Statement on Undergraduate Student Association Fall Fest

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After an in-depth examination of Fall Fest, which has remained unchanged for nearly 40 years, SA President, Gunnar Haberl, Vice President, Anyssa Evelyn and Treasurer, Tanahiry Escamilla reached a decision that the form of Fall Fest the UB community is familiar with needed to go through a revitalization in order to reach a broader undergraduate population. Instead of one traditional fall fest concert, which is typically held early in the fall semester, the Student Association is proud to announce the 2018 Fall Fest Concert Series. This new format will double the amount of talent and triple the amount of headliners. The Fall Fest Concert Series will bring a wider variety of music and talent which in turn reaches more of the undergraduate population.

When the Executive Board announced their campaign to become the next President, Vice President and Treasurer of the Undergraduate Student Association, one of the main pillars of their campaign was to take an in-depth look at the Student Associations Entertainment Programming to ensure that the Mandatory Student Activity Fee that undergraduates pay is being adequately distributed throughout SA’s programming to maximize the number of student being reached. One of the main programming events that the Executive Board examined was the traditional Fall Fest concert that usually takes place in the beginning of the Fall Semester. The Traditional Fall Fest has seen rising costs, a decline in attendance, a lack of featured music genres, and a lack of available dates, making it infeasible to put on a good, quality Fall Fest that appeals to a greater undergraduate population.

The Executive Board was elected to represent all 19,000 undergraduate students attending the University at Buffalo and to ensure that the Mandatory Student Activity Fee is being distributed adequately to reach as many of those students as possible. That is why the Executive Board has found it necessary to revitalize the traditional Fall Fest Concert. “Progress is impossible without change, and I am excited for this year’s SA fall programming which will provide more opportunities for our students” said Tanahiry Escamilla, the SA Treasurer.

The Fall Fest Concert Series will take the form of three different concerts which will be held in the Center for the Arts (CFA) at UB. The 1st concert will take place on Friday, September 21st and will feature Vince Staples along with Taylor Bennett and Blaise Moore. The 2nd concert will take place on Saturday, October 6th featuring American Authors along with Matt & Kim. The 3rd and final concert of the Fall Fest Concert Series will take place on Saturday, November 10th and will feature Ashanti along with Tinashe and Queen Najia. SA President Gunnar Haberl is “excited to have the opportunity to work with our entertainment team to revitalize the traditional fall fest. I
am looking forward to having the ability to triple the amount of headliners brought to campus in an attempt to serve a larger undergraduate audience”.

SA Vice President Anyssa Evelyn is also excited to see these changes, “I’m excited for these changes because it allows for the Student Association to reach more of our undergraduate population through our programming”.

“I am very excited about our fall programming this year and I believe that students will be getting a lot more then we have in the past” said SA Entertainment Director, Sandeep Chakravarthy.

Be sure to follow the Student Association on social media @ub_sa or check out the SA website at sa.buffalo.edu to get up to date information concerning each of the individual concerts including: times, ticket information and much more. The Student Association remains committed to providing quality, top-notch programming to our undergraduate student population

About the University at Buffalo Undergraduate Student Association

SA is your undergraduate student government. SA exists to make the undergraduate student experience everything that it can be, and more. SA represents undergraduate students before the University at Buffalo administration, and continuously advocates in the best interest of all undergraduate students. SA provides a wide range of services, oversees an ever growing roster of clubs and organizations, and put on memorable events throughout the year.

The University at Buffalo’s Student Association is unique amongst SUNY schools in that it is entirely student run. SA is funded through the Mandatory Student Activity Fee and is ultimately overseen by the elected Executive Officers, the SA Senate, and the SA Assembly. The Student Association is a student government of the students, by the students, and for the students.

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