grant	1,703.82	(572.23)	1,131.59 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1403-4295	Musicians	2,031.49	200.00	2,231.49 H	Hobby Supplemental Funding
002-1403-4295	Musicians Grant	2,231.49	(2.59)	2,228.90 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1403-4429	Glee Grant	1,034.06	(4.46)	1,029.60 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1403-4438	Chess Grant	1,871.62	(73.20)	1,798.42 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1403-4445	Mock Trial Grant	3,735.07	(2.85)	3,732.22 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1500-4865	Exercies Science Grant	5,453.33	(1,839.20)	3,614.13 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1501-4812	ESW Grant	16,492.29	(100.29)	16,392.00 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1900-4240	Judo Grant	2,547.00	(169.26)	2,377.74 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1900-4246	Womens Lacrosse Grant	9,824.72	(53.16)	9,771.56 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1900-4245	Mens Rugby Grant	42,059.65	(8,000.00)	34,059.65 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1900-4273	Mens Soccer Grant	4,998.21	(147.99)	4,850.22 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1900-4278	Table Tennis Grant	4,083.81	(745.45)	3,338.36 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1900-4284	Women's Volleyball Grant	13,002.69	(1,820.50)	11,182.19 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1900-4287	Wrestling Grant	3,000.00	(2,629.48)	370.52 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1204-4195	Programming/Equipment	-	16,618.25	16,618.25 R	Remaining Fall Grant Fund Return
002-1500-4321	Statistics club	200.00	(200.00)	- C	Derecognized
002-1500-4352	oSTEM	547.22	(547.22)	- <u>C</u>	Derecognized
002-1500-4703	Anthropology	180.00	(180.00)	- D	Derecognized
002-1403-4279	Spikeball	300.00	(300.00)	- C	Derecognized
002-1403-4471	Culinary Club	0.01	(0.01)	- C	Derecognized - Budget reduced from 600 to .01 (599.99)
002-1403-4580	Breakdance Club	0.01	(0.01)	- C	Derecognized - Budget reduced from 2000 to .01 (1,999.99)
002-1500-4887	SAACS	0.01	(0.01)	- C	Derecognized - Budget reduced from 200 to .01 (199.99)
002-1500-4894	Pharmacology and Toxicology	0.01	(0.01)	- C	Derecognized - Budget Reduced from 50 to .01 (49.99)

002-1403-4549	Swing Dance	0.01	(0.01)	-	Derecognized - Budget Reduced from 650 to .01	(649.99)
002-1403-4484	Smash Cliub	0.01	(0.01)	-	Derecognized - Budget Reduced from 240 to .01	(239.99)
002-1403-4263	Pro DJs	262.84	(262.84)	-	Derecognized	
002-1403-4358	Dancesport	0.01	(0.01)	-	Derecognized - Budget Reduced from 300 to .01	(299.99)
002-1401-4685	United Nations	0.01	(0.01)	-	Derecognized - Budget Reduced from 400 to .01	(399.99)
002-1401-4398	Sci Fi and Fantasy	0.01	(0.01)	-	Derecognized - Budget Reduced from 250 to .01	(249.99)
002-1401-4659	College Republicans	0.01	(0.01)	-	Derecognized - Budget Redueced from 1250 to .01	(1,249.99)
002-1300-4507	Poder	0.01	(0.01)	-	Derecognized - Budget Reduced from 1200 to .01	(1,199.99)
002-1600-4431	Thai	87.30	(87.30)	-	Derecognized	
002-1600-4787	Polish SA	0.01	(0.01)	-	Derecognized - Budget Reduced from 750 to .01	(749.99)
002-1403-4393	UB Poets	0.01	(0.01)	-	Derecognized - Budget Reduced from 350 to .01	(349.99)
002-1600-4808	Japanese SA	5,144.00	(5,144.00)	-	Derecognized	
002-1403-4267	Arts and Crafts	0.01	(0.01)	-	Derecognized - Budget Reduced from 100 to .01	(99.99)
n/a	previously reduced budget amounts	-	(8,339.86)	-	previously reduced budget amounts	(8,339.86)
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Treasurer:		Name (please print)			Austin Wolfgang	
	Signature			Date		12-Apr
Officer:		Name (please print)			Nicholas Singh	
	Signature			Date		12-Apr
Campus designee:		Name (please print)				
	Signature			Date		
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## **Bylaws Amendment Resolutions**

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 5.02(a)(ix) of the By-Laws of University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. ("SA") shall be amended and replaced as follows:

Shall have the power to lawfully direct the SA staff, except that the President cannot overrule the SA Administrative Director on any safety matter.

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 5.02(e)(iii) of the By-Laws of University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. ("SA") shall be amended and replaced as follows:

Except where otherwise stated herein, all Student Association appointments shall be made by 2 out of the 3 Student Association Officers (one of whom must be the President). All appointments to student positions shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the spring semester final examination period, unless a different term is stated in the SA By-Laws or if the appointee ceases to be eligible to hold such position. During the spring semester, the Officers may re-appoint SA student staff members to their positions or other SA staff positions for the following term. Appointees may be removed by 2 out of 3 SA Officers (one of whom must be the President) with or without cause. The preceding sentence shall not extend to removal of Officers appointed to fill a vacancy. The Officers may (but are not required to) act via a meeting to appoint or remove appointees; Officers may also act to appoint or remove appointees via written declaration of the SA President and 1 of the 2 other Officers (with no formal notice required for this limited purpose).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 7.01(f) shall be removed from the By-Laws of University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. ("SA") and any subsequent provisions renumbered accordingly;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that Section 7.01(g) of the SA By-Laws, under the new numbering (being Section 7.01(h)) under the current numbering) shall be amended and replaced as follows:

The Senate shall have the power to grant an extension of time for any budgetary deadline. If any of the steps outlined under Section 7.01(a)-Section 7.01(d) shall fail to occur, such failure shall not affect or abridge the rights of the Senate or Executive Committee pursuant to Section 7.01(e) or Section 7.01(g) to pass a budget.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that Section 7.02(b) of the SA By-Laws shall be amended and replaced as follows:

Compensation rates for student staff positions must be approved by the Senate and may be changed by the Senate (any such changes to take effect the following fiscal year). Compensation rates shall not require re-approval if they remain unchanged. The Senate's approval of a wage rate shall not be deemed to mean that the SA Officers must appoint someone to any position.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that Section 7.02(c-f) shall be removed from the SA By-Laws;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that Underlining used in the foregoing provisions is for convenience of reference here only, and such text will not be underlined in the amended SA By-Laws; text struck through used in the foregoing provisions shall be removed from the SA By-Laws.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing resolutions shall take effect immediately.