Date: March 2nd, 2020

Attendance: Simon Bohn, Raya Petrova, Ruchi Raval, Brian Huang, Carlos Piedad, Nimra Shabbir, Lauren Smith, Madison Holley, Matthew Toy, Sarah Vanasse, Nathan Oommen, Sophia Anderson, Carlos Gregory, Stephan Akichy, Sandeep Alampalli, and Matthew Giarratana

Non-voting: Matt Guinee, Cate Llewellyn, Jana Davis, Lauren Dougherty, Madeline Goldberg, Marina Angelopoulos, and Meghan McVeigh

Excused: Thomas Walker, Julia Nicolescu

Guest Speaker: Anne Floresca: The Director of Auxiliary Services

- As of March 1st, plastic bags will no longer be allowed in NYS
- We would like to proposed for discussion the idea of encourage people to use reusable bags
  - We think that if we have paper bags, they will go to waste just as plastic bags are
- Want to start charging 10 cents a bags as a deterrent for students wasting paper products
- (CP): Sustain got funded for 1000 reusable bags to use at the bookstore which will be distributed in the store
- We also will be selling different options of reusable bags
- Eradicating bags altogether would be an accessibility issue
- We are still in the process of getting 10 cents approved, might be more or less
- What do you guys think about this?
  - (LS): would thee ten cents come out of declining
  - (AF): no. only book store credit cash/card.
  - (SA): i think the fact that it is not on declining is good so poeple don’t throw it away as easily
  - (RP): I think that with the availability of reusable bags is great and I think you will be successful in deterring students from taking bags. I do not run into the issue where I need bags very options
  - (MW): would the ten cents go back into buying more bags?
  - (AF): we are not sure yet
  - (SB): how many bags are used per year
  - (AF): about 30,000 every year from the book store.
  - (MW): are they printed with a union logo
  - (AF): right now they are plain because paper bags are on bag order
  - (SA): the market hang out free paper bags. It make make people upset
  - (CP): all dining are exempt from the bag issue so they will still be able to hand them out for free.
  - (Luaren): how you guys feel about the charge.
  - (LS): I think that 10 cents is a good amount
(RP): how much do the paper bags cost?
(AF): they are 30 cents a bag but this should go down with command
(CP): I think we should use the bag charge to go into getting more reusable bags for students to keep
(RR): I think 10 cents will be great. How are you keeping track of how many reusable bags students are getting?
(CP): it is too big of a task to keep track. We would have to reconfigure the whole register system that the book store is on so we are doing on the honor code.
(SB): are we going to deter sales by charging for bags
   ■ (RR): I doubt it. I do not think people will take issue with this
(SA): I think that there are also ways around inconveniencing people who don't have cash or card. People will eventually get into the habit of bringing bags
(Lauren): what is the timeline for the charge?
(AF): we are hoping in the next month
(AF): I am in Reamer 303 so stop by if you have any questions or suggestions.
(RR): I think it might be a nice idea to make reusable bags cheaper and less nice as another option for students that do not want super nice bags.
(RP): You can still us bookstore credit for the bag fee eight?
(AF): right.
(Lauren): she is in charge of mailroom and printing services
(RP): could we look into using our IDs ro fill out a printing account?
(AF): i will look into that
(RR): could we use text notifications instead of email about packaging?
(AF): I love that idea. I will ask about that too.
(SB): thank you for your time.

President (Bohn):
- Formal Forum next week, location TBD
  - We dress up and look good for a photo
  - I want to see if we can get everest lounge for out location

Secretary (Meghan):
Nothing to report

VP Administration (Petrova):
Nothing to report

VP Finance (Nichols):
- Springfest Committee
  - Given 110,000 dollars for the year
  - Last year they asked for 35,000 dollars more
  - They are asking for 50,000 dollars this year for production costs so they can use the rest for more and better artist to engage the student body
  - Charlie XCX was 75,000 last year
    - Not including other acts
We do have a holding account for these purposes and this is something that all students can benefit from, not any specific club.

Finance committee recommends giving them 50,000 dollars.

(MM): how much money so we have in the holding account?

(RN): plenty. And it replenished every year.

(LS): this increase is kind of unavoidable as costs go out every year.

(RP): how much did they have last year?

(RN): 145,000. This year we would be spending 160,000 dollars.

(SB): having more artists would have a great appeal.

(MH): motion to approve the finance committee's recommendation for the addition 50,000 dollars to spring fest committee

(BH): seconded

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Approved: 17

MOTION PASSES

Budget packets went out this week. We will hold office hours for questions.

We no longer will be giving money to Woman’s union for the lights we voted on last week.

Request was denied because the Nott is a historical monument.

Trustees (Raval, Huang):

- Board of Trustee Notes

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- Goals: understanding how the Templeton gift can be used in a productive way
- How can we support engineering at a liberal arts college? How can we maintain the integrity of each will combining them?
- How can we expand student internships and collaborative partnerships?
- Middle States Self Study is complete – external team visit is in early April
- Future Directions: supporting Center for Faculty Excellence, cross-disciplinary programming, evaluation of the class dean program, promoting entrepreneurship throughout the student body

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Tuition increase was approved at 3.7% this is consistent with our peer schools
- Financial aid budget was approved

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

- Evaluating the impact of Early Action (instituted this year)
- Other changes – now have a west coast recruiter and have initiated the Making U Possible grants for the admitted students
- Simplifying transfer process into Union
  - If you were already accepted in as a high school senior, it will be much easier to transfer here now

AUDIT COMMITTEE

- N/A

COLLEGE RELATIONS COMMITTEE
• Understanding challenges associated with raising money for Annual Fund
  • Discussed public phase of the campaign, regional launches across the country
    ○ Boston, DC, NYC
    ○ Traveling to connect with Alum

FACILITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
• Discussed future of the rink
  ○ Given a tour about current state of the rink
• New furniture company has been selected
  ○ What to do with the old furniture – it will be donated to local Schenectady programs
• Indoor rowing tank project (fully donor funded) should be done in April

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
• N/A

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
• Student report
• Becker career center
• Title IX → several deputy Title IX officers on campus, many options for reporting, both men and women; search for Title IX coordinator continues
  ○ Still not filled, the administration did not feel like the candidates were a good fit

TRUSTEESHIP COMMITTEE
• N/A
• (SA): I feel like a lot of the projects being done are pushing out liberal arts.
• (BH): the trustees talked in depth about this and I can assure you that this will not happen despite the perception
• (GY): for making U possible, how does that work?
• (BH): basically it is a chance for more money
  ○ Only incoming students can get this money. Everyone else is grandfathered into the old system
• (LS): I know we talked about the charging station. Was this discussed in the meeting?
• (RR): I told them the summary of our discussion for this. For right now they want to keep it.

VP of Campus Life (Shabbir):
  - Campus Events email Update
  - Careful with language: ITS is doing this project, we are just supporting it
  - I will be sending out a link and I ask that you all add in 3-4 events into the website that you have asked but it again
  - Thursday and Friday during common there will be informational sessions about this in Reamer Auditorium
    - They will be presenting the ideas behind the software
    - (SB): this is important for us to go to. If we support this we should know how to use it and show face at these

VP Academics (Smith):
• Nothing to report

VP Sustainability (Piedad):
• We are still deliberating between 2 different proposals so we will not decide the Green Free recipient until next week
• One is about replanting trees on campus to improve union’s ecosystem and build of Jackson’s garden
  ○ (CL): why did they cut down so many trees?
  ○ (CP): camera line of sight for security and also some of them were sick and rotting and at risk if falling
  ○ (RP): just so you know, we have planted many more trees than we have have cute down
  ○ (MH): how much area are they planning on planting?
    ■ (CP): Outdoor classroom space, Garnet to CPH
    ■ (MW): that could be concerning because it is nice to have a wide open space there for walking at night
• Other is about the runoff in the CPH parking lot flushing toxins into the river and wanting to improve drainage in the larger light island in the lot
  ○ (MA): which one has a greater environmental impact
  ○ (CP): they both serve similar opportunities. I thinking improving ecological conditions is especially appropriate
• (RR): is there anything we can do to help promote sustainability more often to make it more fun? We should brainstorm next week.

**VP Multicultural Affairs** (Holley):
• Thanks again for coming to the identity dialogues. We are planning three or four more in the upcoming term.

**IFC** (Guinee):
• Chili Cookoff

**Panhel** (Llewellyn):
• All fraternities and sorority officers are going on a retreat this weekend

**MGC** (N/A):

**Minerva** (Angelopoulos):
• Nothing to report

**Theme House** (Goldberg):
• We are working on a proposal for theme hour manager compensation
• I will send this out to everyone because we are trying to get student body support

**Class of 2020** (Wiener):
• Still planning senior week
  ○ Met with president's office to figure out the senior/president dinner
  ○ I sent out a poll to seniors and people are interested in the boat cruise

**Class of 2021** (Toy):
• Nothing to report

**Class of 2022** (Anderson):
Nothing to report

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

**Committee Report (SAC):**
- Meeting next week

**Advisor’s Report (Dougherty):**
- Friday is the concert for 50 years of women at CPH, doors open at 6:30

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**
(MW) what is going on with the sparkling water in wold?
(Lauren): they are piloting a soda stream for dining department
(GY): how healthy are these?
(Lauren): i can find out what is in it

**Announcements:**
- Fire and Ice on Wednesday
- Black History Month Keynote Speaker
- Social Justice Retreat is April 17th-19th
- Entrepreneurs of the Nott is having a speaker this week
- (MM): Motion to adjourn
  - (MT): seconded
  - MOTION PASSES.