

MINUTES¹
 USG Senate Meeting
 Thursday, November 10th, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm. Meeting held in Wang Center Room 301.

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	Late (7:22 pm); Left early (8:00 pm)
Senator Nicholas Ela	Present
Senator Ray Fan	Late (7:37 pm)
Senator Frank Fanizza	Present
Senator Max Gunther	Present
Senator Eric Lau Pierre-Jean)	Present by Proxy (Mr. Marv
Senator Anna Lubitz	Present
Senator Adam Meier	Present
Senator Sean Moore	Present
Senator Corey Platt Reffi)	Present by Proxy (Mr. Anthony
Senator Masood Rustemi	Late (7:22 pm)
Senator Alexandra Santiago	Present
Senator Najee Simmons (PPT)	Present
Senator Priya Sohi Myers)	Present by Proxy (Mr. Kenneth
Senator David Szeszler	Excused Absence
Senator Andrew Tausz	Present
Senator Ryann Williams Thomas)	Present by Proxy (Mr. Justin

President Mark Maloof	Present
Executive Vice President Deborah Machalow	Present
Treasurer Thomas Kirnbauer	Present
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

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.

Senior Class Representative Emilisa Trotman
Junior Class Representative Dennis Nmecha
Sophomore Class Representative Christopher Priore

Excused Absence
Absent
Absent

Quorum established.

Agenda item 2.0: Announcements

The Chair announced that late Senate reports should be submitted as soon as possible.

The Chair further announced that Senators should do a better job coordinating committee meeting times.

The Chair asked Senators to let the Chair know if they do not pick up their agenda packets from their mailboxes, as the Chair would be willing to bring them to the meeting room if notified beforehand.

Agenda item 3.0: Approval of the Minutes (11/03/2011 Meeting)

- Senator Simmons moved that the minutes from the 11/03/2011 meeting be approved.
 - Motion approved by unanimous consent.

Agenda item 4.0: President's Report

- Proxy Myers moved that the Senate enter into Executive Session, for the purposes of discussing Human Resources issues.
 - Motion passed by a vote of 15-0-3. (Roll Call #1).
- *The USG Senate entered into Executive Session at 7:19 pm.*
- *Senator Fanizza moved to end the Executive Session.*
 - *Motion passed by a vote of 18-0-0. (Roll Call #2).*
- *The USG Senate exited the Executive Session at 7:59 pm.*

Agenda item 5.0: Undergraduate Student Government NYPIRG Contract (Presidential Veto Exercised)

- Treasurer Kirnbauer made the contract presentation.
 - The contract approved by the Senate contained the wrong name. The President requests that the contract be referred to the Budget committee, so that the correct name can be found, and the contract amended to reflect that.
- Senator Fanizza moved to recommit the NYPIRG Contract to the Budget Committee.
 - Motion passed by a vote of 19-0-0. (Roll Call #3).

Agenda item 6.0: Confirmation of USG Graphic Designer

-Roman Belopolsky

- Senator Simmons (Vetting Committee) presented the nomination.
 - Senator Moore: Is this the person who designed the White Panda poster and other concert designs?
 - Senator Simmons: Yes, he did. He has designed many posters.
 - Treasurer Kirnbauer: If you go into the top floor of the SAC dining area, you'll see a whole slew of posters, some that were recently done, and everything in that room was created by Roman. He has a lot of poster making experience.
- Senator Moore moved to confirm Roman Belopolsky for the position of "USG Graphic Designer."

- Senator Alcott: I know that he is not currently the designer for the “Rock Yo’ Face” posters. Those posters are a lot edgier than the ones we used to have.
 - Chair: The President, in consultation with the VP of Communications, makes an appointment, which must be vetted and approved by the Senate.
- Proxy Thomas: Are there any projects as of now that require the attention of a USG Graphic Designer?
 - Treasurer Kirnbauer: To the best of my knowledge, there is nothing that is required urgently, at least not for this semester.
- Senator Santiago: Perhaps we should wait in order to consider a wider pool of applicants.
- Senator Fanizza: The applicant will likely graduate soon. Is it a good idea to approve someone like that, when he will likely graduate and leave soon?
- Senator Bertrand: Is he involved in “Rock Yo’ Face” at all?
- Senator Adams: Was the candidate asked regarding his plans after graduation?
 - Senator Simmons: We did not ask him about his plans regarding continuing in the position after he graduates.
- Senator Fanizza moved to end debate.
 - Motion passed by a vote of 20-0-0. (Roll Call #4).
- On the main question, the motion to confirm the candidate: Motion failed by a vote of 6-13-1. (Roll Call #5).

Agenda item 7.0: Tobacco-Free Policy Resolution

- Chair: The authors of the resolution are not present. Is there any objection to tabling this resolution?
 - Seeing no objection, the resolution was tabled.

Agenda item 8.0: Open Agenda

- President Maloof: Everyone should attend “Chiddy Bang.”
- Senator Meier: What is Chiddy Bang?
 - President Maloof: Chiddy Bang is a YouTube phenomenon. Tickets go on sale on Friday. You should buy them!
- Proxy Myers: How does Roman have a position at this time? What is going on?
 - President Maloof: Roman is serving in a position that was created on a permanent basis through legislation last week. He had been that person last year when the position was created through a temporary act. He had been working since then.
 - Proxy Myers: How is the SBA Director in office at this time, working before being vetted?
 - President Maloof: These candidates are in process of being vetted. It was felt that it was necessary for the candidates to try the role first, to make us satisfied that the candidates could do the job, before being formally offered the position.
 - Proxy Myers: The SBA Director made motions and voted at the previous SBA meeting. Was that proper?

- President Maloof: I was not aware of that.
 - Chair: I believe it was proper for the nominee to do so.
- Senator Santiago: Is a ticket to the Chiddy Bang show required, or is showing my ID at the door sufficient?
 - President Maloof: A ticket is required.
- As there were no further comments from the Senate or from the gallery, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

10-Nov-2011 Meeting / Votes:	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
Senator David Adams	Y	Y	Absent	Y	N
Senator Oluwasegun Adedapo	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senator Emily Alcott	Y	Y	Y	Y	Abstain
Senator Shon Augustine	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senator Lance Bertrand	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Senator Tiffany Bibby	Absent	Y	Absent	Absent	Absent
Senator Nicholas Ela	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Senator Ray Fan	Absent	Y	Y	Y	N
Senator Frank Fanizza	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Senator Max Gunther	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Proxy Marv Pierre-Jean	Abstain	Absent	Y	Y	Y
Senator Anna Lubitz	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Senator Adam Meier	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Senator Sean Moore	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Proxy Anthony Reffi	Abstain	Absent	Y	Y	Y
Senator Masood Rustemi	Absent	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senator Alexandra Santiago	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Senator Najee Simmons (PPT)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Proxy Kenneth Myers	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Senator David Szeszler	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Senator Andrew Tausz	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Proxy Justin A. Thomas	Abstain	Absent	Y	Y	N
Total: (Yes-No-Abstain)	15-0-3	18-0-0	19-0-0	20-0-0	6-13-1
Outcome of Motion:	Passes	Passes	Passes	Passes	Fails