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University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. Senate Meeting

May 7, 2025 - 5:00 PM

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

Present

Samin Bhuya*, SA President; **Killian Hannigan***, SA Vice President; **Louis Poon**, SA Treasurer; **Gavin Krauciunas**, Senate Chairperson; **Kayla Yan**, Senator; **TJ Ledwith***, Senator; **Cole DeVantier**, Senator; **Saqib Khan**, Senator; **Ryder Albano**, Senator; **Adam Bilali**, Senator; **John Stanton**, Senator; **Veronica Faltisco**, Academic Council Coordinator; **Nithya Santhapriya**, Engineering Council Coordinator; **Jacob Murphy**, Hobby Council Coordinator; **Sam Urriza**, International Council Coordinator; **Aidan Sumrall**, Special Interest Council Coordinator; **Tyler Herman**, Student Affairs Director.

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

Absent

Joseph Pawelczyk, Senator; **Sherry Smith**, Senator; **Gyonni Winter**, P.O.C. Council Coordinator; **Ashrith Rao**, Sports Council Coordinator.

Call to Order

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, calls the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

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

****TJ Ledwith, Senator, enters at 5:02 PM.****

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| Samin Bhuya | Present |
| Killian Hannigan | Present |
| Louis Poon | Present |
| Gavin Krauciunas | Present |
| Kayla Yan | Present |
| TJ Ledwith | Present |
| Joseph Pawelczyk | Absent |
| Cole DeVantier | Present |

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| Saqib Khan | Present |
| Sherry Smith | Absent |
| Ryder Albano | Present |
| Adam Bilali | Present |
| John Stanton | Present |
| Veronica Faltisco | Present |
| Nithya Santhapriya | Present |
| Jacob Murphy | Present |
| Sam Urriza | Present |
| Gyonni Winter | Absent |
| Aidan Sumrall | Present |
| Ashrith Rao | Absent |
| Tyler Herman | Present |

17 Present, 4 Absent

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

Approval of Minutes

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces April 23, 2025 Senate Meeting Minutes for consideration.

Motion to approve April 23, 2025 Senate Meeting Minutes by Louis Poon; second Killian Hannigan.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

****Result: April 23, 2025 Senate Meeting Minutes are approved.****

Guest Speaker

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Laura Masse, Assistant Director of Early Engagement, University at Buffalo Office of Alumni Engagement.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#30 (“Resolution to Amend the SA By-Laws, New Club Recognition Policy, and Allow for Use of Preferred Name”) for consideration.

Motion to adjourn the Senate meeting for ten minutes for a confidential consultation with SA’s attorney, with only members of the Senate, SA Administrative Director Mark Sorel, and the 2025-2026 Executive Board-Elect permitted to attend by Tyler Herman; second Aidan Sumrall.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

****Result: Meeting is adjourned for ten minutes at 5:32 PM.****

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, calls the meeting to order at 5:46 PM.

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

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| Samin Bhuya | Present |
| Killian Hannigan | Present |
| Louis Poon | Present |
| Gavin Krauciunas | Present |
| Kayla Yan | Present |
| TJ Ledwith | Present |
| Joseph Pawelczyk | Absent |
| Cole DeVantier | Present |
| Saqib Khan | Present |
| Sherry Smith | Absent |
| Ryder Albano | Present |
| Adam Bilali | Present |
| John Stanton | Present |
| Veronica Faltisco | Present |
| Nithya Santhapriya | Present |
| Jacob Murphy | Present |
| Sam Urriza | Present |
| Gyonni Winter | Absent |

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| Aidan Sumrall | Present |
| Ashrith Rao | Absent |
| Tyler Herman | Present |
| 17 Present, 4 Absent | |

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

Motion to approve Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#30 by Gavin Krauciunas; second TJ Ledwith.

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| Samin Bhuya | Yes |
| Killian Hannigan | No |
| Louis Poon | No |
| Gavin Krauciunas | Yes |
| Kayla Yan | Abstain |
| TJ Ledwith | Yes |
| Cole DeVantier | Yes |
| Saqib Khan | Abstain |
| Ryder Albano | No |
| Adam Bilali | Yes |
| John Stanton | Yes |
| Veronica Faltisco | No |
| Nithya Santhapriya | No |
| Jacob Murphy | No |
| Sam Urriza | No |
| Aidan Sumrall | Abstain |
| Tyler Herman | No |
| 6 Yes, 8 No, 3 Abstain | |

Motion to approve Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#30 does not pass 6-8-3.

****Result: Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#30 is not approved.****

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#31 ("Resolution to Maintain Advocacy Committee") for consideration.

Motion to approve Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#31 by Killian Hannigan; second Kayla Yan.

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| Samin Bhuya | Abstain |
| Killian Hannigan | Yes |
| Louis Poon | Abstain |
| Gavin Krauciunas | Yes |
| Kayla Yan | Yes |
| TJ Ledwith | Abstain |
| Cole DeVantier | Yes |
| Saqib Khan | Yes |
| Ryder Albano | Abstain |
| Adam Bilali | Abstain |
| John Stanton | Yes |
| Veronica Faltisco | Yes |
| Nithya Santhapriya | Abstain |
| Jacob Murphy | Yes |
| Sam Urriza | Yes |
| Aidan Sumrall | Yes |
| Tyler Herman | Yes |

11 Yes, 0 No, 6 Abstain

Motion to approve Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#31 passes 11-0-6.

****Result: Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#31 is approved.****

****Samin Bhuya, SA President, leaves at 6:01 PM.****

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#32 ("Resolution Regarding Alumni Engagement Coordinator") for consideration.

Motion to approve Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#32 by Veronica Faltisco; second Tyler Herman.

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| Killian Hannigan | Yes |
| Louis Poon | Yes |

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| Gavin Krauciunas | Yes |
| Kayla Yan | Yes |
| TJ Ledwith | Yes |
| Cole DeVantier | Yes |
| Saqib Khan | Yes |
| Ryder Albano | Yes |
| Adam Bilali | Yes |
| John Stanton | Yes |
| Veronica Faltisco | Yes |
| Nithya Santhapriya | Yes |
| Jacob Murphy | Yes |
| Sam Urriza | Yes |
| Aidan Sumrall | Yes |
| Tyler Herman | Yes |

16 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#32 passes 16-0-0.

****Result: Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#32 is approved.****

****Samin Bhuya, SA President, enters at 6:04 PM.****

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces open discussion.

****Samin Bhuya, SA President, and Killian Hannigan, SA Vice President, leave at 6:09 PM.****

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Senate meeting by Tyler Herman; second Louis Poon.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

****Result: Meeting is adjourned at 6:10 PM.****



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Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#30

Subject: Resolution to Amend the SA By-Laws, New Club Recognition Policy, and Allow for Use of Preferred Name

Submitted by: **Samin Bhuya**, SA President; **Killian Hannigan**, SA Vice President; **John Stanton**, Senator; **Aisha Adam**, SA President-Elect; **Mason Bayer**, SA Vice President for Advocacy-Elect; **Will Dong**, SA Vice President for Clubs-Elect; **Ben Lau**, SA Vice President for Events-Elect; **Jack Koscinski**, SA Treasurer-Elect.

WHEREAS, the University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. ("SA") Senate is better served by increasing the flexibility of the President and Senate Chairperson in their ability to call Special Meetings of the Senate, and to, if necessary, move Senate meetings to better accommodate meeting attendees;

WHEREAS, the undergraduate constituents of SA are better served through having more accountable SA personnel;

WHEREAS, SA student staff should be directly accountable to the SA Officers and therefore should be promptly held accountable for failing to uphold the requirements and duties of their positions;

WHEREAS, restrictions imposed by the SA By-Laws afford certain removal protections to SA Clubs Council Coordinators, preventing the SA Officers from promptly holding such personnel accountable for failing to uphold the requirements and duties of their positions;

WHEREAS, the undergraduate student body is best served by an energetic executive branch that can quickly and decisively act in students' best interests, such as in the case of requiring personnel to uphold the requirements and duties of their positions;

WHEREAS, the provisions of this Resolution regarding removal protections for SA Clubs Council Coordinators shall become effective only after the term for current Clubs Council Coordinators has ended;

WHEREAS, following consultation with interested parties, members of the Senate, the University community, and SA staff, the Senate seeks to increase the opportunities during the year in which interested Members of SA may apply to form a new club under the SA New Club Recognition Policy; and

WHEREAS, SA seeks to allow its Members to utilize their preferred names wherever possible; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective immediately, the SA By-Laws be amended, such that in both Sections 4.01(d)(i)(1) and 4.01(d)(i)(2), the text “at least 72 hours notice” shall be replaced with “at least 24 hours notice”;

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective May 16, 2025 at 12:02 AM, the SA By-Laws be amended, such that:

1) Section 6.02(b) shall be replaced, in its entirety, with the following:

(b) A Coordinator may be removed by any of the following methods:

- (i) by 2/3 majority vote of the Senate with or without cause, subject to the same notice requirements that apply for the Senate to remove a Senator (except that no cause for removal shall be required to be stated);
- (ii) by joint act of the President and the Treasurer, with or without cause, except that if a resolution to suspend any SA Officer has been posted for consideration at an upcoming Senate meeting, then the President and Treasurer may not remove a Coordinator under this paragraph until said Senate meeting and the following Regular Meeting of the Senate have both concluded; or
- (iii) by a written petition (with or without cause) signed by a majority of the club presidents in the Coordinator’s respective council and delivered to the SA President (without limitation, electronic signatures are acceptable for this purpose).

2) Section 6.02(c) shall be deleted, with section 6.02(d) being renumbered as section 6.02(c) and subsequent subsections being renumbered accordingly; and

3) The final sentence of section 5.02(g)(iii) shall be replaced with the following:

The preceding sentence shall not extend to removal of Officers appointed to fill a vacancy ~~or Coordinators~~.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that, effective May 16, 2025 at 12:01 AM, the SA New Club Recognition Policy be amended, such that the text “Applications to form a new club may only be submitted from November 1 until the last day of classes in the UB fall semester each year” under the “Gaining Recognition” heading shall be replaced, in its entirety, with the following text:

Applications to form a new club may only be submitted from November 1 until February 15 ~~the last day of classes in the UB fall semester each academic year~~.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that, without limitation, minutes of official meetings and proceedings of SA may cite Aisha Adam Bechir as Aisha Adam; and

BE IT RESOLVED that any struck-through text used in this Resolution is for emphasis only, and such struck-through text shall not appear in the text of the amended By-Laws or policy; any underlining used in this Resolution is for emphasis only, and such underlining shall not appear in the text of the amended By-Laws or policy; and any quotation marks shall not appear in the text of the amended By-Laws or policy.



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Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#31

Subject: Resolution to Maintain Advocacy Committee
Submitted by: Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson; Kayla Yan, Senator;
Joseph Pawelczyk, Senator.

WHEREAS, the University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. (“SA”) Senate seeks to engage Senators in information-aggregation regarding issues of importance to the undergraduate student body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Advocacy Committee of the SA Senate is established;

BE IT RESOLVED that, without limitation to the authority of the Senate itself, the Advocacy Committee shall have the purpose of making reports and recommendations to the Senate about student advocacy issues; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution is effective immediately.



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Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#32

Subject: Resolution Regarding Alumni Engagement Coordinator

BE IT RESOLVED that the University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. Senate designates the Alumni Engagement Coordinator position as a position that may be occupied by any University at Buffalo student, including but not limited to a non-undergraduate student.