

University Council Meeting 2025-2026



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Name	
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Gulshan Ashaque	

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Onyekachi Okeke	
Rubia Shahbaz	
Lanasia Verneau	
Dana Ratnarajah	

Agenda

- Call to Order at 6:09 pm by Dan, seconded by Hend
- **Budget Requests:**
 - DSMOA
 - ☐ Requesting \$300 for honoraria
 - ☐ Showed up to budget meeting
 - ☐ Vote: motion proposed by Dan, seconded by Thomas, and voted unanimously

⌘ **New Business**

- SUNY SA Elections
 - ☐ Congrats Moyouri Bhattacharjee
- Schedule Espresso Your Thoughts Meeting
 - ☐ **Date:** TBD (Proposed: Tuesdays in late October)
- Block Party and SAF
 - ☐ Thank you, Isaac, Shiva, Serina!
 - ☐ Feedback
 - ⌘ Whiteboards around campus
 - ⌘ PHAB?
 - ⌘ Extending med library hours
 - ⌘ More common time between schools
 - ⌘ Extending gym hours
 - ⌘ SCGB
 - ⌘ New shuttle app
 - ⌘ Being tested, will be rolled out shortly
 - ⌘ Better shuttle hours
 - ⌘ Need data of usage
 - ⌘ Can look into with UPD
- Voting
 - ☐ **Budget Requests:**

€ DINE

€ Requesting \$300 for honoraria

€ Showed up to budget meeting

☐ Motion passes to approve budget request for DINE

- **Old Business**

- New Budget Request Form: https://qualtrics.downstate.edu/jfe/form/SV_6yhmEy67A3z4Sz4
 - ☐ Club email, just treasurer, last question...if UC co-sponsorship (club funding for co-sponsorship, multiple forms?)
- New Suggestion Box?
- Mental Health Days
- Hosting SUNY SA executive board 2/28
 - ☐ Thank you, Thomas!
- UC Guidelines for funding
 - ☐ Update guidelines to standardize how clubs are funded across all councils
 - € Treasurers will meet before October UC meeting
 - ☐ Accepted med council budget in interim

- **Advisor Updates**

- Invitations Sent for Administrators
 - ☐ Any update on availability?
 - € Sending the invitations
- **Kudos and Concerns Implementation**
 - ☐ Any updates?
 - € Product identified, 2026 implementation
- **ENGAGE Platform**
 - ☐ Moving along, a solid timeline should be known by the next UC meeting
- New website for religious observances
 - ☐ <https://www.downstate.edu/education-training/student-affairs/student-policies/religiousobservances.html>

- **Program Updates**

- COM:
 - ☐ Stocking of ice cream machines
 - ☐ Refrigerator issues on the 5th and 6th floors of HSEB (consistent leftover food, limited capacity, and consideration of larger or additional fridges)
- CON:
 - ☐ NSC election
- SOHP:
 - ☐ Planning for Midterm Breakfast (vendor challenges and identifying Downstate-connected options)
 - ☐ Proposal for a Centralized SOHP Instagram Page
 - ☐ OT Event for the Rest of the School (overview of OT mission and outreach planning)
- SPH:

- ☐ **Proposal:** Push the council meeting to a later evening time.
- GS:
 - ☐ Annual research day 10/16
- SUNY SA:
 - ☐ Thomas re-elected as graduate caucus rep at SA Eboard
- College Council:
 - ☐ Hasn't met yet

- **Open Floor**

- N/A

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dan at 7:41pm. Seconded by Thomas

Minutes officially submitted on 10/14/2025 by Hend Heikal

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UC Secretary 2025-2026