



# The Student Forum

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Date: February 12th, 2018

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

**Non-voting:** Matthew Milless, Devlin Daley, Michael Secchiaroli, Imogene Welles, Anthony Boone, Sapan Shah

**Excused:** Lauren Dougherty, Cameron Bechtold (Abroad), Andrew Wojtowicz, Raphael Sebastian,

**President (Stalteri):**

Founder's Day: Thursday, Feb. 21st 1 PM in Old Chapel

- 224th Birthday of Union College, Next Thursday
- Student Forum rows will be blocked off on the side of the Chapel, please attend if you can and let Mike know if you are unable to attend.

#ADAY4U: Wednesday, Feb. 20th

Annual Giving Day Goal of 2,500 Donors

Tabling for Gifts 1-6PM in Reamer

- Students giving a couple of dollars would count towards the total donors, so MIke encourages everyone to give on that day. Tabling will be happening in Reamer all afternoon, ask donor relations folks about what it is during that time if you are confused.
- (MT) When you donate, you can label your donation to somewhere specific like last year I donated to baseball.
- (BH) You can designate it. Annual Fund is a holistic fund that can sponsor a bunch of other areas of campus such as Student Activities, Study Abroad, etc. US News Today uses percentage of student and alumni engagement by donations as well so if you do, you are helping the rankings. There is not a match for your donation.

Update from AAC Chair:

Faculty Voted to Approve Data Analytics Minor

- Last week, the faculty voted on approving the data analytics minor. It will add a lot more to add to the future of students who attend Union.

Updates from E-Board Meeting:

Student Forum ReUnion Event

- This would be the 2nd reunion for student forum. Previous student forum members who are alumni will be invited and we will be able to discuss with them about their experiences and our experiences.  
NY6 Student Government Leadership Conference
- Early Spring will be the expected date for the conference.

Senior Class Reps. Stay After

**Secretary (Daley):** Nothing to report.

**VP Administration (Petrova):** Nothing to report.

**VP Finance (Gottlieb):**

Updates from E-Board Meeting: Schedule for Budget Packets, Coaching Cap

- Budget packets due at the end of the term.
- There will be a termly cap for teams with coaches and clubs with advisors. There will also be a recommendation for hourly payment.

**Trustees (Taha, Raval):**

President's Office Note To Share

- Unveiling of Ainlay Portrait in Memorial Chapel on Friday and it will open to the public at 6:30pm for everyone else.

Updates from E-Board Meeting: Board Presentation, Stillman Prize, Elections

- Please add to the Google Document so that they have material to add to their presentation.

**VP Campus Life (Toy):**

#UnionCollegeChallenge Update

- Post tomorrow, Lauren, Sarah, and Rafi went to candlelight yoga this week.
- Keep going to events and sending photos.

Updates from E-Board Meeting: Calendar Update (Tabled)

- Will be updated next week.

**VP Academics (Wojtowicz):**

Updates from E-Board Meeting: External Reviews, Gen-Ed Committees

- Absent.
- Excited to be on the different committees and different formats of academics at Union and what the future will hold for those.

**VP Sustainability (Carrabba):**

Updates from E-Board Meeting: CDTA, Sustainability Committee

- Big launch event in the Spring when we start the bikes and have them come back a couple more times.
- Working with Chef Patrick on the display that will happen in Wold Atrium to feature the 807 Deli.

**VP Multicultural Affairs (Sebastian):**

Updates from E-Board Meeting: LID Committee Constitution

- Absent. Update next week.

**IFC (Secchiaroli):**

- Holding a 3v3 midnight madness basketball tournament. Open to the entire campus community. Dj, pizza, and cash prizes hopefully.
- Upcoming events: Chili-Cookoff and Diversity and Inclusion talk with Jason Benitez

**Panhel (Welles):** Nothing to report.

**MGC (Boone):** Nothing to report.

**Minerva (Shah):** Nothing to report.

**Class of 2019 (Al-Moghrabi):** Nothing to report.

**Class of 2020 (Bohn):** Nothing to report.

**Class of 2021 (Huang):** Nothing to report.

**Class of 2022 (Holley):** Nothing to report.

**Committee Report (SAC):** Tomorrow is the Greek Life Meeting.

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

**Old Business:**

(Huang): Was there an update about shuttle from CPH during morning classes?

- (ST) The meeting with campus safety will happen next week. Message will be in the GroupMe once the time is finished.

(Stalteri): Update on Restaurant Discount?

Sign-On Agreement

- (BH) I will look at the contract before the end of the week and then discuss before sending it out to the restaurants.

(Stalteri): Update on Meeting about Trolley?

- Solved from above.

**New Business:**

- Student Forum should use the CDTA bus to put it on instagram live and that it would turn into a bonding trip for us as well.
- (MaddM) Is it just for us or is it for the rest of the campus community as well?
  - (MS) The goal would be for let's all do it together. I don't know the logistics yet but we could open it to the campus.
- (MegM) Did you talk about potential destinations?
  - (MS) Dave and Buster's, Trampoline Park.
- (RP) Do we have any events in the future that we can advertise taking the bus for the CDTA?
  - (EC) They go throughout the capital district so there is always a bus for

- (MSec) How long do these routes take?
  - (EC) It depends on the route and where you are going, like Mohawk would only be 20-30mins. But somewhere in Saratoga would take much longer, but also depending on express busses, etc.
- (MS) Still in the early phases of planning but just wanted to
- (AB) There is a Dave and Buster's type place in the Rotterdam Mall that would not be as expensive and could potentially work as another location.

**Announcements:**

**(MaddM) Motion to adjourn.**

**(BH) Seconded.**