

University Council Meeting 2024-2025

Thursday, May 8th, 2025

6pm

Student Center Reading Room

Attendance

Voting Members in Attendance:

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Non-voting Members in Attendance:

Jeffrey Putman	
Schuyler Hooke	
Hend Heikal	
Gelila Hawthorne	
Lianlen Joy Go Distor	

Agenda

1. Call to Order at 6:14pm by Joya, seconded by Kelsha

2. Budget Requests: NONE

3. New Business

a. New Budget Vote:

- i. Shiva reports changes to the budget process. This year clubs were able to get funding from 2-3 councils but moving forward they will only be eligible for funding from only one council. In this new layout, UC will oversee funding of only 13 clubs. Clubs used to be allocated a minimum of \$100 each but now we are hoping to increase that initial budget. The new budget outlines specific allowances for the various clubs.

	Prior Funding	New Funding	Suggested Changes?
Block Party	\$1000	\$1000	No
BFC	\$2000	\$2000	No
MC Fair	\$3000	\$3500	No
SUNY SA	\$1500	\$1600	No
Student Org Leadership Training	\$2000	\$2000	No
Thanksgiving dinner	\$2000	\$2000	No
UC meeting Dinner	\$2500	\$2500	No
Winter/Spring Events	\$4000	\$4000	No
13 Clubs	Various allocations		No

**Motion by Shiva to approve updated Budget raised by Shiva, seconded by Thomas.
Approved unanimously.**

b. SUNY SA application

- i. Thomas Sanford- currently in second year serving as SUNY SA rep. Has attended 4 SA meetings and is currently serving as the Graduate student rep.
- ii. Two other students expressed interest but were not able to attend today's meeting.
- iii. Vote to reinstate Thomas as SA Rep. Unanimous! CONGRATULATIONS THOMAS!!
- iv. Motion to table the voting for the second position until the September meeting. Raised by Kelsha, seconded by Shiva. Passed unanimously.

c. 4th Hearing about Downstate - Follow up with students who attended.

4. Old business

a. Welcome new members and congratulations

b. Thank you again!

- i. Multicultural Fair

1. We will be writing a step-by-step plan to organize the fair to pass on knowledge to the new board. Isaac will take lead on this- pending
- ii. New Constitution - passed!
- iii. Earth Day April 22nd- over 700 people!
 1. 400 plants were given out.
 2. We ran out of our utensils and reusable straws and had to tap into some other swag items. We may consider having people show a student ID to get a UC giveaway.
- c. Budget Meeting April 23
 - i. Shiva and Tobi were in attendance. Formal vote on the budget to happen at the end of this meeting.
- d. SUNY SA
 - i. Applications were reopened with new deadline of May meeting- 05/08/2025
 - ii. Meeting update: annual elections was held. Tom's term as the graduate rep is coming to an end but there were not enough graduate students to do a formal vote for the next rep. Tom is hoping to be reinstated. Voting is scheduled for late summer.
 - iii. There were five things passed including the budget and a resolution saying the SUNY SA supports DEI, LGBTQ.
 - iv. Annual advocacy day in Albany with senators and other leaders. We did not participate this year but may consider participation in the future (either SA rep or other UC members)

5. Advisor Updates

- a. Invitations for Administrators for the rest of the year- tabled until next year.
 - i. New members will generate an updated list
- b. Blood drive April 28th-29th
 - i. Did not have a good turnout. They had a goal of 40 pints per day. They got a maximum of 26.
 - ii. Consideration for moving the blood drive back to the cafeteria or the PHAB hall or another area that is more readily accessible.
 - iii. Nationwide there has been a decline in the blood donor population.
- c. Middle states update
 - i. We received the formal report in writing. We have agreed with the report and a sub committee is now reviewing it. This report will be evaluated before the full commission in November.
- d. Kudos and Concerns implementation for other programs
 - i. Still in process- expected to be ready by this summer
- e. Health Insurance
 - i. Four bids are in and a committee needs to meet to review the bids within the next two weeks.
 - ii. UC members are being invited to sit on the committee. If you have interest please reach out to Dr. Putman.

6. Program Updates

- a. COM:

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 - i. Senior Week is going well (shoutout to the students who planned it all)!
 - ii. Students are asking for the recorded TTR lectures to be put on LEO or emailed out. They're not currently accessible.

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- iii. No response from Anesthesia regarding increasing home opportunities for our students nor regarding opportunities at Maimo.
- iv. Maimo OB said they will give a decision in the next month or so on whether they will take our students (as per a med student).

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- v. No new concerns

- b. CON: Finals week. Everyone is preparing for summer. Still not a lot of people planning to attend graduation.
- c. SOHP: Convocation is today, 6pm, in the Alumni Auditorium. Graduation ceremony is on May 20th, at 11am, at The Amphitheater (Coney Island Boardwalk). The new SOHP Representative for the upcoming school year is Serina Abdul Satter. Congrats Serina!
- d. SPH: We have our new e-board and UC Rep members. The new SPH Rep will be Shaquille James (shaquille.james@downstate.edu). We have our graduation party coming to close out the year on May 12th. Other than that, everything is good.
- e. GS: Going well. There was an ethics lecture on Wednesday that was well attended.
- f. SUNY SA: Updates noted above
- g. College Council: No updates.

7. Open Floor

- a. N/A

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kelsha at 7:52pm. Seconded by Dan

Minutes officially submitted on 05/20/2025 by Kelsha Sanchez



Kelsha Sanchez

UC Secretary 2024-2025