

University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. Senate Meeting

## October 30, 2024 - 5:00 PM

## Student Union Room 378, University at Buffalo North Campus Amherst, NY 14260

## Present

Samin Bhuya, SA President; Louis Poon, SA Treasurer; Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson; Veronica Faltisco, Academic Council Coordinator; Nithya Santhapriya, Engineering Council Coordinator; Joan Liu, International Council Coordinator; Stephanie Kacou, P.O.C. Council Coordinator; Aidan Sumrall\*, Special Interest Council Coordinator; Tyler Herman, SA Student Affairs Director; Benjamin Lau, Senator; TJ Ledwith, Senator; Joseph Pawelczyk, Senator; Cole DeVantier, Senator; Jack Koscinski, Senator.

Asterisk (\*) indicates member arrived late or left prior to adjournment.

## Absent

Killian Hannigan, SA Vice President; Jacob Murphy, Hobby Council Coordinator; Ashrith Rao, Sports Council Coordinator; Kayla Yan, Senator; Amadou Dieng, Senator.

## Call to Order

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, calls the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, proceeds to call the roll.

| Samin Bhuya        | Present |
|--------------------|---------|
| Killian Hannigan   | Absent  |
| Louis Poon         | Present |
| Gavin Krauciunas   | Present |
| Tyler Herman       | Present |
| Veronica Faltisco  | Present |
| Nithya Santhapriya | Present |
| Jacob Murphy       | Absent  |
| Joan Liu           | Present |



| Stephanie Kacou      | Present |
|----------------------|---------|
| Aidan Sumrall        | Absent  |
| Ashrith Rao          | Absent  |
| Kayla Yan            | Absent  |
| Benjamin Lau         | Present |
| TJ Ledwith           | Present |
| Joseph Pawelczyk     | Present |
| Cole DeVantier       | Present |
| Jack Koscinski       | Present |
| Amadou Dieng         | Absent  |
| 13 Present, 6 Absent |         |

Finding a quorum is present, the Senate proceeds with the order of business.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces October 16, 2024 Senate Meeting Minutes for consideration.

Motion to approve October 16, 2024 Senate Meeting Minutes by Samin Bhuya; second Benjamin Lau.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

\*\*Result: October 16, 2024 Senate Meeting Minutes are approved.\*\*

#### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Budget Adjustment #24-7.

Motion to approve Budget Adjustment #24-7 by Jack Koscinski; second Samin Bhuya.

| Samin Bhuya      | Yes |
|------------------|-----|
| Louis Poon       | Yes |
| Gavin Krauciunas | Yes |
| Tyler Herman     | Yes |

| Veronica Faltisco       | Yes |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Nithya Santhapriya      | Yes |
| Joan Liu                | Yes |
| Stephanie Kacou         | Yes |
| Benjamin Lau            | Yes |
| TJ Ledwith              | Yes |
| Joseph Pawelczyk        | Yes |
| Cole DeVantier          | Yes |
| Jack Koscinski          | Yes |
| 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain |     |

Motion to approve Budget Adjustment #24-7 passes 13-0-0.

#### \*\*Result: Budget Adjustment #24-7 is approved.\*\*

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Resolution 2024-2025 - S#3 ("Resolution to Adopt Temporary Rule of Procedure") for consideration.

Motion to deny Resolution 2024-2025 - S#3 by Samin Bhuya; second Gavin Krauciunas.

| Samin Bhuya        | Yes     |
|--------------------|---------|
| Louis Poon         | Yes     |
| Gavin Krauciunas   | Yes     |
| Tyler Herman       | Yes     |
| Veronica Faltisco  | Yes     |
| Nithya Santhapriya | Yes     |
| Joan Liu           | Yes     |
| Stephanie Kacou    | Yes     |
| Benjamin Lau       | Yes     |
| TJ Ledwith         | Yes     |
| Joseph Pawelczyk   | Yes     |
| Cole DeVantier     | Yes     |
| Jack Koscinski     | Abstain |

12 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain

Motion to deny Resolution 2024-2025 - S#3 passes 12-0-1.

#### \*\*Result: Resolution 2024-2025 - S#3 is denied.\*\*

#### \*\*Aidan Sumrall, Special Interest Council Coordinator, enters at 5:10 PM.\*\*

Samin Bhuya, SA President, addresses the Senate, reminding the Senate that any following votes are not an election of prospective Senators to the Senate, and are instead votes to select prospective Senators for placement by the Senate Chairperson on a resolution to elect to fill Senate vacancies at the following Senate meeting.

Motion to provide each prospective Senator up to three minutes to introduce themselves to the Senate by Samin Bhuya; second Jack Koscinski.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

## \*\*Result: Each prospective Senator is provided up to three minutes to introduce themselves to the Senate.\*\*

Jake Figueiredo addresses the Senate.

Saqib Khan addresses the Senate.

Brendan O'Leary addresses the Senate.

Sheryl Smith addresses the Senate.

John Stanton addresses the Senate.

Tiffany Verdugo addresses the Senate.

Ryder Albano addresses the Senate.

Adam Bilali addresses the Senate.

Motion to enter a question-and-answer period, in which each prospective Senator is provided up to three minutes to answer questions from the Senate by Samin Bhuya; second Jack Koscinski.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

\*\*Result: The Senate enters a question-and-answer period, in which each prospective Senator is provided up to three minutes to answer questions from the Senate.\*\*

Jake Figueiredo addresses the Senate.

Saqib Khan addresses the Senate.

Brendan O'Leary addresses the Senate.

Sheryl Smith addresses the Senate.

John Stanton addresses the Senate.

Tiffany Verdugo addresses the Senate.

Ryder Albano addresses the Senate.

Adam Bilali addresses the Senate.

Motion to enter a five-minute recess by Samin Bhuya; second Louis Poon.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

#### \*\*Result: The Senate enters a five-minute recess at 5:58 PM.\*\*

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, calls the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, proceeds to call the roll.

| Samin Bhuya        | Present |
|--------------------|---------|
| Killian Hannigan   | Absent  |
| Louis Poon         | Present |
| Gavin Krauciunas   | Present |
| Tyler Herman       | Present |
| Veronica Faltisco  | Present |
| Nithya Santhapriya | Present |
| Jacob Murphy       | Absent  |
| Joan Liu           | Present |
| Stephanie Kacou    | Present |
| Aidan Sumrall      | Present |
| Ashrith Rao        | Absent  |
| Kayla Yan          | Absent  |
| Benjamin Lau       | Present |
| TJ Ledwith         | Present |
| Joseph Pawelczyk   | Present |
| Cole DeVantier     | Present |
| Jack Koscinski     | Present |

Amadou Dieng

Absent

14 Present, 5 Absent

Finding a quorum is present, the Senate proceeds with the order of business.

Will Eaton, SA Contract Assistant, addresses the Senate, reminding the Senate that any following votes are not an election of prospective Senators to the Senate, and are instead votes to select prospective Senators for placement by the Senate Chairperson on a resolution to elect to fill Senate vacancies at the following Senate meeting.

Motion to enter a period of roll call voting, where each Senator may vote for up to four prospective Senators for the Senate Chairperson to put on a resolution to elect to fill Senate vacancies at the following Senate meeting by Samin Bhuya; second Aidan Sumrall.

| Samin Bhuya             | Yes |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Louis Poon              | Yes |
| Gavin Krauciunas        | Yes |
| Tyler Herman            | Yes |
| Veronica Faltisco       | Yes |
| Nithya Santhapriya      | Yes |
| Joan Liu                | Yes |
| Stephanie Kacou         | Yes |
| Aidan Sumrall           | Yes |
| Benjamin Lau            | Yes |
| TJ Ledwith              | Yes |
| Joseph Pawelczyk        | Yes |
| Cole DeVantier          | Yes |
| Jack Koscinski          | Yes |
| 14 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain |     |

Motion to enter a period of roll call voting, where each Senator may vote for up to four prospective Senators for the Senate Chairperson to put on a resolution to elect to fill Senate vacancies at the following Senate meeting passes 14-0-0.

\*\*Result: The Senate enters a period of roll call voting, where each Senator may vote for up to four prospective Senators for the Senate Chairperson to put on a resolution to elect to fill Senate vacancies at the following Senate meeting.\*\*

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, proceeds to call the roll.

| Samin Bhuya        | Saqib Khan, Sheryl Smith, Ryder Albano                      |
|--------------------|---|
| Louis Poon         | Saqib Khan, Sheryl Smith, Ryder Albano                      |
| Gavin Krauciunas   | Saqib Khan, Sheryl Smith, Ryder<br>Albano, John Stanton     |
| Tyler Herman       | Saqib Khan, Sheryl Smith, Ryder<br>Albano, Adam Bilali      |
| Veronica Faltisco  | Saqib Khan, Sheryl Smith, Tiffany<br>Verdugo, Adam Bilali   |
| Nithya Santhapriya | Saqib Khan, Sheryl Smith, John<br>Stanton, Ryder Albano     |
| Joan Liu           | Saqib Khan, Sheryl Smith, Ryder<br>Albano, Adam Bilali      |
| Stephanie Kacou    | Saqib Khan, Tiffany Verdugo, Adam<br>Bilali, Sheryl Smith   |
| Aidan Sumrall      | Jake Figueiredo, Sheryl Smith, John<br>Stanton, Adam Bilali |
| Benjamin Lau       | Tiffany Verdugo, Ryder Albano, Saqib<br>Khan, Sheryl Smith  |
| TJ Ledwith         | Saqib Khan  |
| Joseph Pawelczyk   | Saqib Khan, John Stanton, Tiffany<br>Verdugo, Adam Bilali   |
| Cole DeVantier     | Saqib Khan, John Stanton                                    |
| Jack Koscinski     | Saqib Khan, John Stanton, Tiffany<br>Verdugo, Ryder Albano  |

# \*\*Result: Jake Figueiredo: 1, Saqib Khan: 13, Brendan O'Leary: 0, Sheryl Smith: 10, John Stanton: 6, Tiffany Verdugo: 5, Ryder Albano: 8, Adam Bilali: 6\*\*

Motion to enter a period of roll call voting, where each Senator may vote for either John Stanton, Adam Bilali, or abstain, to be put on a resolution to elect to fill Senate vacancies at the following Senate meeting by Samin Bhuya; second Joseph Pawelczyk.

| Samin Bhuya             | Yes |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Louis Poon              | Yes |
| Gavin Krauciunas        | Yes |
| Tyler Herman            | Yes |
| Veronica Faltisco       | Yes |
| Nithya Santhapriya      | Yes |
| Joan Liu                | Yes |
| Stephanie Kacou         | Yes |
| Aidan Sumrall           | Yes |
| Benjamin Lau            | Yes |
| TJ Ledwith              | Yes |
| Joseph Pawelczyk        | Yes |
| Cole DeVantier          | Yes |
| Jack Koscinski          | Yes |
| 14 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain |     |

Motion to enter a period of roll call voting, where each Senator may vote for either John Stanton, Adam Bilali, or abstain, to be put on a resolution to elect to fill Senate vacancies at the following Senate meeting passes 14-0-0.

\*\*Result: The Senate enters a period of roll call voting, where each Senator may vote for either John Stanton, Adam Bilali, or abstain, to be put on a resolution to elect to fill Senate vacancies at the following Senate meeting.\*\*

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, proceeds to call the roll.

| Abstain      |
|--------------|
| John Stanton |
| John Stanton |
| Adam Bilali  |
| Adam Bilali  |
| John Stanton |
| Adam Bilali  |
|              |

| Stephanie Kacou  | Adam Bilali  |
|------------------|--------------|
| Aidan Sumrall    | Adam Bilali  |
| Benjamin Lau     | Adam Bilali  |
| TJ Ledwith       | Adam Bilali  |
| Joseph Pawelczyk | John Stanton |
| Cole DeVantier   | Abstain      |
| Jack Koscinski   | John Stanton |

## \*\*Result: John Stanton: 5, Adam Bilali: 7, Abstain: 2\*\*

Will Eaton, SA Contract Assistant, addresses the Senate, reminding the Senate that both prior votes were not an election of prospective Senators to the Senate, and were instead votes to select prospective Senators for placement by the Senate Chairperson on a resolution to elect to fill Senate vacancies at the following Senate meeting.

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces open discussion.

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Senate meeting by Tyler Herman; second Aidan Sumrall.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

\*\*Result: Meeting is adjourned at 6:32 PM.\*\*

#### Instructions:

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

| Please check one:            | Budget Transfer         | Moving funds from one                    | Budget AJE            | Incremental adjustment,                      | ]   |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|---|
|                              |                         | expense to another,<br>(must equal zero) |                       | increase/decrease in<br>revenues or expenses |   |
| Detailed description         | of budget adjustment:   | · · /                                    |                       |  |   |
|                              | SA Budget Adjustr       | ment #24-7                               |                       |  |   |
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|                              |                         |  |                       |  |   |
| Account Number:              | Account Description     | Current Budget Amount                    | Adjustment Amount     | Adjusted Budget                              | Adjustment Description                    |
|                              | Appropriated Net Assets | 1,540,000.00                             | (8,160.23)            |  | Replacing Damaged TV at 330 Student Union |
| 120-1100-6099                | Miscellaneous           | 2,000.00                                 | 8,160.23              |  | Replacing Damaged TV at 330 Student Union |
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| Treasurer:                   | Name (please print)     |  |                       |  |   |
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| Signature                    |                         |  |                       | Date   |   |
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| Officer: Name (please print) |                         |  |                       |  |   |
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| Signature                    | 9                       |  |                       | Date   |   |
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| Campus designee:             | Name (please print)     |  |                       |  |   |
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| Signature                    |                         |  |                       | Date   |   |
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Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#3

Subject:Resolution to Adopt Temporary Rule of ProcedureSubmitted by:Samin Bhuya, SA President

**BE IT RESOLVED** that, for this October 30, 2024 University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. ("SA") Senate meeting only, the Senate shall comply with the following Temporary Rule of Procedure:

TEMPORARY RULE OF PROCEDURE ONE: Consideration of Prospective Senators.

- (a) This Temporary Rule shall apply to when the Senate considers the persons listed on the attached document (each a "Prospective Senator") for potential future election to fill Senate vacancies by the Senate.
- (b) First, the Senate Chairperson shall introduce the topic of the election of new Senators and allow each Prospective Senator to introduce themselves.
  - (i) The order of this period shall proceed in the order the Prospective Senators are listed on the attached document.
  - (ii) Each Prospective Senator shall have up to three minutes each to introduce themselves to the Senate. Alternatively, if the Prospective Senator is not present, the Prospective Senator may have the Senate Chairperson read a brief statement to the Senate, for no longer than three minutes.
  - (iii) Senators shall not question Prospective Senators during this period.
- (c) Second, the Senate Chairperson shall introduce a question-and-answer period.
  - (i) The order of this period shall proceed in the order the Prospective Senators are listed on the attached document, excluding any Prospective Senators who are not present.
  - (ii) Each present Prospective Senator shall individually have up to three minutes to answer questions asked by the Senate.
- (d) Third, the Senate Chairperson shall enter a voting period.
  - (i) Each Senator may vote for up to five Prospective Senators.
- (e) Fourth, after voting has concluded, the Senate Chairperson shall note the four Prospective Senators with the most votes.
  - (i) Any tie affecting the outcome shall be broken by the Senate. Senators shall rank the tying Prospective Senators, with the highest-ranked Prospective Senator(s) filling the remaining vacant slot(s). Such process shall be repeated as necessary until all four slots are filled.

(f) Finally, the Senate Chairperson will draft and put forward a Resolution to be voted on at the following Senate meeting, naming the appropriate number of Prospective Senators with the most votes to be elected to fill the vacant Senate seats.

### Prospective Senator List:

- Jake Figueiredo
- Saqib Khan
- Brendan O'Leary
- Sherry Smith
- John Stanton
- Tiffany Verdugo