

Thursday, September 17, 2026: 6PM
Student Center Reading Room



UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING 2026-2027

Voting Members in Attendance:

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Voting Members Not in Attendance:

Name	Email
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Non-Voting Attendee:

Name	Email
Adam Burgman	Adam.burgman@downstate.edu
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Schuyler Hooke	Schuyler.hooke@downstate.edu

Agenda

Call to Order by Dan at 6:11PM, seconded by Sanjana

WELCOME (6:00-6:10)

- Greetings and Introductions

BUDGET REQUESTS & VOTING (6:10-6:20)

- Budget Requests
 - Autism Fair - \$200

NEW BUSINESS (6:20-7:00)

- Student Activities Fair
 - Thank you!
 - Dan, Gelila, Sanjana, Coleman, Moyouri, Azusa, Bryan, Tony, Onye
- 9/11 Memorial Wreath – Thank you!
 - Shout out from Downstate Communications & Marketing
- Espresso Your Thoughts
 - **Date: 9/22, Time: 11:00-1:00PM, Location: HSEB Atrium**
 - **Dan, Sanjana, Bryan, Azusa, Shaon, Gelila, Coleman**
 - **Wear polo!!**
 - **Snacks, tea, coffee!**
 - **Get hot water jug from SC soda room– fill up jug next to ice machine in SC – set up 30 mins before**
- SUNY SA Elections – November Meeting
- Hosting SUNY SA Executive Board
- UC Updates
 - Staff/Faculty Invitations
 - Dawn Skeete-Walker
 - Library director – in context of renovations, what students will need resource wise
 - Engage
 - Instagram: UC.downstate
 - Upcoming posts of members & fun facts
 - Repost posts on stories to promote
 - Suggestions Box

- **Update on [website](#)**

- Review of suggestions: Parking high for students, asked for discount for students – Decrease \$2 per parking or \$20 per month
- Downstate already subsidizes parking for students, Dr. Putman can discuss a possible discount – booklets

- Upcoming Events

- Halloween Extravaganza (10/22)
 - Will need staffing – talk about it at October meeting
 - Joint with COM & SCGB
- Thanksgiving Dinner (11/18)
 - 26th anniversary
 - No staffing “just come and eat”
 - Tickets go on sale Oct. 5th

OLD BUSINESS (7:00-7:20)

- Research Open House
 - Follow up with Nick Cromie for possible contacts
 - Planning for spring
- UC Report on Student Achievements and Concerns

ADVISOR UPDATES (7:20-7:40)

- Budget
 - Waiting for FSA to finalize the budget
 - Send out reminders to clubs in March to get forms in on time to prevent backlogs
 - Will separate fundraising and from Activities Fee allocation
- Counseling Center 24 Hour Services
 - Working on contract
- Library Renovation
 - Scheduled to begin in January
 - Library & other areas to be closed (formal announcement coming soon)
 - Annex will also be closed
 - Repurposing unused rooms into study spaces
 - Students have mentioned concern for studying spaces during STEP prep period
- Hospital Expansion

- Garage demolished
- Student Center Renovations – 75% complete, on track to be completed in Spring
 - Tennis court construction
 - On track to finish this spring

PROGRAM UPDATES (7:40-7:50)

- COM:
 - Changed two recent MS2 lectures to mandatory very late and didn't notify students which disrupted NearPeer scheduling.
- CON:
 - ABSN doubled in size --> more attendance at events :D
 - Elections coming up in October - remind Eric that his new representative should come to November meeting so they can have 1 meeting of overlap before we say bye
- SOHP:
 - PA students getting lectures changed from synchronous to asynchronous with minimal notification, helping out with beginning of the year clubs' transition of powers
 - Had meeting with Adam to discuss budgets for the year
 - Planning free breakfast on 7th floor (open to all students, but focused on SOHP)
 - First meeting for SOHP council 9/24
- SPH:
 - First council meeting in the next week
 - Sent out first newsletter
 - Faculty telling students they cannot get a Downstate ID, working to get this resolved
- SGS:
 - Just completed elections, need to submit to Adam
 - Editing constitution next week
- SUNY SA:
 - No updates
- College Council:
 - No updates

Open Floor (7:50-7:55)

Meeting Closed

Budget Requests

- Autism Fair - \$200
- Option to Fund in Full Daniel Green
- Motion raised by Sanjana Ahmed, seconded by Azusa Okada
 - For - 8
 - Against - 0
 - Abstain - 1

Motion passes to approve the use of money from Programs & Projects (FSA Account# 40-70173-016-30001) to be used for Autism Fair

Motion to adjourn by Daniel Green at 7:15PM seconded by Tony Chen

Minutes officially submitted on 09/22/26 by Sanjana Ahmed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sanjana Ahmed', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sanjana Ahmed

UC Secretary 2025-2026