Student Association Assembly Meeting Minutes
March 26th, 2019, 7:00pm. SU 378

Present:
Mitchel Smigel, Eric Weinman, Destiny Osborne, Ray Huang, Kiera Chibuzo, Judy Mei, Jasmine Greggs, George Graban, Ciara Burke, Noel Allen-Fowler, Jose-Romarah Chery, Anam Hussain, Adarsh Govindarajan, Donovan Newkirk, and Jibreel Ford

Guests:

I. Call to Order
A. Speaker Mitchel Smigel calls the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

II. Approval of Minutes
A. None

III. Old Business
A. None

IV. New Business
A. Addition of SUNY SA Liaison Position Constitutional Amendment S1819-A1/A1819-A1
   1. Mitchell Smigel introduces the Addition of SUNY SA Liaison Position Constitutional Amendment S1819-A1/A1819-A1
      a) Motion to approve the Addition of SUNY SA Liaison Position Constitutional Amendment S1819-A1/A1819-A1 by Adarsh Govindarajan
         (1) Second Judy Mei
         (2) Motion passes (13-0-1)

Conclusion: Addition of SUNY SA Liaison Position Constitutional Amendment S1819-A1/A1819-A1 approved

B. Residence Hall Sustainability Coordinator Resolution A1819-R4
1. Mitchell Smigel introduces the Residence Hall Sustainability Coordinator Resolution A1819-R4
   a) Motion to approve the Residence Hall Sustainability Coordinator Resolution A1819-R4 by Anam Hussain
      (1) Motion to amend resolution and correct spelling in first paragraph from RHDC to RHSC by Noell Allen-fowler
         (a) Second Anam Hussain
         (b) Motion passes (13-0-1)

Conclusion: Resolution amended and spelling changed from RHDC to RHSC
         (2) Second Judy Mei
         (3) Motion passes (13-0-1)
V. Open Forum
   A. None

VI. Announcements
   A. UB Campus Climate Survey

VII. Adjournment
   A. There being no further business, Mitchel Smigel entertains a motion for adjournment
   B. Motion to adjourn by Destiny Osborne, second Judy Mei
   C. Motion passes without objection
   D. Conclusion: Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM

Eric Weinman has taken the minutes of March 26, 2019 meeting of the Student Assembly.
TO: Mitchel Smigel, Undergraduate Student Association Assembly Speaker
   Eric Weinman, Undergraduate Student Association Senate Chair

FROM: Undergraduate Student Association Executive Board
DATE: Wednesday, February 27, 2019
SUBJECT: Addition of the SUNY SA Liaison Position into the Student Association Constitution

WHEREAS, The Undergraduate Student Association of the State University of New York at Buffalo (hereafter “Student Association”) is charged with advocating for the interests of all Undergraduate Students at the University at Buffalo,

WHEREAS, The Student Association serves the largest constituency of students at the University at Buffalo,

WHEREAS, The Student Association remains a liaison to the State University of New York Student Assembly (hereafter “SUNY SA”) through SUNY SA Delegates,

WHEREAS, Article 10.02 of the Student Association Constitution States that “an amendment to the SA Constitution shall be adopted if approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the Assembly and a 2/3 majority vote of the Senate.”

WHEREAS, Article 5.03(e) of the Student Association Constitution states:
“(i) SUNY SA Delegates represent the needs and concerns of UB students on a statewide level. (ii) SUNY Student Assembly consists of representatives from all SUNY schools designated by the SUNY Board of Trustees. (iii) The first representative to the State University of New York Student Assembly shall be the Student Association President. Additional representatives shall be duly appointed by the Student Association President, subject to any SUNY and SUNY SA rules related to eligibility to serve in such positions.”

WHEREAS, Through resolution of the SUNY SA, “FC18-06: Designation of a SUNY SA Liaison”, passed by the General Assembly at the Fall 2018 SUNY SA Conference, it is recommended that SGA Presidents have this position designated, either by appointment or election, at the end of each Spring semester to serve in the role for the following academic year to ensure there is no lapse in communication between SUNY SA and Student Government Associations across the State University of New York System,

WHEREAS, The SUNY SA Liaison is a student designated with the responsibility of interacting with SUNY SA, communicating and promoting SUNY SA initiatives at their campus, engaging in grassroots advocacy, mobilizing students in the pursuit of shared goals between their Student Government Association (SGA) and the SUNY SA, and communicating on behalf of their SGA and their student body to the SUNY SA,
WHEREAS, The designated position of SUNY SA Liaison was enacted in Fall 2018 at the University at Buffalo, with the appointment of a designee made by the Student Association President,

WHEREAS, in the proposal of these by-law changes to the Student Association Constitution, there will be an open line of communication between the Student Association at the University at Buffalo and the SUNY SA,

NOW THEREFORE IT BE: The creation and implementation of an official SUNY SA Liaison be added in the University at Buffalo Student Association Constitution.

RESOLVED that the proposed amendment titled SUNY SA Liaison be placed in Section 5.03 (e) (iv) in the Student Association Constitution.

RESOLVED (iv) The Student Association President shall designate one of these representatives as the SUNY SA Liaison

RESOLVED the constitutional amendment shall take effect on Monday, May 20, 2019.

Gunnar J. Haberl  Anyssa Evelyn  Tanahiry Escamilla
President       Vice President   Treasurer
RESOLUTION 1819-4

TO: Members of the University at Buffalo Residence Hall Association

FROM: Sadie Kratt, Environmental Affairs Director, Environmental Affairs Committee

DATE: 5 March 2019

SUBJECT: Residence Hall Sustainability Coordinator

Action Requested
The Environmental Affairs Committee of the Student Associations Undergraduate Student Assembly requests that University at Buffalo residence halls implement the following resolution from the Sustainability Committee of the Student Assembly of the State University of New York (SUNY) which requests that each of the 64 campuses of the SUNY system that have a residence hall on campus institute a Residence Hall Sustainability Coordinator (“RHSC”) position, or add the responsibilities of a RHSC to an existing position, for each of the residence halls or residential areas on campus.

Resolution
WHEAREAS the State University of New York at Buffalo (UB) Student Association (SA) Assembly may enact resolutions concerning issues of importance to the undergraduate student body in regards to issues of academic policy, student rights, and student welfare; and

WHEAREAS each SUNY State-Operated Campus has a Director of Residential Life who is responsible for overseeing the management and day-to-day operations of the SUNY-operated Dormitory Facilities on their respective campus1; and,

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WHEAREAS each residence hall has a Resident Directors ("RDs"), who promote a comfortable living/learning atmosphere for the residents living in their hall\(^2\); and,

WHEAREAS each floor/wing of the residence halls has Resident Assistants ("RAs") who assist residents and provide training, educational and social opportunities\(^3\); and,

WHEAREAS one of the main responsibilities of RDs, RAs, and the Director of Residence Life is to ensure the proper maintenance and care of residence halls and to ensure that all resources are being utilized properly and to the fullest extent; and,

WHEAREAS none of the positions aforementioned explicitly state that sustainable operations of the residence hall are part of their job description; and,

WHEAREAS SUNY has a goal to reduce system-wide non-renewable energy consumption by 30% by 2020\(^4\); and,

WHEAREAS SUNY is responsible for educating students on the social and environmental effects of consuming resources as well as exposing students to the global complexities they will be faced with after their collegiate years; and,

WHEAREAS students who live on campus are more taxing on the campus and contribute a larger proportion of the use and disposal of resources; and,

WHEAREAS similar to a Resident Assistant, an RHSC would establish programming to enhance their residents’ understanding of and participation in sustainability; and,

WHEAREAS an RHSC would be tasked with increasing student engagement in campus sustainability related events similar to the following programs; Recyclemania, Energy Conservation Challenges, bike share programs, and other campus programming in existence; and,

WHEAREAS an RHSC would aid heavily in SUNY’s goal of 30% reduction in non-renewable energy consumption and the longevity of residence hall appointments/utilities; and,

WHEAREAS the University at Buffalo would determine the best method of compensation for the Residence Hall Sustainability Coordinator; and,

WHEAREAS it would be the discretion of the University at Buffalo to determine if each residence hall would have their own RHSC(s), or if the position would be overseeing the separate residential areas; and,


\(^4\) SUNY Central Sustainability - http://system.suny.edu/capital-facilities/energy-management/sustainability/
WHEREAS an RHSC would likely save more money in energy/utility/maintenance reduction to pay for their entire compensation and more; and, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the University at Buffalo consider establishing an RHSC position similar to the position outlined in the SUNY SA RHSC Resource Sheet or adding the responsibilities of the RHSC to an existing position; and finally, be it

RESOLVED that within 20 days of its passing, the Student Assembly will forward copies of this resolution and resource sheet to the Campus President, the Director of Residence Life, and the Undergraduate Student Association.

Adopted by the Assembly on this the 26th day of March, 2019

Mitchel J. Smigel
Speaker of the Undergraduate Student Associations Student Assembly

Gunnar J. Haberl
President of the Undergraduate Student Association