



The Student Forum

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Date: *September 12th, 2018*

Attendance: Michael Stalteri, Devlin Daley, Raya Petrova, Sarah Taha, Ruchi Raval, Matthew Toy, Andrew Wojtowicz, Emily Carrabba, Raphael Sebastian, Zaid Al-Moghrabi, Sam Varsano, Simon Bohn (Abroad), Cameron Bechtold (Abroad), Matthew Dulchinos, Brian Huang, Nimra Shabbir, Samantha Epstein

Non-voting: Matthew Milless, Devlin Daley, Sapan Shah

Excused: Sarah Gottlieb, Madeleine Miller, Arden Kellner, Amy Haven, Katie Casado

President (Stalteri):

Introductions

- *Director of Student Activities- Lauren Dougherty*

Inauguration Weekend Recap

- *Congrats to all of you- very visible at both Club Expo and the other events of the weekend! On time and even early for the vendors, always willing to lend a helping hand. A great start to the year and thank you for volunteering!*
- *Sarah played an awesome role on Friday!!*
- *Very rewarding weekend*

#UnionCollegeChallenge

- *President Harris has put forward a challenge to the campus community with doing something that is out of your comfort zone.*
- *Mike's challenge is to work out 3 times a week to focus on his own health.*
- *It would be really cool to see you all post it and President Harris is also following those who are posting- Instagram, Facebook, Twitter. It will also be linked to the Student Forum Instagram as a feature for each student on forum.*

Wicker Wellness Programming Focus Group

- *Amanda Tommell-Sandy has reached out about creating a focus group with Matt Toy, Ruchi Raval, and then one person from each class year. Look out for an email from Mike with more details.*

SF Leaders Retreat

- *EC, RS, MS will be attending the retreat put on by Jason Benitez and they will report back to us at the next meeting.*

Requests on Interim Committee Positions:

SAC and AAC

- *To RP- students who are abroad that were placed on major committees. Need to find replacements for those students. Cohen and Lewis need interim positions.*

Posting Forum Notes in works

- *DD and MS are reaching out to communications to be able to post the minutes on the website under the Union College Student Forum as well as on the board outside StuAct.*
- *Will report back next week from Tom Torello*

Next Week Guests:

Class Deans

Dining

- *Long meeting next week to speak with guests. They will be able to explain the new class deans positions and how we as student forum leaders can utilize the deans and help the student body become aware of the position as well.*
- *Maybe think of some questions to ask to them*
- *We will have many guests over the next couple of trimesters so get excited!*
- *Each person will get 10 minutes to speak.*

Secretary (Daley): *Nothing to report.*

VP Administration (Petrova):

Review Club Expo

- *Great success! People gave reviews and many clubs had large groups of people sign up.*

Update on CoC Meeting

- *This week has been busy and haven't met yet so the first meeting will be held next week. Most likely it will be sent along with suggestions of new clubs.*

Vote on Finance Rep

- *Need a new representative. The COC has appointed Giuseppe De Spuches to the position of Finance Representative.*

VP Finance (Gottlieb):

Granting Ballroom club additional funds of \$950

- *Finance Committee granted Ballroom Club \$950.*
- *REMINDER: Finance Committee can approve under \$1000 without having to come to Student Forum for vote. More than \$1000 would be brought to Student Forum for discussion and vote by the members,*

Trustees (Taha, Raval):

Elections Update

- *Elections will be:*

- *September 19- Petitions go out to the First-Year Class.*
- *September 26- Campaign period begins.*
- *October 3rd-Elections are held via eballot*
- *Everything has been uploaded to eballot*
- *Posters are up around campus; it will be posted to social media. Email was sent to campus on 9/12. Facebook event will be made in the next week.*
- *Thoughts: Could we get donuts for elections day?*
 - *Table outside of West on the day of the election voting*
 - *Discussion:*
 - *BH: Are the donuts really \$1.99 per donut?*
 - *ST: it does sound expensive.*
 - *MM: Do you have it in writing that it was \$1.99?*
 - *ST: Spoke to Marcie and will reach back out.*
 - *RS: Could we do Dunkin Donuts instead? Because you could get so many donuts for the \$300.*
 - *ST: I will go back and check the pricing. I will also check and see if they could do some other kind of treat.*
 - *RR: If you could encourage incoming first-years to run for positions*
 - *MS: Also, try and send a message to Dean Schurick because she many have some other avenues that she can reach the first years.*

VP Campus Life (Toy):

Campus Events Emails

- *Having the campus events emails taken away last year has a dramatic backlash and nobody was really informed about the calendars. Toy is going to try and continue with the calendars but also will keep the campus events emails going. Students can unsubscribe at any times*
- *EC: Maybe we can put a cap on the campus events emails?*
 - *ZM: There is an enforced policy.*
 - *MM: If you are noticing the policy being broken, then it should be reported to Raya and she should hold the student clubs accountable for breaking the policy.*
 - *ZM: I know it is annoying, but if it wasn't in campus emails, I would not know what was happening on campus. If you want to do both, then that is a good alternative to give people the choice.*
 - *AW: What if you had a big google doc that is shared with the campus on view only?*
 - *MT: I think that the calendar is trying to do the same as the campus events emails.*
 - *RR: I don't think that most people would go seek out another google doc in order to see the events. With a campus events email, you can get rid of it as soon as you want to.*

- *MT: If you unsubscribe, you don't know what's going on. If you want to use the campus calendars, you can also do that as another avenue.*
- *RR: Is there another campus avenue if you unsubscribe to the campus events email other than the calendar.?*
- *Last year, we failed as a student government to see the change through. We didn't survey the campus or see how it affected the different student groups. This is a good thing to keep in mind as we come up with other ideas going forward.*
- *Toy will keep us updated and will talk to Simon for the next meeting.*

VP Academics (Wojtowicz):

- *Whatever happens in the room, stays in the room.*
- *Last meeting, we went over the agenda for the entire term. Confidential information.*

VP Sustainability (Carrabba): *Nothing to report.*

VP Multicultural Affairs (Sebastian): *Nothing to report.*

IFC (Kellner): *Nothing to report.*

Panhel (Haven): *Nothing to report.*

MGC (Casado): *Nothing to report.*

Minerva (Shah): *Nothing to report.*

Class of 2019 (Al-Moghrabi):

- *ZM: Am I supposed to report on SAC meetings?*

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

Class of 2021 (Huang):

- *Class officers met and Brian wanted to tell Raya she did a great job with Club Expo!*

Class of 2022 (--):

Committee Report (SAC):

- *Met for the first time today, 9/12. Went over introductions and responsibilities.*
- *Middle States Accreditation: Might be reaching out to the committee to work on the report about Student Campus life, which is one of the main 5 categories, looking about how we can improve student life.*

Advisor's Report (Milless):

- *Answer for donuts: \$.60 per donut for cider donuts, but \$1.99 for the frosted donuts.*
- *Reinforce what Raya said: In 19 club expo, you were among the top 3 in supporting the event from student forum. Usually they are aloof and try not to be involved, made sure vendors were helped and stayed until the end. Probably the biggest club expo we have done. Greater attendance.*

- *Lauren has nothing to report.*

Old Business: *N/A*

New Business: *N/A*

Announcements: *N/A*

Matthew Dulchinos made the motion to adjourn.

Brian Huang seconded.