

MINUTES¹
USG Senate Meeting
Thursday, September 15th, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm. Meeting held in Wang Center Room 201.

Agenda item 1.0: Attendance

The roll was called:

Senator David Adams	Present
Senator Oluwasegun Adedapo	Present
Senator Emily Alcott	Present
Senator Shon Augustine	Present
Senator Lance Bertrand	Present
Senator Tiffany Bibby	Present
Senator Nicholas Ela	Present
Senator Ray Fan	Present
Senator Frank Fanizza	Present
Senator Max Gunther	Present
Senator Eric Lau	Late (7:07 pm)
Senator Anna Lubitz	Excused Absence
Senator Adam Meier	Excused Absence
Senator Sean Moore	Present
Senator Corey Platt	Present
Senator Masood Rustemi	Present
Senator Alexandra Santiago	Present
Senator Najee Simmons	Present
Senator Priya Sohi	Present
Senator David Szeszler	Present
Senator Andrew Tausz	Absent
Senator Ryann Williams	Late (7:07 pm)

President Mark Maloof	Present
Executive Vice President Deborah Machalow	Present
Treasurer Thomas Kirnbauer	Excused Absence
Vice President of Clubs and Organizations Allen Abraham	Present
Vice President of Communications Farjad Fazli	Present
Vice President of Student Life Deron Hill	Excused Absence
Senior Class Representative Emilisa Trotman	Excused Absence
Junior Class Representative Dennis Nmecha	Absent
Sophomore Class Representative Christopher Priore	Absent

Quorum established.

¹ Typically, minutes should only contain the essentials of a meeting. This includes the meeting time and location, a list of those who attended, as well as a record of all motions made and their outcome. Debate (or a summary of debate) is usually not included. I include it here at the request of the Chair. Mistakes and omissions are likely, so Senators are encouraged to e-mail the Secretary with corrections prior to the next Senate meeting, so that the record reflects what was actually said at the meeting and so corrections can be made efficiently.

Agenda item 2.0: Announcements

The Chair announced that the first Senate reports are due on September 30th.

The Chair further announced that committee meetings must be publicized. Please inform the EVP regarding committee meeting times.

The Chair made further announcements about internal USG Senate matters.

Agenda item 3.0: Approval of the Minutes (09/08/2011 Meeting)

- Without objection, Senior Class Representative Trotman's attendance was amended to "Excused Absence" from "Absent."
- Senator Fanizza moved that the minutes from the 09/08/2011 meeting be approved.
 - The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Agenda item 4.0: Undergraduate Student Government Statesman Contract

- Senator Sohi presented the contract.
 - Senator Adams: In part 7 of the contract, USG apparently gets discounted rates. Why don't we just get a minimum amount of free space weekly?
 - Senator Sohi: I do not think that is a question but rather a matter for debate.
- Senator Simmons moved to approve the "Undergraduate Student Government Statesman Contract for 2011-2012."
 - Senator Moore: I believe that the Statesman and Press receive the same amount of funding, but that the Press runs considerably more advertisements. We should keep this in mind.
- Senator Simmons moved to amend by striking "Thomas Kirnabuer – Treasurer" in Page 2 and replacing with "Mark Maloof – President."
 - Motion was approved as friendly.
- Senator Adams: Would we disrupt the Statesman's operations if the contract was recommitted to the Budget Committee?
 - Chair: No one can give a definitive answer, but I believe that last year around this time, none of the contracts had been approved.
- Senator Adams moved to refer the "Undergraduate Student Government Statesman Contract" to the Budget Committee.
 - Motion failed by a vote of 7-8-4. (Roll Call #1).
- President Maloof: Was this contract shown to USG legal counsel?
 - Senator Sohi: There was no reason to do so, as the contract's terms are largely the same as last year, when all contracts were reviewed by counsel.
- On the main motion: The motion was approved by a vote of 13-5-1. (Roll Call #2).

Agenda item 5.0: Undergraduate Student Government SBVAC Contract

- Senator Sohi presented the contract.
 - Senator Adams: How much more funding did SBVAC get this year?
 - Senator Sohi: I believe SBVAC's funding was actually cut in comparison to last year.
- Senator Fanizza moved to approve the "Undergraduate Student Government SBVAC Contract."

- Senator Simmons moved to amend by striking “Thomas Kirnabuer – Treasurer” in Page 3 and replacing with “Mark Maloof – President.”
 - Motion was approved as friendly.
- Senator Gunther: According to the contract, would we be able to provide them with additional funds, if for example, they needed a new ambulance?
 - Chair: No, according to this contract.
 - Senator Fanizza: They were able to fundraise in a similar situation last year.
- On the main motion, the motion was approved by a vote of 19-0-0. (Roll Call #3).

Agenda item 6.0: Open Agenda

- Senator Adams: Regarding the resolution we passed last week, I would like to get written confirmation by the University President of receipt of our resolution. I have a few examples of how that would look like, and I plan on sending a template of such receipts by e-mail to interested Senators.
- Senator Moore: I would like to congratulate VP Abraham, President Maloof, and all those who made the recent concert such a great success.
- Senator Fanizza: Homecoming contest. Nick and I are running for Homecoming King. This Saturday, Stony Brook Seawolves Football team is playing Brown University. Let’s get out there and support our university.
- No members of the gallery wished to speak.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm, without objection.

15-Sept-2011 Meeting / Roll Call Votes:	#1	#2	#3
Senator David Adams	Y	N	Y
Senator Oluwasegun Adedapo	Abstain	Y	Y
Senator Emily Alcott	Y	Y	Y
Senator Shon Augustine	Y	N	Y
Senator Lance Bertrand	Abstain	Y	Y
Senator Tiffany Bibby	Abstain	Y	Y
Senator Nicholas Ela	N	Y	Y
Senator Ray Fan	N	N	Y
Senator Frank Fanizza	N	Y	Y
Senator Max Gunther	N	Y	Y
Senator Eric Lau	Abstain	Y	Y
Senator Anna Lubitz	Absent	Absent	Absent
Senator Adam Meier	Absent	Absent	Absent
Senator Sean Moore	Y	N	Y
Senator Corey Platt	N	Y	Y
Senator Masood Rustemi	Y	Y	Y
Senator Alexandra Santiago	N	Y	Y
Senator Najee Simmons	N	Y	Y
Senator Priya Sohi	N	Y	Y
Senator David Szeszler	Y	N	Y
Senator Andrew Tausz	Absent	Absent	Absent
Senator Ryann Williams	Y	Abstain	Y
Total: (Yes-No-Abstain)	7-8-4	13-5-1	19-0-0
Outcome of Motion:	Fails	Passes	Passes