



Student Congress

Student Association at Binghamton University

October 5th, 2015 – Meeting Agenda

- **Call To Order**
- **Roll Call**
- **Approval of the Agenda**
- **Public Comment** (*Undergraduate Students wishing to speak are recognized by the Speaker.*)
- **Binghamton University President, Harvey Stenger** (*A brief Q&A will follow*)
- **Assembly Speaker Report, Sheeva Massoudi** (*A brief Q&A will follow the report.*)
 - Vice Speaker Election
- **Executive Board Reports** (*A brief Q&A will follow reports.*)
 - President, Dillon Schade
 - Executive Vice President, Zachary Vigliani
 - Vice President for Finance, Katherine Tashman
 - Confirmation of Student Association Treasurer, Ryan Sheppard
 - Vice President for Academic Affairs, Amanda Baker
 - Vice President for Multicultural Affairs, Ruslan Klafehn
 - Vice President for Programming, Bernadette Machuca
- **Committee Reports** (*A brief Q&A will follow the reports. Committee reports can be amended*)
 - Internal Affairs, Charlie Scheftic
 - Planning, Research & Elections, Julie Kline
 - Student Life & Academics, Brendan Cunningham
 - Financial Committee, Ryan Sheppard
- **New Business**
 - **F2015-01/R: UP at Metroplex's State Street Express Bus**
- **SUNY SA Report**
 - SUNY SA Representative, Nicolas Ferrara
- **Announcements**
- **Roll Call**
- **Adjournment**



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President

Judicial Board applications are extended until this Friday at 5pm. Please send your resume/cover letter to board@binghamtonsa.org. If you are interested in sitting on campus committees please email your resume/cover letter to president@binghamtonsa.org. Look forward to seeing some campaigns coming out of my office with regards to OCCT and the Student Association within the next couple weeks!

Executive Vice President

- We have about 30-35 intent to charters. My assistants are currently reviewing them and a lot are going well. I will not be accepting any more after October 30th
- Homecoming is this weekend. A list of events can be found on the Binghamton website. Tabling for tailgate is closed.
- Open House is October 18th. There will be sign ups for student group tabling soon.
- Family Weekend is the 24th. There will be student group tabling and student group showcases during that weekend.
- B-Engaged templates being sent out soon
- Round table type of events for student leaders to be happening soon

Vice President for Finance

- Treasurers exams are being completed, people are becoming certified and gaining access to their account money
- Appointing new FINCO chair
- Going over front page of budget

Vice President for Academic Affairs

- I have the PUG program up and running. This is a great way to get involved and to make more connections on campus. This is a great way for freshmen, sophomores and Transfer students to become acclimated to campus. Junior and seniors are able to speak with these students. Similarly, they are able to help them in many ways and provide advice they may or may not have had. Please email me at pug@binghamtonsa.org if you are interested in signing up or have questions!
 - * Student advocates: I have begun selecting advocates for this year. These students will be trained both in the areas of academia and conduct. These students are here as a great resource. If you or anyone you know gets in trouble or is having an issue with their professor, they can come to an advocate who is here to help and advise you. If you are interested in becoming an advocate or ever need assistance, please email advocate@binghamtonsa.org.
 - * The New York Times program is up and running. 300 copies are delivered each day as well as a free 24-7 internet access.

Vice President for Multicultural Affairs

Currently waiting for a reply from ODEI concerning various things I have planned for the year.

ICA will be meeting for the first time this Wednesday. Last meeting was cancelled because I was sick. There will be a lot to discuss regarding this year's plans

I met with the Assistant Chief of Police for Binghamton to discuss racial profiling. My goal is to work to see it cut down or more optimistically ended. I will be meeting with him and Milton Chester regularly to try to build that connection for students.

Vice President for Programming

No Report Submitted



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Internal Affairs

9/26 (at Kalahari)

- Approved Charlie Scheftic as Chair

9/28

- Excused absences for Josh Fischler, Melanie Chen, Brittany Frank, and Mendel Litzman
- Granted active status to Origami Club, Rotaract, Irish Student Union, and Economics Club

10/5

- Will be electing a Vice Chair
- Reviewing absences
- Will hear from Liberty in North Korea, Nutrition and Fitness, and Sulpoong

Planning, Research & Elections

9/26

- **Julie confirmed as Chair**
- **Set goals for year**

9/28

- **Introductions**
- **Ali Kidwai elected as Vice Chair**
- **Recap of PRE and goals for members who could not attend Kalahari**

Student Life & Academics

- Brendan Cunningham confirmed as SLA Chair at Kalahari
- Group meetings will remain every other Monday at 6:00 PM and we are working on finding another time so we can meet once per week rather than once every two weeks.
- Discussed how to structure meetings and what to focus on during our time together.
- Decided that a small portion of time would be spent introducing new ideas. A larger portion of time would be spent discussing ideas with more formulated, researched ideas.
- Created a Google Drive depository for the purpose of organizing new ideas, delegating responsibilities and organizing materials, notes, etc.
- Developing a proposal related to UP's cancellation of their bus service (Nick Ferrara).
- Brainstormed a number of new ideas to begin exploring and researching. These include:
- Creating a guidebook uniformly organizing students' legal rights
- Inputting a Syllabi clause limiting how professors can alter classes w/o appropriate notice
- Extending add/drop deadline
- Expansion of B-alert system related to violence in downtown area
- Services for students w/Disabilities – correct braille room number translations
- Deer populating threatening biodiversity

Financial Committee

- Fundraising supplements from Global Medical Brigades, UNICEF, and UAEM were approved
 - 7-0-0
 - (Seeking approval of them from Congress)



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F2015 - 01/R: UP at Metroplex's State Street Express Bus

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SPONSORS: Nicholas Ferrara, Ali Kidwai, Peter Mattar, Serena Tesler

DATE: 5 October 2015

Whereas, UP at Metroplex is an independent housing provider for university students that needs bus service to downtown Binghamton as it is out of walking distance; and

Whereas, The Student Association provides its own bus services to UP at Metroplex and downtown Binghamton through its subsidiary OCC Transport Inc., but the additional stop is costly to the Student Association, time consuming for passengers, and not always available on busy weekend evenings; and

Whereas, The former management of UP at Metroplex misled students when signing 2015-16 leases that it would provide its own bus service from UP at Metroplex to downtown Binghamton called the State Street Express; and

Whereas, The new management of UP at Metroplex has refused to provide the promised bus to students, forcing them to deal with the same hassles they were explicitly told they would not have to deal with; and

Whereas, 450 people have already signed a petition in favor of the bus; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Student Association at Binghamton University calls on UP at Metroplex to provide the bus it promised its residents at the earliest possible time; and

Resolved, That the Student Congress Speaker shall ensure that this resolution is distributed in the widest possible manner, including being posted on the Student Association website, linked to on Student Association social media, forwarded to relevant media outlets, and presented to the management of UP at Metroplex.

Impact Statement

This resolution would be an official request by the Student Association to UP at Metroplex to provide a bus for its residents. It would also be widely distributed.