SUNY Delhi  
Delhi, NY 13753  
Senate Minutes  

March 23, 2011

Vice President Courtney Ketz called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Secretary Courtney Suttles took attendance. Due to the winter snow conditions no clubs will be fined for being absent or late this week.

Announcements

SPB announced OXO and SPB Present: Mind Games and V-Games TONIGHT (March 23rd) at 8 pm in the Farrell Commons.

SPB presents: The Shake Live in Concert on Saturday, March 26 at 8 pm in the Farrell Commons.

SPB presents: Matt Roloff : Star of “Little People, Big World”, Tuesday, March 29 at 8 pm in the Okun Theatre.

Also, the weekend movie is Tron: Legacy

Greek Council announced LAU, SOE, and SPB are proud to present Dulce De Leche Dance Party on Friday, March 25 from 10 pm to 2 am. Student admission will be $7 and guest admission will be $10.

Colleges Against Cancer and ZDT’s hot dog eating contest has been changed to Thursday, April 7th at 8:15 pm. If you would like to sign up please stop by the table in Farrell Center. We will be there until March 25th for sign ups.

Guest Speaker

Brian Hutzley, SUNY Delhi Vice President of Business and Finance, came to Student Senate to discuss fees for SUNY Delhi and discuss budget cuts. V.P. Hutzley reported SUNY is facing major cuts in the proposed New York State budget. SUNY Delhi is pushing for rational tuition which means a raise in tuition in a small amount each year instead of the 20 or 30% raise we have been experiencing each year. V.P. Hutzley announced there will be budget cuts again this year. Hutzley spoke of the imposition of new fees. One of those fees will be a laundry fee. On students tuition bills there will be a split between laundry and the housing fee. This means a laundry fee will be added but the housing fee will be reduced.

ATE asked if the technology fee will be raised.

V.P. Hutzley answered no we are not looking to raise the technology fee this year.
President Abraham asked about the transportation fee. Specifically President Abraham asked how it is broken up and where it is going.
V.P. Hutzley answered by naming a few fees for the vans such as maintenance, gas, equipment, servicing, and insurance.

President Abraham stated the Student Senate pays $4,000 for use of the vans. President Abraham asked where the $4,000 is going and is it still relevant for students to pay.
V.P. Hutzley answered by stating Student Senate used to have their own vans and the school could save money by putting all that money into the transportation fund.
President Abraham answered back by stating the vans are not available for the students to use and this has happened a few times already this year.
V.P. Hutzley answered if students have to rent transportation because the vans are not available that should be coming out of the transportation fund. Hutzley stated he will follow up on this issue.

WDTU asked if the laundry facilities will be coin operated.
V.P. Hutzley answered by stating the laundry machines will not be coin operated. There will only be a split in the bill and that portion will go towards laundry.

Vice President Ketz asked if the future of SUNY is going to be bad for other students when all the fees keep rising, is there a way to not let it get so bad we have to cut programs?
V.P. Hutzley answered by stating SUNY Delhi has saved money from the past to get through the rough times. Because of this preparation, SUNY Delhi is in better financial condition than many other SUNY’s. However, for long term SUNY Delhi is trying to raise enrollment and add online programs which offer increased revenue.

ATE asked, when does enrollment get too large? Won’t there be a time when we won’t be able to grow enrollment?
V.P. Hutzley answered by stating that’s why we are growing online programs and partnerships with other campuses like Schenectady.

President Abraham thanked V.P. Hutzley for the time he spent with the Senate, and for the clarification that he was able to offer about these important issues.

Secretary

Secretary Courtney Suttles announced an update on the Student Senate Banquet. The Student Senate Banquet will take place May 4th in the Farrell Commons. Secretary Suttles has recently met with Ulla to begin discussing specifics for the banquet. The banquet location will be the Farrell Commons and not MacDonald Hall as previously stated. There will be more information to come in the future.

If anyone is interested in running for a position on the Student Senate Executive Board petitions will be available on Monday, April 4th and must be returned Friday, April 8th.
All returning Senators are encouraged to consider running for an Executive Board position.

Treasurer

Treasurer Bobby Jewett announced the Finance Committee met regarding the allocation requested by NAHB. NAHB’s original request was for $1,000, and the Finance Committee suggests an allocation of $500 to come out of the unrestricted fund. CMAA seconded this motion and all were in favor. No opposed and no abstentions.

Treasurer Bobby Jewett reported on the NYSAVT additional allocation request. The Finance Committee met and suggests $1,840 for NYSAVT out of the Transportation fund due to the fact that there are not vans available when the club needs them. This $1,840 represents the cost of van rental and gas. This was seconded by DCIC and there was no discussion. This was tabled until next week. All Senators are reminded to discuss this proposed allocation request with their clubs prior to voting next week.

Regarding the CMAA request of $200, the Finance Committee is recommending $200. This was seconded by HMS and there was no discussion. This is tabled until next week.

Vice President

Vice President Courtney Ketz announced VIP must hand in their constitution. They are the only club who has yet to do so.

Vice President Ketz announced the CADI Grant awards. The awards were given as follows: SPB was awarded $500 for Winterfest, Greek Council was awarded $500 for DOE’s Bowl-a-thon, Greek Council was awarded $500 for UDE’s UDEFest in May, Hotel Management Society was awarded $400 for the “Click it Don’t Flick it” campaign, and WIC was awarded $400 for the Fashion Show.

Vice President Ketz announced a huge thank you to all the parade participants; NYSAVT, Broncos Fynest, Greek Council, RHA, Intramurals, and the Peer Counselors. Vice President Ketz also announced the parade award winners. The awards are as follows: Peer Counselors won $100 for most spirited, Greek Council won $100 for best turn out, and NYSAVT won $100 for most creative.

President

President Jeff Abraham announced the Student Senate Executive Board recommends the CADI Community Service Challenge money be given to the Japanese Aid Relief effort. This is a campus-wide effort that will be coordinated through the O’Connor Center for
Community Engagement. A motion was made by DCIC and seconded by CMAA. There was no discussion. All were in favor with no one opposing or abstaining.

President Abraham also announced if there are any food service concerns please address them to the Food Service Committee.

**New Business**

-None-

**Old Business**

-None-

**Future Agenda**

-None-

**Open Discussion**

The Walt Disney World College Program recruiter will be on campus on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 to recruit for the Fall Semester and Fall Advantage Programs. Interested students may attend the information sessions on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at either 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall. If you have any questions, please contact David Brower, Assistant Professor of Hospitality Management at browerde@delhi.edu or extension 4318. Information is also available via the Walt Disney World College Program Website at www.wdwcollegeprogram.com.

Tristan Hall, a SUNY Delhi student, currently announced his concern with the internet access. Hall stated SUNY Delhi is working with a limited internet access which includes small bandwidth and old internet. Hall announced some of his personal experiences with the internet such as professors not being able to use the smart board’s, and some professors do not give certain homework assignments because they know the students will not be able to complete the assignment with the internet speed available. Hall has been in contact with Jonathan Brennan, the CIO for Computer Information Systems, and has gotten some specific information about the internet available for students. SUNY Delhi has a contract with Time Warner Cable for 50 megabit connection. This is split up to different avenues among the campus and not enough is given to Bronco wireless. In Hall’s opinion, “it is frankly time for an upgrade.” Hall also stated, in his opinion SUNY Delhi’s internet is “so far under any other college it is laughable.” Hall is ultimately searching to get the idea out there and searching for areas of funding to get students a faster internet service.

President Abraham made a strong statement towards Hall regarding the email President Abraham received from Hall earlier in the week. President Abraham stated he was upset with Hall’s statement that said all students are too drunk on campus to use the internet
during the weekends so the internet should be faster not slower. President Abraham stated someone who makes comments like that should not be guiding or leading students. “As Student Senate President I was very upset with that statement.”

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:07 pm by PGM and seconded by Escoffier. All were in favor with no opposing or abstaining.