



Students' Association Senate Agenda

Meeting of January 23, 2012

Speaker: Dan Cohn

Deputy Speaker: Alina Czekai

SENATORS PRESENT: Arastu, Benitez, Brill, Brooks, Brookstein, Codjoe, Donnelly, Gaona, Macias, Patel, Rambarran, Sanchez, Sobolewski, Wang, Whittier

SENATORS ABSENT: Fernandes, Sharma

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 PM

SPEAKER'S BRIEFING

Speaker Cohn urges Senators to contact him if they will not be present at the Senate Meeting next week due to Pan-Hellenic Formal Recruitment. He states that several Senators have already notified him that they will be absent, and there must be quorum to hold the meeting.

OPEN FORUM/CONSTITUENCY REPORT

Catering Senator Brookstein expresses frustration with the catering services on campus. He states that they are decent caterers, however, their services are very expensive. He states that Meliora Catering is not the only catering service in this fine city and many would be excited to have our business. Senator Sobolewski expresses agreement with Brookstein.

Speaker Cohn states that Meliora Catering will be at Open Forum at the Senate Meeting of February 9, 2012.

Bar Bus Senator Brill states that the committee made a formal recommendation to Dean Burns that they permit bussing to 21 and over events, formals, and senior nights. She states that they suggested that formals should not have to go through the bar bus committee anymore and that they should go through the event registration process like what fraternities do for parties. Senator Brill states that 18+ nights will not be returning for the time being.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Halpern welcomes everyone back to Senate.

President Halpern states that he is still looking for representatives for three University committees: The Event Registration Committee, which controls and evaluates the Event Registration Process, including the process for registering alcoholic events, and controversially, Dandelion Day; Financial Aid Advisory Board, which makes decisions for and advises the administration of the financial aid office. It is a new committee, so the initiatives will largely be up to the Senate; and the Academic Living Center Selections and Review Board, which determines who will get the three fraternity quad houses for the next 3 years. Currently they are filled by DU, CLC, and Drama. All three are reapplying, but this committee determines whether or not they are the best proposals.

Senator Benitez asks President Halpern when selections for representatives will be made. Halpern responds that they must be approved at the next Senate Meeting.

Senator Brookstein inquires which administrators serve on the Academic Living Center Selections and Review Board. President Halpern states that Laurel Contomanolis and Dean Feldman serve on the committee. Halpern states that the committee will be comprised of four to five administrators and two to three students.

President Halpern asks chairs to pass this information on to their committee; all aides are eligible to serve on the committees.

President Halpern states that Kyle Arean-Raines resigned as Webmaster. Halpern expects to make more committee personnel changes in the upcoming weeks.

President Halpern announces that he was accepted into the KEY program for next year. His project involves leadership development. He welcomes any advice or ideas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appropriat. Treasurer Eckert states that tomorrow, January 24, 2012, will be the annual budget training meeting for business managers of budgeted groups. He states that the first supplemental meeting will be at the following meeting, February 1, 2012.

Treasurer Eckert states that the new system will be the teller system. Prior to the teller system, in order to access funds students had to fill out a paper and then the accountant fills out the paperwork. Now, instead of going to the office, students can fill out the form online and an e-mail will be sent to the office. When there is any accountant in the office they will fill

it out and notify the student group when the necessary paperwork is completed.

Communicat. Chair Holden encourages people to contact her if they are interested in serving on the Communications Committee.

Chair Holden states that Rocky's Report will be going out at some point next week before Winterfest Weekend.

Policy Chair Topudurti states that she and Halpern have been working for the past couple of months to put the Midyear Report online. Due to issues with programming, the online form system is working out for this year. Topudurti, Halpern, and Holden will work on their own online form system tonight. It will be complete tomorrow, January 24, 2012.

Chair Topudurti is looking for another aide to serve on the Policy & Review Committee. The committee meets at 7:15 PM on Wednesdays.

Projects Chair Sheikh states that there will be appointments next week.

Chair Sheikh states that the Safe Rides Home program has commenced.

Chair Sheikh states that there will be a Projects & Services Committee orientation meeting next Sunday in the afternoon.

President Halpern states that from Wednesday through Saturday 57 students used the Safe Rides Home Program.

Senator Donnelly expresses concerns with First Transit. She suggests they coordinate with Security for lost and found.

Senator Rambarran states that there have been a series of thefts within the gym and the library. He suggests that the committee considers placing more surveillance cameras in these areas.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion A. Motion to approve Stephanie Panama to serve as an aide on the Communications Committee by Arastu, seconded by Senator Codjoe.

Halpern introduces Stephanie Panama. She contacted Chair Holden last week expressing interest in serving on the committee.

Panama introduces herself. She is a freshman and she attended two Senate meetings before contacting Holden. Panama enjoyed Senate and is looking forward to getting involved with Communications and informing the student body about Student Government. She will be working with Projects & Services to help them advertise their changes.

Senator Arastu asks Panama what she feels is the most effective way of publicizing events on campus. Panama states that it depends on what audience they are targeting. She feels that Facebook and Twitter are very effective.

Brill *moves to the previous question*, seconded by Senator Codjoe by hand vote.

The *motion passes* 15-0-0.

Motion B. Motion to approve Alina Czekai to serve as a representative on the Singer Awards Committee by Gaona, seconded by Senator Codjoe.

Senator Halpern introduces Czekai to the Senate. The Singer Award committee chooses high school mentors that made a difference in the lives of different seniors.

Czekai speaks to her qualifications. She states she is the Deputy Speaker of the Senate. She thinks it is exciting to have another outlet to be involved in. She has already started looking at applications. Some of the stories have been very moving and she is excited to help choose some great mentors. She decides to field questions.

Senator Brookstein asks Czekai how she feels about getting applications from friends. Czekai responds that she has learned a lot about bias and is ready to tackle them.

Senator Codjoe asks when the award started. Brookstein responds that it has been happening for at least ten years.

Senator Gaona asks about the criteria for picking the finalists. Czekai receives the applications and once she gets to the meeting, she will be engaging with administrators and discussing the applications.

Macias moves to the previous question, seconded by Senator Gaona by hand

vote.

The *motion passes* 15-0-0.

Motion C. Motion to approve Rebecca Donnelly to serve as the Elections Chair by Patel, seconded by Senator Sobolewski.

President Halpern introduces Donnelly to the Senate. He states that she will handle the elections in the spring. She is looking to make changes to the elections by-laws this year.

Donnelly introduces herself. Donnelly is a Senator. She is looking forward to being the Elections Chair. She has previous experience as being a chair.

Senator Sobolewski asks Donnelly if she has read the updated elections PPMs. Donnelly responds that she has not yet read the PPMs, however, she will.

Senator Arastu asks Donnelly what needs to be improved upon in elections. Donnelly responds that she feels elections have run well in the past. She would like to follow up with candidates who do not win. Donnelly also states that she will take violations seriously.

Senator Brookstein asks Donnelly if she has any new and exciting ideas for the elections. Donnelly states that she does not have any particular ideas, but she will ensure that there is an effective advertising campaign in place. She will work closely with Chair Holden and Aide Panama.

Rambarran moves to the previous question, seconded by Senator Wang by hand vote.

The *motion passes* 13-0-2.

Motion D. Motion to approve the Minutes and Attendance Records from the December 5, 2011 meeting by Codjoe, seconded by Senator Gaona.

Gaona moves to the previous question, seconded by Senator Arastu by hand vote.

The *motion passes* 13-0-2.

Motion E. Motion to approve the Minutes and Attendance Records from the December 12, 2011 meeting by Codjoe, seconded by Senator Sobolewski.

Deputy Speaker Czekai introduces the motion.

Sobolewski moves to the previous question, seconded by Senator Codjoe by hand vote.

The *motion passes* 8-0.

DEPUTY SPEAKER'S REPORT

None

SPEAKER'S REPORT

Speaker Cohn and Deputy Speaker Czekai read Senate Snaps.

Chair Fernandes resigns as Chair of the Projects & Services Committee.
Speaker Cohn accepts the resignation.

ADJOURNMENT

Sharma *moves adjourn*, seconded by Patel at 10:06 PM.

Thank You,

Alina Czekai