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## University at Buffalo Student Association Inc.

### Senate Meeting Minutes

January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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#### Present

**Becky Paul Odionhin**, President; **Sammi Pang**, Vice President; **Alana Lesczynski**, Treasurer; **Ian Roma**, Senate Chairperson; **Ariel Clarke**, Student Affairs Director; **Jesse Orozco**, Engineering Council Coordinator; **Jessica Ellis**, International Council Coordinator; **Justin Barnes**, Sports Council Coordinator; **Matthew Dowd**, Hobby Council Coordinator; **Taylor Lewis**, POC Council Coordinator; **Amelia Kelly**, Senator; **Barakat Sahi**, Senator; **Cameron Kiner**, Senator; **Krish Thakkar**, Senator; **Tyler Herman**, Senator

#### Absent

**Afreen Tanisha**, Special Interest Council Coordinator; **Grace Osaba**, Academic Council Coordinator; **Fatoumata Camara**, Senator; **Tangeniqua Washington**, Senator; **Connor Sullivan**, Senator; **Samantha Ezihie**, Senator

#### Guests

**Josh Korman**, SA Attorney; **Will Eaton**, SA Chief of Staff; **Dorothy Lu**, SA Staff; **Ian Ma**, ASME Treasurer; **John Garcia**, UB Spectrum; **Kiana Hodge**, UB Spectrum; **Moaz Elazzazi**, UB Spectrum; **Alexander Post**

#### Call to Order

Ian Roma, Senate Chair, calls the meeting to order at 5:07 pm

#### Approval of Minutes

- I. Ian Roma, Senate Chair, presents the Senate Meeting Minutes for December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for approval

- a. Motion to approve Senate Meeting Minutes for February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, by Becky Paul Odionhin, President

Second Matthew Dowd

Without objection, the motion passes by unanimous consent

**Conclusion: The Senate Meeting Minutes for February 14th, 2022, are approved.**

### Old Business

- I. Ian Roma, Senate Chair, presents Old Business to the Senate for consideration
  - a. Motion to table Old Business by Becky Paul Odionhin, President

Second Tyler Herman

Without objection, the motion passes by unanimous consent

**Conclusion: Motion to table Old Business is approved.**

### New Business

- I. Ian Roma, Senate Chair, presents Emergency Resolution to Temporarily Amend the Encumbrance and Expenditure Policy (Resolution 2022-2023-08) for consideration.
  - a. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-2023-08 by Tyler Herman, Senator

Second Becky Paul Odionhin

Becky Paul Odionhin	Yes
Sammi Pang	Yes
Alana Lesczynski	Yes
Ian Roma, Chair	Abstain
Ariel Clarke	No
Jesse Orozco	Yes
Jessica Ellis	Yes
Justin Barnes	Yes
Matthew Dowd	Yes

Taylor Lewis	No
Amelia Kelly	Yes
Barakat Sahi	Yes
Cameron Kiner	Yes
Krish Thakkar	Yes
Tyler Herman	Yes

12 In Favor, 2 Against, 1 Abstain

**Conclusion: Motion to approve Resolution 2022-2023-08 is approved.**

### Adjournment

- I. Motion to Adjourn meeting by Becky Paul Odionhin, President

Second Sammi Pang

Without objection, the motion passes by unanimous consent

**Conclusion: Meeting of the Senate Adjourned at 5:21 pm.**



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**Resolution - 2022-2023 - 08**

**Subject: Emergency Resolution to Temporarily Amend the Encumbrance and Expenditure Policy**

**Submitted by: Becky Paul-Odionhin President, Sammi Pang Vice President, Alana Lesczynski Treasurer**

Whereas the University at Buffalo Student Association Inc (SA) had a business line of credit for Amazon as a vendor and Amazon has since ended all business lines of credit.

Whereas SA has no other line of credit that can be used for Amazon purchases and the average annual usage of Amazon by the Clubs and SA for programming, activities, events, and items is approximately \$107,000.00.

Whereas SA is pursuing other avenues to be able to use Amazon as a vendor, but this process may take till the end of the 2023 Spring Semester to research, apply and implement such avenues.

Whereas there is no way for individuals to use SA's tax exempt status on individual amazon purchases that would be reimbursed.

Whereas the approved Encumbrance and Expenditure Policy states:

“SA will not pay any NYS sales tax, and in the case of a reimbursement, any NYS sales tax paid will not be reimbursed, excluding those not covered by our NYS Tax Exempt status.”

Be it Resolved, that from January 30, 2023 - May 21, 2023, the University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. Encumbrance and Expenditure Policy is temporarily amended as follows: the SA Treasurer may allow reimbursement of sales tax on purchases made through Amazon, subject to all other applicable rules related to expenditures.