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University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. Senate Meeting

October 29, 2025 - 5:00 pm

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

Present

Aisha Adam*, SA President; **Mason Bayer**, SA Vice President for Advocacy; **Will Dong**, SA Vice President for Clubs; **Ben Lau**, SA Vice President for Events; **Jack Koscinski***, SA Treasurer; **Gavin Krauciunas**, Senate Chairperson; **Adam Bilali**, Senator; **Joshua Brodsky**, Senator; **Arya Dixit**, Senator; **Sierra Fernandez**, Senator; **Michaelangelo Fontana**, Senator; **Ismat Haque**, Senator; **Piyush Ohri**, Senator; **Grant Peterson**, Senator; **Rima Saeed**, Senator; **Aidan Thomas**, Senator; **Nour Touti**, Academic Council Coordinator; **Ryder Albano**, Engineering Council Coordinator; **Akash Shah**, International Council Coordinator; **Manal Al Bahantah**, People of Color Council Coordinator; **Nasra Isse**, Special Interest Council Coordinator; **Devin Hendricks**, Sports Council Coordinator.

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

Absent

Aeaad Alawaad, Senator.

Call to Order

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, calls the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

****Aisha Adam, SA President, enters at 5:21 pm.****

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

Aisha Adam	Present
Mason Bayer	Present
Will Dong	Present
Ben Lau	Present
Jack Koscinski	Present
Gavin Krauciunas	Present
Aeaad Alawaad	Absent

Adam Bilali	Present
Joshua Brodsky	Present
Arya Dixit	Present
Sierra Fernandez	Present
Michaelangelo Fontana	Present
Ismat Haque	Present
Piyush Ohri	Present
Grant Peterson	Present
Rima Saeed	Present
Aidan Thomas	Present
Nour Touti	Present
Ryder Albano	Present
Akash Shah	Present
Manal Al Bahantah	Present
Nasra Isse	Present
Devin Hendricks	Present

22 Present, 1 Absent

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

Approval of Minutes

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces October 15, 2025 Senate Meeting Minutes for consideration.

Motion to approve October 15, 2025 Senate Meeting Minutes by Ben Lau;
second Aidan Thomas.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

****Result: October 15, 2025 Senate Meeting Minutes are approved.****

Old Business

None.

New Business

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Budget Adjustment SA BA# 25-5 for consideration.

Motion to approve Budget Adjustment SA BA# 25-5 by Jack Koscinski; second Arya Dixit.

Aisha Adam	Yes
Mason Bayer	Yes
Will Dong	Yes
Ben Lau	Yes
Jack Koscinski	Yes
Gavin Krauciunas	Yes
Adam Bilali	Yes
Joshua Brodsky	Yes
Arya Dixit	Yes
Sierra Fernandez	Yes
Michaelangelo Fontana	Yes
Ismat Haque	Yes
Piyush Ohri	Yes
Grant Peterson	Yes
Rima Saeed	Yes
Aidan Thomas	Yes
Nour Touti	Yes
Ryder Albano	Yes
Akash Shah	Yes
Manal Al Bahantah	Yes
Nasra Isse	Yes
Devin Hendricks	Yes

22 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Budget Adjustment SA BA# 25-5 passes 22-0-0.

****Result: Budget Adjustment SA BA# 25-5 is approved.****

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#6
("Resolution to Fill Advocacy Committee") for consideration.

Motion to approve Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#6 by Aidan Thomas; second Mason Bayer.

Aisha Adam	Yes
Mason Bayer	Yes
Will Dong	Yes
Ben Lau	Yes
Jack Koscinski	Yes
Gavin Krauciunas	Yes
Adam Bilali	Yes
Joshua Brodsky	Yes
Arya Dixit	Yes
Sierra Fernandez	Yes
Michaelangelo Fontana	Yes
Ismat Haque	Yes
Piyush Ohri	Yes
Grant Peterson	Yes
Rima Saeed	Yes
Aidan Thomas	Yes
Nour Touti	Yes
Ryder Albano	Yes
Akash Shah	Yes
Manal Al Bahantah	Yes
Nasra Isse	Yes
Devin Hendricks	Yes

22 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#6 passes 22-0-0.

****Result: Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#6 is approved.****

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#7 (“Resolution to Rename the Advocacy Committee to Student and Academic Affairs Committee, Confirm it as a Standing Committee, Appoint Members, and Suggest Meeting Schedule”) for consideration.

Motion to deny Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#7 by Ryder Albano; second Mason Bayer.

Aisha Adam	Yes
Mason Bayer	Yes
Will Dong	Yes
Ben Lau	Yes
Jack Koscinski	Yes
Gavin Krauciunas	Yes
Adam Bilali	Yes
Joshua Brodsky	No
Arya Dixit	Yes
Sierra Fernandez	Yes
Michaelangelo Fontana	Yes
Ismat Haque	Yes
Piyush Ohri	Yes
Grant Peterson	Yes
Rima Saeed	Yes
Aidan Thomas	Yes
Nour Touti	Yes
Ryder Albano	Yes
Akash Shah	Yes
Manal Al Bahantah	Yes
Nasra Isse	Yes
Devin Hendricks	Yes

21 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstain

Motion to deny Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#7 passes 21-1-0.

****Result: Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#7 is denied.****

****Jack Koscinski, SA Treasurer, leaves at 6:00 pm.****

****Jack Koscinski, SA Treasurer, enters at 6:02 pm.****

Motion to table discussion on Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#7 by Ryder Albano;
second Sierra Fernandez.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

****Result: Discussion on Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#7 is tabled.****

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Senate meeting by Sierra Fernandez; second Grant Peterson.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

****Result: Meeting is adjourned at 6:11 pm.****

Detailed description of budget adjustment:

Budget Adjustment SA BA# 25-5

Account Name		Current SAFE Budget Balance	Adjustment Amount	Budget Balance	Discription
NY Public Interest Group	Activity Expense	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	NYPIG-New Club Budget
Crossfyah	Activity Expense	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	Crossfyah-New Club Budget
Music Appreciation	Activity Expense	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	Music Appr-New Club Budget
Dodgeball	Activity Expense	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	Dogeball-New Club Budget
Newly Recognized Club Funding and Appeals	Activity Expense	\$ 7,474.15	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 6,474.15	New clubs budgets
Fest Talent	Activity Expense	\$ 9,000.00	\$ (9,000.00)	\$ -	Fest talent to-Tix Office, Ofc Supp, Maint & Repair
Ticket office	Administration	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	From fest talent
Office Supplies	Administration	\$ 18.81	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,018.81	From fest talent
Maintenance & Repair	Administration	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	From fest talent & production
Fest Production	Activity Expense	\$ 37,948.59	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 35,948.59	Fest prod to maint & repair
		\$ 55,441.55	\$ -	\$ 55,441.55	



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Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#6

Subject: Resolution to Fill Advocacy Committee
Requested by: Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson

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 following people are hereby appointed to the SA Senate Advocacy Committee:

- Aidan Thomas;
- Aisha Adam;
- Arya Dixit;
- Gavin Krauciunas;
- Grant Peterson;
- Ismat Haque;
- Mason Bayer;
- Michelangelo Fontana;
- Piyush Ohri; and
- Sierra Fernandez; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution is effective immediately.



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Resolution - 2025-2026 – S#7

Subject: Resolution to Rename the Advocacy Committee to Student and Academic Affairs Committee, Confirm it as a Standing Committee, Appoint Members, and Suggest Meeting Schedule

Requested by: **Grant Peterson**, Senator; **Michelangelo Fontana**, Senator; **Ismat Haque**, Senator.

Whereas, the current Advocacy Committee was established without an expiration date and operates as an ad-hoc committee, and confirming it as a standing committee pursuant to Section 4.02(d) of the SA By-Laws will ensure continuity, enhanced functionality, and better representation of student interests without requiring a bylaws amendment;

Whereas, archival editions of the constitutions of UB's predecessor undergraduate student government contain specific reference to both "Academic Affairs Committee" and "Student Affairs Committee" as components of the Student Senate as a legislative body and component in UB's governance structure;

Whereas, renaming the committee to "Student and Academic Affairs Committee" better reflects its expanded scope to include academic matters and student representation on Faculty Senate (FS) committees;

Whereas, the committee will aggregate information on issues important to the undergraduate student body, including student advocacy and academic affairs;

Whereas, the committee shall draft a suggested list of two (2) student delegates as non-voting members to each FS committee for the SA President and Treasurer to appoint, provided that each delegate meets the same criteria set by SA to be a Student Senator (good academic standing; an undergraduate);

Whereas, the committee shall elect a chair from amongst its appointed membership, with the first meeting chaired by the Senate Chair and the first order of business being the election of a chair; and

Whereas, non-legislative SA "advocacy" is already under the purview of the Vice President for Advocacy and the Student Affairs department;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that, pursuant to Section 4.02(d) of the SA By-Laws, the Senate hereby renames the Advocacy Committee to the Student and Academic Affairs Committee and confirms it as a standing committee with the following provisions:

Student and Academic Affairs Committee:

- (i) Membership: The committee shall consist of appointed Senators.
- (ii) Purpose and powers: Without limitation to the authority of the Senate itself, the Student and Academic Affairs Committee shall make reports and recommendations to the Senate about student advocacy and academic affairs issues. The committee shall draft a suggested list of two (2) student delegates as non-voting members to each Faculty Senate (FS) committee for the SA President and Treasurer to appoint, provided that each delegate meets the same criteria set by SA to be a Student Senator (good academic standing; an undergraduate). The latter requires a majority affirmative vote.
- (iii) Chair: The committee shall elect a chair from amongst its appointed membership. The first meeting shall be chaired by the Senate Chair, and the first order of business shall be the election of a chair.;

Be it further resolved, that any references to the Advocacy Committee in future resolutions or documents be updated to reflect the new name "Student and Academic Affairs Committee" (SAAC) upon passage of this resolution;

Be it further resolved, the committee shall draft a suggested list of two (2) student delegates as non-voting members to each FS committee for the SA President and Treasurer to appoint, provided that each delegate meets the same criteria set by SA to be a Student Senator (good academic standing; an undergraduate);

Be it further resolved, the Committee shall only create a list of suggested delegates after the Chairperson of the Faculty Senate provides, in writing, a list of FS committees and their chairs who consent to including student delegates;

Be it further resolved, that the Student and Academic Affairs Committee is hereby populated with the following eight (8) appointed members:

Grant Peterson

Michelangelo Fontana

Ismat Haque

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[placeholder]

[placeholder]

Mason Bayer;

Be it further resolved, that the Student and Academic Affairs Committee meetings shall be called pursuant to Section 4.02(a)(i) of the SA By-Laws, with a suggested bi-weekly schedule on Wednesdays at 5:00 PM in Room 378 Student Union, on dates opposite to SA Senate meetings, such as for the Fall 2025 semester: November 5, 2025; November 19, 2025; and December 3, 2025; **and**

Be it finally resolved that this Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.