Student Association Senate Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2019
378 Student Union

Present
Omran Albarazanchi, Daniel Connolly (Hobby Coordinator), Tanahir Escamilla (Treasurer), Jacob Brown proxy for Devin Forde (POC Coordinator), Hayden Gise, Olivia Gustafson (Engineering Coordinator), Gunnar Haberl (President), Kendra Harris, Sadie Kratt proxy for Elise Helou (International Coordinator), Rijaa Khan (Special Interest Coordinator), Samantha Nelson, Shelbi Molin, Olusimisola Oduntan, Nicholas Rai, Tyrus Boekhoudt proxy for Robert Slemmer (Sports Coordinator), Nicholas Singh, Mitch Smigel (Assembly Speaker), Anthony Taboni (Academic Coordinator), Jacob Virchau, Eric Weinman (Senate Chairperson)

Absent
Anyssa Evelyn (Vice President), Rodney Payamps, Eriah Vilceus

Guests
Jacklyn Walters (News Editor, The Spectrum)

Call to Order
Eric Weinman, Senate Chairperson, calls the meeting to order at 5:31 PM

Introduction
1. Chairperson Comments

Approval of Minutes
1. Senate Minutes for February 22, 2019 for Approval
   Motion to approve the Senate Minutes for February 22, 2019 with corrections
   by Gunnar Haberl
   Second Hayden Gise
   Without objection the motion passes by unanimous consent
   Conclusion: Senate Minutes for February 22, 2019 with corrections Approved

Old Business – None

New Business
*Jacob Virchau enters meeting at 5:40pm
I. Club De-Recognitions
   a) Daniel Connolly presents Skydiving for De-Recognition because Skydiving missed several requirements and are no longer interested in being a club.
      - 5 Minute Question Period dispensed with without objection and waived by unanimous consent (no specific questions and club not in attendance)
      Motion to De-Recognize Skydiving by Nicholas Rai
      Second Olivia Gustafson
      Discussion Ensues
      Motion to call the previous question by Anthony Taboni
      Second Hayden Gise
      13 Favor, 0 Against, 3 Abstain
      14 Favor, 0 Against, 3 Abstain (Eric Weinman (Chair) casts vote in the affirmative since it will affect the outcome and meet the motion’s 2/3 vote requirement.)
      Conclusion: Debate ends on motion to De-Recognize Skydiving
      12 Favor, 0 Against, 4 Abstain
      Conclusion: Skydiving is De-Recognized
      Motion to request that Tanahiry Escamilla (Treasurer) moves the remaining $195.72 in Skydiving’s budget line to the Hobby Coordinator Co-Sponsorship line by Olivia Gustafson
      Second Hayden Gise
      12 Favor, 0 Against, 4 Abstain
      Conclusion: Treasurer requested to move the remaining $195.72 in Skydiving’s budget line to the Hobby Coordinator Co-Sponsorship line

II. Sailing Club Budget
      Motion to add Sailing Club’s remaining budget to the agenda as item II. by Anthony Taboni
      Second Nicholas Rai
      Without objection the motion passes by unanimous consent
      Conclusion: Sailing Club Budget added to the agenda as item II.
      Motion to request that Tanahiry Escamilla (Treasurer) moves the remaining $200.00 in the now de-recognized Sailing Club’s budget line into the Sport Coordinator Co-Sponsorship line by Anthony Taboni
      Second Tanahiry Escamilla
      16 Favor, 0 Against, 0 Abstain
      Conclusion: Treasurer requested to move the remaining $200.00 in Sailing Club’s budget line to the Sport Coordinator Co-Sponsorship line

III. Fashion SA Budget
      Motion to add Fashion SA’s remaining budget to the agenda as item III. by Rijaa Khan
      Second Tanahiry Escamilla
      Without objection the motion passes by unanimous consent
      Conclusion: Fashion SA Budget added to the agenda as item III.
      Motion to request that Tanahiry Escamilla (Treasurer) moves the remaining $100.00 in the now de-recognized Fashion SA’s budget line into the Special Interest Coordinator Co-Sponsorship line by Olivia Gustafson
      Second Tyrus Boekhoudt
      16 Favor, 0 Against, 0 Abstain
Conclusion: Treasurer requested to move the remaining $100.00 in Fashion SA's budget line to the Special Interest Coordinator Co-Sponsorship line

IV. Constitutional Amendment S1819-A1: Addition of SUNY SA Liaison Position
   Gunnar Haberl introduces and presents S1819-A1
   Motion to approve Amendment S1819-A1 by Anthony Taboni
   Second Olivia Gustafson
   Discussion Ensues
   16 Favor, 0 Against, 0 Abstain
   Conclusion: Senate approves Amendment S1819-A1
   * S1819-A1 will now be sent to the Assembly for their approval

*Hayden Gise leaves meeting at 6:00pm

V. Budget Adjustment #11
   Tanahiry Escamilla presents Budget Adjustment #11 for approval
   Motion to approve Budget Adjustment #11 by Anthony Taboni
   Second Kendra Harris
   Discussion Ensues
   15 Favor, 0 Against, 0 Abstain
   Conclusion: Budget Adjustment #11 approved

Announcements

Adjournment
   Motion to adjourn meeting by Anthony Taboni
   Second Nicholas Rai
   Without objection the motion passes by unanimous consent
   Conclusion: Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM

Eric Weinman has taken the minutes of the March 8, 2019 meeting of the Student Association Senate.
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(c) 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
President

Anyssa Evelyn
Vice President

Tannahy Escamilla
Treasurer

The Senate has adopted and approved S1819-A1 with the requisite 2/3 vote on March 8, 2019

Eric Weinman
Chairperson of the Undergraduate Student Association Senate
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