Date:

Attendance: Simon Bohn, Raya Petrova, Reid Nichols, Ruchi Raval, Nimra Shabbir, Lauren Smith, Molly Weiner, Grace Yang, Nathan Oomen, Carlos Gregory, Julia Nicolescu, Sandeep Alampalli, Matthew Giarratana

Non-voting: Michael Secchiaroli, Imogene Welles, Jana Davis, Lauren Dougherty

Excused: Brian Huang, Carlos Piedad, Madison Holley, Thomas Walker, Matthew Toy, Sarah Vanasse, Sophia Anderson, Stephan Akichy

President (Bohn):

Campus Crunch:
- The 7th annual campus crunch starts thursday. A yearly celebration in which all new york colleges are invited to participate in.
- There is a ball drop on noon where everyone takes a bit of their apple at noon
  - Celebrate the benefits of local farmers
  - Highly encouraged to go, have a symbiotic relationship with Allison who has already started to take out suggestions

Theme House Update
- First order of business from the docs
- The budgets from theme houses are reviewed by SAC
  - Comes from cash through res life from the college
  - It is 700 dollars, not from a pool but a single allocation
  - (RP) do you think there will be a discussion on changing that?
  - (SB): first we need to take the information for each topic before proposing a new change. Many people believe they are underfunded but only 7-10 people leave in each out. For certain houses it makes sense to give them a bigger budget. Another thing, if we are to propose a change, theme houses are a small part of campus to go to Dean FranC about. I would like to evaluate more of what is on the dpoc before we involve higher administration
  - (MS): what was the reason for looking into increasing the budget for theme houses?
  - (SB): the base funding for clubs is 500 dollars. For a group to hold a certain number of events to serve students, 700 dollars is a difficult budget to do it on.
  - (LS): we need 6 events. We get just over 100 dollars per event.
  - (Lauren): had the theme house counsel gone to res life to talk about this?
    - (LS): I don;t think so. It is my assumption that they did not think it was something that could be changed
■ (Lauren): I recommend reaching out to have some more people backing up any changes you decide to make.
○ (MS): aren’t we supposed to discuss things here and not on a doc?
■ (SB): we need to clarify and dissect who to bring in to get more info about certain areas of campus before we can make any serious changes.
○ (MS): what is the timeline on this doc?
■ (SB): lauren and I have a meeting tomorrow where we will be deciding just that.
■ (MS): as IFC rep, I want to do whatever can to expedite the discussion surrounding greek life on campus.

E-Board Meeting Update
● I’ve asked for goals, but it is hard to create goals for new members when you do not know much about what’s going on. I asking people to send to me by friday 3 goals specific to your position.

3 Goals and #1 Top Priority

Secretary (Meghan):
Minutes posted online

VP Administration (Petrova):
Reinstated the constitution for Real Estate Club.
● First COC meeting with first years

VP Finance (Nichols):
Yoga and Meditation Budget Proposal
● Requested a budget of 2300. Towards classes at studio 4, just got off probationary period
● This would be 100 dollars a week for each class (including transportation)
● Each class can for 25-30 students
● They want to do these classes off campus so they have access to hot yoga.
● Finance committee recommended 2100 dollars because there is only 3 more weeks of classes this term and when they originally proposed this they thought they would have 5 weeks
● (SB): are they always doing hot yoga? It does not make sense to fund them to go to a studio if they aren't going to be here
● (JN): my worry is that this will not generate interest and die out. This is a lot of money we will be giving them if it’s not going to serve many students
● (GY): I know a lot of people interested. This shouldn't be a problem
  ○ (RP): motion to approve the finance committee's recommendation of 2100 dollars for Yoga and meditation club
  ○ (NS): seconded.
  ○ Opposed: 0
  ○ Approved: 12
  ○ Abstaining: 0
  ○ MOTION PASSES.
Trustees (Raval, Huang):

- Notes from board of trustees meetings
- The board of trustees is separated up into subcommittees
- I sit on academic affairs, facilities and student affairs
  - We take notes about what is discussed and approved
- Academic affairs
  - Approved degrees for students graduating in december
  - We learned about the new imagine lab
    - New lab in wold, reach out Cole Belnap if interested. Discussed designating yourself as “maker” for completing a certain amount of work there
    - We have a Gen Ed task force starting
  - Middle States Study
- Finance and affairs
  - 10 trend analysis
    - Discussed what to do in the future
- Admissions committee
  - We only accepted 550 this year and we assumed to get 570 and we talk about how this will affect tuition
  - We also spoke about reaching out to more geographic areas in the US outside of the northeast
  - Early Action option now available
- Audit committee
  - Review financial statements for union
- College relations committee
  - Talking bout how to generate more alum that are younger giving back to union or philanthropy
  - Looked at cohorts that maybe having eben giving as much as they should
- Trusteeship/Investment
  - Nothing
- Facilities
  - Phase 4 will be done in June 2020
  - Discussed challenges associated with messa rink ice sheet
  - Furniture replacement in residence halls
    - Three phases
    - During the summer of 2019
  - Joint heating plant in west davidson fox lot
    - Heat is more sustainable
  - In the process of selecting the new sustainability coordinator
- Dean FranC introduced herself
- Updating minerva
  - Working in conjunction with greek life to expand social life on camps
- Updating Pre-O programs
  - More disciplines
  - What role can alumni play in helping
● Title IX
  ○ Reframing conversation
  ○ Planning a visit for a peer education group
  ○ Updating website to make it easier to report these issues, more user friendly

● Voted on and approved the strategic plan

● (MS) was there any talk of internships and how to make better connections with alumni?
  ○ (RR): Yes. we want them helping in Pre-O to get people more involved early on. We talked about how becker can have a better role to ramp up UCan and make sure that Alumni know that it exceeded and make sure we can access it a little better.
  ○ (LS): did you talk about the new internal review from Skidmore for our Title XI department?
    ■ (RR): not yet public knowledge. They want to wait until we have a more concrete idea of what they are doing.
  ○ (Lauren): can you talk a little more about Reslife?
    ■ (RR): greek organizations feel as if they are the sole providers of social life on campus. We discussed trying to bring back events like the wine and cheese discussion at golub. We also talked abotuamknibg minervas a little more distinction. Each house should have a more concrete community between like minded individuals.
  ○ (LS): I thought the point of minervas was unity?
    ■ (RR): this is all discussion. They want to find ways to make that placement for first years more intentional. People have trouble identifying with a house they were randomly assigned to.
  ○ (MW): where do we get the idea from?
  ○ (LS): it is unique to union.
  ○ (Lauren): the current structure of minervas was not as it was originally intended. They wanted 27 houses, but for lack of space we weren't able to do that,. This is more similar to what other school,ms do
  ○ (RR): also, each faculty member is assigned to a certain minerva and were trying to figure out ways to make them more involved

VP Campus Life (Shabbir):
Campus Events Email Update
● Looking to a condensed weekly email to keep everyone informed on weekend events
● Any comments on that?
  ○ (MW): I think that's okay
  ○ (RN): is that through campus events
  ○ (SB): no. she sends to everyone individually.
● Looking to advertise speaker at forum so students can come and sit in
● Currently a google calendar to see what's going on each week?
  ○ Do you guys think that would be checked or useful?
  ○ (RP): We have tried this before, and people did not used to it. But I think it’ll Just take some getting used to.
  ○ (SB): that is true. Many people already used google calendar
○ (JN): you can also download google calender stuff onto your phone and subscribe to certain events based on your interest.
○ (GY): I think I would use it and many of my friends would
○ (LS): it’s also nice because clubs and work studies utilize it already.
○ (MS): personally I used a written calendar but if it is as user friendly as people say I don’t see why people wouldn’t try it
○ This is a stepping stone to get rid of campus events.
○ (SA): so instead of campus event emails, people would subscribe to the google calendar?
○ (SB): students would get a condensed email for events. We would use the google calendar to supplement this and allow clubs to send out notifications through Nimra. You would still get access to all of the other calendars through email.
○ (Lauren): you are emailed the links to three calendars. One for club sports, club events and club meetings.
○ (RR): I think populating the google calendar is unnecessary and a lot of work for Nimra. The condensed email should be enough. I don’t think enough people would use that part of it.
○ (RP): I think Nimra should prepare a presentation to make it clearer. I believe its worth trying and if it isn’t utilized we can always change it back.
○ (Emmy): google can also crash if too many people on it.
○ (SB): I think that only happens with documents

VP Academics (Smith):

VP Sustainability (Piedad):

VP Multicultural Affairs (Holley):

IFC (Secchiaoli):
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MGC (N/A):

Minerva (Davis):
We want to start to have discussion about themed seasonal events.
We are no evaluating first year pilot program, for some students this has been ignored and the goals of the program have not been met by the students. Students are supposed to attend the meeting and contribute. Many students are not doing this.

Class of 2020 (Wiener):
Nothing to report
Class of 2021 (Toy):
Nothing to report

Class of 2022 (Anderson):
Nothing to report

Class of 2023 (--):
Nothing to report.

Committee Report (SAC):
Nothing to report

Advisor’s Report (Dougherty):
● I brought the orientation feedback to the deans and your voices were definitely heard.
● Please come to campus crunch! Media will be here and they want pictures. Tomorrow at noon!
● We had a meeting to renovate this conference room.
● Student activity does not oversee finances or clubs. Just enforce policies that you come up with, so please understand that.

Old Business:

New Business:

Announcements:
New Dean of Diversity and Inclusion
Reminder, Christa Grant will be joining us on November 18th

(RP): Motion to adjourn
(JN): seconded
Approved: all
MOTION PASSES.