Student Congress

Student Association at Binghamton University

December 14th, 2015 – Meeting Agenda

- **Call To Order**

- **Roll Call**

- **Approval of the Agenda**

- **Public Comment** *(Undergraduate Students wishing to speak are recognized by the Speaker.)*

- **Assembly Speaker Report, Sheeva Massoudi***(A brief Q&A will follow the report.)*

- **Executive Board Reports** *(A brief Q&A will follow reports.)*
  - President, Dillon Schade
    - State of the SA
  - Executive Vice President, Zachary Vigliani
  - Vice President for Finance, Katherine Tashman
  - 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
  - Constitutional Review Committee, David Hagerbaumer

- **New Business**
  - **F2015-12/S: Support for Equal TA Pay**
  - **F2015-13/R: Resolution on Noisy Construction Working Times**

- **Old Business**
  - **F2015-06/R: BU Council Elections Representation**
  - **F2015-10/R: Undergraduate Teaching Assistance**
  - **F2015-11/BA: Election Bylaws Revisions**

- **Announcements**

- **Roll Call**

- **Adjournment**

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President

- State of the SA

Executive Vice President

- All of my Intent to Charters are wrapped up. Congrats to those who have gotten chartered! 5 were chartered last week and IA saw about 1-2 more an hour ago. I will be working on setting them up during winter break so they will be ready to go next semester.
- Project Santa was a huge success! We sponsored 70 kids and got them all sponsored. Both the social workers and myself were extremely happy with the turnout. We got done the gift-wrapping part about an hour and a half in because so many people showed up. Thank you all who helped out and sponsored!
- I will be writing/editing the Student Group handbook over break as well as policies coming out of my office. There will be some structural changes as to how things are going to be implemented with the student groups regarding E-Boards, policies, and room allocations.
- I won't be accepting Intent to Charters until the end of the second week of school.

Vice President for Finance

- No report

Vice President for Academic Affairs

- Academic cases are flooding in right now. I am working with my advocates in increasing our visibility on campus. If you guys would like to see any changes in the conduct code you can send me an email. Review of the code begins next semester. I met with the ADA committee and it has been extremely difficult to meet with the disabilities office.
  I am waiting to hear back still about the course replacement policy and reserve legislation.

Vice President for Multicultural Affairs

- We have confirmed four people to the committee for the Student Conduct Code.

Vice President for Programming

- Frost Fest was a success!
- No longer accepting responses for the Spring Survey
- Bidding process for the Spring Fling concert has begun

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Internal Affairs

12-7-15
- Granted provisional charters to Mary E. Mahoney Nursing Support Group, SHINE, College Progressives, She's the First, and Roosevelt Institute
- Granted name change of Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting to Association of Latino Professionals for America

12-14-15
- Will hear from APICS, Engineering World Health, and Information Systems Club for intent to charter

Planning, Research & Elections

SA Elections 2016 Timeline:

- January 26th - begin to advertise elections
- February 5th - Letters of Intent period opens
- February 19th - Letters of Intent due at 5pm
- February 21st - Meeting with Candidates
- February 22nd - Approve ballot at Congress
- February 23rd - Campaigning begins
- March 8th - Sweeps
- March 11th - Election Day
- March 14th - Approve election results at Congress

Student Life & Academics

- Abel Thomas pitched an idea to create a university wide advisory program for students coming into each of the different professional schools.
- Follow up meeting on Tuesday with Police Department at City Hall to discuss reintroducing an alert system and more specifics
- Going to be writing a piece of legislation upon return in the spring with regard to alert system.
    - Legislation will explain the purpose of the system, justification for its need, criteria which would trigger an alert and more

Financial Committee

Discretionary Allocations: Gospel Choir - Allocated $0 out of $5,000 request, Chabad - Allocated full amount of $3,274 request, Black Student Union - Allocated $4,500 out of $5,000 request, EVP's Office/Project SAnta - Allocated full amount of $1,300 request.

Fundraising Supplement Approvals: Biological Sciences Club, Pre-Veterinary Association (x2), Student Psychological Association, Circle K, MASTI, Indian International Student Union, WHRW, College Libertarians, Students for Education Reform, International Connection, SUNY Kids (x2), Wishmakers on Campus, Gaming Group.

Constitutional Review Committee

- Attached is the most up-to-date draft our committee has of the revised constitution
- Given that there may be some wording changes or style issues sill needing to be addressed, at the beginning of next semester we will present a final draft to congress for consideration and hopefully, adopt
- If anyone has any questions about any of the changes, highlighted in yellow, they should feel free to contact me during the break.
- The committee members are to be congratulated on a lot of hard work, challenging discussions, and complex problem solving they engaged in to achieve this revised document.