Senate Minutes
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November 2, 2011

Vice President Marissa Kubinyak called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Secretary Katherine McGeary took attendance. There were 41 clubs in attendance. There were two clubs absent: Campus Voice and DCIC.

Announcements

RHA is having a Four Square Tournament in the Bubble on November 16\textsuperscript{th} at 7pm.

SPB regretfully announces that Ralphie May is ill and will not be performing. Tickets are refundable in the bookstore and the event will be rescheduled for next Spring.

College Players will be showing their play \textit{The Nerd} in the Okun Theatre on November 9\textsuperscript{th}, 10\textsuperscript{th}, 11\textsuperscript{th}, and 12\textsuperscript{th} at 7pm.

The Commuter Student Association will be sponsoring a bus trip to the Albany Malls for a day of shopping on Sunday, November 13\textsuperscript{th}. Sign ups will begin shortly and can be found in the Farrell Hall Lobby.

Guest Speaker

Christina Viafore, from CADI, came to Senate to discuss the November Common Hour theme of Recycling. There will be a display of “functional recycling” at 11:30 am on Thursday, November 17\textsuperscript{th}. If you are interested in participating, you may sign up in the bookstore.

There will also be a “swap meet” on that day, where you can trade things you no longer need or use with an item from another person. There will be a re-gifting station as well.

Susan McIntire, from the Solid Waste Facility in Walton, discussed recycling and composting.

Officer Reports

Secretary

Secretary Katherine McGeary apologized for the late October 26\textsuperscript{th} minutes.

The Secretary announced that she will be taking nominations for the Traffic Appeals
Committee. There are two spaces available. This is a great opportunity for a criminal justice student, or any student, to work closely with University Police officers and represent student opinion on this committee.

**Treasurer**

Treasurer Kevorn Willet asked that Senators please talk to their clubs to relay important information. Many club treasurers missed their club budget reconciliation meetings. If club treasurers cannot make a scheduled meeting, they can email the Senate Treasurer to schedule one at a later time. Reconciliation meetings are an important part of all club treasurer duties, and of utmost importance for all club and Senate record keeping. Failure to make these meetings, and maintain accurate financial records may lead to club budgets being frozen in the future.

**Vice President**

Vice President Marissa Kubinyak apologized for missing last week’s meeting due to illness. She also discussed the upcoming Multicultural Conference in Oneonta, which is open to any interested student. The registration fee and transportation would be provided by the Senate.

**President**

President David Vazquez announced the winners of the 2011 CADI Grant. There is still $700 available, and clubs are encouraged to submit an application through November 9th, with suggestions towards finals week activities.

The winners were as follows: CSA-$500 for bus trip to Albany; WDTU-$500 for afternoon dance contest; TDX through Greek Council-$300 for 2nd Annual Lift-a-Thon; Escoffier Club will not be receiving any money for their Thanksgiving Dinner, but will gain assistance from CADI.

The President also took nominations for the Dance Committee, which are as follows: College Players: Dante Tejeda and Jhriette Vega, Cheerleading: Kinsasha Niles, WIC: Latifah Powe, WDTU: James Meade, and BIG: Alicia Bien-Amie.

The President also discussed the SUNY Student Assembly from the prior weekend, which was a conference of the senate from many SUNY schools. He has included some personal notes and fun facts:

“Rational Tuition, was the plan that the student assembly voted on, which the state agreed to, that tuition would go up $300 a year for five years. This was done so families could accurately plan ahead for college expenses, so that schools could plan ahead since they knew how much
money they would be getting for the next five years, and so that the tuition increases would go directly to the colleges (not the state). Of the $300, 75% goes directly to the campus, and 25% goes to students who are less fortunate attending said campus. Going along with this, is the maintenance of effort agreement, which states that the state will not cut SUNY's funding for the next five years, unless, there is an economic crisis on our hands.

SUNY is also cutting outdated programs that don't serve many students, and giving it to widespread programs. For instance, EOP's budget has not been cut for the first time in 4 years.

I also wanted students to write testimonials of what student and federal aid means to them. An example would be that for me, I would be unable to have been introduced to student government, or even gone to college for that matter if it weren't for the financial aid that I receive. The testimonials will be used in an effort to increase funding for financial aid. They will be given to lawmakers to try and sway their vote. We need compelling stories from students to do this. We also need them ASAP.”

New Business

-None-

Old Business

A Senator asked if someone from the Facilities department would be coming in to discuss the heating situation in the residence halls. The Senate advisor, Marty Greenfield will extend an invitation for next week’s meeting to discuss this matter.

Future Agenda

-None-

Open Discussion

WDTU asked if everyone would be okay with having the Senate meetings broadcast on the radio and possibly DTV.

A Senator brought up the idea of wearing club t-shirts on a particular day of the week, similar to Greek letters on Wednesdays. Thursday was agreed upon.

Marty Greenfield thanked everyone for a safe and quiet Halloween weekend. There was a
good events turnout as well and thank you for all your help with volunteer work.

The Senate folders will be in soon.

Adjustment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 5:58 pm by CMAA and was seconded by Multicultural Club. All were in favor with no one opposing or abstaining.