The Student Forum
Union College's undergraduate voice since 1929

Date: May 25th, 2020

Attendance:
Voting: Simon Bohn, Ruchi Raval, Brian Huang, Nimra Shabbir, Lauren Smith, Reid Nichols, Thomas Walker, Molly Wiener, Grace Yang, Matthew Toy, Nathan Oommen, Sophia Anderson, Carlos Gregory, Julia Nicolescu, Sandeep Alampalli, and Matthew Giarratana
Non-voting: Cate Llewellyn, Lauren Dougherty, Madeline Goldberg, Meghan McVeigh, Marina Angelopoulos, and Matt Guinee
Excused: Raya Petrova, Madison Holley, Sarah Vanasse, Carlos Piedad, Stephan Akichy

President (Bohn):
- Formal Forum next Student Forum meeting
  - Please dress up in business attire
  - If you are able to, please take a pic in your formal clothes and send them to me before the meeting
- Additionally, next student forum meeting is our transition meeting where all new members (Student Forum ’20/’21) will be invited
- Update on the donation proposal (approved and Reid will speak about it)
  - Thanks to Marina and Matt as well for helping out
- Lobsterfest T-Shirts incoming!!
  - They were shipped out Wednesday, they should all be out this week

Secretary (Meghan):
- Nothing to report

VP Administration (Petrova):
- CoC has gone through all the applications and is ready to be reaching out to each person with the results. We've had a successful round! Some decisions were really hard to make but we believe we'll have a strong cohort of students being part of all the committees, major and minor.

VP Finance (Nichols):
- Final club budget packet
  - Pep band through yoga and meditation club
  - No one asked any question, does anyone have any at this time?
  - (RR): Motion to approve budget packets for pep band through yoga and meditation club
  - (NS): seconded
Three Student Forum Voting Matters: (Student Forum has $7,000 left in our budget)

1) $100 of student forum funds for a “spirit week” engagement prizes
   a) (NS): this will be during week 10. We will have different themes every
day and people will send them to class rep accounts. We were then going
to have a raffle with the participants and have prizes sent out at 25 dollar
value each
   b) (SB): this increased engagement will be nice for the seniors as a final
goodbye
   c) (RR): That is a really cute idea
   d) (MT): Motion to approve finance committees recommendation of 100
dollars for spirit week
      i) Approved: 14
      ii) Opposed: 0
      iii) Abstaining: 0

   (1) MOTION PASSES

2) $6,900 for donation to the persistence fund ($100 for engagement of the $7000
original remaining for donation)
   a) The remaining student forum funds ($6,900) donation to the persistence
fund (which was approved)
   b) (RR): Motion to approved 6,900 dollar donation to the persistence fund
      i) (SA): seconded
      ii) Approved: 14
      iii) Opposed: 0
      iv) Abstaining: 0

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3) Senior Class $5,500 for senior gift (from the holding account because the holding
account is where all the rolled over money is going to go)
   - the senior class also wants $5,500 dollars for gifts to the senior class, this
   was approved by upper administration because the seniors are not getting
   their fair share of the student activities fee since so much money is getting
   rolled over into next year
   - Comes out of holding account where all of the rolled-over money goes to
   - (MW): The senior classes is requesting this for purchases 500
   commemorative mementos. These are One of a kind key chains from
   small businesses. We wanted to use the money from the holding account
   because of the contribution the class of 2020 has made to the student
   activities budget. It will cost 11 dollars per student to have it made and
   shipped to each students house.
   - (BH): how much do we have in the holding account?
   - (RN): we have a significant amount. I do not know the number off
   the top of my head but 5000 is not much of a concern
(LD): this is a unique circumstance and this will not be the norm going forward for future senior classes
(SB): do you have a picture?
(RR): yes but it supposed to be a surprise. We also do not plan on telling the senior class so please keep this confidential
(RR): motion to allocate 5,500 dollars to the senior class for the purchase of 500 mementos to be shipped to the senior class
  - (BH): seconded
  - Approved: 13
  - Opposed: 0
  - Abstaining: 1
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**Trustees (Raval, Huang):**
- Election Results for class reps, Congrats!
  - We have all of next year’s forum
  - See emails for results
  - We have to sign off on a document to transition next weekend

**VP of Campus Life (Shabbir):**
- Nothing to report

**VP Academics (Smith):**
- Not here

**VP Sustainability (Piedad):**
- Nothing to report

**VP Multicultural Affairs (Holley):**
- Tomorrow, May 26th, there is a mental health event led by Josh Riverdal at 7PM and to also follow it up with another mental health event being led by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity on Wednesday at 5PM. Both are being led by great people and are having conversations that should be had among us all the time, especially in these times. Thank you so much!
  - (LD): please be sure to attend and help promote this!
  - (SB): I’ll send out a link with a calendar reminder

**IFC (Guineee):**
- Not here

**Panhel: (Llewellyn):**
- We are discussing the options for fall recruitment soon

**MGC (N/A):**
Minerva (Angelopoulos):
  - Nothing to report

Theme House (Goldberg):

Class of 2020 (Wiener):
  - We also want to compile photos from the class and then arranging it to send it out digitally to the class
  - This is also supposed to be a surprise
  - We need 4 more virtual ceremony songs
    - (JN): Time of my life!
    - (MM): Rivers and Roads Head in the Heart
    - (SA): Graduation by Juice World

Class of 2021 (Toy):
  - Nothing to report

Class of 2022 (Anderson):
  - Nothing to report

Class of 2023 (Akichy):
  - Nothing to report

Committee Report (SAC):

Advisor’s Report (Dougherty):
  - This Thursday at 7PM we are holding the leadership celebration! Please tune in!
  - Wednesday: Jason Derulo is performing live on zoom! Be sure to register. Everyone will get a one-use link.

Old Business:

New Business:
  - (RR): We revised campaign rules
    - Next year they will be shared with the whole campus community
    - Once these are finalized we will make sure you all get a copy

Announcements:
  - (RR): Motion to adjourn
    - Approved: everyone