

## **University Council 2018-2019**

April 18, 2019

06:00PM

Student Center Reading Room

*Members in Attendance: Andrew Hasenzahl, Shelley Jain, Esther Milina, Alyson Clarke, Timothy Morello, Charles Park, Kristen Lu, Samantha Ringstaff, Zaki Azam, Ericka Bouchard, Michael Freilin, Robert Beale*

*Members not in Attendance: Erilande Silma (Proxy: Ericka), Hailey Huddleston (Proxy: Shelley), Michelle Garcia (Proxy: Andrew)*

*Non-voting Members in Attendance: Adam Burgman,*

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Call to Order**

- a. A. Hasenzahl called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

#### **2. Old Business**

- a. Strategic Planning Process
  - i. What's next (projected dates):
    - 1. Update strategy - Feb 15
    - 2. Review with stakeholder groups - March 8
    - 3. Set priorities among goals and objectives - March 22
    - 4. Create implementation plans for priority projects - April 12
    - 5. Establish implementation structure/systems (including dashboard) - May 3
    - 6. Begin implementation - May 22
- b. Multicultural Fair
  - i. April 3rd from 5:30pm to 7pm in the Student Center Gymnasium
  - ii. Food from 12 Countries were represented and dances from 2 Countries were represented
  - iii. More than 200 students attended
  - iv. Need more UC representation at the fair helping out
    - 1. Thank you Michelle, Shelley, Zaki, Alyson, Charles, and Andrew
    - 2. If not, what other activity would you rather do?
- c. SUNY SA Spring Conference
  - i. April 5th - 7th in Saratoga Springs
    - 1. Notable Resolutions:
      - a. SUNY SA Fee Proposal. \$0.50 per student per semester. Won't count towards SAF maximum. Our duty is to ensure our representation within the SUNY SA is increased since we will be paying this fee.

- b. Period Act: Free menstrual products in all women's and gender neutral bathrooms and ½ men's bathrooms.
    - c. Childcare Recommendation: Disseminating information about childcare programs, consider affordable on-site childcare for student parents and offer information about funding opportunities and transportation to access affordable childcare.
    - d. These resolutions need to be passed by SUNY BOT before they become SUNY-wide policy
  - 2. New SUNY SA Executive Board elected and Graduate Student Representatives elected. Maintain these connections. President-Elect Austin Ostro expressed interest in visiting Downstate.
  - 3. UC Student Service Learning Poster Competition
- ii. April 11th from 5-6pm in the Student Center Main lounge
- iii. Student Organization Projects:
  - 1. 1st Place – Midwifery
  - 2. 2nd place – Dialysis Sidekicks
  - 3. 3rd place – AMA/MSSNY
- iv. Individual Projects:
  - 1. 1st place – Aliyah Murphy & Karina Sanchez
- v. Thank you to Andrew for helping judge and Charles, Esther, and Samantha for participating in the competition
- vi. In the future we need more UC members to attend the event, whether it is to judge, greet people, or pass out the pizza, or we can not do these events anymore

### 3. New Business

- a. Budget Requests
  - i. Maimonides Society
    - 1. After brief discussion, the following motion was made by T. Morello and seconded by A. Clarke
    - 2. Motion: To approve their budget request of \$300. **Motion passes unanimously.**
      - a. \$300 was approved from Programs and Projects Account 40-70173-016-30001 to 40-70255-016-30001
  - ii. Orthopedics Club
    - 1. After brief discussion, the following motion was made by S. Jain and seconded by E. Milina.
    - 2. Motion: To approve their budget request of \$89. **Motion passes unanimously.**
      - a. \$89 was approved from 40-70260-016-3001 to Account 70260-012 .
  - iii. SUNY Downstate Chapter for Physicians for Human Rights

1. After brief discussion, the following motion was made by S. Ringstaff and seconded by C. Park.
2. Motion: To approve their budget request of \$200. **Motion passes unanimously.**
  - a. \$200 was approved from Programs and Projects Account 40-70173-016-30001 to SUNY Downstate Chapter for Physicians for Human Rights Account 40-70369-016.

b. Monthly updates

- i. GSC: No new updates.
- ii. CHRP: Disabilities Week and April is OT Month.
- iii. COM: Dean Luchessi is hosting town hall events for each class year
- iv. CON: No new updates.
- v. SPH: 1st week of April is National Public Health Week.
- vi. SCGB: Disabilities Week.
- vii. RHC: New RHC board elected.
- viii. SUNY SA: No new updates.
- ix. Centerwide Committee: Construction on the parking garage (price and spot availability). Safe bike storage locations.
- x. SUNY Council: Updates to be provided at the May meeting.
- xi. Sim Center Committee: No new updates.

c. Food Pantry

- i. Student Affairs announced a new program to give all students access to an on-campus food pantry.
- ii. Located on the Main Level of the Student Center.
- iii. Thank you Amy and Student Life for putting this program together and funding the initial donations.
- iv. We're looking for Student Organizations and Campus departments to do food drives to help keep the food pantry going, like CON Council just completed.
- v. Flyers, mass emails, and weekly pick ups would help to promote engagement.
- vi. Robert Beale will be the UC point person food pantry/food drive.
- vii. Survey from SUNY Food Insecurity Task Force leadership  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J93DFTT>

d. Earth Day Event

- i. April 18 at 11:30am - 1:00pm in the Atrium
- ii. Bike Raffle, Apples, and Free Plant Giveaways, Stuff a Plush.
- iii. [www.downstate.edu/green](http://www.downstate.edu/green)

e. 1st Annual Lavender Graduation

- i. May 17 at 4:45pm at Student Center Main Lounge
- ii. Celebration for Downstate LGBTQ+ and Allied graduating students of every college
- iii. President Riley will be speaking at this event

- iv. Please attend and show support
- f. Voting on proposed budget for 2019-2020
  - i. Treasurer's Report
  - ii. After brief discussion, the following motion was made by Z. Azam and seconded by E. Milina.
  - iii. Motion: To approve the 2019-2020 UC budget as submitted. **Motion passes unanimously.**
  - iv. Student Council motions to amendment to consider to modify the budget for Winter/Spring Events from \$8000 to \$4000.
- g. Senior Gift
  - i. Senior Gift from bookstore for graduating UC Members.
  - ii. After brief discussion, the following motion was made by E. Bouchard and seconded by T. Morello.
  - iii. Motion: To approve \$199.75 from UC Budget to purchase Senior Gift. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- h. 2019-2020 School Councils:
  - i. COM: Jordana Schmidt-Swartz is President and Rabani Bharara is VP
  - ii. SGS: Elections held in May.
  - iii. SPH: Looking for additional students to run. Currently sent a call for nominations.
  - iv. CON: Elections held September.
  - v. CHRP: Looking for additional students to run. Currently sent a call for nominations
  - vi. RHC: New Board: Patrick Flannigan, Robin Ochei, Michael Human, Mario Otuada
- i. 2019-2020 University Council Executive Board Elections:
  - i. Elections will take place at next meeting on May 9
  - ii. Only UC members of 2018-2019 can vote
  - iii. If you cannot attend, please designate a proxy for the meeting, but e-mail your vote to Esther or Adam by April 25th.
  - iv. If you cannot attend and wish to run for a position, please mention which position(s) you are interested in running for and submit 1-2 paragraphs to [universitycouncil@downstate.edu](mailto:universitycouncil@downstate.edu) to be read to UC in your absence
- j. Welcome newly elected UC and SUNY Council members for the 2019-2020 year
  - i. UC: Abhimanyu Amarnani, Robert Beale, Augustine Galian, and Justin Ingram
  - ii. SUNY Council: Lauren Vincente and Zachary Shampain
- k. Thank graduating UC members
  - i. Michelle Garcia, Esther Milina, Kristen Lu, Zaki Azam, Charles Park, Erilande Silma and Samantha Ringstaff
- l. UC Facebook page - Remember to Share and Like!
  - i. <https://www.facebook.com/UCatDownstate/>
- m. UC Suggestion Box

- i. No new submissions since 7/19/18 as of 4/16/19

**4. Adjournment**

- a. A. Hasenzahl called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.
- b. Next meeting May 9 at 6:00pm in Student Center Reading Room.

Minutes officially submitted by:

Esther Milina, University Council Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Esther Milina". The signature is written in dark ink and is slanted upwards from left to right.