

Date: October 24th, 2018

Attendance: Michael Stalteri, Raya Petrova, Sarah Gottlieb, Sarah Taha, Ruchi Raval, Andrew Wojtowicz, Emily Carrabba, Raphael Sebastian, Madeleine Miller, Sam Varsano, Simon Bohn (Abroad), Cameron Bechtold (Abroad), Matthew Dulchinos, Nimra Shabbir, Cameron Dreher, Madison Holley, Lawson Wheatley, Meghan McVaigh

Non-voting: Matthew Milless, Lauren Dougherty, Katie Casado, Sapan Shah

Excused: Devlin Daley, Brian Huang, Amy Haven, Arden Kellner, Zaid Al-Moghrabi, Matthew Toy

President (Stalteri):

Strengths Quest

- Might in the future utilize strengths quest w/ Laura Munkres

First Year Reps and VP Campus Life After Meeting

VP Admin After Meeting

E-Board Meeting TBD

- E-Board meeting to be scheduled before the end of the term; Doodle-Poll will be sent out

Secretary (Daley):

- N/A

VP Administration (Petrova):

- Will have meetings this term (on Friday) and will report back next week
- Lauren: Asked VP of Admin to speak to new committee Audit
- (RP): New Project: Start end of term and goes into winter term; reach out all major and minor committees to get all info about meeting times, student input, etc; (in essence, they would like to conduct a review/audit for all minor committees)
- (MS): will help before we hold applications for new committees

VP Finance (Gottlieb): Nothing to Report.

Trustees (Taha, Raval):

Board Meeting Report

- (ST) Very successful board meeting, from now on we would like to report the info back to you
 - Academic Affairs Updates:
 - Proposed a data (analysis) science minor
 - 3 years process accreditation Middle States
 - 17 degrees to be given to students who completed their graduation requirements by Dec 17th, 2018
 - Gen-ed Review
 - Class Dean Program
 - New hire for Makerspace
 - Administration and Finance Updates:
 - Review last year's budget performance versus this year doing better this year
 - Risk management insurance and property is fully insured now
 - First year discount went up
 - Admissions Updates:
 - Created a new tracking model changed the same one from the past 15 years
 - Aim is average 560 students per class
 - 2178 students this fall
 - College Relations Updates:

- Financial review Drive for \$5M
 - Marketing campaign and new website is up; want the world to know UNION
 - Communications excellent coverage of inauguration
 - Leverage people's social media to alleviate the profile of the college
 - Try to re-brand and promote union
- Facilities and Environment Updates :
 - Campus looked amazing for inauguration and homecoming weekend
 - Update on Integrated Science & Engineering Complex phase 3
 - Central heat plan Davidson, Fox, Webster and West
- Investment Updates:
 - 1-year return is strong over the past 2 years
- Student Affairs Updates:
 - Student Trustees Report
 - Thinking of Annual harassment training to increase awareness on campus and prevent cases
 - Long term plan how do we set the values at Union and have students respect them as part of the Union family values

VP Campus Life (Toy): (Not here, MS will speak on behalf)

Dodgeball Event Review

- (MS): Very successful, Mike, Matt, and Madison went; about 100 heads total; students came w/ and w/o teams;
- Setting: field house
- U-Program helped, first year reps helped "dorm storm" and check students in
- Thank you for supporting it!

Field of Horrors Haunted Field Trip Update

- (MS): We approved this event last wednesday for friday night; signups started today at common; spots for 80 students; the company has been very accommodating
- Please advertise to you friends; it is first come first serve!
- There were 9 students who signed up so far!
- First year reps have been taking lead in terms of putting up flyers, making flyers, making banner, etc.
- (SG): Perhaps post on First-Year facebook page?
- (MattM): Many freshmen do not have facebook!
- (MS): I will send flier, can one person from each class post on their respective facebook class groups?
(Sarah, Rafi, Mike)

Campus Calendar

- Tabled until next meeting

VP Academics (Wojtowicz): Nothing to report.

VP Sustainability (Carrabba):

CDTA Meeting

- (EC) Met with CDTA Reps this past week; Union was charged for summer and end of year (and therefore paid)
- We have to decide if we want to sign up for a new membership
- There is a small ridership, I suggest we resubscribe
- I propose we agree to allocate the funding (up to 6,000); we only pay for what we use (only pay 3000 if we only use 3000 worth of swipes)
- CDTA bikes are also included
- (MT): CDTA and Student forum need to support one another better so that utilization is improved
- What can we do better, as a student government, to market something that we pay for
- (ST): can we do a little kick off event? So that we can advertise it a bit better?
- (MS): yes we can look into that and perhaps brainstorm further in the E-board meeting
- (RS): CDTA has saved me 275 dollars! I support it!

- (MM): Where does the bus travel?
- (EC): the capital region! Albany, saratoga, troy, etc.
- (MegM): Are there specific times?
- (EC): Refer to the CDTA app, or the website

Vote on CDTA Annual Funding

- ST: Motion start a new contract w/ the CDTA for the 2018-2019 school year (ending in June 2019) for up to \$6000, with the addition of included CDTA Bikes
 - MegM: Seconded
 - Vote:
 - Approve: 14
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **Motion Passes**
- MattM: We could probably try to negotiate prices. They should have turned it off in June, but they did not, therefore we could probably lower prices.
- (RP): Does that mean that students who tried to use it in Sept or October have to pay it?
- (EC): We will either pay or they will eat the cost because they should not have allowed to students to ride then
- MattM: They are going to cover the summer, and in good business practice, we will probably cover sept and october

VP Multicultural Affairs (Sebastian):

- Social Justice retreat
 - (RS): Next step social justice retreat applications are out; being held on Jan 25/26
 - (RP): I really recommend that first year representatives attend this event
 - (RS): You discuss social justice topics, especially relating to life on our campus; lots of self reflection and very powerful; it is a 15 minute application which you can do over winter break
- Identity dialogues
 - (RS): tomorrow, common lunch, unity room; we will be talking about cultural appropriation during halloween

IFC (Kellner): Not Present

Panhel (Haven): Not Present

MGC (Casado): Not Present

Minerva (Shah): Not Present

Class of 2019 (Al-Moghrabi):

- (MM): Met about senior week w/ Lauren and Matt; senior reps will work on solidifying events in the future

Class of 2020 (Bohn): Not Present

Class of 2021 (Huang): Nothing to Report.

Class of 2022 (Holley): Nothing to Report

Committee Report (SAC):

Report Update ((MS): Will be tabled to next meeting because Representative is not here)

- (ST): I know that they discussed housing approvals
- (MS): Well, we can discuss more next weekend

Advisor's Report (Milless, Dougherty): Nothing to Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: None

Motion to adjourn (MM)
Seconded (ST)