

Date: November 5th, 2018

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

Non-voting: Matthew Milless, Lauren Dougherty, Devlin Daley, Arden Kellner, Amy Haven, Katie Casado

Excused: Sapan Shah

President (Stalteri):

Scheduling Meetings During Winter Break

- Email out the doodle poll for times to do the Student Forum weekly meetings for winter term and Finance and CoC will schedule their committee meetings.
- Sending out date for the student forum retreat

President Harris Guest Speaker (5:40 - 6PM)

Strategic Plan

- What as students do we think is necessary to be involved in the Strategic Plan?
- No other president of the college has attended a student forum meeting in Matt Milless's time here

Formal Forum Photo

- After President Harris speaks, Matt Milless will take the photo.

VP of Student Affairs Search: Executive Board Participation

- Executive Board got an email from Mike about participating as student leaders in the search (listening session) which will happen on Tuesday November 13th.
- (ST) A listening session is sitting with the students asking what the student are looking for filling in the position of VP of Student Affairs.

Get Out To Vote Event: Recap

- Many from Student Forum members were able to attend and there was an interactive game with a portrait of past presidents of the United States. This was to raise awareness about election day and reminding students of the polling place by the church near the Denny's.

Executive Board Meeting: Recap

- President Stalteri organizing a calendar for the rest of the school year (mapping out lobsterfest, etc), working on the NY6 consortium and scheduling a conference, planning the student forum retreat
- VP of Administration is looking at the minor and major committees, define more clearly the communication between VP of Admin and VP of Finance, aim to find places where clubs are struggling and helping them in my position, new techniques for developing a successful club
- VP of Finance working on the coach cap and talking to other schools that have similar populations and programs that we have to figure out

- Trustees will be working on voter turnout and changing more information about the constitution (attendance policies, etc.). We need a specific percentage of the student body to vote for it to pass. Creating a team drive with the past trustees so that there is a folder that can be passed down. Working with campus safety on safety about the campus.
- VP of Campus Life trying to find a long term solution to the lack of late night programming on campus. Trying to put together a Student Forum event at one of the Union hockey games so either a Toys for Tots allowing us to show our face in social settings. Working on the calendar because it was launched to President and VPs of clubs.
- VP of Sustainability will be finishing up the Green Fee and working on promotion for the CDTA
- VP of Multicultural Affairs will be working on redeveloping the LID committee and will be focused on making sure that they are meeting. Write a little bit more detail about what LID should be.
- VP of Academics was not in attendance; we will be reforming the LCC and GenEds for those who are abroad.

Late Night Breakfast in Upper Dining

Weds. 11/14 (Reading Day) from 9-11

Vote: ~\$2000

Sign-Ups: Two Shifts

8:30-10PM and 10-11:30PM

- When you sign up for a shift, you are expected to be there as a member of Student Forum. We did talk about doing 3 shifts but it would be a good idea to have people there for a long period of time. After talking to Carol Gagliardi, we will need people there for longer shifts in order to have enough students at each station and that way Student Forum members can be there. If we could have at least 10 people for each shift and if you would like to be there for two shifts, that would be encouraged as well.
- (RR) Are the shifts set in stone?
 - (MS) Yes they are set in stone, because you should know your final schedule by now.
 - (RR) Oh, this is for this term!
- (EC) How many students does the \$2000 dollar cover?
 - (MS) 500-600 students.
- (MM) What do we pay for?
 - (MS) We are paying for food that dining services will provide on the night of the upper breakfast dinner.
- (EC) Motion to approve around \$2000 for 600 students to have late night breakfast in Upper
 - BH Seconded
 - Vote:
 - Approve: 18
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0

■ **Motion Passes**

Open Forum with Hospitality/Dining

Monday, Nov. 12, 1PM in Reamer Auditorium

- Winter break changes that were presented to us in the beginning of the term are going to be addressed in an open forum. We have to program this as a student forum- Matt Toy is asked to make a flyer, class reps please post the flyer in your groups.
- (RP) What do you expect in attendance from Student Forum?
 - (MS) I would hope that all of you would be able to make it but it is not required/mandatory.

Mayor's Cup Jan.19th

Vote: \$3000 for max. 150 tickets

- Mayor's Cup is the hockey game between the men's team of Union Vs. RPI. This happens at the beginning of Winter term. After talking with Adrienne in Student Activities, we usually cover the cost of tickets and a meal voucher. U-Program will help facilitate the event and we max the ticket amount of 150, usually between 100 and 150 student will attend.
- (MegM) Is there transportation that we provide?
 - (MS) We always provide buses. We are currently looking at seeing if CDTA will be able to charter students to the game and have the students made aware of the busses.
- (DD) The ticket is good for both the men's game and the women's game, and U-Program will be providing a Union shuttle to take though who want to go to the game will be able to attend the women's game. The majority of our participation will take place for the men's game however.
- (RP) Motion to approve a maximum amount of \$3000 dollars for the Mayor's Cup on January 19th
 - (EC) Seconded
 - VOTE:
 - Approve: 18
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **Motion passes**

Secretary (Daley): Nothing to report.

VP Administration (Petrova):

Commencement Committee Applications: 6 Juniors

- Another cycle of applications for the commencement committee that takes charge of graduation. Application closes tomorrow and we currently have 12 people who have applied. The committee members will be giving feedback on the speakers and we will be selecting the applicants Friday.

VP Finance (Gottlieb):

Notification: \$950 to Concordiencis

Yearbook Room Renovations estimated \$25,000

Vote

- We have been discussing making the best of the Yearbook room and take \$25000 to renovate the room so all clubs can use it as a meeting space, potentially with a whiteboard wall. We would seal off the door and make a connection to the workroom space.
- (ZM) Is that going to be open form the inside?
 - (SG) You would be able to access from the student workroom in Student Activities.
- (BH) Do you know how often the Yearbook uses their office?
 - (SG) They rarely use the space and the Yearbook will be moved to the Concordy office because they aren't really on the same schedule. There will be a meeting between both groups in order to discuss the changes.
- (RP) Do we have an estimated plan of when this will be done?
 - (SG) The purpose of us voting is so that we can get this done over break.
- (EC) Where is the money coming from?
 - (SG) It is coming from the holding account which will not affect the club's budget.
- (MD) So it does affect the clubs because that is where the money is coming from when they come back to ask for more money.
 - (SG) It does not really affect them because the money is not going to make a dent in the holding account budget. We have plenty of money that would be able to be distributed to the rest of the clubs.
- (ST) Motion to table our discussion until after President Harris leaves?
 - (MaddM) Seconded

President Harris Guest Speaker

- (DH) Let me discuss the strategic plan with you and what I need from you, and why you should care. The resources we need are time, money, and people but we have limited resources. The scarce resources need advice from a set of conversations in order to make the best for where we are going:
 - Understanding the key questions that need to be laid out:
 - Thoughts on what is missing? Are these the right set of questions?
 - Going to get a better project if we engage everyone.
 - Four offerings that are being focused on:
 - Academic Offerings
 - Residential Life
 - Brothers and Sisters
 - Foundation
 - What are the key things that we are
 - (RS) Seeing how we can push the engineering and sciences while keep a strong focus on the arts and humanities. Many students feel like we are moving in a stem focus but we are a liberal arts school and keeping that balance is important to Union as an institution.

- (EC) Have plans for sustainability and investment in sustainability coming from the higher plan and not just from the students. Having sustainable infrastructure which will be sustainable in our campus community in a long time.
- (ZM) The balance is not only what RS said but also that engineers be able to take classes that they have no interest in.
- (RR) Students feel like they are actually learning rather than just going through classes and just being graded in them. Some professors place a passion on learning while others focus on just grades.
- (MT) Social life surrounding campus and focusing our alternatives on how we can try and change the culture of that on either a Friday or Saturday night. Late night program taps into a group of students that go under the radar but we are having an impact on those students and their college experience.
- (MS) One of the things that you talked about was the retention rate and that would definitely help.
 - (DH) Diversifying the portfolio will help with this percentage.
 - (AH) There should be a focus on interdisciplinary classes because as I work in Admissions that is something that we focus on.
- (MS) Some of the interdisciplinary classes are more fluid like psychology and biology which is neuroscience, but what happens with those who are not? Is there a secretary or someone who is helping students navigate between two completely different departments?
- (ST) In terms of being involved with the students, like senior audit, I think that fall of senior year is a little bit too late for this to figure out if you are going to graduate on time and stuff. I think it would be important to focus on this earlier and now because we have class deans, this might shift but it was just something that I wanted to add.
- (ZM) I want to talk about how we can expand the name of Union to farther than just states nearby, like two states over etc.
 - (DH) Do students near us have higher percentage of those who are from farther than New England than us and how can we do what they are doing to increase?
- (MaddM) I was the only person who applied to Union from my high school ever. More people from my school went west for artistic endeavours than the sciences for the east in terms of geography.
- (RS) I think that something we should focus on is exposing students to diversity that is different than the LCC other than going abroad to London.
 - (DH) How do we expose students to different paths that people walk?
- (BH) Speaking to international students that are invited to our community, there is a divide. There is an assumption that people don't want to be invested in the divide between people or want to know their stories, etc.

VP Finance (Gottlieb) continued:

- (SG) Motion to continue discussion about the renovation of the Yearbook room?

- Seconded by AH
- (RP) Motion to approve an estimated about \$25000 for the Yearbook room renovation as soon as possible?
 - (ZM) Seconded
- (EC) What happens if we spend over \$25,000?
 - (SG) We aren't going to spend frivolously but if we spend over that, the conversation will return to student forum.
- VOTE:
 - Approve: 16
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **Motion Passes**

Trustees (Taha, Raval): Nothing to report.

VP Campus Life (Toy):

Calendar Launched to Club Leadership

- Email for the calendar sent to the President and VPs of Clubs and will be working on a major launch for the winter term for the rest of campus.

VP Academics (Wojtowicz): Nothing to report.

VP Sustainability (Carrabba): Nothing to report.

VP Multicultural Affairs (Sebastian): Nothing to report.

IFC (Kellner): Not Present

Panhel (Haven): Nothing to report.

MGC (Casado): Not Present

Minerva (Shah): Not Present

Class of 2019 (Al-Moghrabi):

- Senior Class Kickoff for the Senior Gift
 - Cornhole Tournament at Wolff's Biergarten on Saturday 11/12

Class of 2020 (Bohn):

- Mountebanks is putting on their musical this weekend, Last Five Years, Friday and Saturday.

Class of 2021 (Huang):

Study Spaces

- (MS) Weeks back, Brian was speaking with Mary D'Amelia about the study spaces. Email was sent out this week and it was exactly what he sat down with Mary to talk about. Forward questions to Brian.

Class of 2022 (Holley): Nothing to report.

Committee Report (SAC):

Meeting Update

- Second part of meeting with Chris Hayen, director of Campus Safety
 - Discussed the Blue Lights, parts came in for repair and it will be fixed next week.
 - Have an additional officer at the Blue Light in order to
 - Hayen reported that 3 officers are patrolling campus throughout the day. There was conversation about if that is enough officers and that maybe that number should be increased for the future.
 - Talked about adding a path to Greek Row, which already exists but is not paved or lit. Conversation began about being able to pave, light, and have that as a path to travel up-campus.
 - Training of officers and how they have to get trained, etc.
 - Talked about the cards and the location of the number being erased from swipes and he called the company. The current equipment they have doesn't have capacity but they will look to buying a new printer for the next year, once they have delegated next year's budget, they will look again at buying a new printer.
 - (AH) Are the campus safety officer armed?
 - (ZM) No, I don't think so.
 - (MattM) They are not, only peace officers hold handcuffs and not all of the officers are peace officers.

Advisor's Report (Milless, Dougherty):

- (LD) Great job this term! We really appreciate your time and invested in the Student body
- (MattM) Impressed at how you handled the questions from the President. Good job with that!
 - In 19 years, no president has ever attended a student government meeting.

Old Business:

New Business:

Announcements:

- (MS) Thank you for an awesome trimester on Student Forum. Keep up the good work, keep talking to everyone! Don't forget about the couple events that we have coming up for the rest of week 10.

Motion to adjourn: MS

Seconded: RS