

**Stony Brook University Undergraduate Student Government Senate  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 2, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM in SAC Ballroom B, Executive VP John Kriscenski presiding.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Late/leaving early</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Abrishamian, Tiffany				X
Ahmad, Tahir	X			
Baum, Ory	X			
Benelyahoo, Aharon (by proxy, Sidrah Khan)	X			
Bose, Aneta	X			
Cushing, Spenser	X			
Cushner, Jordan	X			
Dimitriyadi, Alexander	X			
Fan, Runyu	X			
Geckle, Theresa	X			
Graber, Daniel	X			
Hand, Jennifer	X			
Haq, Syed		X		
Harounian, Jonathan		X		
Kashan, Mahyar	X			
Khan, Aysha	X			
Lanza, Alexandria		X		
Machalow, Deborah	X			
Mahmud, Kirin	X			
Mbisike, Nicole	X			
McCarthy, Craig	X			
Russo, Joseph	X (seated at 7:25 pm)			

Total	17	3		1
<b><u>Non-voting members</u></b>				
President Wilson		X		
Treasurer Khan	X			
VP of Communications Mazza	X			
VP of Academic Affairs Forbes		X		
VP of Clubs and Orgs Reji		X		
VP of Student Life Tilley	X			
Senior Class Rep Georges		X		
Junior Class Rep Chan	X			
Sophomore Class Rep Patestas		X		
Freshman Class Rep Young		X		

**1.0 Attendance: *See above***

**2.0 Announcements**

-Senate reports are due. Please submit them to EVP Kriscenski.

**3.0 Approval of the Minutes from 2/23/2010**

-Sen. Cushing made a motion to amend 8.2 to 8.3 and ‘ma de’ to ‘made.’ Seconded and passed without objection. Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded and passed without objection.

**4.0 2010 Checks and Balances Act (resumed from last meeting)**

-A vote was taken on the motion to insert “by joint appointment of the Executive Vice President and President Pro Tempore.” Motion carried unanimously (17-0-0). Sen. Machalow made a motion to strike ‘termination’ from Sec. 5 and replace it with ‘removal.’ Seconded and passed unanimously after no debate. Sen. Dimitriyadi made a motion to strike ‘simple affirmative majority’ from Sec. 5 and replace it with ‘2/3rds affirmative vote.’ Seconded and passed unanimously (17-0-0). Sen. Bose made a motion, which was not seconded. After no further debate, a vote was taken on the original motion to approve the 2010 Checks and Balances Act, which carried (16-1-0).

## **5.0 Executive Council Reports**

- VP Mazza gave a report.
- VP Tilley made a brief report.
- Junior Class Rep Chan made a brief report.

## **6.0 Agency Reports**

- Written reports were submitted last week. No oral reports were given.

## **7.0 Confirmation of the Appointment to the Senate, College of Arts and Sciences**

- Joseph Russo.** Mr. Russo addressed the Senate and took questions. Sen. Cushner made a motion to approve Mr. Russo. Seconded. After no debate a vote was taken and Mr. Russo was confirmed unanimously (17-0-0). Sen. Russo was seated immediately.

## **8.0 Special Services Council Allocations**

- SSC Chair Mashouf presented the allocations to the Senate.
  - Society of Physics Students: \$560. A discussion was held. Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the allocation. Seconded. After a brief debate a vote was taken. Motion carried (17-0-1).
  - Juggling Club: \$200. Sen. Bose made a motion to approve the allocation. Seconded. After no debate, a vote was taken and the motion carried (17-0-1).
  - Photography Club: \$375. Discussion was held. Sen. Bose made a motion to approve the allocation. Seconded and passed unanimously (18-0-0).
  - Stony Brook Independent: \$375. A discussion was held. Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the allocation. Seconded. After a brief debate, a vote was taken and the motion failed (2-16-0).

## **9.0 Special Services Recommendations for Line Item Budget Status**

- College Democrats:** A brief discussion was held. Sen. Cushing made a motion to approve the College Democrats for Line Item Budget Status. Seconded. After no debate a vote was taken (17-0-1).

## **10.0 Grants: Presented by Treasurer Khan**

- Boxing Club:** \$655. Sen. Khan made a motion to approve the grant. After no debate the motion carried unanimously (18-0-0).
- LASO:** \$4,000. Reduced from request of \$10,000. Funds are to pay for a DJ for Latin Weekend. A discussion was held. Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the allocation. Seconded. Sen. Khan made a motion to amend the amount to \$10,000. Seconded. After brief debate, a vote was taken and the motion failed (7-9-1). Sen. Bose made a motion to increase the amount of the grant to \$6000. Seconded. After a brief debate a vote was taken and the motion carried (12-5-1). Debate continued on the amended grant for \$6000. A vote was taken and the motion carried (16-2-0).

**-CIAO:** \$750: Trip to Ellis Island. A discussion was held. Sen. Fan made a motion to approve the grant. Seconded. Sen. Cushing made a motion to amend the amount to \$1500. Seconded. A vote was taken and the amendment carried (13-4-1) Sen. Ahmad made a motion to postpone the grant. Seconded and passed unanimously (18-0-0).

**11.0 The Ad-Hoc Committee to Examine Proposed Tuition Changes – Preliminary Report**

-Sen. Machalow presented the report. A written copy was provided to the Senate. Questions were taken from the Senate.

**12.0 Open Agenda**

**-Business from the Senate:** none

**-Business from the Gallery:**

-NYPIRG

-VP Mazza: Rally against Budget cuts tomorrow (3/3/2010). All encouraged to attend.

- Sen. McCarthy: Of The Month Awards and Campus Residences presentation tomorrow (3/3/2010).

*Executive VP Kriscenski adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.*