Date: Wednesday, November 13th, 2019


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

Excused: Carlos Piedad

President (Bohn):

Dining Update

- Meeting with Jim
- PIZA gave Union college an A for their consciousness of conservation
- The meal swipe: swipes at the garlic knot and the market are meal exchanges
  - There is a dining group of students that have been discussing the 5 dollar credit at skellar to a meal exchange option rather than 5 dollar credit
  - He aware that at the end of the week, Rathskeller becomes a stock up from extra meal swipes to take whatever you can
    - The meal exchange might be a solution
- Food prices-scrutiny comes from the addition of the market
  - The market is higher because it is higher quality food
- The bookstore and dining are not correlated. He has no say over these prices
- Concerns about first years in upper:
  - First time this happened was last year
  - Still first years coming, for some reason it works for some first years and not others
    - In the process of figuring this out
  - Very much want to enforce this. It is a fire safety hazard to have that many people in upper at once
- Starbucks on weekends?
  - Has been done before, sales are very low
    - Example, alumni weekend
      - (LS): I do not think it was very well advertised.
      - (SB): he firmly believed this does not make financial sense. He is open to opening it up during finals.
      - (BH): the better test would be a normal weekend since so many students go home before finals.
- (SB): Jim is very open to feedback. I can email him and suggest this.
- (RP): do you know what hours it was open?
  - (SB): I am not sure.
  - (RP): selection of the hours also makes a difference.
  - (SA): mornings are also difficult because many people are not awake that early.
  - (GY): It makes more sense to do it two consecutive weekends to get better data.
  - (SB): it is our responsibility to tell him our opinions. He does not know student tendencies the way we do. Also if you have suggestions, they are open to students stopping by and giving suggestions.
  - (BH): we need to make sure it is advertised well. We can also text our friends about it
  - (RR): we would be skewing results that way. Also people are always in the world a few days before finals start and we could suggest that day instead of later in finals week.
- (TW): I would like to see healthier food choices for meal exchanges.
- (BH): I think we talked about this. They cannot do it at 807.
- (SB): they had told me the market has healthy options. The meal exchange is also restricted by a certain amount of retail they need to keep.
- (SA): if 807 were to do the 5 dollar credit that skeller does, would this still count as retail.
- (SB): I can ask.
- (TW): Why is it 9 dollars to get dinner at upper when the redemption for a swipe at skeller is 5?
- (SB): they know the 5 dollar credit at skeller is not working out right now.
- (RR): they tend to emphasize a “meal exchange” to distinguish the equivalent to a meal.
- (SB): any other suggestions for dining?
- (LS): I was hoping to see more vegetarian options for skeller.
- (SA): I met with dining recently and they are looking into trying to find more options since getting bad feedback on the vegan burger. Also the food on display is apparently part of the package and it is not regulated in terms of food quality like the rest of the food we get.

**Secretary** (Meghan):
Nothing to Report.

**VP Administration** (Petrova):
1. Vote on a club proposal ‘USpin’
   - COC voted to approve their proposal
   - Last year it started, they were organizing the event they held under CAC
• Collaboration with a foundation to fight against child cancer and the issue surrounding that
• The money that they fundraise they give to a family to help with financial burden
• The foundation has a very personal and direct relationship with these families
• Uspin want to be present on campus to have more smaller events in addition to the larger one they held last year (Spin-A-Thon)
• Last year they also collaborated with restaurants off campus
  ○ Raised 7100 dollars collectively already
• (NS): how long have them been active?
• (RP): they began collaborating with this other club since the beginning of spring term last year.
• (RR): the point of the club is to fundraise?
• (RP): to fundraise, to raise awareness, going into the community to create relationships within families here in Schenectady. They also want to go to Washington and lobby for more cancer research
• (RR): are they holding any events that are purely informational
• (RP): I do not think so. The main thing they stressed was raising awareness so I’m sure they will have some information as well.
• (JN): students at the University of Delaware reached out to the current president
• (Reid): they request money from student activities, and if they make a profit, they have to pay student activities back for all the money they used for the fundraisers before they can donate
• (IW): are there other strings attached to being a part of an organization like that?
• (RP): not in this case, they just send the money that they fundraise.
• (RR): Motion to approved COC recommendation to grant Uspin club status with a 10 week probationary period.
• (BH): seconded
  ○ Approved: 17
  ○ Opposed: 0
  ○ Abstaining: 0
  ○ MOTION PASSES.

2. Update on the six new members appointed on the Commencement Committee
   Eva Erickson
   Erika Sanders
   Emma Cravo
   Jacquelyn O’Reilly
   Jiaming (Jasmine) Sun
   Matthew Guinee

VP Finance (Nichols):
NCAA Football Tickets
  • The football team has required to play in the NCAA tournament
  • If the game is home, athletics would like to sponsor the event so that the first 150 students to buy tickets can go for free
● It would normally be 5 dollars for students 10 dollars for nonstudents
● 100 students would cost us 375 dollars
● (SB): athletics also understands that the game may not happen. The 375 is the cap, they will mark the students that come and if less than 150 come we do not have to pay 375
● This is not the first time we have teamed up with athletics in this way
● (TW): for hockey, when students sit in the students section does athletics pay for that?
● (SB): it is different when it is a league tournament. They cannot have free admission.
● (RP): Motion to approve a maximum budget of 375 dollars for the football NCAA tickets
● (BH): seconded
  ○ Approved: 17
  ○ Opposed: 0
  ○ Abstaining: 0
  ○ MOTION PASSES.

Trustees (Raval, Huang):
● We are looking at using a new software for elections. If you know anyone at other schools that use a different system please let us know.

VP Campus Life (Shabbir):
Student Forum Breakfast and Logistics
● Next wednesday
● 8:30pm to 10:30p We are paying 1800 dollars
● Station will run in shifts
● 8-9:30 and 9:30-11
  ○ Google doc will be sent out for people to sign up
  ○ This is mandatory.
● (BH): have we changed any food?
  ○ (NS): should be all the same food.
● (RP) motion to approve using 1800 dollars to pay for late night breakfast
● (BH): seconded
  ○ Approved: 17
  ○ Opposed: 0
  ○ Abstaining: 0
  ○ MOTION PASSES.

VP Academics (Smith):
Nothing to report

VP Sustainability (Piedad):

VP Multicultural Affairs (Holley):
● Project with wicker
● Lacking cultural awareness in the wellness center
● They are hiring a Multicultural representative. I am meeting to see more of what this entails and make sure this position is effective.

IFC (Secchiaroli):

Panhel: (Welles):
Nothing to report

MGC (N/A):

Minerva (Davis):
- As of now, they have decided to keep all freshman in the pilot program
- They seem to have fallen into place in terms of leadership as the term has gone on
- Coming into this they were told that they would have certain opportunities hosting events, etc
- We have decided to shift it so that what is expected of them is more open ended
- (SB): do you think this is putting too much pressure on first years in their first term
- (JD): they have the whole year to host events

Theme House:

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):
- We are having 5 minute presentation from theme houses
- Right now we are focused on theme houses but next term will be more open ended
  - Thinking about campus safety
  - Feel free to put suggestions in the doc over break for things we should look into
- Multicultural greeks orgs and community orgs are not held to the same standard as the rest of greek orgs by chapter of excellence?
  - (IW): That is something we can look into.

Advisor’s Report (Dougherty):
- Please me thinking over break on changes you want to see on campus so we can hit the ground running next term

Old Business:
- (SB): Thanks for all the work this term. We have been discussion of many bug picture topic so please keep up the good work,

New Business:
- Women’s Union chalk exhibit (Huang)
Middle states did a comprehensive campus climate survey that we got the results for it
I wished at the time I could have shared more info about sexual assault on campus
I just wanted to point out the sidewalk chalk exhibit and I printed a copy of these quotes so share with student leaders and highlighted certain quotes
With Melissa Kelly gone, it would be great to see members at the open forums as they look for her replacement. As we saw with Melissa, this person will be here for years. It is important to take this seriously so that we can get it right.
Men in the room, please be sure to take a look. These quotes are very powerful.
(SB): as members of the union community, there are voices soon this paper where we will know who some of these women are, encourage your friends to get their voices heard and advocate for going to these events. Please be aware that this person will likely be here duration of your time on campus
(SA): woman’s union sent out a survey on student view on climate and I think they will be publicised and I was hoping to get the numbers for us to discuss next term.

Announcements:
(RR): come to FallU dance showcase on Friday and Saturday night at 7:30
(JN) Falsettos performing in the Knott Thursday, Friday, Saturday in the Knott at 7:15.