Date: September 21st, 2020

Attendance: Matthew Toy, Julia Nicolescu, Nathan Oommen, Brian Huang, Sarah Vanasse, Tyler Greenwood, Madison Holley, Nimra Shabbir, Carlos Gregory, Hayley Baglogh, Gwyneth Sultan, Matthew Giarratana

Non-voting: Lauren Dougherty, Matthew Guinee, Cate Llewellyn

Excused: Kathryn Osterholtz, Sophia Anderson, Alexis Henrikson, Marina Angelopoulos, Anna Trancozo, Sandeep Alampali

Special Guests:

President (Toy):
- Student Forum Meeting Time - Also for Class Reps, E-Board
  - Please fill out the doodle poll!!
- Middle States Meeting Tuesday Oct. 6, 3:30pm-4:20pm
  - Email from Lauren Munkress on October 6th, reply to her!
  - Please go unless you have class
  - Separate from meeting from Strom Thacker
- Civic Engagement Event - Can go tomorrow
  - Today outside the library, the flier in GC, we still have the opportunity to do it tomorrow!
- Goals of The Student Forum
  - Attending events outside of our comfort zone, support student groups on campus
  - SV: Be role models as student leaders that students look up to. Personal goal should be continuing to follow guidelines, stay healthy, and be a role model.
  - NO: Orientation we talked about inclusivity and supporting initiatives surrounding diversity and inclusion - working with clubs that push diversity and inclusion, supporting Madison and advertising identity dialogues, etc.
  - CG: Work with Schenectady community
  - SV: Work with Title IX, partner with her as goal for term
  - MH: Importance of diversity and identity dialogues
  - TG: Having conversations constructive and productive especially during a politically charged time
  - MT: How can we accomplish these goals?
  - SV: Reach out to someone you don’t know and go together to an event. I miss in person events!
  - NO: Speakers coming in and having specific goals for a productive conversation.
○ MH: diversification, information-oriented, talk about misinformation (what is true vs. what isn’t)
○ MT: Any new members on campus have something to add?
- Testing, back on campus, etc.
  ○ MT: How is campus doing? Issues with testing or classes? What has been going well?
  ○ CG: People are confused about what happens if they miss their COVID test?
  ○ TG: No follow up after missing the test, so no incentive. Pretty efficient.
  ○ HB: Miscommunication between RAs and RDs about what is allowed and what isn’t. Need to make rules more clear.
  ○ JN: You should want to have a test and it’s really easy. You can really go anytime.
  ○ CL: Generally some confusion about coming in contact with someone.
  ○ LD: Responsibility of students to call health services to apologize and reschedule tests. You will be contacted if you need to quarantine.
  ○ JN: It’s not clear where consequences lie. What are the specific consequences for breaking specific rules?
  ○ LD: Having Ryan could be helpful. Use best judgement as student leaders. If you’re following rules and being quiet then you’re probably fine. Use your best judgement. Things are constantly changing with the pandemic!
  ○ MT: What about classes?
  ○ BH: It’s hit or miss with professors. Some professors are similar to normal while others are doing much more or less than expected.
  ○ CG: I agree with Brian, a lot of deviation from normal.
  ○ TG: Problem lies in new options (experiential/minerva/hybrid) that are targeted for remote students that may have more time. Higher workload than typical classes.
  ○ JN: I enjoy my hybrid experience. Many try to have as many people in class as possible. Been going better, but every professor’s different.
  ○ SV: Brian and I were on the dining committee, let us know about how it is! Dining worked really hard to make it work.
  ○ CL: Zoom and pandemic is exhausting. Some people are getting leniency while other professors aren’t doing as much.
  ○ MH: Talk about next steps. What are the next changes and how can we be comfortable with new changes?
  ○ MT: What are goals and how can we accomplish them? How’s campus doing and how can we make things run smoothly?

Secretary (Osterholtz):

VP Administration (Nicolescu):
- JN: Messed up and Tyler is sustainability chair. Open applications for Gened task force.
- CG: Can you send me how many people to fill what positions and what committees.
MT: When is the first COC meeting?
JN: Most likely tomorrow night.
Gen Ed Task Force- 2 students, different year/major, must be available Tuesday at 9am
Writing board- 1 student
Commencement/Baccalaureate committee- 6 Juniors

**VP Finance** (Oommen):
* NO: Trained finance committee members and then will train clubs!

**Trustees** (Huang, Anderson):
* Constitution Amendments
  - Finalized language for amendment to change, meeting with Lauren, some grammatical stuff, get to you all by next meeting, everyone should look over during the weekend, potentially vote on Monday, when you see email, TAKE THE TIME to read it!! Once every four years, this is really IMPORTANT! Let Sophia or Brian know if you have any questions.
  - Special election is tomorrow to wednesday.
  - If someone goes abroad they can appoint a proxy. Want to make this required, also proxy can usually only vote with permission of a person abroad but that isn’t really feasible. Do people like this idea?
  - SV: We experienced this last year.
  - SA: Voting member that would count as a member for the term while the person is gone. Before they were just a proxy but in this case they would be a full member for that term. Only for class reps.
  - **Read email!!!**

**VP Campus Life** (Vanasse):
* Instagram
  - SV: Want to use more. Goal and role, major, where you’re from for Instagram. Check email for google form. Each member should go to a new event each week. Partner up as well.
* COVID Task force update
  - Just approved Andrew Yang to speak
  - Reusable utensils for students, 1500 cutlery sets
  - MT: How to advertise?
  - SV: Concordieses

**VP Academics** (Henrikson):
* Nothing to report.

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

**VP Multicultural Affairs** (Holley):
* Updates for the next day or so for identity dialogues and multicultural fair.

IFC (Guinee): Not present.
Panhel: (Llewellyn): First general body meeting of term this friday, diversity and inclusion events this term.
MGC (TBD):
Minerva (TBD):
Theme House (TBD):
Class of 2021 (Angelopoulos): Nothing to report.
Class of 2022 (Gregory): Nothing to report.
Class of 2023 (Sultan): Nothing to report.
Class of 2024 (TBD):

Committee Report (SAC): Hasn’t met yet.
CG: Trying to find meeting time.

Advisor’s Report (Dougherty): Encourage to bring questions and confusions forward so people have right information. Please bring questions forward!

Old Business: N/A
New Business:
MA: For upperclassmen to opt out of dining and possibly get credit to buy food outside of Union.
BH: Can’t give direct money, but working to get more things in the market. Let me know, I will contact Jim directly.
AH: People think that dining plans are just money grabs. People don’t know the reason why.
BH: It’s part of the Union Contract.
SA: Be more transparent.
BH: Do you think an email from Jim would be more helpful?
JN: Is this a current issue or just the dining plan in general?
BH: They need money for Union Hospitality to work. Something that always comes up. WE should be more transparent.
MT: Anything else?

Announcements:
MT: Any motions?
Julia: Motion to adjourn.
Carlos: Second.
Vote: 11-0-0