

# Central Council Minutes

October 16, 1996

## Central Council Members Present

Pat Albano  
Marc Alessi  
Bridget Bergen  
Kamau Blount  
Gina Bonica  
Amos Bronson  
Darlene Classen  
Dina Delicee  
Jess Fassler  
Craig Fetterman  
Neil Freilich  
Jennifer Hird  
David Kalinsack  
Larry Kauffman

David Kindberg  
Michelle Lebowits  
Jessica Morales  
Ashwani Prabhakar  
Omar Price  
Stephanie Reich  
Jodi Rosoff  
Steve Schwab  
Jose Socorro  
Todd Teichman  
Camille Torres  
Dori Travieso  
Ted Tsakanos  
Greg Wahl

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Chairman Schwab: Hi, everybody. We'll just start with roll call.

Roll Call

Those in attendance:

Pat Albano, Marc Alessi, Bridget Bergen, Kamau Blount, Gina Bonica, Amos Bronson, Darlene Classen, Dina Delicee, Jess Fassler, Craig Fetterman, Neil Freilich, Jennifer Hird, David Kalinsack, Larry Kauffman, David Kindberg, Michelle Lebowits, Jessica Morales, Ashwani Prabhakar, Omar Price, Stephanie Reich, Jodi Rosoff, Steve Schwab, Jose Socorro, Todd Teichman, Camille Torres, Dori Travieso, Ted Tsakanos, Greg Wahl.

Chairman Schwab: We're going to start this evening -- I'd like everybody to welcome Dr. Dolores Cimini.

(Dr. Dolores Cimini speaks about Middle Earth.)

Chairman Schwab: I was busy this week with confirmation interviews. We have a lot to do tonight. As you can notice, every bill that's on the table this evening is from IA, and they are just confirmation bills. So I would expect that you guys ask any questions you want, debate freely, and we'll get through this.

Larry Kauffman: No time limits, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Schwab: There's no time limit, within reason. At this point what I'm going to do is, I'm going to break agenda and we're going to do committee reports after Legislative Report. We're going to go right into confirmations. Once again, within the

Legislative Report I'm going to break agenda again at the request of the IA chair and begin with Bill 9697-38 and then we'll go into 34, 35 and so on.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Why are we skipping everything and going directly into Legislative Report?

Chairman Schwab: Well, I wanted to start with confirmations. Most of the committees don't have anything to report this week, they've informed me. So we're going to save that until after Legislative Report.

Point of inquiry

Jose Socorro: Is there a particular reason why we're starting with number 38?

Chairman Schwab: It doesn't matter what order we go in, I could put them in any order. I was asked by K.B. -- if you want to explain.

Kamau Blount: Well, the reason why I'm doing this is because the appointment for that position has somewhere they have to go, and I figured that you guys would want to get a chance to speak to them before they leave. If you guys have a problem with that --

Larry Kauffman: I'm not saying I have a problem with it, but somewhere to go? More important than a Central Council Meeting?

Chairman Schwab: Okay. We're going to start with Bill 9697-38. If I could have order so K.B. can read this bill.

Introduced by: Internal Affairs Committee  
Chairman Kamau Blount  
Vice Chair Valerie A. Vazquez

Bill 9697-38  
Committee  
Vote:3-0-1-0

Date: October 16, 1996

Be it hereby proposed and that the following be enacted:

- I. That John Ricci be appointed as Assistant Programming Director for the 1996-1997 year.
- II. That this bill becomes effective immediately in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

Voting Members Present:  
Kamau Blount - Chair  
Valerie A. Vazquez - Vice Chair  
Omar Price  
Ken Woodward

Nonvoting Members:

Kamau Blount: Basically, this interview for Assistant Program Director by John Ricci, I will say, he had a lot of good, general ideas that he gave us. I was a little bit shaky on some of the Affirmative Actions questions that were asked, a little bit shaky on a couple of the specifics --

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: If it was you, Mr. Internal Affairs Chairman, who was shaky, then why is this being mentioned for the person up for confirmation?

Chairman Schwab: No, no. He believed that the person who was up for confirmation was shaky on his answers.

Point of information:

Larry Kauffman: I believe that he said he, himself was shaky.

Chairman Schwab: Okay. Thanks, Larry. Go ahead, K.B.

Kamau Blount: I don't feel that it was enough for me to say

no. However, personally, I didn't feel that it was enough for me to give a complete yes. That's why I was the one that voted to abstain. I'll turn it over to my committee members who were there to give their opinions.

Valerie Vazquez: I think he'd do a good job as assistant. I had no problem with him. I think he has good programming ideas, and I think he'll be a good benefit to Matt Kraut, Programming Director. That's it.

Chairman Schwab: Anybody else? Omar?

Omar Price: I liked him a lot. I think he'd do a great job. He has a lot of spirit, a lot of leadership skills. I think he'd be excellent for the job, that's why I voted yes.

Larry Kauffman: Motion to move to debate.

Chairman Schwab: I have a motion to move to debate by Larry Kauffman, do I have a second? Seconded by Valerie Vazquez. Any objections to moving into debate? (No objections) We're now in debate. I have a motion to move to question by Larry Kauffman, seconded by Jose Socorro. Any objections to moving into question? Oh, Mike, I didn't even get to introduce him.

Mike Castrilli: If you want to move into debate --

Chairman Schwab: Okay, then we're now in question on this bill.

Jose Socorro: Motion for unanimous consent.

Chairman Schwab: I have a motion for unanimous consent, seconded by Marc Alessi. Do I have any objections for unanimous consent? Dori?

Dori Travieso: I want to ask him questions.

Chairman Schwab: Well, I had a motion to move to debate. You didn't object to the motion to move to question. Did you plan to object?

Dori Travieso: Yes, I object. I want to go back to debate.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: May we please call house first, and may I be the one to do it? Some people just left.

Chairman Schwab: Can I please have order.

Larry Kauffman: I'd like to call house.

Chairman Schwab: Listen to me. When somebody has a question asked, can I please have the courtesy of you guys not sitting over there and laughing and making comments? Dori, you planned on objecting to question?

Dori Travieso: Yeah, can I just say something? These are candidates. I don't know who he is. I want to see what he's about. If he's going to sit in the office, I think everyone should ask him questions to see what he's going to do for us. Not everybody knows who he is.

Chairman Schwab: Larry, would you be comfortable with moving back to debate so she can ask questions?

Larry Kauffman: Does anything make me uncomfortable? But, in answer to that question, she has a right to do that, but, we also have a right to move directly to call to question.

Chairman Schwab: You're right, and I'm sorry Dori. What I'm going to do then, if I don't have any objections from council -- I

did go through that fast because I didn't see any objections. So, we'll go back now, and I'll let Mike introduce John to entertain some questions.

Point of inquiry

Jose Socorro: Are the candidates supposed to speak on their behalf?

Chairman Schwab: Just like last week when we did confirmations? We're going to let Mike introduce them, John will come up and say a few words, and then he'll take questions.

Jose Socorro: But, is that a usual thing where they're supposed to come up and speak on their own behalf?

Chairman Schwab: Yes. Why?

Jose Socorro: Because that didn't just happen. We were just going to pass him and he hadn't even spoken.

Chairman Schwab: Well, I had a motion off the bat. Usually you don't get a motion off the bat.

Mike Castrilli: Ashish and I had a great interview with John. John and I have know each other for a couple years now, and John has always been a member of the Student Association - an active member at that. He's volunteered his time at programming. He did a lot of work with Parkfest last year and the year before. He helped us with elections. I think he will do a fantastic job in programming. Ashish and I believe in him completely. One of the best qualities of John is that he is one of the most honest people you could meet. I think that's a quality that many people don't possess, but John does. He's very honest. I think we both look

forward to having John work with us, and I'm sure Matt Kraut also does.

Ashish Prabhakar: I'm going to be very brief. Again, I'd like to emphasize John's honesty. He's a very honest guy and a very hard worker. He's always willing to volunteer in the S.A., always willing to invest his time for the benefit of the students. He's a lifeguard. He's involved with Northeastern Rescue. He's involved in a million things. He's doing a lot. He's been a member of the local Albany community for a long time now. So he knows a great deal about this town, as well as this school, and I think he's going to do a great job. Thank you. I'd like to introduce you do John Ricci.

John Ricci: I'm John Ricci. I am honest, and that has hurt me numerous times in this school. I guess the big thing that I'm going to bring to the Programming office if approved is just enthusiasm and the willingness to work with everyone on this campus no matter what group they represent or anything like that. I just think that we need to move in a direction now as a school, not just as different groups for different events. I think I can do that, and I've helped in the past to do that, and I'll help in the future regardless of what happens here tonight. That's it. Thanks.

Dori Travieso: I know that in the Programming office you have access to distribution of tickets, and I know sometimes tickets get into the wrong peoples hands and friends and stuff. How would you plan to monitor that?

John Ricci: I'd say first of all, by having a set amount that



is allowed out. Who I'm going to give them to? I wouldn't say no one. Like I said, I'm not going to sit here and lie to you. I think there are people out there who deserve them. People who help out and so on. I think that if you help out, you deserve a free ticket. As we know, a lot of these things that people do don't pay. It's nice to volunteer, but it's also nice to get something in return for volunteering besides, "You did a good job."

Gina Bonica: What other things on campus have you done as a leader?

John Ricci: Okay. I'm glad you guys have time for this. UAS Board of Directors, SUNY Senate, IFC Chair, I helped out in Programming office last year, Five Quad, I ran for Vice President last year and lost. I had a lot of spirit, but you just can't be honest in these things it seems. Of course, forgetting about the present administration, of course, they're honest as well.

Point of personal privilege

Larry Kauffman: Is he casting dispersions on my administration, if not then I'll withdraw that?

Chairman Schwab: Larry, you are out of order. You can entertain those questions afterwards.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: How would I make a question regarding whether that's a valid point of personal privilege?

Chairman Schwab: That wasn't a point of personal privilege. That wasn't a point of anything. A point of inquiry would be a point of procedure, so will you let John continue.

Larry Kauffman: Will you answer my question first?

Chairman Schwab: Your point wasn't valid in anyway that it was presented.

Larry Kauffman: Could it have been valid in any other way?

Chairman Schwab: No.

Point of order Are you hot? Are you cold? That's privilege.

Point of personal privilege

Larry Kauffman: I was being interrupted when I was having a legitimate discussion after being called upon by my Chairman. I ask that the previous speaker be admonished.

John Ricci: As soon as I'm done with her question, Larry, I would love to answer your question. As far as other things on campus, I'm president of my fraternity. I've held numerous positions within my fraternity. I've helped out other fraternities as much as I can. Like I said, I'm for the entire system. I'm for the little people, I'm for the big people, I'm for the medium people even. I'm definitely for everybody. Also, outside of school I'm a democratic committeeman for the city of Albany. So that's going to help me in my position because I already know the people that I need to deal with. And not a professional relationship, a personal relationship with them. I coached the Jewish Community swim team, we're in the Western New England League and various other things outside of campus. I could sit here -- I've got a resume this big. I keep things under control. I don't feel any stress, I'd like to point out, because that came up in my interview today. I just do the best job I can. Larry, I've got

time for you too. Was your administration -- I believe it was honest.

Point of personal privilege

Samantha Hiotakis: This is irrelevant and a waste of time.

Point of order

Larry Kauffman: That's not a point of personal privilege as a previous speaker pointed out to me.

Samantha Hiotakis: I'm hot from sitting here wasting time.

Chairman Schwab: That was out of order. I think Samantha's point is that at this point we want questions addressed as to what kind of job he's going to do.

Larry Kauffman: Will all due respect, Mr. Chairman, I'm merely fully availing myself to the democratic process.

Chairman Schwab: And every question that you do ask seems to be concerned with your past administration or you.

Larry Kauffman: No. Actually, my next question is totally different.

Chairman Schwab: Okay, ask your next question of John right now.

Larry Kauffman: You said you're for everybody, the big people, the little people and the medium sized people. Surely, you're not saying that you're a chameleon, are you?

John Ricci: For the record, I am not a chameleon.

Ted Tsakanos: Hi, John. I have a question about the fact that you seem like a real busy guy. Is this a job that you'd have the time to invest in something like this?

John Ricci: Like I pointed out, I am busy. I'm very busy. I have to work tonight, that's why I got the privilege of going first, which I appreciate. However, I can work anything into my schedule as long as I have a little notice. No, I'm not too busy to do this. I believe all they're asking for is ten hours, and I can do far beyond ten hours a week. I mean, I have 10 to 3 open every day and all day Friday.

Meghana Mude: I have a twofold question for you. One was, what type of programs are the most relevant and important to the student community? That's the first one, and the second is, where do you think the thrust should be in terms of programming? Should we be going for an entertainment feel or educational. Where is the greatest impact going to come from?

John Ricci: Okay. I guess the program that I would want is one that's going to encompass everybody. As it's been in the past, I think Parkfest is usually a Greek thing. There's other things that are usually this group, and this group, and I don't think that's the right way. One, we're missing out on a lot of the students. That's not fair to the groups that aren't considered in that agenda. What was the second question?

Meghana Mude: The second question was, where do think the emphasis should be on the type of programming.

John Ricci: Definitely entertaining. I think Damien is doing a great job as far as educational affairs. So I think he's doing enough educational stuff. We need to look more towards entertaining the population. We're in school, chances are you're

going to get educated somewhere here. We need entertainment.

Pat Albano makes a motion to move to debate, seconded by Larry Kauffman. Objection to moving into debate by Jen Hird.

Chairman Schwab: Can I have a show of hands of those who objected to moving into debate? Okay, we're now in debate.

Larry Kauffman: I've had the privilege of knowing this young man for several years now. This guy is great. Let's slide this boy through and get on to the next one.

Damien Scalafani: I was just going to say that I've known John for a while as well. I've seen a lot of things he's done on campus. Ashish and Mike didn't really mention his Five Quad experience. I think that's one of the most important things in there. I remember last year when John was running for Vice President, and I really think you'll like him. The best thing to describe him would have been his logo back then. I think it was, "John Ricci, he cares." I think that he cares a lot about our school. When he says he's for everyone, I think he is someone that would try to serve as much of the student body as possible. I like the fact that he mentioned my office. He was aware of the goings on in my office. Right now Matt and I are collaborating on a concert event to sort of bring together some of the stuff I've been doing with voter registration with sort of an entertainment aspect. He's someone I feel I could really work very well with, someone

that would give us the support we needed to have a fun event that also has sort of an educational element to it. I just wanted to say that.

Todd Teichman makes a motion to move to question, seconded by Larry Kauffman. No objections. We're now in question. Craig Fetterman makes a motion for unanimous consent, seconded by Marc Alessi. No objections.

Chairman Schwab: Bill 9697-38 passes with unanimous consent.

Okay, we'll move on to Bill 9697-34.

Introduced by: Internal Affairs Committee	Bill 9697-34
Chairman Kamau Blount	Committee Vote:
Vice Chair Valerie A. Vazquez	4-0-0-0

Date: October 16, 1996

Be it hereby proposed and that the following be enacted:

- I. That Soteri Polydorou be appointed as Transportation Director for the 1996-1997 year.
- II. That this bill becomes effective immediately in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

Voting Members Present:  
 Kamau Blount - Chair  
 Valerie A. Vazquez - Vice-Chair  
 Todd Teichman  
 Ashwani Prabhakar

Nonvoting Members:  
 Larry Kauffman  
 Josef Markowski

Kamau Blount: Basically, Soteri had very good ideas in

regards to Transportation Director, even though there is not much in regards to what the position is about in policy. One thing that I really like was he came up with a thought he was working on with Mike in regards to the Transportation Board, which would deal with transportation issues and they would be similar to the Programming and Group Advisory Boards, which I think is a great idea. He looked great to me. I have no problems with this appointment.

Valerie Vazquez: I thought he did very well. I was really impressed with the fact that he had clearly defined and strategized ideas for a job that I felt was really kind of vague. I strongly support this appointment.

Todd Teichman: He went above and beyond what he had to know about the position. We asked him a lot of questions about things that weren't defined in the by-laws and he knew them. I found him very impressive, and I have no problem endorsing him as Transportation Director.

Ashwani Prabhakar: We really grilled this candidate. In my opinion he held up very well against our questions. We asked him a question about bus service for off-campus and on-campus, he had excellent answers to that. Taxis, in regards to that situation, he was concerned about the cost of taxis and the safety, especially the freshmen since they take most of those cabs. He's knows transportation inside and out. He had good plans to make sure that the student groups get the van, no student group has a monopoly on the van. This is the most impressive candidate that has come before IA for a position since I've been in Central Council. We

even tried to vote acclimation. He will do a good job.

Jonathan Laiko: There are some errors I made on the bills themselves. I didn't delete out the bottom part of the bill. I don't want anybody here taking offence to that. I did it. Yesterday was a long day. It was a bad day. You can see I put Mike's line on the bottom accidentally. It doesn't mean anything. I'm sorry for it.

Chairman Schwab: John, so kindly, typed the bills for IA, and he just wanted to make sure the no one thought that because he put the approval or disapproval that meant it was assumed that these would go through. It was a simple mistake. I told him not to worry about erasing them or recopying them.

Joe Markowski: I would just like to say that to me he was one of the best candidates and that he would do a very good job.

President Castrilli: Teddy, Ashish, and I had a great interview. Teddy is another person that I believe will be fair and just. I think that's the key for Student Association vans. What he told us in his interviews was that he would look upon student groups on a first come, first serve basis, and most importantly, set up a schedule and a procedure to get Student Association vans. Teddy has been in the office now since June, since we started, helping us with a variety of activities, programs, and also with maintenance of the Student Association vans. One of the other things was a task force on bus concerns, something that traditionally the Transportation Director has never been involved in. Teddy came to me and said that he wanted to be involved in



these concerns and take action and see what he could do to take some sort of action. I think he'll do a great job, and I think your group will be very impressed by him. I think that he will really run the transportation department very well.

Point of information: Is this a paid position?

Chairman Schwab: Yes. It's a service position. It's not paid the level that all --

Point of order

Larry Kauffman: I don't believe that was a point of information, was it?

Chairman Schwab: I'm sorry, I thought she said point of inquiry. Thank you, Larry. \$1200 is paid to this service position. That's supervised by the Vice President. Service positions are Copies Plus Manager, Transportation Director, Student Voice Editor-in-Chief. It's under account for salaries and stipends, so you can look it up in the budget. Its got a \$1200 stipend.

Vice President Prabhakar: We were very, very impressed with Soteri's interest that he's taken with the vans. He came to us over the summer and told me he had some free time, he'd like to maintain the vans, take them for a cleaning, oil changes. He's helped me out quite a bit with that. The other day we had the van towed to Orange Ford and stuff to get it fixed, so he's involved. He wants to do a good job. I just want to reaffirm what IA said, he wants to go above and beyond what the Transportation Directors job requires of him to do. The idea of him working with Mike with

the Transportation Task Force to address other transportation concerns of students on this campus, I think it's a great idea and definitely going to help us learn what student concerns are around campus about transportation. Question, Larry?

Larry Kauffman: As a concerned student in general, and also as a duly elected representative of Central Council, which has in the past shown great interest in trying to find out how vans are being used, may I ask why the van had to be towed?

Vice President Prabhakar: It has a flat, and what we were unable to discover, actually Soteri discovered himself, was that the jack and everything is still on the back of the van in this compartment that we didn't realize was there. Damien didn't realize was it there. We were perplexed as to what to do so we called Orange Ford, who we have contract with and told them to come down and tow it for us. Now I'll introduce you to Soteri Polydorou.

Soteri Polydorou: First, I'd like to thank everyone for their kind words. Basically, right now, we have a \$70 transportation fee that we all have to pay, and there's really no student voice that says where the money goes, what it should be for. Hopefully, if I can get everybody involved in it, there will be a much greater say and students can really decide where their money goes and what they think is important. There's more at a university level than just vans. We have buses, and we support them, and they should run upon our schedules. Does anyone have any questions?

Chairman Schwab: Does anyone have any questions?

(No response)

Larry Kauffman makes a motion to move to debate, seconded by Todd Teichman.

Chairman Schwab: Are there any objections to moving into debate? There are objections. I'm confused. I asked if there were any questions. Do you have questions?

Jose Socorro: Could you quickly go through one or two programs that you have if you get this position.

Soteri Polydorou: Absolutely, Mike and I just started on a transportation task force. That would be a way to find out what the concerns of the students are, to discuss different off-campus or on-campus problems, and how we can address them. It was briefly mentioned about the cab situation and the scheduling of buses. There are very few guidelines on the use of the vans. There's only two small sections in policy, and they're very general. So, hopefully with the task force we can get the students involved and find out what's needed, what improvements we can make. I'm also working with Mike to get a student voice on the transportation commission. That's really important because that's where the decisions are made about buses and school transportation. So if we can have the voice of a student expressing everyone's concerns then maybe we can get things changed. We first have to have the task force to find out what the concerns are, and then going to the commission, the commission already exists, and getting a position for a student on that commission would be beneficial.

Larry Kauffman: I have a question and then a quick follow up. I believe it's you to whom one submits an application for a permit to use the vans are you not?

Soteri Polydorou: Yes.

Larry Kauffman: Keeping in mind that I'm a duly elected Central Council member who hasn't cast his vote just yet for your appointment, would you allow me to drive the van?

Soteri Polydorou: The van is only used for official business.

Larry Kauffman: As a council member?

Soteri Polydorou: It doesn't matter. If there's a need to use it that's legitimate and there's no other form of services of buses that are available, then that's when the vans are allowed to be used, but under no other circumstances. You can't go to River Rats games and stuff like that.

Jose Socorro: This is a question that is important to me but obviously some members on this S.A. don't think so -- what exactly is your knowledge of policy, if you could briefly go over it?

Soteri Polydorou: Well, I'm thoroughly familiar if you have any questions about the transportation policy, hopefully I'll be able to shed some light on them or just give my input on them. They're very general. They say about 25 cents over 200 miles, it doesn't even give the charge, it doesn't give the \$45 a day charge. It says who can use it. It says the S.A. groups, but it doesn't really say if someone has a grievance about the use of it. It says there has to be a first come, first serve basis, but if there is one group who monopolizes use, should another group who requests it

at a later time have a greater consideration and have the right to use it? I think so. That's not mentioned at all in policy. There's mention of just general upkeep and service of the van. There is no time scheduled for it. There's nothing that says any specifics to what is expected of the transportation director. Hopefully, I'll be able to clarify a lot of those things up.

Larry Kauffman makes a motion to move to debate, seconded by Ashwani Prabhakar. No objections. We're now in debate. Larry Kauffman makes a motion to move to question, seconded by Ashwani Prabhakar. No objections. We're now in question. Larry Kauffman makes a motion for unanimous consent, seconded by Ashwani Prabhakar. No objections.

Chairman Schwab: Bill 9697-34 passes with unanimous consent.

I've just been informed that the candidate for our next piece of legislation would like to withdraw her nomination to become the Assistant Director for Women's Issues. You said you wanted to make a statement?

Deanna Zandt: Yes. How you all doing? You'll have to forgive me, I've been up since about 7:00 this morning, and I got about two hours of sleep last night. So, I'm just going to read my statement, we'll get on our way. My name is Deanna Zandt, and I've come to the Central Council meeting tonight to respectfully decline

the Student Association's recommendation of appointing me to the Assistant Women's Issues Directorship. I feel that there has been a gross injustice in the selection of interview process, and I no longer want the position for this reason. I'd like to say at this point that this is not a personal attack on anyone that I have spoken to or dealt with in either the Student Association, Central Council, or Internal Affairs. It is not that at all.

I was not contacted at all by anyone in regards to my Internal Affairs interview, and only after the interview did I find out that I was supposed to be prepped for it. I didn't know that. I was told that there was some sort of packet that would be given to me, but that never happened. I realize now that I should have made a stronger effort to find out what's going on, but that's the point. I was never informed of the process, because I've never been a part of the Student Association before, and I was never informed of anything.

I attempted to contact the current Women's Issues Director about the position and some other topics I wanted to discuss with her, but it was only until after the Internal Affairs interview did she contact me, which again, was another big miscommunication, not anyone's fault. I found out yesterday evening at approximately 10:30 p.m. what tonight's meeting would entail, that I would have to prepare a statement of some kind, and that was entirely by mistake through an informal conversation with a council member. I was not given the proper time to prepare my case, nor was I offered preparation from the members of the Student Association that I

believe I should have received.

I realize completely that this was not a personal attack on my character, nor am I attacking anyone personally. That is absolutely not my intent. This was a severe case of miscommunication. I'm simply here tonight to inform you that I will be taking my resources and assets, which I believe could have been a great benefit to the Student Association, elsewhere where I see better organization within the processes of the establishment. I do not have the time to waste dealing with petty bureaucracies and miscommunications. My agenda has high goals that I have set for both myself and the women's movement. If I don't feel comfortable now in this position, I won't feel comfortable in the long run. I thank you for your time and consideration, and wish you all the best of luck in the future.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Will questions be taken?

Deanna Zandt: You can address me personally, but I'd really like just to go sleep right now to tell you the truth.

Chairman Schwab: Okay, so no questions right now then?

Deanna Zandt: You can contact me, I'm an RA on Colonial, and you can contact me through the quad office there. You can leave your messages there, and I can get in touch with anyone who would like to discuss this personally. But, right now, like I said, I've had a very, very, long emotional day and I'm just going to go home and sleep. Thank you.

Jose Socorro: I just wanted to say, I've seen her in a lot of

meetings and a lot of organizations. She's a prominent figure on this campus, and for something like that to happen to her, that doesn't say a lot for this student government at all.

Chairman Schwab: What I want to say, too, is I plan on contacting Deanna just to find out -- I didn't hear the specifics on exactly what happened. I would assume she just didn't like the process. The process is something we have to do. It's frustrating for everybody. I would just be curious to know the specifics on it. I don't think there's any type of controversy that she's looking for. She said it wasn't a personal attack, it was just was not a job she felt comfortable with. Larry, do you have a question?

Larry Kauffman: I was just going to make a comment. I'm disappointed in her that she wouldn't stay and ask for our views. And perhaps Central Council and Student Association has best been served by this declination.

Chairman Schwab: Larry has a valid point. She didn't stay and take questions. If she had an issue with the Student Association then I was curious to find out what we could do to remedy that, and she wouldn't stay and answer questions. I do plan on calling her. I guess that's the end of that.

Marc Alessi: I think that she hit it on the head. It didn't help one bit yelling out point of information, privilege, point of inquiry, the circus that we're running here.

Chairman Schwab: What circus?

Marc Alessi: No, no. Not that you're running. You're running



a tight show, but we've got to get down and do some business here. We're here to hit the constituents, here to represent them, get in get out, because right now I'd like to do the meeting, go home and study instead of sitting here until 2:00 in the morning screwing around.

Chairman Schwab: I'm trying to run these meetings as efficiently as I can, and sometimes it's difficult. Jose, I'll address your question and then Samantha wanted to say something and then we'll get on with legislation.

Jose Socorro: I just want to reiterate what I was saying. I don't really think it was just. Furthermore, I think she should receive a letter of apology from the Women's Director and from the Executive Branch. I think that would be the best thing.

President Castrilli: And from Central Council.

Samantha Hiotakis: I am not in any way justifying myself or my actions, I'm just simply clarifying. I did nothing wrong in the fact that she was appointed. If you want to be an assistant, you should have a passion. I have a mailbox, I have a phone number. I am busy. I do not have the time to chase down someone who wants to be an assistant to my office to find out and hold her hand and tell her what questions she's going to get asked and whatnot. She never called me, she never left a message in my mailbox. She didn't even know who I was when I went out to talk to her. She asked me who I was, and I said, "I'm the Women's Issues Director." That doesn't show me any type of good working relationship, and I don't feel a loss. If she's that involved in the university, then she should

know that communication is the key, and that if you want to be an assistant to a certain position, it's up to you to make the steps to get there. It's not for the person who you're going to be their assistant to come down and pull you up.

Point of information

Kamau Blount: I know that she did make an attempt to call. I just want to let you guys no that.

Point of information

Samantha Hiotakis: I never got the message.

Chairman Schwab: Listen guys, this is obviously, she said it was a problem with communication. If it was simply from the message which was lost in transit -- Women's Issues shares a box with Multicultural Affairs, so maybe it got mixed up there. That's something that they'll have to look at.

Point of inquiry

Marc Alessi: Is there anything stopping her from coming up next week again?

Chairman Schwab: No, she can't. She's withdrawn her application, unless the Executive Branch decides to reappoint her.

Larry Kauffman: I don't think we, Council, or certainly the Executive Branch owes anybody, let alone this candidate, any apology of any sort. I feel she was rude to take up our time and not to respond civilly by taking questions. You take up our time, let us take up a little bit of your time to try and at least reconcile. And less relevantly, she dressed funny.

Chairman Schwab: Larry, that was out of order, highly out of

order.

Larry Kauffman: How was it out of order? It was a comment.

Chairman Schwab: Yeah. You said that she dressed funny, and that's out of order.

Larry Kauffman: How was that out of order? I expressed an opinion.

Chairman Schwab: At this point, I would discourage debate. Questions about this fine. I'm going to let the next couple who are on the list debate. Feel free to make comments, but keep them at a minimum. Next on the list is Valerie.

Dori Travieso: Just to say on her behalf, I think she's just angry or whatever with the process of how it went. She's not the only candidate that complained about being late, having to wait, being called the night before. The Affirmative Action Director said she wasn't even called. I think that's what her concern is, not specifically us. Do you know what I mean. She's not the only candidate that said stuff about being called late at night and not knowing what's going on.

Meghana Mude: I would acknowledge that the process is extremely frustrating. It's difficult to be completely aware of everything that's going on. I know for a fact after working with someone with the Internal Affairs Committee that the questions and the scenarios are rather difficult. However, speaking for her, yes it's a frustrating process, but on the same token if one is really driven to do a certain thing, then one should be forthright and say, "This is what I do know, and this is what I don't know."

Jonathan Laiko: On behalf -- not even on behalf of the committee -- for somebody who is a member of the committee of Internal Affairs -- for somebody to attack the way -- we do things by the letter. That's what it comes down to. We did 12 plus interviews in two weeks. If you guys want the system changed, revamp policy. We work within the system that's here, and for people to get up at the podium and for people to make slanderous comments about the committee -- it's outrageous. If Council decides that the process is no good after this, fine, let's change policy. But, us sitting here and accusing people, and pointing fingers is not getting anything done, and I'm getting a little sick of it.

From the floor: I just feel we shouldn't make assumptions about her actions because she's not her to defend herself.

Point of information

Matt Kraut: Wasn't it by her own sleepy choice to leave the room?

Chairman Schwab: That's out of order. Listen. I don't know where we're going with this right now. The reason that I'm allowing this right now is because if you guys have questions of this process or a comment to me, or a suggestion, I'm going to invite those. But, to talk about the candidate herself or the Executive Branch, or the committee on Internal Affairs, I'm going to call you out of order. So, what I'm allowing now is questions of the process, suggestions how it can change, things of that manner.

Kirandeep Madra: On behalf of her, she's not attacking you. She was just saying that she was screwed because she didn't feel that the process that went on was right. She does have to have some input. She had to come to the office --

Point of order

Larry Kauffman: Did you not say that you would only accept questions just a moment ago?

Chairman Schwab: I told her she was going to be the last comment.

Kirandeep Madra: Okay. On behalf of her, she was very heated, she was upset. She had a right to be. She also has to understand that there are things that need to be done on her part. As far as her making remarks against it, come on take it. You people are supposed to do some work.

Chairman Schwab: Karen, what you said just now was out of order. We have been working, and we've received these appointments one week ago. We had one week. And we did in one week, and these two people over here who are not paid but were elected to do a job, have gone above and beyond the call of duty to get these interviews done so that we can better serve the students by getting assistants in the E-Board's office. We have great candidates. They're questions were amazing. They're interviews were well done. I can ask the committee to speak on that. I would invite, and everyone is invited, and we had members of other committees of this council attend these interviews, and I would invite those people to say that these interviews were done. And the reason that these

interviews were done in such a good fashion was because we wanted to get these posts filled.

We took the people that were appointed. We gave them the proper interviews, followed the process so that they could come up this Wednesday night. And there was someone who was dissatisfied. It happens. We'll look into it. I'm going to call her specifically. I'm going to ask Internal Affairs to look into it. That's what the Internal Affairs Committee does. That's what's going to be done. At this point, what I'm going to say again, is if you have a question of Mike, of Ashish, or of Samantha, or of me, go ahead and I will address questions for Internal Affairs.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Has the previous speaker been confirmed yet?

Chairman Schwab: No, she has not.

Point of personal privilege

Matt Kraut: That's the second time I held that as a direct comment towards myself, now someone is directing that we don't work. I believe I'm in that office 40 hours a week and someone is going to tell me that I don't work. You can come to my office hours anytime because I don't feel that you guys should make it a personal attack because that is against personal privileges. I know I put in more than enough time in that office. I work my tuckus off. I feel everybody in that office works very hard. If the process isn't right, deal with the process. You shouldn't be making remarks to the people. If you're going to make this a personal thing we can wait until after the meeting.

Chairman Schwab: Once again, this is what I'm going to say, questions of Mike, Ashish, Samantha, or I are invited and welcome. Beyond that, this subject is over. Meg, do you have a question of me?

Meghana Mude: This is part question and part comment. The Internal Affairs Committee and I have been working, in fact we had a two hour meeting yesterday afternoon, to ease the process. You can speak with them about it. We're already in the works, but it's difficult to initiate change in a 24 hour period. That was one of the first things I wanted to address which is the frustration of me and other applicants. The other thing is, if in fact there is something that either E-Board or Council members feel is relevant to the process, it would be important to speak about it in an open forum. If there is anything particular that the E-Board members is relevant to how the process works, this is the correct time and place to do it.

Ashwani Prabhakar: I had a comment earlier. I had raised my hand. You can tell me if I'm out of order, but I'm making this comment because I felt she said things that were against S.A. We did what we thought policy told us to do. I think we did our job very well. We don't know the entire situation. I'm on IA, and I don't know the entire situation. I don't know what happened with the Executive Branch, therefore, we shouldn't jump the gun by asking for letters of apology and so on. Let's not accuse anybody, and let's just hear both sides out. We don't know whether she's right or the people over here are right. Let's have some faith in

our own organization.

Chairman Schwab: That's what I want to say, if a letter of apology is discovered to be needed, then we'll write an apology from both Council and the Executive Branch. What I would have to say is that we need to see where the fault lies in this or what the problem actually is. Now, when someone makes a complaint, it's justified for you to look into the complaint and get both sides of the issues. I think that anybody would agree with that.

Larry Kauffman: Is everybody aware here, if you look at the committee vote that 1/3 of the committee members voted to confirm her -- two out of six in the first place? If so, how do you absolve the person of the responsibility of answering questions by walking out, and then on the one hand say to us, "We shouldn't judge her on her absence, because she's not here to defend herself," when she voluntarily, and sleepily walked out on us? And the second thing is, where do we get off even talking about issuing letters of apology? Who did anything wrong here? Please, correct me if I'm wrong, but I don't see anything here.

Kamau Blount: I just wanted to say on behalf of the Internal Affairs Committee that, first of all, if you have any questions in regards to our end of the process, you should save them for our Legislative Committee Report. I'll definitely field any questions you guys have. I didn't feel that anyone on our behalf did anything wrong. I can't comment on the other sections of the government because that's their business at this point. Let's get back to what it is we're here to do. We can take care of this at a



later time.

Chairman Schwab: Again, we have a list. Does everybody have a list of the process, because I have to justify to take those questions? Next on the list I have Jose.

Jose Socorro: I just wanted to say --

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Is this a question or a statement?

Chairman Schwab: This is a question, right?

Jose Socorro: No, it's not. Go ahead and I'll call you out of order if you're out of order.

Point of information: What are we in right now? Are we in debate? Questioning?

Chairman Schwab: When something like this happens at Council, Council can react. If they have questions concerning what's going on, they have every right to ask a question. I'll take questions and comments. If the comments are out of order then I'll call the person out of order.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Since the candidates not here, who are we asking the questions to?

Chairman Schwab: That's why I said questions if they are for myself, Mike, Ashish, or Samantha, I would address them. Beyond that, if you have a comment I would ask you to pass. The committee will address questions during their committee report.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: How do we move on to the next subject, by a

motion?

Chairman Schwab: We're going to. We're going to right now. So, all the people on the list, I'm going to ask you to save your questions and/or comments for Committee Reports, and we'll move into the next bill of legislation. Johanna?

Johanna Rosenberg: My question is for Mike and Ashish. Why weren't these appointments made earlier in the year. Why did we have to wait until the middle of October for this?

President Castrilli: Excuse me, Johanna, the appointments were made October 1 or October 2. The reason we waited was because the first month of school, obviously, is too difficult for us to interview those appointments. I don't think there's a difference if we did it now or the first week of school. The difference is that we would have had appointments for the first month, but in the last four years they haven't even had assistants the entire year. I think last year we appointed two assistants. By this time we have all of the assistants except for one or two, so I'm pretty happy with that record.

Also, we did the reorganization of 400 Policy, a lot of things that we said we were going to do right away, and we took care of it. I think that the first week of October is a perfect opportune time to make those appointments. I couldn't do it the first month. There's no way the Ashish and I could find a minute with En Masse, with the Voter Registration Drive, Group Fair Day. We just couldn't find the time to do it, and we did it very quickly. And Internal Affairs responded very quickly.

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If people had a problem with it, then it should have been brought to my attention through the month of September. Not at one Council meeting did anyone say, "Why aren't the appointments done as of today"? K.B. and I talked for the first month, and I told him of my concern, I'm pretty sure. With this issue, Ashish and I will sit down with Valerie and K.B. and I think there's a few problems. There's a few problems in this area, there's a few problems in our area that we need to work out. When I was Central Council Chair, the same kind of things occurred. People get frustrated. So, we'll work those things out, and I think the next step is just to move forward. We will talk to Deanna and see what went wrong and fix the problem.

Chairman Schwab: On the first meeting of Council they announced that the appointments would be made the first of October, and there weren't any objections. They have never been done this early in four years, as he said. So, we'll move on to Bill 9697-36.

Introduced by: Internal Affairs Committee  
 Chairman Kamau Blount  
 Vice Chair Valerie A. Vazquez

Bill 9697-36  
 Committee Vote  
 6-0-0-1

Date: October 16, 1996

Be it hereby proposed and that the following be enacted:

I. That Anthony Lopez be appointed as Assistant Media Director for the 1996-1997 year.

II. That this bill becomes effective immediately in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

Voting Members Present  
 Kamau Blount - Chair  
 Valerie A. Vazquez - Vice-Chair  
 Ashwani Prabhakar  
 Ken Woodward  
 Todd Teichman  
 Darlene Classen  
 Omar Price

Nonvoting Members:  
 None

Kamau Blount: Basically, the interview with Anthony was -- I saw no problems. All of our questions that he answered I felt were answered to the level of satisfaction. Affirmative action was hit off lovely. He understood detailed questions that we asked him in regards to this office. Basically, there was no problem with his interview.

Valerie Vazquez: He was amazing. That's it. I have nothing more to say.

Larry Kauffman: Move to debate.

Point of order

Valerie Vazquez: Our committee is still speaking about this.

Point of information

Larry Kauffman: She said, "I have nothing more to say."

Point of information

Kamau Blount: I was going to go around to the rest of my committee.

Point of information

Larry Kauffman: I had no way to know that.

Chairman Schwab: Let's remember that we're colleagues and address you points to me. Don't throw them back at each other.

Ashwani Prabhakar: The impressive thing about Anthony Lopez is that he has trained a lot of people on the computers in the Media office already. He knows the software inside and out. He's already helped several student groups promote their events. He's doing a great job in there already even though he hasn't been appointed yet.

Ken Woodward: He's a strong candidate.

Darlene Classen: I agree with everybody. He answered the questions good, and I think he'll do a good job.

Omar Price: I didn't sit in the interview, but I have faith in my committee that they made the right choice.

Chairman Schwab: So, we'll delete your name from the list of people present then.

Kamau Blount: He was there, but he came in late.

Chairman Schwab: Okay.

President Castrilli: Tony Lopez. I do this one word with the best quality -- I think it's dependable and committed. Tony is one of those people that I can give something to and it will get done, and it will get done appropriately and efficiently and will be done

right and good. A perfect example is during the Gore event, when Vice President Gore was coming. It was an emergency, it was like 12:00 and we needed it by 1:00. He came in and started working on it. Then Greg came in and fixed it, and finished the flyer. Those two worked together, and that's when I saw this team effort. I think that he will be a great asset to the Student Association. He's proficient in many, many different graphic programs. He's an Eagle Scout. That's important -- honor, integrity, and that's what he's made of.

Vice President Prabhakar: Tony knows a lot in the media office. He's been working this summer, very hard. He's been staying up a lot of late nights with Student Voice with Greg. From seeing them work together, they work together really well. We'd be very proud to see Tony work with us continuously throughout the year. He's proved that he can handle the job and do it well. He's also a great student leader. I look forward to working with him. I'd like to introduce to you, Tony Lopez.

Tony Lopez: Just to tell you a little bit about myself, I'm a junior here at the university. Computer Science and Applied Mathematics major. Two major things I want to tell you right now so you know what's going on, we just got the computer systems networked. We won't have to do as many overnights as we've been doing for the last two issues. The internet -- the web pages for Student Association will be -- our goal is have them done by next week. That's basically it for projects we're doing right now. Any questions?

Motion to move to debate by Todd Teichman, seconded by Dori Travieso. No objections. We're now in debate.

Jennifer Hird: I just want to say that I worked with Anthony on Student Voice, the last two issues, and he's been such a good help. He's really enthusiastic. Even if you don't want to write the article, he gets you to write it somehow. I think he's a great choice. I see him in the office all the time, and I just think he's great.

Greg Coulon: I'd just like to say that I've had the pleasure and opportunity of working with Tony since the summer. He came in during the summer, I didn't really know him, but he's done a lot. He's helped out Maria a lot with the stuff that she's been doing. He's always helping out. He's a great person to work with. He's a valuable asset to Team S.A. if you want to put it that way. He's been getting his work done. You've seen his flyers everywhere. You've seen his work already. He's been amazing. There's not enough good things I can say about him. I guess that's it.

John Laiko: As was pointed out before, Tony did help us with bringing Vice President Gore here. I've had the pleasure of working with him. I'm just starting getting to know Tony personally also. I almost had dinner with him tonight, by the way. We just kind of missed each other. He's a great kid. I'm sorry I couldn't make his interview.

Chairman Schwab: I need everybody here to know something. I don't take these meetings as a joke. So, if everyone or anyone continues to or starts to joke, or treat this meeting as a joke,

then I will ask that person to leave.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Does personal violence come anywhere under these regulations?

Chairman Schwab: I asked John not to throw the pencil again.

John Laiko: I'm sorry, Larry, but when I talk I can't sit there and watch you make faces at me. That's all I have to say about Tony. He's a good kid. Vote for him.

Harry Rubenstein: For those of you who don't know me, I'm Harry Rubenstein, the former Media Director of Student Association. This year I've been helping out the Media Office with the Student Voice and some other work. I've had the honor of working with Tony this year. I met him this summer and worked with him this semester on the Student Voice. He is just an incredible asset to the office. Unfortunately, last year I didn't have any assistants, but if I did, the person I'd want to be my assistant is Tony because he's fly-mad cool. Everybody who works in the office is a very cohesive team, and without any of us it would fall apart, and Tony is an incredible part of that team. So if you guys vote no on this kid, you've got a serious problem. Rock'n Roll.

Larry Kauffman makes a motion to move to question, seconded by Dori Travieso. No objections. Dori Travieso makes a motion form acclimation, seconded by Todd Teichman. Camille Torres makes a motion for highest praise.

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Chairman Schwab: Acclimation is highest praise. Bill 9697-36 passes with acclimation.

Introduced by:	Internal Affairs Committee	Bill 9697-37
	Chairman Kamau Blount	Committee Vote
	Vice Chair Valerie A. Vazquez	2-0-0-1

Date: October 16, 1996

Be it hereby proposed and that the following be enacted:

- I. That Peter Juste be appointed as Assistant Affirmative Action Director for the 1996-1997 year.
- II. That this bill becomes effective immediately in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

Voting Members Present  
 Kamau Blount - Chair  
 Valerie A. Vazquez - Vice Chair  
 Todd Teichman

Nonvoting Members:  
 Josef Markowski

Valerie Vazquez: All I have to say about this interview is that it went really well. Peter had a really good grasp of affirmative action and its role in this university. I think he'll be a very good benefit to Meghana, and I think they'll work really well together. I think they'll have a lot of good programming for affirmative action and educating the campus.

Todd Teichman: I thought Peter Juste was a very good candidate. He has some very good ideas for organizations around campus. He named several speakers that he was planning on bringing in, and concerts. I just think he is very good for the job. I don't see any problem in voting him for Assistant Affirmative

Action Director.

Josef Markowski: I would just like to say that he's a qualified candidate for the position, and that he has a good grasp of the issues involved in affirmative action.

Kamau Blount: I just wanted to say that I voted no-vote because I know him personally. I didn't want anyone to feel that any personal ties are related to this appointment or anything like that. However, I have full confidence in his ability, and if you have any questions whatsoever, go ahead and ask him. I can almost guarantee you he'll give you guys what you need.

President Castrilli: Peter and I know each other now for a couple of years. My one word about him is he's very involved and dedicated. Actually, we just re-appointed him to the University Auxilliary Service Board of Directors, because I do believe he's one of the most responsible individuals I do know. He's a Resident Assistant on Colonial Quad. He's Vice President of International Business Association, UAS Board of Directors, he's the head of Colonial Quad Spirit Committee, which is a pilot group that's pushing school spirit.

One of the things that really impressed Ashish and I about Peter was that he's Chair of the Judicial Board at the University at Albany. I think this is very positive for the Affirmative Action office, because he can work with Meg on the Grievance Board. With J-Board there's a wide array of different issues to come up throughout the campus, and Peter deals with those very effectively.

We talked a year ago to Larry Kauffman on appointing him to

the Supreme Court, and at that time we were very confident in Peter's abilities. I think Peter will make a fine Assistant Affirmative Action Director, will work great with Meg, and we look forward to having him on the Executive Branch. He's already been involved with us. He's already been working with all the directors, working with the Programming Office, working with me. We've had numerous discussions, and that is an important step when we're bringing up somebody for appointment. He has put his time into the Student Association. I think he'll do a fantastic job.

Vice President Prabhakar: I can't say enough great things about Peter. He's very involved. Like Mike said, he's the Vice President of the International Business Association. He's an RA, he's on the Board of Directors of UAS, and Chair of the Judicial Board, which I think is very important for this job because it requires a lot of fairness. There's no question that with Peter's experience with the Judicial Board I don't think that should be a big problem. That's one of the things that we like about him a lot is the fact that we see this emphasis on being fair and fairness. He's a very impressive candidate. Again, just like the other candidate, very, very involved and ambitious and has a lot of great ideas that perhaps he'll share with you when he comes up. It's my pleasure to introduce to you Peter Juste.

Peter Juste: First off, my name is Peter Juste. I would just like to thank everybody for those wonderful comments that they made about me. I guess basically what I can say is that I'm a hard worker, I'm motivated, I'm innovative. I'd like to think that I

can bring a lot of new ideas to the Student Association.

I guess I can start off by telling you one of the ideas that I had. My first idea was basically to have some kind of luncheon with the different groups in the Student Association. The purpose of this luncheon would be to basically let the different groups in the Student Association know what the Affirmative Action Office expectations are, as well as to get what they expect of us.

The next point after that luncheon would be basically to set one on one interviews, informal interviews, with the Affirmative Action Director and myself and basically to get a calendar of the groups events to find out what we can do to help them get what they need. Hopefully, this will put us on even footing with all the groups in the Student Association so we can know what they want and what's expected of everybody twofold. Any questions?

Jose Socorro: Could you at least tell me a little about affirmative action policy which directly effects your position?

Peter Juste: A little bit about Affirmative Action Policy is basically, one of the positions of the Affirmative Action Director is to communicate the problems -- be able to communicate with the protected class and the women of the university. To be able to work in conjunction with the health center and to help upgrade women's health care. One of the responsibilities is to also -- in terms of interviewing -- to make sure that the questions are fair. Also, I guess we have responsibilities in working in conjunction with the Multicultural Affairs Office, the Women's Issues Director, and the Affirmative Action Office in the dissemination of

information. The dissemination of information would of course be made through student leadership, school media, and residential life.

Jose Socorro: Well, that was kind of a formal definition of whatever you knew about policy. I just wanted to know, what problems do you think face the student body in terms of affirmative action and how do you plan on confronting those problems?

Peter Juste: Well, basically, I think one of the major ways is through meaningful workshops, through understanding. The groups in Student Association are representations of the people on campus. Basically, one of the major points of the luncheon was to get an understanding of what the different people want from the Affirmative Action Office.

Todd Teichman makes a motion to move to debate, seconded by Larry Kauffman. No objections. We're now in debate. Larry Kauffman makes a motion to move to question, seconded by Todd Teichman. No objections. Larry Kauffman makes a motion for unanimous consent. There is an objection.

Point of order

Jonathan Laiko: The motion hasn't been seconded yet, so you can't object.

Vice Chairman Freilich: There is a second by Todd Teichman. Are there any objections to moving to unanimous consent? There are objections.

Chairman Freilich: We'll do a roll call vote.

Pat Albano	-
Marc Alessi	- yes
Glenda Bautista	-
Bridget Bergen	- yes
Kamau Blount	- no vote
Gina Bonica	- yes
Amos Bronson	- yes
Darlene Classen	- no vote
Dina Delicee	- yes
Jess Fassler	- yes
Craig Fetterman	-
Neil Freilich	- yes
Jen Hird	- yes
David Kalinsack	-
Larry Kauffman	- yes
Ed Kerr	- yes
David Kindberg	- yes
Michelle Lebowits	-
Jessica Morales	- no
Ashwani Prabhakar	- yes
Omar Price	- yes
Stephanie Reich	-
Johanna Rosenberg	- yes
Jodi Rosoff	- yes
Micah Rozenbaum	-
Steven Schwab	- yes
Matt Shapiro	-
Mike Simon	-
Jose Socorro	- no vote
Glenn Stein	-
Todd Teichman	- yes
Camille Torres	- no vote
Dori Travieso	- yes
Ted Tsakanos	-
Valerie Vazquez	- no vote
Gregory Wahl	- yes
Ken Woodward	- yes

Chairman Schwab: Bill 9697-37 passes 20-1-0-5.

Introduced by: Internal Affairs Committee  
Chairman Kamau Blount  
Vice Chair Valerie A. Vazquez

Bill 9697-39  
Committee Vote  
4-0-0-0

Date: October 16, 1996

Be it hereby proposed and that the following be enacted:

- I. That Christopher Snell be appointed as Assistant Programming Director for the 1996-1997 year.
- II. That this bill becomes effective immediately in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

Voting Members Present  
Kamau Blount - Chair  
Valerie A. Vazquez - Vice-Chair  
Darlene Classen  
Todd Teichman

Nonvoting Members:  
Josef Markowski

Kamau Blount: In regard to the appointment for Christopher Snell -- his interview went extremely well. I didn't have any reservations in regards to this appointment because his answers were on the money. His work experience -- he did do the job last year. I think that definitely works in his favor. He understands what it is that the job entails. He understands what it is to work with the Programming Director. We asked him a lot of tough questions, and he handled himself very well, so I have no problems with this appointment.

Valerie Vazquez: I have no problems with his appointment either. He was very much on the money when it came to answering the questions. I particularly like his answer to our last question which basically said that he feels his reputation should stand on his own. That's why we support him.

Darlene Classen: I agree with the members. I think he did pretty good. I know he's involved on campus, so I think he'll do good.

Todd Teichman: I agree with the rest of the board. He did have experience doing it last year and his answers were right on the nose and right down to the point as well. He was so confident in himself that he challenge us. I think he's a very good man for the job.

Josef Markowski: I would just like to say that I approve of his nomination, but I do have a question. Why is this dated for October 14?

Chairman Schwab: Thanks, Joe, for pointing that out. So, we'll make an amendment to all the bills to date them October 16.

Mike Castrilli: Chris and I have worked together now for about two years. When I was the Central Council Chair, Chris worked in the Programming Office. He organized Springfest '96. He did a very great job, and I'm sure Matt is going to look forward to having him help with Springfest '97. He has a variety of activities that he's participated in that allow him to be an even better candidate for the job.

One of the things that I found very interesting was, he was Promotional Manager for Positive Images Promotion Production. That's a lot of programming stuff: oversee all operations of major promotional contracts, approve budget items, technical request for performers, performance contracts. Contracts -- it's good to see people that are well versed on that subject, that know how not to



get in trouble with contract, that know what's going on.

On a personal level, Chris is warm, he speaks very well, he is a genuine guy. The other thing is that he has stuck with it now for two years -- three years, actually, he has been involved with the Student Association and continues to be involved. We saw each other over the summer a bunch of times, always asking if he could help, and has helped Corky extremely throughout the last couple of months.

He has some great new programming ideas. To name a few, he said something like a computer and technological fair, maybe do an Adopt a Freshman Program which is great, something a little different than the norm. I think that Chris will do a fantastic job in the assistant Programming Office, but I think that he is a true student leader. Ashish and I believe strongly in his character, and I think he'll do a good job.

Vice President Prabhakar: Chris Snell is, I think, an excellent candidate for this job. He's been involved in the Programming Office for a long time now. He's always looking to volunteer and help out, always there to do whatever is required to make the Programming Office more successful. Like Mike has mentioned, he's helped put together Springfest '96, which is not an easy task putting together a whole concert like that.

One thing that impressed me is that Chris was applying for Assistant Programming but he put down as one of his concerns, the budget cuts and tuition hikes and things of such. He said the Programming Office can help to inform students of these things. To

me that shows a student who is really concerned with not just the programming aspect of Student Association, but also other different things. I think he's going to work well with everybody. He also mentioned Multicultural Programming on his application. I think that's great, and definitely want the Programming Office to go a little bit into that direction where Chris is going to try to represent more multicultural stuff within that office. I think that is something to look forward to. I'd like to introduce you to Chris Snell.

Chris Snell: As they said, my name is Christopher Snell. Most people call me Chuck. I don't know how you get Chris and Chuck together, but it's a nickname I acquired. I'm more or less the type of person that -- speak to me, because I don't want to sit here and say all the things I can do. I'm capable of doing anything I put my mind to. So, I'm more or less opened up for questions. Any questions you want to ask me so I can answer them promptly.

Ken Woodward makes a motion to move to debate, seconded by Ed Kerr. There are objections.

Chairman Schwab: I'll take questions. Larry?

Larry Kauffman: Is it not true, Mr. Snell, that you portray the part of Spock, our mascot, the dog?

Christopher Snell: Yes, it is. I'm not supposed to tell you that though.

Ken Woodward makes a motion to move to debate, seconded by Larry Kauffman. No objections. We're now in debate.

Jose Socorro: I don't know the candidate personally, but I've seen him in a number of events for Student Association and I saw him at the transportation meeting. I think he'd be a good candidate just by the way he presents himself. He shows incentive and I think that's very important in student government. I think he'd be a great candidate.

Chairman Schwab: I've gotten to know Chuck over the past year, and he's probably the person that has -- he's got a ton of energy. If you ever go to a football game and get the chance to see his routine that he does -- since he's been exposed -- it's pretty funny. He does a great job. If he puts half the energy into the Programming Office that he does into other things -- I mean, we have three people who are just going to work extremely well together, and I think we're going to see some great programming this year.

Jonathan Laiko: Again, not enough good things to say about Chris. I've known him since the second day I stepped foot on the university. I know that Corky and John are looking real forward to working with him, and I think we'd be stupid not to vote yes for Chris Snell.

Ken Woodward makes a motion to move to question, seconded by Larry Kauffman. No objections. We're now in question. Larry Kauffman makes a motion for unanimous consent, seconded by Ed Kerr. Jose Socorro makes a motion for acclimation, seconded by Dori Travieso. No objections.



Chairman Schwab: Bill 9697-39 passes with acclimation.

Introduced by: Internal Affairs Committee  
 Chairman Kamau Blount  
 Vice Chair Valerie A. Vazquez

Bill 9697-40  
 Committee Vote  
 4-0-0-0

Date: October 16, 1996

Be it hereby proposed and that the following be enacted:

- I. That Kirandeep Madra be appointed as Assistant Women's Issues Director for the 1996-1997 year.
- II. That this bill becomes effective immediately in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

Voting Members Present:  
 Kamau Blount - Chair  
 Valerie A. Vazquez - Vice-Chair  
 Ashwani Prabhakar  
 Omar Price

Valerie Vazquez: I enjoyed Kirandeep's interview a lot. She had a lot of good ideas, and she knew her policy. One thing that really impressed me was, not only was she really interested in Women's Issues, but she was interested in Multicultural Women's Issues, bringing in not just issues that face women, but issues that face women on the entire scale. I think that's something really important and she'd be a very good benefit to Samantha Hiotakis's office.

Kamau Blount: I enjoyed the interview myself. One thing that she said that I thought was a very key point was that she feels that S.A. -- we are too cliquish, meaning that we just hang around amongst ourselves. She feels that we should get out amongst the students more and have time to get to meet the students. I feel that's a great point that needs to be brought up. I know a lot of

times I end up catching myself constantly being surrounded by the same people. You have to take something like this to let you realize that we're here for the students, and let's let them know who we are. Let's let them know who their representatives are, because a lot of them don't even know what Student Association does, what Central Council is about. I felt that was a very good point that she brought out, and I just helped me make up my mind in regards to her appointment.

Ashwani Prabhakar: I think the best idea that she brought up during the interview was very simple, women are a protected class. Women can also be African-American, Latinas, they could be Indian. So they come under two protected classes. Kirandeep recognizes that and she hopes to address the needs of women who are not just covered under affirmative action because they're women but also because of their ethnicity. That's excellent that she thought of that. It's excellent that she wants to work towards that in this position. She did very well during the interview. We voted unanimously to recommend her. I can't say enough good things about her.

Omar Price: Yes, I'd like to agree with my committee members. I think she was really motivated and confident. I think she'd be a strong asset for Women's Issues. She had a lot of ideas, a lot of programs. I think she'll be a fighter.

President Castrilli: Kiran is a member of SASU, SASA, which is South Asian Student Association, actually one of the first organizations that I participated in when I was a freshman. It was

the first cultural group that I interacted with, and they're a great group.

Kiran wrote on her application that there is a severe lack of communication with student government and the students and that leads to apathy. I thought that was kind of a neat discussion to occur. I think that Kiran will bring a new light to that idea of communication, and I look to her with confidence to give us ways to be better communicators. That's the key to a successful university and so forth. I think she would do a great job as the Assistant Women's Issues Director. She's talked about looking into issues such as women's health and safety, which is a huge concern on our campus. I think Kiran will be a great asset to the Student Association.

We had a great interview with her, and I think that as you meet her very shortly, you'll find that she impresses you as much as she impressed us.

Vice President Prabhakar: Just to reaffirm what Mike said, very impressed with Kirandeep's concern with women's safety, health issues, all these other things. But again, as the Internal Affairs Committee stressed, this new aspect that Kirandeep is going to bring to the Women's Issues Office, this multicultural aspect, and I think that's going to be beneficial to both the Women's Issues Office, specifically, but the whole S.A. in general. Again, very ambitious and I think Kirandeep is going to do a great job. I'd like to introduce you to Kirandeep.

Kirandeep Madra: Hi. I guess a lot of you already met me.

My name is Kirandeep. Like they said before, I worked with SASU and SASA. What I learned from SASU was that you have to work hard no matter what you do. You have to do the legwork. You can't just sit around and have -- you want to get out to the people. You want to educate them. I basically want to educate the women on this campus. I want to make sure that they understand that we are here. Half of these girls don't even know that there's a Women's Issues Department. If they don't know that, then we're not doing our job. We have to do our job. We have to get out. We have to make sure that there are flyers out. A lot of these girls, like I said in the IA interview, they don't know what's going on. This is a new found freedom for them. They don't know how to deal with this freedom. We are here to help them, to support them. If they have trouble tying their shoelace and it's a women's issue, they should come to us. I mean, if it's just as little as that.

Also, I have a lot of ideas for this Women's Issues Department. There's a new multicultural feminist magazine that deals with a lot of issues that a lot of women of color do not -- they need to be addressed, because a lot of these girls come from backgrounds where things are not discussed at home, and when they discuss them they're shunned. So when they come to school, they deal with a lot of different types of problems, and they don't know how to talk about them. Samantha, me, and whoever the next assistant is, we should talk about them. We should let them know we are here. That's what I want to bring to this campus, to this job. That's it.



Bridget Bergen: I just want to know what your ideas are, what issues you think need to be addressed? Women's issues is a really broad term. What issues do you think need to be addressed on this campus?

Kirandeep Madra: The ones that need to be addressed in my opinion are education. Have pride in being a woman. A lot of these women lack pride. If you're labeled a feminist, it's not a bad word. Be proud of it.

The other thing is that the safety on this campus is lacking. The lighting -- a lot of things need to be addressed. I was at the transportation meeting and a lot of issues concerning women's safety was addressed there also.

Another issue that needs to be addressed is awareness in sex education. It's kind of funny that we are at this college level and a lot of girls still don't know what to do. If they get pregnant they don't know what to do. If they get a disease they don't know what to do. Education in diseases, education in understanding ones body, just being aware of your body.

Bridget Bergen: Would you plan on trying to coordinate any programs with the Women's Issues Department or seeking any of their guidance?

Kirandeep Madra: I would like to. I don't see why there should be a conflict. I'm not familiar with any of the inner working in the office in the S.A., but I would like to work, you know, with the Women's Issues Department because that's where a lot of education comes from. They have to be aware.

Larry Kauffman: You said some pretty harsh things about us Council before. I don't mind a little spunk, I've been accused of that on one or two occasions. I noticed that you only criticized Central Council, and not your own Executive Branch against whom complaints were also addressed, unfairly in my opinion. But you said things like, "C'mon folks, work." This is a very controversial individual that you were defending who didn't even want to be defended, didn't even give us the courtesy of this. Are you aware of the vote? Two out of six voted to confirm her.

Also, don't you think it's a little presumptuous of you to accuse us, and just us, before you've even seen us, learned about the process itself or for that matter, any of the actual happenings regarding the actual event.

Point of inquiry

Jose Socorro: What does that have to do with her nomination?

Point of order

Larry Kauffman: It doesn't have to have anything to do with the nomination. First of all, it obviously does. That's part of my question. You don't know anything about the actual happenings, nor do I for that matter --

Chairman Schwab: Ask a question.

Larry Kauffman: My question was, don't you think it's a little bit presumptuous on your part, and arrogant, before you're even confirmed to start attacking the people who are going to vote for you or against you?

Kirandeep Madra: Okay. Can I answer that?

Larry Kauffman: Sure.

Kirandeep Madra: Thank you. The thing is that if I'm not voted here, it doesn't matter to me because I did my job. Okay? I went through all the interviews. It may have been presumptuous of me, but I wanted to defend her. If being in this job means going against my personal interests, then screw it. Honestly, I don't care. But, I have things I believe in also, and she wasn't here to defend herself and a lot of people were going off on her.

Larry Kauffman: By her own choice.

Kirandeep Madra: There are a lot of things that happen to people that don't happen to other people, and I think sometimes we should respect that. Granted, it was her decision to leave the position. I wouldn't have done the same thing, but it was her choice. And if she left it was her choice. I don't think anybody in this room should have said anything. She said she would take questions, so if you want to deal with her, deal with her on a personal basis. Do not make remarks while she is not here.

Larry Kauffman: And now with my follow up. First of all, she made the comments in full session here.

Point of personal privilege

Samantha Hiotakis: This is an attack. This is a personal attack that is getting way beyond.

Chairman Schwab: Just ask the question.

Larry Kauffman: This is not a personal attack. She made the comments in full session and said, "Contact me."

Chairman Schwab: Just ask her the question.

Larry Kauffman: Well I'm just refreshing the candidates memory. And since you made it a matter of respect, do you feel that she didn't show us respect when she walked out without even taking responses, let alone questions?

Samantha Hiotakis: Point of whatever. I don't know what to say, but this has nothing to do --

Larry Kauffman: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

Samantha Hiotakis: Larry, you have been out of order enough--

Larry Kauffman: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Schwab: Both of you be quiet now. This is how it goes. Anybody at this table may ask a question. Now, I can understand that he was debating, which is why I told him to ask the question.

Larry Kauffman: I wasn't debating, I was asking a question.

Chairman Schwab: You were making a point. It wasn't a question. So the question is, and it's up to you whether or not to answer it, and that's what my response would be. It's up to the candidate whether or not she'll answer the question. Larry can ask it. Whether or not she answers it, it's up to her.

Point of information

Samantha Hiotakis: In the past when people came up to be appointed and it didn't relate to their position they were being appointed to, we moved on. So this is a special case scenario now?

Chairman Schwab: No, I haven't ruled out questions in the past.

Point of information

Larry Kauffman: This has everything to do in regard to confirmation with respect being shown to the confirmers or nonconfirmers.

Chairman Schwab: I don't think that's the issue, but it's up to the candidate if they want to answer.

Kirandeep Madra: I forgot the question.

Larry Kauffman: So did I for that matter.

Chairman Schwab: Are you withdrawing the question?

Larry Kauffman: No, I forgot it. I don't know if it was even answered.

Matt Kraut: I was kind of curious, it was said by the Internal Affairs Chair that you feel we should go out as a student government and let the students know who the leaders are. How do you propose that we do this.

Kirandeep Madra: Well, I think the whole thing is that a lot of my peers don't understand that the S.A. is here for them. They kind of think that the S.A. is a higher body, that they are untouchable. They don't feel they're allowed to enter that office. They don't really feel welcome. They don't feel comfortable. Half of them don't even know where the office is. The way I want to go about it is that we have to do something. Put on programs like here, right now. I don't know how it goes, but just have people open doors. Make sure that they know there are meeting here or there that they should be aware of.

Point of information

Chairman Schwab: These meetings are known.

Matt Kraut: That really doesn't -- I don't understand how informing them of lengthy meetings really allows them to be interested in what student government does. I know I'm an excessively involved student on campus. A lot of people don't even know what my office does, and it's one of the ones that promotes a lot of "entertainment" on the campus. Do you have, as joining the team of S.A., a solid concrete idea that we can do? Not only the Executive Branch, but the Legislative Branch do a lot on this campus that students do not know about. Do you have a concrete idea, or are you just saying that that's something we should be looking our for as a team?

Kirandeep Madra: Honestly, I don't have any concrete ideas on that. When I do, I guess I'll let you know. But, I do think it's a collective effort. We all have to get together, we all have to do this. Not only one of us can go and say, "Here's the S.A." It is a collective effort.

Jose Socorro: I would just like to say two things. First, the candidate, when the problem came --

Chairman Schwab: We're questioning this candidate. Do you have a question?

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Can he turn it into a question if he wants to?

Chairman Schwab: Yeah. If you have a question, I'd welcome

it. Right now we're just questioning the candidate in her presentation.

Jose Socorro: I can turn it into a question. What I want to know is, why is the candidate being chastised for speaking out against -- defending a woman -- the Women's Issues Director that obviously something that was another persons fault?

Point of information

Larry Kauffman: She wasn't being chastised. She was being asked a question whether she thought she was being presumptuous.

Chairman Schwab: Okay, I'll say it again. The question was asked, it wasn't answered. The candidate didn't get the question. It was up to her to answer whether or not she wanted to. Anybody can ask any question they want, if it's out of order, I'll call them out of order. The question wasn't out of order.

Jose Socorro makes a motion to move to debate.

Chairman Schwab: I can't allow that motion just because when you do make a comment or ask a question, I've done this in the past, I've gone on to someone else. I'll go on to Ken.

Ken Woodward makes a motion to move to debate, seconded by Ed Kerr. No objections. We're now in debate.

Jose Socorro: What I was going to say was that I think that it's unfair for Council to promote communication among the student body, with the Legislative Branch, and then when that communication does occur as it occurred before with the candidate, for us to put her down for that. I really think that's hypocritical of Council

Point of information

Larry Kauffman: She wasn't being put down. She was being asked a legitimate question that wasn't out of order.

Chairman Schwab: He's just expressing his opinion, which he has a right to do, and you can comment on that opinion when you're on the list.

Ken Woodward makes a motion to move to question, seconded by Larry Kauffman. No objections. Jose Socorro makes a motion for unanimous consent, seconded by Dori Travieso.

There is an objection. Roll call vote.

Pat Albano	- yes
Marc Alessi	- yes
Glenda Bautista	-
Bridget Bergen	- abstain
Kamau Blount	- yes
Gina Bonica	- no vote
Amos Bronson	- yes
Darlene Classen	- yes
Dina Delicee	- yes
Jess Fassler	-
Craig Fetterman	- yes
Neil Freilich	- yes
Jen Hird	- yes
David Kalinsack	-
Larry Kauffman	- no
Ed Kerr	- yes
David Kindberg	- abstain
Michelle Lebowits	- yes
Jessica Morales	- yes
Ashwani Prabhakar	- yes
Omar Price	- yes
Stephanie Reich	- yes
Johanna Rosenberg	- yes
Jodi Rosoff	- yes
Micah Rozenbaum	-
Steven Schwab	- yes
Matt Shapiro	-
Mike Simon	-



Jose Socorro - yes  
 Glenn Stein -  
 Todd Teichman -  
 Camille Torres - yes  
 Dori Travieso - yes  
 Ted Tsakanos - yes  
 Valerie Vazquez - yes  
 Gregory Wahl - yes  
 Ken Woodward - yes

Chairman Schwab: Bill 9697-40 passes by a vote of 25-1-2-1.

Introduced by: Internal Affairs Committee Bill 9697-41  
 Chairman Kamau Blount Committee Vote  
 Vice Chair Valerie A. Vazquez 3-0-0-0

Date: October 16, 1996

Be it hereby proposed and that the following be enacted:

- I. That Richard Reiter be appointed as Assistant Educational Affairs Director for the 1996-1997 year.
- II. That this bill becomes effective immediately in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

Voting Members Present  
 Valerie A. Vazquez - Vice-Chair  
 Ken Woodward  
 Omar Price

Nonvoting Members:  
 None

Ken Woodward: I sat in on this interview, and he had a lot of ideas with the Educational Affairs program. I think he would be a good candidate.

Omar Price: I sat in on the interview, too, and I think that he's a good candidate. I think he's real motivated, and I think he's done a lot as a freshman. He's worked down in the Senate. I

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think that he has a lot of accomplishments, a lot of ambition, not too much, but a lot. He's a good guy. I'll go as far as to say that he might be the next S.A. President.

Valerie Vazquez: I think Richard's interview went really, really well for someone who is only a sophomore, he came in with a lot of good ideas and a lot of experience. He's already made a giant effort to showing that he's committed to Educational Affairs office with working with Damien and Get out to Vote. I just strongly recommend that this goes through.

President Castrilli: You know that's a question that we ask people at the interview sometimes, where they see themselves in a couple years. He didn't say that. Actually, Rich would be a fine person for this job. I think that he is motivated, enthusiastic.

He gave us the story of how he got involved with Senator in the Assembly. He was a freshmen and a teacher mentioned that there were internships. Usually, it goes to juniors and seniors, but he actively pursued it, and he did get the internship. He did a fantastic job from that.

Rich is someone that's organized. I think he's going to be a great asset to Damien and the Educational Affairs staff. I think he'll work real well with Educational Affairs. He has a keen sense of what the students are thinking about. He talked in the interview about student apathy and how he believed that it was more of reaching out to students to get them involved. Basically, he's a very motivated individual and organized. I think he'll help Damien out, and Damien can help him out. I think they'll be a

great team.

Vice President Prabhakar: Ditto. Again, Richard's just a sophomore and he told us about his internship and how he got it. He seems like a very ambitious man. He's had this internship with Senator Cole, who is on the chair of the Agriculture Committee. I think he's going to do a great job. He's very interested, very ambitious. He had a lot of great ideas. He'll bring something new and fresh to the Educational Affairs office. He's going to be a valuable asset to that office and the Student Association. I'd like to introduce to you Richard Reiter.

Richard Reiter: I'm Richard Reiter. I'm going for Assistant Educational Affairs Director. Right now I do not plan to be S.A. President, I just want to be the assistant to the Educational Affairs Director, so don't worry about that.

I hope to do a lot of things in my job. I've been talking to Damien a little. I was working with MTV when they came up for Rock the Vote. We went out, got people to sign up, helped with busing them over to the poles. Also, I find that the students here are not really informed about what's going on around them. I found that many students didn't know what a political party was. I asked them, "Are you a Democrat or a Republican"? They were like, "What's that"? One person even went as far as to mention that Bob Dole was a political party, which I found really amusing. I think that we have to get out there and educate these people about what's going on around them. They can make a difference. That's the reason why I'm here. I think I can make a difference in my

position just going out and talking to students and getting a feeling for what they want, and just let them know we're here for them.

Jennifer Hird: What do you think are the basic problems facing students in terms of academics? A lot of students are worried about certain courses being cut like physical education. A lot of classes in that traditional section are being cut, and I'm wondering how you would like to go about combatting that? What do you see is the best way to go about approaching that problem?

Richard Reiter: I agree, I've seen that many programs have been cut already. I know Geology programs have, some languages, even Judaic Studies has. I plan to work with SASU and NYPIRG about these cuts. Go down to lobby centers if I have to, and I plan to. It's just that it's going to take a lot of hard work, a lot of community involvement here. It's not going to be one person making a difference. We could have leaders, but we need the students to step forward with us. If we all work together as a team, then I think that we can get this problem resolved, and we can raise this school higher in the academic standings to where it should be.

Ken Woodward makes a motion to move to debate, seconded by Ed Kerr. --No objections. We're now in debate.

Damien Scalafani: I sat on Rich's interview. I wasn't there for the interview with Internal Affairs, but I was there for the interview with Mike and Ashish. I thought it went really well. Just to kind of highlight what they said before about his internship in the Senate. I don't want anyone to overlook that

because it is really important considering the fact that he's only a sophomore and he's already been this much involved so far.

Another thing I want people to think about is the fact that the purpose behind a lot of these positions, these assistantship positions is to develop new leadership. One of the things you should kind of keep in mind is that if Rich is this developed thus far and he's this much in touch with what's going on at our campus already, you might want to consider next year this is someone we could probably see even more developed at a higher degree.

One of the things that I was really impressed with that he talked about was he didn't just mention voter registration, which he himself volunteered for and was involved with, he also talked about voter education using the Student Voice, using groups like SASU, USSA, NYPIRG and stuff like that. So I was really kind of impressed with his knowledge of the S.A. recognized groups on campus. A lot of the students that are outside the Executive and Legislative Branch aren't aware that the Student Voice is a new thing developing. Already he's kind of looked at that, seen that and said, "Okay, we can do this with it, or we could do that with it." It's just great to see that he already has some concrete ideas about what we could do. Basically, I recommend his appointment as well. I just encourage everyone to vote in favor.

Chairman Schwab: I wanted to say that last year as an RA at Indian Quad I got to be familiar with Rich being a resident at Indian Quad and it was due to the fact that he was someone who was noticeable. I would be in S.A. and Rich, the first day he got to

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campus was in S.A. looking for a group guide, wanting to know what's going on, trying to get involved last year with getting people to vote.

He's continuously helping people with issues that effect them politically and with their education. When students had questions Rich would always help to counsel them and help them manage their problems a little bit better. Like Damien said, stressed voter education, getting voters familiar with the candidates, with the process. I think he's enthusiastic. He's shown initiative thus far, and it would be great to get some fresh faces, some younger underclassmen --I hate to use that term, sorry Rich. I just think he'd do us some good in that office.

Larry Kauffman: I've known Rich since he first came to campus as a freshman. He's one of the nicest people I ever met on campus. Had I won re-election, he definitely would have been in my administration. He's wise beyond his tender years. He was always involved and always interested in S.A. If I could give him a piece of advice -- Grover Cleavland once told a very young boy that came to visit him with his father. He asked him for a blessing. He says, "I would give you the best blessing. May you never grow up to be President." It might just come out to be true like it did for that young man, FDR. Good luck.

Stephanie Reich: I just wanted to say, I'm getting to know Rich from another aspect, the Educational/Academic. He's very motivated and diligent. When the time comes that people slack off, he's always in class, so from that aspect I think he will be great

in the educational department because he knows what students want.

Ed Kerr makes a motion to move to question, seconded by Pat Albano. No objections. Stephanie Reich makes a motion for unanimous consent, seconded by Pat Albano. No objections. Ken Woodward makes a motion for acclimation, seconded by Marc Alessi.

Chairman Schwab: Bill 9697-41 passes with acclimation.

Jose Socorro: Is the next candidate here yet?

Chairman Schwab: No, she's not. Can I have order for a second. I want to find out from the Executive Branch -- I didn't receive word from the candidate that she would be late.

President Castrilli: She told K.B.

Valerie Vazquez: She works until 9:45.

Chairman Schwab: We'll come back to it when she gets here. So we'll move on. What we're going to do now is our committee reports. We're going to start with K.B.

Kamou Blount: Would it be possible for us to go last, because people might have questions.

Chairman Schwab: Craig, Finance Committee.

Finance Committee

Craig Fetterman: We have nothing to report.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Why not? I'm just curious. I mean, how can someone not have anything to report.

Valerie Vazquez: Can I make a statement?

Chairman Schwab: This is getting ridiculous. This is a

Craig Fetterman: Because there is no legislation pending this week, and any legislation will be brought up next week.

Larry Kauffman: Good answer. Just curious, thanks.

Jose Socorro: You just wasted five minutes to say that?

Larry Kauffman: Actually three.

Jose Socorro: What did you do all week? Did you have a meeting on Monday?

Craig Fetterman: Yes, we did.

Jose Socorro: What did you talk about?

Craig Fetterman: It's still in committee.

Jose Socorro: What's it?

Craig Fetterman: A proposal over stipends. The reason why I'm not addressing the issue this week is because I don't have enough information to give you guys an honest thing. I'll give you the information I have right now. I'm still waiting to get some numbers back from the Controller's office. I don't want to give you numbers that are wrong. So rather than going over it and wasting everybody's time for something that may not be accurate, I'll wait until next week and give you guys a really good report.

#### Student Action

Jen Hird: Hello, everybody. I just want to say that Student Action Committee is really getting stuff done this year, and I'm really proud of our committee. Our meetings are on Tuesdays at 4:00, so if you have any concerns about student problems I encourage you to come to our meetings. They're about an hour long. I encourage you to show up.



This week we basically had a jam session. We were talking about problems that we think are affecting us, affecting students. We talked about SUNY cards, how we don't have cafeteria access. We should have cafeteria access to all quads. We're going to work on that. They said that in the beginning, in a pamphlet that we received, that we'd be able to eat on any quad. It just works out now that you can just get into your own quad, so we're working on that. We have more developments on the phone line system that we talked about last week, and we have some numbers. It's too expensive to have the "press 1 for Finance, press 2 for Student Action." It's \$50 an hour, so instead of wasting your money, we're just going to have an open line for student concerns. Dori and I are going to be taking those messages, and if it concerns some other committee that's not our committee we'll hand that message off to you so you can deal with that problem in that way.

We have some new members which that are on our committee which we felt was really exciting -- some students that are on council, so we think that's really great. We're working on an ethics policy. We contacted a couple of SUNY schools to try to get them to fax us their ethics policy so we could work them in, but they don't have ethics policies, so we're working on getting ethics policies from other areas besides SUNY schools. That's about it.

Larry Kauffman: Perhaps we don't need an ethics policy if they don't. What do you think of that.

Jen Hird: We discussed that as well. Some committee members think we should, some don't. We think right now the best thing to

do is to read ethics policies and decide from there and bring it up to council.

Gina Bonica: I just wanted to add something. We also had people who weren't even on council come. Some were from the Transportation Committee. They're going to come on a regular basis now. We're setting up meetings with J.J. Haywood, just us, the Student Action Committee, to talk to her. We have some ideas drawn up.

Chairman Schwab: I spoke with her, Dori. Did she call you?

Jose Socorro: I called her at the end of last week and left a message because she wasn't in.

Chairman Schwab: I spoke with her today and she wanted to know -- I didn't want to give her anybody's number unless they told me I could.

Jen Hird: Also, I just talked to the new Transportation Director, and he plans on coming to our meetings too, so I think that will be good because transportation is another thing that we're working on. It's good to see some mingling of the branches.

#### Academic Affairs

Gregory Wahl: Hi, I'm Greg Wahl the Academic Affairs Chair. We had our first real meeting this week. For any of you that are interested including the new Educational Assistant Director and anyone else, it's Monday nights at 7:30 in the S.A. Lounge. Our first meeting this week was pretty eventful. We re-redid policy and gave it to Steve so ours is all done. Hopefully everyone else can get done so we can repair the stuff that the computer did.

Other than that, we've kind of been doing stuff, working towards things that we're hoping to tell you at a later date. We have a fun game for you next week that's coming up. That's basically it. Ted, is there anything else?

Ted Tsakanos: Nothing special or important other than maybe, we were supposed to visit the new Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Studies. We went down to meet with him this morning, but he was unavailable. His office hours conflicts with our schedule, but we're going to get together with him and introduce ourselves and invite him down to council just to get affiliated with him.

Gregory Wahl: Yeah, just so that if any of you don't know, we have a new Assistant Undergraduate Studies Dean. His name is Gary Gossin, and we're just trying to get in touch with him just because we want to touch base with new administration that is in our area.

Larry Kauffman: Two quick questions. Is he replacing Dan Smith?

Gregory Wahl: No, he is in addition to. Gary Gossin's official title is Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies, but he is especially helping the Presidential Scholars Program.

Larry Kauffman: I applaud your efforts of fun games that we're going to have, but would you be so kind as to pass around the copy of the bill you told us we could have.

Gregory Wahl: Mr. Kauffman, that's not coming up right now. We are bringing that up in old business, and we feel that that's the time when we wish to bring that up. You will get what you want, don't worry.

Chairman Schwab: Marc is next who would had much more to report had someone been able to keep their appointment.

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

Marc Alessi: Unfortunately, I didn't hold a committee meeting this week. I apologize to the new committee members who I couldn't call because I didn't have your phone numbers. My agenda for this week was a meeting with Milt Richards which was canceled a few minutes before, so I regret I don't have anything to report.

Chairman Schwab: New members, make sure that you see Marc before you leave the meeting and get him your phone numbers.

Gina Bonica: When are we getting a list of all the phone numbers of the new members?

Chairman Schwab: I just have to check tonight if there was anybody that didn't want their phone number given out.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Why would it even be considered in this action not to put anyone -- aren't we all responsible council members, responsible to our constituents?

Chairman Schwab: Does anyone have an objection to their phone number being given out? (No response) Since we're on this subject, every single one of you has a folder in S.A. on the Administrative Assistant's desk. Phone messages are kept there. That was started today, and that will be in use from now on. Some people do have messages, so I would suggest that as you come in -- what I'm doing too is when someone calls -- a lot of times when someone calls the Student Association about things that are general

or not really specified, they'll be referred to committees that handle those issues. Especially committee chairs and vice-chairs, please check your folders, and members of council as well. Feel free to give out that number, and all the AA's and Julie know that you guys have folders and that we'll be keeping messages for you in S.A.

Besides that, I think that our candidate is here for the final bill this evening so we'll go ahead and re-break agenda for the third time and introduce Bill 9697-42.

Introduced by:	Internal Affairs Committee	Bill 9697-42
	Chairman Kamau Blount	Committee Vote
	Vice Chair Valerie A. Vazquez	6-0-0-1

Date: October 16, 1996

- I. That Erica Mazzini be appointed as Assistant Educational Affairs Director for the 1996-1997 year.
- II. That this bill becomes effective immediately in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

Voting Members Present  
 Kamau Blount - Chair  
 Valerie A. Vazquez - Vice-Chair  
 Darlene Classen  
 Ashwani Prabhakar  
 Omar Price  
 Todd Teichman

Nonvoting Members:  
 "Landslide" Larry Kauffman  
 Josef Markowski

Darlene Classen: I think this interview went well. She was a good candidate. She brought up good programming ideas. She felt that there should be more education on AIDS, she's very involved with that. I think you should give her your support.

Larry Kauffman: I just wanted to say like I said in front of Internal Affairs last night, that Erica has worked in Student Association for the longest time. She'd work in the Media Office, for instance, until 2:00 and 3:00 a.m. When everybody else in the Executive Branch would go home to sleep, we'd say, "Just lock the door behind you," and she'd be there for God knows how much longer than that. She deserves our vote and our support. That's just my opinion as a nonvoting Internal Affairs Member of Central Council.

Valerie Vazquez: I just want to say that the no vote was me because Erica is a friend of mine, and I didn't want it to be misconstrued if I voted yes for her. I think that you guys would be very lucky to have her join S.A. because she's a dedicated, hard working person and would be an asset to any office, especially Educational Affairs.

President Castrilli: Erica Mazzini. I see the radiant sisters of Omega Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated in the back. Actually, Erica is a member of the Sorority. Erica is very, very involved with Student Association and continues to be. My office is right next door to the Media Office and late at night I would go home and Erica would be in there doing work for Omega Phi Beta. She's a fantastic woman.

I think one of the best qualities about Erica that she portrayed in her interview was that she's enthusiastic and energetic. She's very responsible. The key is responsibility, and I think she is very responsible. Let me tell you some of the things she's done. She was a Five Quad volunteer ambulance service

dispatcher. She's a member of Omega Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated. She's a member of Fuerza Latina, she's vice president of Latino Greek Council. That's significant. One of the things that Student Association in the past has not had a relationship is with the other Greek councils.

Point of information

Valerie Vazquez: She's President of the LGC.

President Castrilli: I think that that's important. I think we'll utilize her in that role also to bring the -- I know that the Greek Council -- that was a campaign issue on our part, was the fact that the Greek Council didn't all come together. Erica will play an integral role in that. She also was a student assistant at SUNY Central Administration. She, no doubt, will be a fine assistant to the Educational Affairs Director, Damien Scalafani. She has energy, is responsible, and I look forward to having her on board. I'm going to introduce Damien, who was at the interview with us, to speak about her.

Damien Scalafani: Thanks. As Mike said, I was at the interview as well, and I was very happy with this appointment. Mike, Ashish, and I all talked about it. As with Rich, not only did she speak about voter registration, but as well the very important crucial second step of voter education. So I think that this will make an excellent addition to my office, along with Rich.

Another key thing, as Mike mentioned, was experience. This is a person with a history of involvement in Student Association. What's even better is not just involved with in one area, she is

involved in a sorority, cultural group, and a service organization such as Five Quad, and as well, some experience with SUNY Central. So, I was very, very impressed with the interview altogether and with the resume. Basically, anything less than unanimous consent I'll be very disappointed with.

President Castrilli: It's my pleasure to introduce Erica Mazzini.

Erica Mazzini: Thank you. My name is Erica Mazzini, and I'm the appointee for the Educational Affairs Assistant Director. I'm very excited about this because I feel that this is a position that if given, I could do a good job. When it comes to voter education or AIDS education, because I feel there is a lack of it on campus. I think that not many people are aware of this disease. I think it's essential that us as college students educate our peers, and also the Albany community. Any questions?

Larry Kauffman: Would you mind if we go right into debate?

Chairman Schwab: Do I have any questions? (No response)

Larry Kauffman makes a motion to move to debate, seconded by Jessica Morales. No objections. We're now in debate.

Jessica Morales: I don't know her personally, but I've seen her on campus, and I've seen her involved. I think she'll be good in the position.

Larry Kauffman makes a motion to move to question, seconded by Ed Kerr. No objections.

Jose Socorro makes a motion for unanimous



consent, seconded by Darlene Classen. No objections. Darlene Classen makes a motion for acclimation, seconded by Ed Kerr. No objections.

Chairman Schwab: Bill 9697-42 passes with acclimation. We're going to move into Executive Report.

President Castrilli: Thank you, Chairman Schwab. Let me just tell you how pleased Ashish and I are. We've now had 12 appointments, a director in the last two weeks. Ashish and I really do appreciate the work Internal Affairs has done in the last two weeks in getting those appointments done quickly and done consistently, correctly. It's very good to see. You've appointed them all with resounding success. We now have almost a full Executive Branch. We're missing a few Assistant Directors. Like I said, as I looked into the past years, last year there was only three, the year before they had no Assistant Directors. It's good to see that we're beginning to have a full Executive Branch and a full government. So I appreciate the Internal Affairs work. I thank you for passing these people, and I think that you're going to find that they're all very motivated and they're all going to do a great job.

Homecoming weekend was an astounding success, not because I did it, but because as a Student Association, we've done it. I think from Maria Perez's Unity Dinner on Friday night to the Bonfire to the Pep Rally, which was huge on Friday afternoon. Saturday morning the Homecoming Parade, then we moved to the

football game, and then the world class Comedy Night with Matt Kraut. He did a fantastic job. People were very happy. On Sunday morning, the annual Presidents Breakfast which was a huge success, and Damien did a great job. However, we couldn't have done any of the events without Greg Coulon, the Media Director, who promoted them all, Samantha's support, and of course, Jay Kass who pays all the bills. So, without all them, we could not have done it. From what I've heard, the administrators -- we met with President Hitchcock today, she was very, very pleased with the weekend. I don't have much to report, I know it's a long evening. I know everyone has midterms to study for, and I would encourage you to go home and study for those. Those are the most important things -- after the meeting. I have to leave early tonight.

However, let me tell you another thing, the Pep Band begins practice next Wednesday, so that's a vision that has become a reality and that's great to see. Everything else is looking fantastic, and I encourage you to come to my office. I do have an open policy.

Vice President Prabhakar: Homecoming was great. We met with Hitchcock and she liked it and stuff. Thank you for passing our appointments, we appreciate that. Great job being very cooperative. Like Mike said, last year by this date, very few people were appointed. That's pretty much it. Any questions?

#### Women's Issues

Samantha Hiotakis: Hi, everyone. I asked to go next because my report is kind of long. It's just a lot of details. The 20th,

I told you guys about this last week. It's Walk for Breast Cancer or the Walk Against Hunger. I'm going to send around sign-up sheets. The Breast Cancer Walk, as a reminder, is in Washington Park at 11:00. I'll organize the transportation. You can sign yourself up for either the Breast Cancer Walk or the Hunger Walk. Now the Hunger Walk, you can do one of two things. You can walk or you can rollerblade. That one begins at 11:30. I don't have the directions as of yet. I want to try to get people to do half of each so that we can say that we participated in both instead of just doing one. I have pledge sheets for both, so after the meeting if you know you can commit it's this Sunday at 11:00. It's not going to intervene at all with the President's barbecue that you're all invited to, because that's at 1:00. We can tell her that we did something for our community. Just so you know, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The 22nd is Hot, Sexy, and Safer. This is the problem. If I have any basketball fans in here, I'm sorry, but I'm begging you -- I'm not going to get down on my knees, but I'm begging you please come to my event because there is a Knicks game at the Knickerbocker. You belong to me. The Knicks are not going to help you. After they play, they are not going to do anything for you. If you come to my event you're going to learn about safe sex. I don't know if you're every going to go in pro ball but I can teach you something that's going to mean something in life. It's free, it's funny, I can't tell you enough. Let the word be spread. There's going to be flyers everywhere thanks to the Media Office.

I love you guys. Big thanks. It's going to be great. I'm trying to work out -- there's going to be a reception afterwards with food if that's any incentive to come.

October 24 is National Young Women's Day. I wanted it to be pro-choice. I have stated before that even if you're views are pro-life, that at least allow yourself the vision that women should still have the right to choose. That's what pro-choice is. The problem is -- I'm educating right now. I'm sorry, but I have to. The problem is when you talk about pro-choice, people automatically align that with abortion. That's not what pro-choice is all about. Pro-choice is simply having the right to choose what you're going to do with your body and your life. That's what we're going to do on October 24, which is a Thursday. I'm sending around a sign-up sheet for people to help. Because pro-choice is so much aligned with abortion, one of the things I'm going to do -- I have to get permission -- is either chalk on the podium or cut out from thick cardboard, gravestones, tombstones and write names in white of women who have died due to an illegal abortion. There are a lot of states where if a teenager gets pregnant, she has to get parental consent or she has to go in front of a judge. So there is a lot of issues to overcome with that. I don't know about having a rally. With this campus and how political it is, I don't know how safe it would be to have a rally, because as of right now we don't have enough security to do something like that. I spoke last week about Bill Baird coming here to speak on the evening before. I'm sorry to say that my dealings with him have been very unprofessional. I

call him and call him, but he doesn't call back. So as of right now, he's not coming but that doesn't mean that we can't make that day a proclamation about women's rights to choose. So, I need as much help as possible.

Lastly, I don't know how many of you are familiar with the pamphlets that I did, the theme was date rape. I just got off the phone with the Assemblywoman Joan Christianson. She is from the New York State Assemble, and she is the chair of the task force on Women's Issues. What I have here is a list of all the legislation and bills that have been passed in favor of women such as more strict measures being taken for domestic violence and things of that nature. I'm waiting for the go ahead, but that's what this pamphlet is going to be, to educate women as to what the government is doing for them, because I don't know. I just got this and I'm impressed. There's a lot of bills here, and you don't hear about them in the paper. There's too many of them. So we can educate them and show them how Pataki is really not helping women at all. But that's it. If you have any questions, ask me.

Does everybody want to get really excited. I apologize for not knowing her name, I'm drawing a blank right now.

Chairman Schwab: She really does know the name because she said it to me before.

Samantha Hiotakis: I know, I had it written down. Susan is her first name. What does Susan do? Susan was the lawyer for Roe v. Wade and she's coming here in February. I'm going to try to get the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch to be able to have

lunch with her. I think if anything, it would be a wonderful opportunity to meet her because she did something that has set a precedent. If anything, even if you don't believe in pro-choice, it's interesting to hear what actually went on in the courtroom. So get psyched for that.

Valerie Vazquez: I was just wondering if you were doing the National Young Women's Day on your own, or are you working with other organizations.

Samantha Hiotakis: I sent letters around. To be honest with you, I put letters in mailboxes at least three times this year and I haven't gotten any response. I don't know how else to reach the groups. I could call them, but if they're not interested --

Jose Socorro: When is that lawyer from Roe v. Wade going to be here?

Samantha Hiotakis: I don't know the exact date, during sexuality week in February.

Jen Hird: When will we find out about transportation?

Samantha Hiotakis: I will know by -- if you call on Friday, I'll leave a message at the front desk. If I have to I'll pick up people and drive you guys down if we can't get a van or a bus in that amount of time. I don't mind.

Bridget Bergen: Do you know how long the walks run?

Samantha Hiotakis: The walk is approximately three miles. I did a three and a half mile walk for the Heart Association, and that took like 45 minutes. I would say an hour between getting there and leaving. Just in case you didn't sign to walk, in case

you don't think you can get up, remember you lose a half absence.

Media Director

Greg Coulon: How you guys doing? First, I'd like to congratulate you guys on your appointments. I know I'm particularly happy the way Tony was received. He's an amazing asset to the Media Office.

The past week has been pretty hectic with Homecoming and everything. I wanted to congratulate Matt on his World Class Comedy Night, it was a huge success. As far as the Media Office, we're having some problems. The Student Voice is being published tonight only the computers are not quite working. The good news is, we finally found someone to fix them. I remember K.B. asked if we have a 24 hour person that we can call or something, well we actually do, and he's working there right now. We will have a newspaper out tomorrow.

Speaking of Student Voice, I'm working towards moving more responsibility to the Editor-in-Chief. In the beginning I wasn't really content with doing that because he's not really familiar with S.A. and everything. But, now he's got a great idea, and he's working great. His name is Mike Kustra for those of you who don't know. One of these meetings we're going to have to drag him up here, but he's down there working hard tonight. We'll probably be here all night so if anyone wants something fun to do, come hang out in the Media Office, we'll be here until 9:00 tomorrow morning.

Also, Tony mentioned the Web Page. We actually had someone,

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this new person -- see what's been happening all year is we find people to do stuff and then they never show up again. But now actually, we have solved that problem with this guy Scott -- I'm not even going to pronounce his last name because it has a lot of consonants in it. The Web Page -- Tony said it would be done by next week. I don't know about that, but it will be done very soon. Hopefully, by next week I'll be able to give you guys an address that you can look it up. It should be very cool. Any questions?

Camille Torres: It's more of a suggestion or recommendation. I know last week K.B. brought up some of the difficulty of some groups going in to use the Media Office. Is there any way to set up like certain hour, maybe a particular computer that at a certain hour students can use that particular computer? For example, I'm trying to do a pamphlet and it's like, if I can catch someone not working on the Student Voice, I can work on it. Is there any way we can set up hours so at least that I know that if I need to get something done I can come in those hours and someone will be able to help me?

Greg Coulon: You're absolutely right, and I agree with you. What I didn't want to do was set up a specific computer just for groups, because that's not really fair, because there are three computers in there and two of them shouldn't be for the Student Voice. The Media Office is there for the groups, not for Student Voice. So, yeah, that is kind of a problem. What I will do, I will take your suggestion and use it. The problem also lies in one hour is definitely not enough. Now that Tony is officially an



assistant, we can have him working more. I will take your suggestion, and by next week I will have hours set up specifically for groups. I don't really like doing that. The groups should be able to come in at any time and the Student Voice should be done when they can. There's too much going on in the Media Office, and we have to work on solving the problems. Me and Tony will sit down and we will solve the problem.

Camille Torres: Or just maybe post Tony's hours and let him know that in those hours if any group needs his assistance that he'd be available for that as opposed to working on the Student Voice or whatever. Just so that we can get in and get out as quickly as possible.

Greg Coulon: It's kind of annoying me too, I'll be honest. It is a lot of work and there are always people in there. Last week I had to kick people out. I'll sit down and talk to Tony and find out when his office hours are.

Vice Chairman Freilich: Any more questions for Greg? (No response)

Samantha Hiotakis: On the inside of the Breast Cancer Walk pamphlet it says the name of the team, and we're going to go in as the team of the Student Association. Just write that down.

Affirmative Action Director

Meghana Mude: First and foremost, I want to congratulate all the new appointees. I think everyone did a great job. Everybody really pitched in. I especially respect that all of you took the time to question and make a good decision.

I'm going to kind of break it down into a couple of areas that I'm working. This is my first week. Monday was my first day. My schedule and office hours are posted on the Affirmative Action door, and also with the administrative assistants.

So far this week, I've been working on three sort of different projects. One is general housekeeping kind of things like voice mail, paperwork, going through mail, things like that.

More importantly, I met with the Internal Affairs Committee, particularly K.B., to work on policy questions in relation to how interviews go and what have you. The second thing that we discussed during the meeting which we had yesterday for a couple of hours, was in relation to some of the controversy that came up before about job descriptions: explicit, tangible, clear, sort of definitions on what each job means, each job does, and each jobs responsibilities and what have you. So that's one thing that we came to a conclusion with. We are going to work on that now that the appointees have sort of been taken care of. That was a primary precedent. So, that was the committee related thing that I did.

As far as what I've done in the policy area is that I requested affirmative action policies from OVR, which is the Office of Vocational and Rehabilitation something or other. It's not coming to me right now, I'm a little nervous.

Chairman Schwab: Could you speak into the microphone.

Meghana Mude: I requested an affirmative action policy in relation to individuals with disabilities and various other things from OVR, requested an affirmative action policy from the USSA, got

in touch with Dr. Desole's office, requested an affirmative action policy from the university, and I'm in the process of getting in contact with yet another government office. The reason I'm doing this is because I want to have governmental and also a university outline and parameters on what we should use as a scale or measure for us to make our affirmative action decisions by. This isn't by any means to determine our full policy through that. So that's what I've been requesting.

The other thing is I've had several meetings this week, obviously with Mike and Ashish to discuss policy and things that I should be working on and what have you. Also, I have a meeting tomorrow with Dr. Desole. I've met with Steadman, who's the leader of ASUBA. I informally talked to a few other student organizations. I'm working on a few memos right now. One for the student organizations to kind of introduce myself and talk a little bit more about what the Affirmative Action office's, I guess, new role or sort of proactive role is to be. The memos would be distributed into two different categories. They would be slightly different. I haven't had an assistant so far so I'm really excited that Peter is on with us. I met him this morning, he's a great guy. So, that's what I've been doing in terms of meetings and affirmative action. Also, I wanted to remind all of you that Nikki Giovanni is coming this Friday at 7:30 to talk to all of us, read. I'm excited about that. Nikki Giovanni is an extremely famous influential poet. She's in the order of Mia Angelo, and various other feminists/multi-ethnic poets.

Point of information: I think this might be her last public speaking.

Meghana Mude: This is her last public speaking? I wasn't aware of that. Thank you. I think that's something very important for any and all of to attend. I've been working three days, that's about all I've gotten done. Is there any questions?

Ashwani Prabhakar: Just a comment. You're doing a great job.

Larry Kauffman: Ditto.

Meghana Mude: Thanks. I'm kind of still working my way through so I really appreciate all of you dealing with me without knowing all the formal terminology and everything. I really want to thank all of you who have been supportive.

#### Educational Affairs

Damien Scalafani: How's it going guys? It's been a great weekend this past weekend. Homecoming was just amazing. I'm very happy with everything that went on. As some of you may know, the President's Breakfast went very well. I was very happy about that. What I'm trying to bring out though is that, kind of like Mike said before, about how he mentioned all the directors that helped me out with making Homecoming a success. I know from the perspective of my own event -- each little thing would not have been a success without the help of so many different people. I just want to thank all the council members, the directors that came to the breakfast. I was really kind of worried about the event. It's kind of hard to pull off. It's hard getting people to get up early that morning and to hear the University President speak for even a little while.

So I just appreciate everyone coming out, and I know it had a really positive impact with our administrators to see so many student leaders show up and show an interest in our university and to honor our university's President and administration. So many people helped out, and I'm really thankful for that.

Also, the parade was great. I really loved being Cookie Monster. I also want to thank all the council members for passing all the appointments. Everybody keeps thanking you for that, but the truth is that it's a really helpful thing. I think that one of the things that's really different about our S.A. from past S.A.'s, not to disparage any previous administrations, they were all very honest and great and everything, but I think one of the great things about ours is the emphasis on teamwork and community and family. I talked about that during the President's Breakfast, it's just something that I keep thinking about more and more. And the fact that we have more staff, the fact that we have our assistants now is going to make our office that much stronger and we'll be able to serve you guys that much better. That's just something to keep in mind when you think about future things coming up.

There's a pretty important event coming up pretty soon. Oh, by the way, of all the voter registration events we've had so far, I think Student Association has played a valuable roll in getting roughly 3,000 students registered to vote. That's pretty exciting.

Chairman Schwab: Just for the record, today we met with President Hitchcock and she said that is the most students that this school has ever registered for any election.

Damien Scalafani: The next step in that is voter education. One of the interesting events coming up in terms of voter education is something from NYPIRG. They're putting together a debate in the Albany Public Library between Nancy Norman and Mike McNulty, the Republican and Democratic candidates for the 21st Congressional District. It's really interesting because we get to vote on this because we're all in the 21st Congressional District. We're all registered to vote here in Albany. I don't have a date offhand but I have it downstairs. The reason I'm bringing this up with you guys-- if you guys want to come to the debate that's great, just come see me and I'll give you the date. But as well, Becky was asking me if I could kind of ask you guys if you guys maybe had any questions that you might want to ask of the two candidates, because they need questions. They're going to have a student representative actually on the question panel. I'm not sure if they have decided who that's going to be yet. In the meantime, I'd like you guys to kind of think about some questions that you might want to ask. This person who is going to represent you in the 21st Congressional District is going to have a large voice in how things are run. These people sit on very powerful committees in Congress, and therefore are in a position to get the school a lot of federal money, so it's really important that we ask these people any questions you might have, particularly pertaining to education or the university or federal funding, stuff like that. So just think about that, and if you guys are interested in helping out just come to my office. That's basically it.

Chairman Schwab: It was brought up today at our meeting that I think it's important to place a call to the Commissioner of the Board of Elections and be sure that all of our registration forms have been processed. Local politicians don't want us to vote. They don't know if we're informed. I've had someone very knowledgeable tell me that often times that these registration forms can get forgotten about.

Damien Scalafani: Yeah, let me talk about that for a little bit. Steve has a very good point. I don't know if we can say local politicians don't want us to voter per se. I think what it is though is that they seem to get very nervous when they see students in large numbers registering to vote. I can say for myself that this summer when I began organizing and putting people together and building coalitions and stuff like that, I seemed to get a lot of -- in the early stages I seemed to get a little bit of attention and as it kind of developed and progressed, I seemed to get more and more. Now people have made it a point to stay in contact with me and stuff like that. Maybe when they don't see this large number of students registering to vote -- sometimes they don't pay attention quite as much.

It's really interesting what kind of happens. As Steve's mentioned, it's an unprecedented number of students registering to vote and so a lot of the area politicians are kind of concerned as to how we're going to vote, because we're not people that typically vote. They're not really sure how we're informed or how informed we are or what our political views are. So there's a lot of area

politicians who are lobbying very powerfully for our vote. One of the people up for election right now is Judge Rosen. There's some students on campus working for his campaign. I think he has two kids that go to school here, so that's someone you might want to find out more about because you'll be able to vote for that on November 5.

As far as the forms go, in all fairness to the Board of Elections, I remember one day I must have turned in 1500 forms in one day. So when you take that many forms and drop them on the desk--

Chairman Schwab: This was a suggestion on the part of the President of the University.

Damien Scalafani: If you're really concerned about it, give them a call down there, give them your name and ask them if your form is processed yet. In the event that your form hasn't been processed or if you run into trouble at the poles, as I said before in our past meeting, you should vote via affidavit ballot. Only do this if you've filled out a voter registration because it's a felony if you lie about this. Swear on affidavit that you filled out a voter registration form and that you've been living in the Albany area for the past 30 days and that you're over 18 and a citizen, and you'll be able to vote in the election. So everyone here should have no problem voting. You should be getting something in the mail any day now.

Programming Director

Matt Kraut: I first want to start off by apologizing on



behalf of Jay Kass. He said he would have some numbers today. He had the book earlier, but he had to leave. He already started working on the Homecoming numbers. Approximately 1300 tickets were sold for Homecoming. I wasn't truly happy with the turnout for the numbers, but every single person that I spoke with that went there said they had a great time. From what I could tell from being behind the scenes also, there were really no flaws that went on with the show, and it was a great time overall.

Tuesday was the Winter Mission Tour, I don't know if anybody got a chance to go out there, they had a lot of free cool stuff. Chuck, John Ricci and myself have already started talking about setting up two meetings for the Programming Board, because we know there's probably going to be conflicts with times between not only ourselves, but everybody else, so we want to make ourselves available that way we can work with Damien for the Rock-the-Vote inaugural event of the Battle of the Bands. That's about it.

Jonathan Laiko: In reference to what you said about you being disappointed with the numbers of Parent's Night, I just want you to know that these things are necessary on the campus. I don't think that should reflect poorly on Matt or anybody else in the Student Association. World Class Comedy Night is something that's become expected of the Student Association. It's the kind of stuff that we have to do. Whether or not it's a success by numbers, by books, it's money well spent. I know my parents had a great time. It's worth it just for that.

Jen Hird: I went, I had a great time. Everyone I talked to

said it was so fun. I think that it was definitely a success.

Craig Fetterman: I spent the whole day helping Matt set up so I didn't get to see the whole show, but what I did see was hysterical. From a backstage perspective, everything really did go off without a hitch. Nothing went wrong. I can honestly tell you that Steven Wright is even weirder in person than he is on stage or on T.V.. The guy is scary.

Matt Kraut: Craig brought up the point that he was there all day. I just wanted to thank a whole bunch of people besides -- Council, whoever went, and the people on the Executive Branch, Greg, who did a ton of stuff for Media, Moe was there all day, John Laiko was there all day. I really appreciate that help.

Vice President Prabhakar: I think Corky is being a little hard on himself. It was a tremendous success. I'd like to apologize for Maria Perez not being here today. If you have any questions for her you can speak to her personally tomorrow. I'd like to introduce you to Omar Estrada Torres who's going to be speaking about the Academic Council.

Omar Estrada Torres: Let's cut straight to the chase. The UAC met today about 1:30. We met with Robert Gibson who is the head of Academic Advisement Services. Basically, on the agenda, one of the things that's stated in the undergraduate bulletin is something on balance "D" with the majors. Basically, the bulletin describes that any student who has declared a major can maintain a balance of a "D" in order to graduate. Unfortunately, UAC did not agree with that so basically we're eliminating that and changing it

to any student can hold on to a minimum of 2.0 to maintain their major and minor and graduate. We felt it was unfair, Albany putting themselves out there for being academically excellent -- in the next couple of year, they don't want to hold that kind of exhibition for student coming to this school. Basically, we felt we were setting our standards too low for keeping at a balance "D." We're now moving it up to a "C" and keeping that our academic standard.

Secondly, we talked about second bachelor degrees. Basically, a lot of students have been coming back to Albany, and one thing the second bachelor will do is open the doors up to students who have graduated from Albany and making it a lot easier for them instead of them having to go through the troubles of going for a second bachelor degree, we're going to open the doors up and open their major and have them declared a double major so that way they don't have to declare a different minor and everything. They can keep their major as it is as their minor. Whatever major they want to accomplish, they can go accomplish it through the credits that's needed, and that will be on their first degree.

This is something that I'm pretty hyped about that has hit the Academic Council and the university and is going to start taking place now. The Council has just declared me the youth liaison for a task force that is being opened up to the youth of the university for two proposals. Basically, Dean Pitkin has assigned me and I'm trying to get other people between Academic Affairs Committee and Greg Wahl and Damien Scalafani's office of Educational Affairs to

form two task forces. One on Dean's List, GPA's, and examining the importance of where we should bring it, how is it effecting our students, do many of us go above a GPA average which is basically 3.2 right now, and should we establish a higher standard, or should we keep it as it is. Basically, Albany is looking toward upping the average, and many on the council agree as myself. It's really not too much of a big issue. The bigger issue that I'm bringing out here is, over the summer there was a task force created to handle an issue that's currently been instituted at the University at Binghamton, which is a four-credit proposal. Basically, moving all the credits up to four for credit hours for each class and changing a lot of institutional policies within the university. Personally, I don't go for the four-credit proposal because at this moment the institution is not perfect with a 3.0 proposal. Basically, I'm working with Greg Wahl's committee. As soon as he meets with his group on Monday -- I will be at that meeting to discuss it with the group, because at this moment Dean Pitkin and myself are writing a position paper to send to President Hitchcock on the proposal. That's basically it. Questions?

Amos Bronson: You said that you guys are changing from once you declare a major you can no longer graduate with a "D", you have to maintain a 2.0 which is a "C." I want to know what channels did you go through and when does this go into effect.

Omar Estrada Torres: Basically, we at the UAC okayed Robert Gibson who is handing these proposals to President Hitchcock to establish it as a 2.0 minimum to graduate. Basically, they felt

there was a miscommunication along the lines of a "D" balance. A "D" balance doesn't necessarily state that you did satisfactory in the course work. You were satisfactory, but very minimum. The university felt that that wasn't a very clarified definition of doing satisfactory in course work.

Point of information

Chairman Schwab: This is a branch off of the University Senate. What they do is create proposals, send them to President Hitchcock, if she agrees then she signs them.

Jose Socorro: There is no specific date this will go into effect?

Omar Estrada Torres: This would not effect anyone before the class of 2000. This would effect the incoming class which would graduate 2001 and after.

Point of information

Jonathan Laiko: I have a little bit of familiarity with this. He's right in saying it wouldn't effect the class of 2001. I know some people like me, you spend five years here, it happens. What happens is, when they rewrite the bulletin, right on your audit it says what bulletin you are under. This would take effect in the next bulletin, which is due to come out next year. It would effect the incoming freshmen of next year, not exactly the graduating class of 2001. It doesn't work that way.

Jen Hird: I was wondering about the 4 by 4 proposal. Does that mean that students taking less classes -- it's going to make it harder for us to meet our major requirement?



Omar Estrada Torres: Basically, the university -- the task force is playing a game of politics and a game of catch 22. They did not clarify that within their proposal. The proposal will go out tomorrow. I, as well as President Castrilli, will receive the proposal. I am extremely anxious and willing to work with this proposal because I would like to distinguish my remarks as far as the institution has not even caught up with their three credit hour basics for the university. So, why go on to a four credit proposal?

Larry Kauffman: Keeping in mind that this is going to directly effect some students whether it's this year or next year, and since we supposedly represent students -- I think we should try to make it less strenuous on them considering that once -- well this goes back to '88, most of you weren't here to remember it -- when they went to minus and plus grading, of course you still can't get an A+, so it almost always works against you, and now they're adding another burden onto us by saying that we can't balance a "D" with the equivalent of a "B" to work out a 2.0 there. My question is, how did you vote on this issue?

Omar Estrada Torres: Basically, I felt I was in a current case myself because I don't feel that maintaining a "D" is satisfactory for myself. I wasn't instilled with that, and I know many student constituents that I have run into and I have worked with in the past two months feel the same way.

Larry Kauffman: I agree with you. My follow up would then concern them. Since it wouldn't effect them, it would however

effect those who may not be able to get as high as, let's say a C-. These students get royally screwed, and I was wondering if anybody here takes that into consideration when considering that?

Omar Estrada Torres: I took that into consideration. I mentioned it to UAC and I mentioned that if we eliminate the Balance D Credit, that we should provide more mentor assistance with helping them achieve their major. Provide an extra initiative and giving them an extra SU option.

Larry Kauffman: Are they doing that?

Omar Estrada Torres: They're only going to two. Basically, we haven't seen the proposal yet -- the formal proposal. We've discussed it, and we were given the reiteration from Bob Gibson to go with the okay and to go through his proposal and President Hitchcock's.

Larry Kauffman: And as I'm sure you know, the new requirement will go until the end of the semester. It will effect you towards the end, whereas the deadline for SU grading will have long since passed by the time you find out you're going to get a D rather than a C- especially if you're shaky. Because that's what it is. It's the difference between a C- and a D or less.

Omar Estrada Torres: Okay. The university has the AP, the Academic Probation. We're going to do something before that, before the warning period. Basically, we're giving the departments an inclination to go to the student and tell them if you're going to get a D in your major, drop the major and select something else. Because you're really only providing a D in this major, it's not



for you.

Larry Kauffman: For one course though?

Omar Estrada Torres: That we have discussed.

Larry Kauffman: One course is what could make the difference.

Omar Estrada Torres: Right. Well, now we have to see the consideration of the departments of the other schools.

Larry Kauffman: Well, I would imagine that all departments in the administration in general, which I'm on excellent terms with don't get me wrong, would always go for the strict requirement. It's not to them that I would argue, but rather with the student representative on said councils. I used to be that one. We never had this issue even discussed then, but it's a disturbing trend. And no offense, but it leaves me with a bad taste in my mouth.

Chairman Schwab: I have Craig Fetterman next on the list. He's a member of the education and policy committee.

Craig Fetterman: The report that's coming out which is the test scores of the EPC, I'm on the Educational Policy Council and I have reviewed the report that is coming out tomorrow. I haven't really read it in depth. We discussed it briefly at a meeting last week. From what I read of it, I don't like it, and I think it works against students. Basically, it was broken down into this: There are four major categories of classes that students can take; major, minor, gen ed, and electives. The way it works out, the amount of credits and the amount of courses goes up and down for each of those things. In the university policy, our gen ed policy stipulates how many gen ed classes you must take by classes, not by

credit. Therefore, more of your credits will go towards gen ed. Where do those credits come from? Electives. What happens is, although you're actually taking the same number of credits in electives, it's fewer courses in electives, which means you have less leeway with what courses you take. This means that beside your major and minor, the classes remaining -- the university decides which courses more than you do as opposed to the current system, which is why when it comes to an official vote probably at the next EPC meeting -- I'm not going to state my definite opinion now because I haven't spoken to enough students yet, and I can't do that until the report becomes public tomorrow. But, if students feel the way I think they're going to feel, I'm going to vote against this.

Chairman Schwab: I just want to make a point. I saw people leaving. That's fine because it's midterm time, but let us know if you guys have a midterm if you're leaving. That's perfectly excusable. Midterms are a priority.

Omar Estrada Torres: I have one final note. The last time I spoke and addressed the council, K.B. mentioned an initiative to bring up a major in international business. Apparently they mentioned it in the UAC Council. I mentioned it as both an international business major and an international relations major. UAC agreed with that, but basically they need -- I would like to see a student-based proposal to see how many students would be interested in it. If a survey could be provided for UAC to see how many students are interested and would be able to get into the

major and complete it very well. I have talked to K.B. He is interested in working on a survey. Anybody that is interested in working with K.B. or myself on that, contact me. If anybody is willing to work on the 4 X 4 proposal, please contact me. My extension is 1351. Please leave a message. I'll be willing to work with anybody to put a proposal together.

Chairman Schwab: That's the end of Executive Report. I believe Greg Wahl has an item of old business so I'll let him address council now.

Greg Wahl: Thank you all for staying. I have a midterm too.

Chairman Schwab: Guys, if we could have order. Two quick things, Greg's going to bring up this issue of old business, and I'm going to yield control of the meeting to Neil. I have a midterm and a paper due tomorrow, and I had a stress test this morning so it was very grueling and I'm very exhausted so I want to go home. This is the only time it has ever happened, and I just need to. I'm going to be up all night, and I had that appointment this morning at 6:00 a.m. so its been a very long day. We are excusing anybody who has a midterm since this is midterm week. We were asked by the administration to do that. Neil will be Chair and Craig will be Vice Chair. K.B. will be Vice Chair, sorry.

Gregory Wahl: Okay. Before I get going with this old bill, I would appreciate that if you're going to leave -- leave. Nothing personal but I'd like some attention to this. This bill that we raised last week got a lot of negative feedback. 27R from last

week, the resolution on immigration bill received a lot of flack last week. I didn't think so, but once I read over it after I presented the bill I realized there was a lot of stuff that I could have changed so we did. At our committee meeting this week one of our major points was, we redid 27R. I gave everyone a copy of it. The reason I didn't give it earlier is because we wanted people to be reading it now. So what we did was we changed it, and we got rid a lot of the points that people thought were controversial. They were very controversial, but moreover, we kept the bill as something that states our feelings on academic issues only. We got rid of any other issues that might bring up confrontation that don't have to do with academics, and we feel by doing this we can still show the same amount of support that we could using the bill that I had here last week. So I just wanted to read this into the minutes. This is the newly revised Bill 9697-27R.

There were three voting members there and one ex officio member.

Introduced by: Academic Affairs Committee  
 Chairman Gregory Wahl  
 Vice Chairman Ted Tsakonas

Bill 9697-27R  
 Committee Vote:  
 ACCLAMATION

Date: October 16, 1996

Whereas: This country was founded by and enriched by immigration;  
 and

Whereas: Education is the backbone of a healthy and prosperous society; and

Whereas: President Clinton has recently signed into law HR2202, known as the Immigration Bill; and

Whereas: This law will eliminate financial aid to thousands of college students who are legal, taxpaying residents of the United States; and

Whereas: We are in support of affordability and accessibility to

higher education for all taxpaying U.S. residents;  
therefore

Be it Hereby Resolved that:

The Student Association of the State University of New York at Albany and the students it represents are in opposition to the passage of this bill, and any other that will so significantly devastate both members of our university community and students everywhere; and

Be it Further Resolved that:

We as students will no longer tolerate the ruthless assault on the educational system by Federal, State, Local, and Educational Authorities; and

Be it Finally Resolved that:

Copies of this resolution are sent to President Bill Clinton, former Senator Bob Dole, US Secretary of Education Richard Reilly, USSA President M. Kazim Ali, SASU President Annette Hicks, and the Student Voice.

Gregory Wahl: Now, what I want to do is, I want to go through this, and I want to tell you exactly what we changed and exactly why. Then I'm going to refer to members of my committee who were at this meeting who will go through it and tell you what they think of it. Then we can open for questions and debate like any other bill. Okay. First, "This country was founded by and enriched by immigration." Can I, by a show of hands see how many people are immigrants to this country? Okay. Keep your hands up. Can you now raise your hand if your are a first generation American citizen or resident?

From the floor: What does first generation mean?

Gregory Wahl: First generation means that your parents are from another country and you were born here. Keep your hands

raised if you're an immigrant. Okay. Can you raise your hand if you're anything but a native American? I think I've made my point. We are all immigrants. Immigration is part of this country, and although many people don't believe it to be important, none of us would be here if it wasn't for immigration. There is no one on this board that's a native American, I don't believe so, which is an issue that we should raise itself but that's not what we're raising right now. Native Americans make up 0.6 percent of the population of the United States, and therefore, 99.4 percent -- which is almost as much as how ivory is pure -- make up the rest, and we're all immigrants. It doesn't matter if we're all immigrants that just stepped off the boat or plane, or if we came over with George Washington.

"Education is that backbone of a healthy and prosperous society." There should be such an emphasis, in my mind, on education today. All of us being university students, I believe that you probably believe the same or else you wouldn't be here.

Number three is self explanatory. Clinton signed the measure on September 30. Number four is one thing that we did add. We took out legal citizens, and we added taxpaying residents. This bill will effect legal, taxpaying residents. These people are not here illegally. These people are here very legally. They are very documented. They pay taxes, and they should be able to get aid through the tax money that they pay, like all of us do. I pay income taxes with my paycheck from work, and I expect to receive assistance from the federal government with my tax money. So

should people who are legally here. The wording that we took out would have included people who are illegal here, and I understand where people have a problem with that. This is legal taxpaying residents, and if you have a problem with this wording, I urge you to speak up as soon as my committee members are done.

The next one, "We are in support of affordability and accessibility to higher education," that's basically the goal of student governments nationwide. I don't know if anyone would be able to argue with that except for maybe the president of the we want to be stupid club. That was a joke. We're in support of accessibility. If you want to learn, you should be able to learn. The rest of it is basically unchanged except for, we took out in the further resolved section about my statement regarding the difference between the five percent of the federal budget that's spent on education and the 33 percent that's spent on military, even though I feel this is important, I was told and I realize that that's not a part of this bill.

Finally, we change Richard Reilly because Richard Reilly is education and Robert Reich was Secretary of Labor. So, without any further ado, I would like to head to my vice chair, Ted, who can tell us what you think.

Ted Tsakonas: I think he did a pretty good job summing it all up. It comes down to this folks, there is an implied contract between the system and the people that support it, the people that pay taxes. If someone is here legally and they're paying taxes, they deserve the full support of the system, a.k.a. education,

a.k.a. funding. It's not right to take that from them. They pay it just like we do, they deserve it. End of story. There's a lot in this bill that is good, that will do the country good, but as Greg said, there's a lot in it that's just poppycock. It's bull. This is our statement. We are saying that we don't want that. Although it is just a resolution -- it doesn't pull any weight -- it does voice our opinion, and I think that's important. That's about it.

Jodi Rosoff: I basically agreed with everything that went on last time with people complaining they didn't know enough about it. I myself did not know anything about it, but at our meeting it was explained more to me, we went over it. I understand it better now, what it's about, and I think that we should send a statement how we feel about it because it does effect a large number of people on our campus.

Gregory Wahl: Before I yield to Damien, I just want to tell you, there were a few requests last week to see the actual copy of the bill so I was in touch with the offices, the Albany and Washington offices of both Senator Alfonse Demato and Congressman McNulty. Demato promised me that he'd send me the Executive Summary because he felt that the actual bill itself was too long for us to read -- the people actually said that to me, I thought that was funny. McNulty's office said, "We have the bill here, and it's 46 pages long. If you really want to read it, we can send it to you." So I said, "Well, why don't you send me the summary," and the man on the other side said, "We have lots of information, lots



of data, lots of everything that we can give to you," and I gave him our fax number, and I'm still waiting. I just went down now to check. There's nothing. I mean, I really have been trying, and no one is sending me this bill. I just have found out that the bill is 46 pages long.

Ted Tsakonas: Correct me if I'm wrong, I think -- was it NYPIRG or SASU that came in here with the documentation on this bill?

Gregory Wahl: It was SASU.

Ted Tsakonas: We have that documentation. I think everyone received it. If you want another copy of it, we can get that to you. It's a short one-page summary.

Gregory Wahl: I have the fax sheets here.. The only thing is, I didn't pass them out, again, because last week there was some concern raised that it was by a biased source. So I was trying to get everything straight from the government, and they weren't helping. But I do have anything you need to look at here. I have an article. It's from March, but it's an article from a newspaper so it's not written by any student groups or anything. The only problem is that it's dated so there are a few things in there that aren't in the bill anymore so that's why I'm not passing it around.

Damien Scalafani: I was at the committee meeting as well. I was very happy to be there to kind of iron this out. Some of you may remember that I was the one last week that was suggesting that we table it, and I kind of am responsible for that hour-long debate over whether we could vote on it now or next week. I said to you

back then that -- I said it wasn't necessarily the resolution that I was opposed to, it was really more the whole idea of just passing a resolution without putting in the kind of research where we all have a chance to think about it as a committee, a committee of which I am an ex officio member of.

So, with that said, we actually all kind of got together and talked about it. We looked at the resolution pretty closely. One of the things I want to kind of point out is sort of the whole purpose behind a resolution. I'm not sure if this is in policy or not, but I'm kind of of the mind that if we pass a resolution, the resolution should be passed with unanimous consent. The purpose behind a resolution is to reflect the opinion or the mindset of the Student Association as a body, and the Student Association represents every student on this campus. So, it should be something that we as a student body could be 99.44 percent behind. So, in looking at this bill which none of us last week knew too much about -- I said we got to look into this a little bit and check it out.

As far as the SASU or the USSA fax sheet to be mentioned, I was one of the people that kind of said, "Look, you know, that's all well and good, you know, it's great, it's very informative, but it's great to also look at some other outside sources or at least to discuss things." I think even the stuff that comes from the government, that may come from a Senator or a Congressman is biased as well. Every source of information has some bias or prejudice in it.

So basically what we did was take out some of the more controversial elements in it that we as a student body, as a whole student body -- 99.44, might not support. There are some people -- Ted said before, there are some things in this bill that are all well and good, and then Valerie kind of cringed a little bit -- to be perfectly honest with you, in the immigration bill, there are some things in there that many people very logically, reasonably conclude are good and valuable things. Were that not the case, I don't think that both Republicans and Democrats could kind of rally behind it. What our issue of the bill is -- can I have some order over there? Order! Thanks. What our issue of the bill was, was the clause in it which denies federal financial aid to legal, taxpaying U.S. residents. There's a lot of other stuff in that resolution which kind of implies all other sorts of political positions and leanings, which really don't have anything to do with academic affairs which we as a student association -- I can't confidently say we 99.44 are behind.

So, what we've done is we kind of made a resolution I think that more accurately fits the committee and the Student Association as a whole. Just to kind of reiterate what he said, as far as the other stuff in the bill, we're not even taking a position on that. The only thing we're taking a position on in the bill as far as the posing bill is, is the part which denies federal financial aid to legal, taxpaying residents. That means people like Ashish Prabhakar. Someone who lives and works in New York State as his parents do and pay taxes. This bill would deny him federal

financial aid even though he is a legal U.S. resident. So that's what we're opposed to.

So, my intent in kind of looking over this bill and kind of, you know, refining it a little bit was that maybe this way from a more informed standpoint, from a more focused standpoint, we could -- can I have order over there? Thanks. -- we could pass it with unanimous consent and acclimation. That's it, thanks.

Chairman Freilich: At this point I will interject, if that's okay Greg?

Gregory Wahl: Yes.

Chairman Freilich: First, I'd like to thank Greg and Ted for working hard on this bill. It means a lot to them, and they did put a lot of work into this resolution. Whether you agree or disagree with the resolution, you do have to acknowledge that and we deserve to have a vote sometime soon on this. But there is some problems or just issues that I'd like to raise with this resolution. I understand the bill is quite lengthy, and I guess it might be difficult to get the bill, but do we have McNulty's or Demato's statements on the bill?

Gregory Wahl: Statements? I have nothing from them.

Ted Tsakonas: They've been sketchy on the whole deal.

Chairman Freilich: You see, that's a problem I have. Last week Steve tabled the bill as chair because he felt we didn't know enough, and I do have the power to do that this week but I don't want to do that. What I want to do -- I want to pass a resolution that's pro-immigration, because I think immigration is a very good

thing. We're all either immigrants or sons or grandsons or daughters or granddaughters of immigrants.

Secondly, I want to say that we are pro-education because we don't want education to be cut. I think this bill could be passed unanimously with acclamation if two things are done with it. First, let's scratch out or eliminate the mention of President Clinton and HR2202. This bill was the congressional law supported by President Clinton and signed into law by the Republican Party and by most Democrats including liberals like Paul Simon from Illinois, Ted Kennedy, so this isn't an extreme right wing Republican bill. It's bipartisan. Democrats support it, Republicans support it, Clinton signed it. So if we could eliminate the mention of HR2202, "Whereas: President Clinton has recently signed into law HR2202, known as the Immigration Bill; and Whereas: This law will eliminate financial aid to thousands of college students who are legal, taxpaying residents of the United States," if we can get rid of that, and secondly, where it says, "Be it Hereby Resolved that: --

Larry Kauffman: Wait a second, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Freilich: Let me just finish, Larry. Let's just eliminate the part that says, "the students it represents are in opposition to the passage of this bill." Get rid of that, and have it just say, "Be it Hereby Resolved that: The Student Association of the State University of New York at Albany is in opposition to any bill that will significantly devastate both members of our university community and students everywhere." If we do those two

changes, I don't see any reason why anybody would oppose to passing this unanimously and perhaps with acclimation.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Isn't that the whole purpose of the bill, that we're responding to House Resolution 2202?

Gregory Wahl: Yeah.

Chairman Freilich: That's true but --

Larry Kauffman: Otherwise, it's a nothing statement.

Chairman Freilich: Ken, with a question.

Ken Woodward: Isn't there other stuff that this bill says than what you guys put on here? Like what else does the bill say about illegal aliens?

Damien Scalafani: Look, this is the point, okay, very, very simple, okay. We're not even commenting on the issue of -- the resolution doesn't mean a comment on our position on illegal aliens or illegal residents of the country. What it simply states is that we think it's unfair that legal, documented, taxpaying residents of this country can not receive federal financial aid for which they pay taxes for a system which they contribute to. That's the only part of the bill we're making a statement on.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: According to which part of the bill? If that's the only part of the bill, why can't we have at least that part of the bill in front of us?

Point of inquiry

Stephanie Reich: Why don't you just find out the section that

that's in, because if anyone knows how the United States Congress works is that there are many amendments and different parts of the bill. Each bill has a section number, and this way it just looks like we're talking about the whole bill. It would probably solve a lot of problems if you say Section 102.3 or whatever it is.

From the floor: Are we in question or debate? What are we in?

Chairman Freilich: No. Greg Wahl and his committee are still presenting, sorry about that.

Gregory Wahl: I wanted to yield my time to Meghana.

Meghana Mude: I have had some time to review some of this information. I have some tangible numbers -- not student specific because, in terms of implications of this particular bill and all of its clauses is they view it at a federal and state type of level. One of the numbers that I can give out is that, for example, New York State legal residents generate \$70 million in the economy. Only \$12 million of those are used in any type of tax related or federal or state related program. That's just one benefit.

In terms of education, I think the reason -- I spoke about this with Greg -- the reason that we were education specific is because we're really only within the confines of educational parameters. We can't speak for the whole society. That's why there are issues of illegal or undocumented aliens or whatever. We're trying to stick to who the university body is representative of.

The third thing I want to mention is, this is very much detrimental to affirmative action. That's the most important thing for me. This bill is going to pave the way for, I think, subsequent takeaways of, not privileges, but rights that individuals have right now in various protective groups, as well as sort of the availability of resources on a widespread scale. I think, especially to a state university type of system, it creates a lot of problems because we're in direct relationship to the government. It's not as though we're independent, but we're a full entity and we can sort of make decisions within these guidelines. We're directly affected by just about everything these people do. Did anyone have any specific questions they wanted to ask?

Larry Kauffman: About the bill itself or affirmative action?

Meghana Mude: I don't know all of the details of the bill, unfortunately.

Chairman Freilich: We'll let Meghana finish presenting, and then we have a question list.

Meghana Mude: That's all I had to say about it. I'm going to speak from a primarily affirmative action point of view, but I do have some numbers in terms of how it effects the population on a broad scale. One of the things that I did come to learn -- one more thing I forgot that was important is that if in fact this bill goes in full effect, all citizens, residents, everyone will have to start carrying an identification card not unlike a driver's license. But, it has lot of your major statistics like what political party do you belong to, what is your occupation. We



don't know to what degree this information will be.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Who said anything about an I.D. card, is that in the bill?

Gregory Wahl: That's in the bill.

Meghana Mude: This is part of the bill. Everyone is going to have to universally carry it. What I'm saying is, a lot of personal liberties and freedoms and things that we consider ourselves as having privacy and rights to are going to be systematically taken away. The other thing is, as far as this card system is concerned, if it goes under the current status of how identifications are made and how I.D. cards are issued, there's over a 28 percent failure rate. I got a letter this past year that I was not only not a citizen, but I was an illegal immigrant. I couldn't apply for any financial aid. I had to present a slew of documents -- this is just a personal example -- saying this is my status. I've been a U.S. citizen since God knows when. This is effecting individuals whose parents are immigrants, who themselves are immigrants, or whose family members are immigrants. Slowly and systematically it's going to become widespread. For students it's going to become even more pervasive because there is too much information about us out there to begin with. What more? We should be carrying I.D. cards that say this is blood type, this is how much my parents earn, this is how much I earn, and by the way, I immigrated here and I'm of this ethnic descent. I don't think that's very logical in terms of how we should be running the state

system. Obviously I'm emphatic about this issue.

Gregory Wahl: I just want to respond to something that Larry said. First of all, we did mention this last week. It was in the memorandum. Can I reserve the right to answer any questions?

Chairman Freilich: Yes. Do you have an opinion of my friendly amendments?

Gregory Wahl: Yes. I regard them as hostile.

Chairman Freilich: Okay. Because as the power of Chair, I could table this bill, and I don't want to do that because you put a lot of hard work into this bill.

Gregory Wahl: If you do choose to table this bill this won't come up again.

Chairman Freilich: Let me just finish that I do want to pass a bill that is pro-education, pro-immigration, but it's very, very hard for me, and I think for all of us, to vote and say something is good or something is bad that we don't see in front of us. I mean, I'm not saying that you're all liars, you're not. You're very good people, and I believe a lot of what you're saying, but I believe there are two sides to every issue. I just can't vote yes or no on something that I don't have in front of me. We don't even have the memorandums.

Gregory Wahl: Can I give you an example? If you have a bill, okay, and it has 100 points and numbers 1 through 99 are really nice. They're like feed the hungry and shelter the homeless, pick up little babies and kiss them. I mean, nice things, make rainbows, and number 100 says shoot everyone named Joe. You can

not pass that bill out of fairness to everyone named Joe. This bill shoots Joe students.

Point of information

Larry Kauffman: Shooting Joe is frequently a compromise procedure.

From the floor: Shut up.

Gregory Wahl: I and my committee take this bill very seriously, and the reason I regard Mr. Freilich's amendments as hostile is because this is how we want it to be. And if you want to take out the entire reason for having this bill in front of us, then we will no longer support this bill.

Larry Kauffman: Just for that, I may vote for it.

Point of inquiry

Valerie Vazquez: Are we in question?

Chairman Freilich: We are now questioning the sponsors of this resolution.

Valerie Vazquez: Okay. I just wanted to make sure that I'm clear on that.

Chairman Freilich: So if you want to be on the questions list, raise your hand.

Greg Coulon: My question is, what do you hope to accomplish by even bringing this bill up? It seems clear to me that this is not really our issue. Not that I'm a voting member of council or anything, but just as a person who has to sit here through this meeting, it seems that it's a waste of time to vote on a bill like this when really it's not going to affect anything. First of all,

it seems more of an issue for Student Action than it does for Academic Affairs, but why hasn't -- I mean no disrespect, but why hasn't the Academic Affairs Committee organized something to take more action towards affecting change rather than passing a bill which means nothing, which once it gets to Washington will be thrown in the garbage? Why not organize a letter writing campaign or work with a group such as NYPIRG, SASU, USSA, or Student Action Committee also in working towards actually doing something rather than just passing a bill?

Gregory Wahl: Okay, I can answer that. Because we are. Because we are, and because we are. I'll go through that. This bill -- I don't give a --

Larry Kauffman: Frenchman's fuck.

Gregory Wahl: -- darn if this bill goes to someone that we have this bill sent to and they throw it out. That shows that they're little. This bill shows that we're big. This bill shows that we care about issues that hurt our students. This bill shows that we stand for something more than just sitting around and getting free tickets to events and sitting around and looking nice at a table. I take your criticism as constructive. Last week I was criticized of taking the stand of USSA and SASU and why can't SUNY Albany stand on its own. This shows that we're standing on our own, but it also shows that we're standing with them. USSA and SASU are both doing big campaigns for this, and Stonybrook recently passed a resolution very similar to this. The whole immigration topic is a huge issue and it has been since March when it was

brought up in the House of Representatives by Representative Simpson. This has been a major goal of SASU and USSA. There has been -- I got the letters that they used in the letter writing campaigns. I've got everything. We went through it already, and it still went through. The reason that we're still doing this is because it went through, and that's a big deal. So we need to get together as students. Like I said last week, saying that by sending this little piece of paper to these people is like saying that if I go out and vote, my vote won't make a difference. Because maybe there is going to be four or five million votes in between first place and second place, but you know what? If four or five million singular people don't go out and vote, there won't be that difference. And this difference will show that we will make a difference, and you know what? We do make a difference because we're students.

Chairman Freilich: Follow up question from Greg.

Greg Coulon: You never answered my original question. What do you hope to accomplish?

Gregory Wahl: What do we hope to accomplish? We hope to make it clear to the people here up that we are united behind a common front, behind helping the people in our student university community, behind students. We are hoping that by us doing this and other schools doing this that they will say, "Wait a minute, listen, students are saying something. Maybe these people aren't so apathetic after all." We just hope to be noticed. That's the whole purpose of -- when you make any resolution at Central

Council, you guys should know that it doesn't make you responsible to appropriate money, it doesn't make you responsible to even lift a finger if you don't want to. But if we pass a resolution, that says that the University at Albany is united against a common front or for a common front. In this case it's against. My goal in presenting this is to have this stuff taken away because it's a terrible thing. It really is. I mean, my mother wasn't a citizen when she went to college. My mother -- sure she paid \$400 tuition to go to a university center at SUNY, but that was a lot of money then, and without federal aid, a lot of people then and now can't go to school. The thing is, each one of us represents over 300 people, and at least one of those people will not be able to come back to this university next year. At least one. I don't know exact numbers because those kind of statistics aren't kept at a university level. But if one person from each one of our constituencies would no longer be able to be here, then what's the purpose?

Chairman Freilich: Are you done with your presentation? Can we get on with the questions?

Gregory Wahl: Yes.

Stephanie Reich: It's a threefold question, I think. One is that, where is the bill in Congress right now?

Gregory Wahl: It's passed. It's signed -- September 3.

Stephanie Reich: Is it possible at all to limit the bill to that section specifically and find out, you know, type it right into the bill and say Section 3.01, whatever it is? Because I

don't know the whole immigration bill. I know sections of it from reading the Times, bits and pieces. Is it either the whole thing or nothing?

Gregory Wahl: The thing is, once it's past this stage, it's all or nothing. Once it's signed into law, it's all or nothing.

Stephanie Reich: What about your section? Your bill, the resolution that we're passing, is it possible at all to put in the resolution NR2202 --

Gregory Wahl: Oh, okay, I understand what you're saying. Is it possible to put into the resolution that we're against this part of the bill?

Stephanie Reich: Right.

Gregory Wahl: Okay. The thing is, now it's all or nothing so even if we were against part of the bill, it would have to be the whole bill and redone.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Why?

Gregory Wahl: Because it's already signed into law, it's an omnibus.

Stephanie Reich: Your resolution is an omnibus?

Gregory Wahl: No, no. Not this resolution, the HR2202 is an omnibus.

Stephanie Reich: I'm talking about your personal resolution that was brought to us by your committee in that you take your section where it says NR2202, you find out the section from the bill that was passed by Congress, include it in your resolution so

that we're voting on that section.

Gregory Wahl: But the reason we made the further explanations is to explain what parts of the bill.

Point of information

Valerie Vazquez: This is in regards to limiting the bill to a specific section. This particular attack on education is not limited to one particular part of the bill. It's mentioned in different parts of the bill. It's something that's recurring. That's why you can't limit it to a section.

Stephanie Reich: Are you going to take a pro-active role?

Omar Estrada Torres: As council? Yes.

Chairman Freilich: Craig Fetterman with a question.

Craig Fetterman: You're talking about this thing -- you're saying that you don't like this bill because it doesn't give legal immigrants and non-citizens the same things that it gives citizens. Basically, if non-citizens are treated the same way as citizens, then what's the point of being a U.S. citizen?

Gregory Wahl: Citizens and non-citizens are not treated equally and what -- the thing is, if you're a citizen, you can vote. If you're a non-citizen, you can't vote. We're not saying that non-citizens should be able to vote because that's what citizenship brings you. But, if you're not a citizen, you still have to pay taxes. Therefore, if you pay taxes, you should receive of the services from the benefit of those taxes. Do you understand what I'm saying?



Craig Fetterman: To an extent, yes, but that doesn't --

Gregory Wahl: Okay. Follow up, or whatever, because maybe I didn't understand. We are against this part -- we are not advocating a lot of the other things that may be in your minds to give equality to citizens and non-citizens, because we all know that it's a privilege to be a citizen, and it's our right to be a citizen. And if you're not a citizen, you're working toward citizenship. If there is no difference between no citizen and yes citizen, then there is no reason to be a citizen if you're not. But the thing is, if you're not a citizen, you still have to pay taxes. You have to do everything that everyone else does. You have to pay taxes. If you're in this country legally, you have to pay taxes, and it's only right that if your contributing to the monetary part of society, you should receive of the monetary part of society. That's where we're coming from in this part.

Craig Fetterman: The second part of the question is, you yourself have not read the bill? I know we haven't.

Gregory Wahl: I have read the bill, yes.

Craig Fetterman: The whole bill?

Gregory Wahl: Yes. I have read the parts of the bill that effect --

Chairman Freilich: Point of information from Omar.

Point of information

Omar Estrada Torres: You don't need to read the entire bill. There is an executive summary in the front, and it's ten pages long. It is a detailed summary.

Gregory Wahl: But, I have read the bill.

Chairman Freilich: Do we have that?

Gregory Wahl: No.

Craig Fetterman: Has the rest of your committee read the bill?

Gregory Wahl: The rest of my committee has not read the bill because we --

Craig Fetterman: So your committee passed with acclimation something they never read. That's like saying, I like seiche, but I've never tried seiche.

Point of inquiry

Chairman Freilich: I have a point of inquiry for Chairman Wahl. Who were the members of the committee that voted in the acclimation?

Gregory Wahl: Myself, Jodi, Ted, and also Damien. He didn't vote but he was there and he would have.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: How do you know how he would have voted?

Gregory Wahl: How would you have voted?

Damien Scalafani: Oh, I support the bill.

Gregory Wahl: Thank you.

Chairman Freilich: We're going to hold to the questions list. Next on the list is Omar.

Omar Price: Yeah, I would just like to say I was opposed to the bill from day one, but I want you to explain to me how everybody was bickering and crying because they wanted to read the

whole bill, and now that the Executive Branch looked over it and made a few changes, everything is all right now. I don't understand.

Damien Scalafani: Here's the point right here. What the changes do is this: The way the bill was originally written, it addressed a lot of political issues that are not connected to the committee of Academic Affairs, or they're not at all connected to education, or access to federal financial aid, which are the concerns of this committee. The purpose of the resolution is to resolve, to make a statement about how we as students of this university feel.

As the resolution is now, what it does, it addresses a very basic, simple, logical issue of fairness. It's something that no decent, moral, reasonable and fair person who believes in this country can oppose. I think I would refer to you as un-American if you were to oppose this.

Point of order

Chairman Freilich: Damien, you're out of line.

Damien Scalafani: That's not out of line.

Point of information

Chairman Freilich: 75 percent of the Congress passed this bill, and President Clinton signed it.

Point of order

Omar Estrada Torres: You were doing a personal attack.

Damien Scalafani: Okay. I'm sorry. I take that back. Strike that. My point is that I made a point of asking that this bill be taken back to committee so that we could simplify it and so that we could address the most important, the most obvious issues - - the fact that people who are legal taxpaying residents can not have access to the financial system of federal aid, which they reasonably deserve to have access to. Any person -- I'm sorry, personal attack, forget about that. All the other stuff in there is stuff that I view as controversial or stuff that we could kind of debate over. This is something I don't think we should debate over. I think it's something that's pretty plain and obvious to see that there's something that's wrong with the bill. So I think we should support this resolution. That's basically it.

Chairman Freilich: Next on the questions list, Ken Woodward.

Ken Woodward makes a motion to move to debate,  
seconded by Larry Kauffman.

Chairman Freilich: Are there any objections to moving to debate? Do you have a question Ashwani?

Ashwani Prabhakar: I have a question, a point of inquiry first. Can we question only people who did the bill?

Chairman Freilich: You can question the presenter of the bill, if he decides to yield, that's his decision.

Ashwani Prabhakar: Forget it.

Chairman Freilich: Larry.

Larry Kauffman makes a motion to move to

debate.

Chairman Freilich: Are there any objections to moving to debate?

Dina Delicee: You need a second.

Chairman Freilich: Seconded by Dina Delicee. Any objection to move to debate? None. I'll go first. I realize right now that there are a lot of people that have an opinion on this, and if everyone gets their opinion, which they deserve to have, we could well go on for a very long time. There's nothing wrong with that. If it concerns us, then we should.

Point of inquiry

Omar Estrada Torres: Can I suggest that we put a time limit on debate?

Chairman Freilich: No, that's not right. If somebody has an opinion, then they have an opinion. As chair I do have the power to table any bill, and I just want to say that I'm going to be fair about it. If I'm going to table a bill, why should I do it at 1:30 in the morning when we're all yelling back and forth and wasting an hour and a half instead of just doing it now? But I don't want to table it. So, once again, I'm going to request from the Academic Affairs Committee of which there are three people and all you need is two to one to agree to my friendly amendments. If you agree with the friendly amendment, you get acclimation, it will be a great bill, it will be a great resolution, we could send it out tomorrow morning, I'll be happy to help you work with that. Otherwise, I'm afraid I'm going to have to table it because I don't

want to waste an hour and a half of people's time to table something at 1:30 which I'll table right now. I'm being honest with you. I mean, I can table something at 1:30, you'll waste an hour and a half of your time, and that's not right.

Point of inquiry

Valerie Vazquez: I'm not sure if this is an inquiry. Does the chair have the right to table a bill because his personal opinion is not going to be accepted? That's how it looks to me.

Chairman Freilich: I'll respond to that. Last week Chairman Schwab tabled the bill because he did not have the bill in front of him, nor the Executive Summary. This week, I am acting Chairman for now. I do not have the bill, and I do not have the summary in front of me. I will not --

Valerie Vazquez: That's not your reasoning for tabling the bill.

Point of information

Omar Estrada Torres: Your reasoning you had just stated that if they did not accept the two amendments, the two friendly amendments, which is on record, that you will be forced to table the bill.

Chairman Freilich: That's true.

Omar Estrada Torres: Which is a personal option.

Chairman Freilich: No.

Omar Estrada Torres: Which puts you in point of order.

Chairman Freilich: That's not true. I would just like to respond --

Omar Estrada Torres: I will pull out Robert's Rules of Order.

Chairman Freilich: Let me just respond. All my friendly amendment does is a general resolution that says we're pro-education, pro-immigration, and it says that we will not oppose a bill which we don't know anything about. That's what we're eliminating. There's a part right now of this resolution that says we are opposed to HR2202, which we don't have in front of us. All I'm saying is cross that out. How can we say we are for or against something which we don't have. Rather, what you should do -- point of order -- is say that we're pro-education, pro-immigration, and that will be a very effective and strong message, and it will be great if we do that in acclamation.

Gregory Wahl: Okay. As the Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, can I see a vote of the Academic Affairs Committee members here who would wish to change the bill? Seeing none, it's a hostile amendment.

Chairman Freilich: Can I see the hands of those of the Academic Affairs Committee who like it as is and don't want to change it at all, in any way.

Gregory Wahl: That was four to none, by the way.

Chairman Freilich: Point of inquiry from Craig Fetterman.

Point of inquiry

Craig Fetterman: As far as the issue of your tabling it, I don't think council members after arguing with this for so long, want to table this and go through the whole thing again with a full

council next week. So if you do choose to table it, I would overrule it. The best bet is to just debate very quickly, put it to a vote and let it be either approved or shot down.

Chairman Freilich: Right now we're missing half of council.

Point of information

Larry Kauffman: Half of council is missing us, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Freilich: Thank you, Larry. Jose, with a point of inquiry.

Point of inquiry.

Jose Socorro: Seeing how serious --

Chairman Freilich: Point of order, Larry.

Jose Socorro: Seeing how serious this topic is, wouldn't it be better to go against what he said and wait until all council is here, and on top of that, have all the information in front of the council?

Chairman Freilich: That's what I'm saying.

Gregory Wahl: But who's to say if they will -- I'm sorry if I'm out of order -- but who is to say that they'll give this stuff to us? I mean, it's not -- you don't understand, we've been trying the whole week to get this stuff, ever since that day.

Chairman Freilich: What I suggest is this, how about we do it twofold? We pass by acclamation the friendly amendments which I have, and then next week you'll come with the information --

Valerie Vazquez: Point of information.

Chairman Freilich: I'm in the middle of a statement. -- and then we could pass that also.



Point of information

Gregory Wahl: There is no such thing as a friendly amendment when it's not friendly. It's a hostile amendment. If you would like to vote on a hostile amendment among the people who are here, be my guest.

Chairman Freilich: Are there any objections to voting on this amendment? Actually, it's irrelevant because to vote on this amendment, you're the sponsors of this resolution, so if you don't agree with the amendment, it just can't happen. The fact that you by three to nothing said you don't want this resolution to be amended at all, then it has to stay as is.

Gregory Wahl: Which is the point.

Chairman Freilich: So council can not vote on this. Point of information from Omar.

Point of information

Omar Estrada Torres: The committee can declare your amendments hostile. If the amendment is hostile -- excuse me -- if the amendments were hostile, then it's up to council. Council makes a vote. If the amendments are hostile, then it doesn't go through.

Chairman Freilich: Okay. Then I will motion right now to amend this resolution as follows --

Point of information

Valerie Vazquez: Isn't there a speakers list? You keep monopolizing the time.

Chairman Freilich: This is debate.

Valerie Vazquez: There is people waiting to -- there's a speakers list and you keep bumping people. You're monopolizing your chair powers, and that's not fair.

Point of order

Larry Kauffman: The Chairman has the right to do whatever the hell he pleases. He's Chair --

Point of order

Omar Estrada Torres: The Chairman does not have the right to do whatever he pleases.

Chairman Freilich: Larry, you're out of order. Right now, I still have the floor. I will motion right now for my friendly amendment, and we will vote on this. The friendly amendment is as follows --

Point of information

Valerie Vazquez: The amendment is hostile because it was not accepted by the sponsors. It has to be hostile.

Point of information

Omar Estrada Torres: Not to go against you, I think Greg just took a step out.

Valerie Vazquez: He's right there.

Omar Estrada Torres: Greg, you have to state that the amendment is hostile.

Gregory Wahl: I said that three or four times.

Chairman Freilich: Camille Torres on the debate list. I'm sorry, Valerie was next.

Valerie Vazquez: Thank you. This is all I have to say, I understand that there's a lot of debate about whether or not the bill is in front of you, but at the same time, we are an educational entity. What we're saying is that we're taking a stance against people attacking our peers right to go to school. That's all it's saying. There is no hidden agenda. There's nothing here that's not -- President Clinton signed it, so obviously we have to state that in the bill.

Chairman Freilich: Point of order. Please give Valerie your attention.

Valerie Vazquez: President Clinton signed the bill, so obviously his name has to stay on there because it passed. We're just saying that we take a stance against education being attacked. We're taking a stance against legal taxpaying residents being denied their due rights. There's nothing wrong with that. I just don't understand the big debate. It is so cut and dry to me, I just felt like I had to get that off my chest.

Chairman Freilich: Point of information from Meg.

Point of information

Meghana Mude: Legal immigrants are subjected to everything but having the right to vote, including being drafted, including having civil service responsible responsibilities, including everything except for the right to vote. That's it.

Ashish Prabhakar: How's it going folks? Okay. Let's just speak the truth, and let's get down to business because the fact is, this is a damn resolution. Pardon me. It's just a resolution.

Greg Coulon asked a question and he left without anyone answering it properly. The answer to his question, what does this resolution do, and whether people have been pro-active in fighting this bill - people have been pro-active in fighting this bill. Letter writing campaigns have been done, they have rallied, they've done a lot, but it passed anyway. This resolution is not going to do anything except merely educate you people, and it's so sad for me to say this when half of council is not here and half of council is opposed to this thing. The truth of the matter, I think, is that there are some people in this room that subscribe to a certain philosophy and because of that will accept anything that comes with that philosophy without having any regard for whether that type of thing is right or wrong. Because it falls in a certain category, because it falls within certain ideological parameters, they will accept it specifically for what it is, when that should not be the case. You should think about each specific issue for what it is, and then decide what you want to do with that.

And to answer on of the council members question, what's the point of being a citizen, like Meg said before, I as a legal resident have to do everything that citizens do except vote. So basically I can die in a war, I can be drafted, I have to pay taxes, I have to do every single thing, but you know what I don't get to do? To vote for the guy who's going to draft me. You understand what I'm saying? I don't get to pick the leaders that are the politicians in my country that tell me what to do. However, you do. And I still have the same responsibilities.

Point of order

Craig Fetterman: If you could go back about ten, fifteen words.

Ashish Prabhakar: The only point of becoming a citizen is to vote. What I want to convey to you and other council members is the fact that as a legal resident, as a permanent resident alien in this country, you are denied the right to vote until you become a citizen but you are obligated to do every single thing that citizens do. In order to receive financial aid, you have to sign up for selective service which means you could also be drafted. So you can die being a permanent resident of this country and not be a citizen. Do you see what I'm trying to say? You don't get to pick the people that make the laws that govern your life. What else?

This is just a resolution. I think the main objective of this is to start this dialogue, to communicate, to educate you guys as well as us on what's going on in this country. It's just a resolution. It's not going to change the world. Resolutions pass through council every Wednesday about this party or that party, and I think the truth of the matter really is that people have hesitations because of the fact -- I think it basically comes down to a phobia in racism, fear that they're going to run over this country and take over everybody's jobs. Well you know what? If there weren't illegal immigrants in New York City and all over this country, those places would not survive, they wouldn't exist because illegal immigrants are such a significant portion of the labor force of each of those cities that those cities need those

people to pick up their garbage, to drive the taxicabs, to do whatever it is that they do.

Point of information

Jose Socorro: I feel bad for her. You've got to slow down.

Ashish Prabhakar: I'm sorry. Think about what you're doing.

Chairman Freilich: Point of order from Larry Kauffman.

Point of order

Larry Kauffman: That wasn't a point of information. I want him out of order.

Ashish Prabhakar: I think that since it is a resolution, I think whether you vote yes or you vote no doesn't necessarily have to be based on complete knowledge of this bill. From all of the research that's been done by the Academic Affairs Committee, and if you read the paper you will realize this, that there are laws being passed where it's going to become more difficult for legal aliens like myself and others I know in this country to even get financial aid to go to school because of certain laws that require you to get a citizen to co-sign a loan application and such things. These things might be minor little things right now but with all the stuff that's going on around the country I think they have a great deal of significance on our lives as future Americans. Because of the fact that this issue personally hits me, it makes it a little bit more relevant to my life, perhaps not yours. So I think that -

Chairman Freilich: Point of order.

Ashish Prabhakar: I think that we should just table the bill.

I think we should table the bill and realize why it is that each of us feels that this bill should not go through or we should vote no on it, whether it is the bill, or how we feel about immigrants, or is it how we feel about different races, or how we feel about the labor force that's going out there in the next four years.

Chairman Freilich: Point of inquiry from Larry Kauffman.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Why don't we vote on it now, hope for it to pass and if it doesn't we'll try it next week? Can we do that? That's my point of inquiry.

Chairman Freilich: Larry, to answer your question, if we go into question and we do have a vote of course it could pass. But if --

Larry Kauffman: A quorum can overturn them.

Ashish Prabhakar: Excuse me, can I have your attention?

Thank you.

Point of inquiry: We're going by a speakers list, I think, so if you want to say that, put your name on the list because I've been waiting.

Kamau Blount: Ashish was on the list.

Ashish Prabhakar: I'm not finished yet. I'm still going. So, I think that there's a fear around the room of people voting no for this bill because I think that some people might perceive them as being racist or anti-immigration, so I think that we should screw those fears and just vote. It doesn't really matter. If you vote no, you vote no. It's no big deal. Just vote. That's it.

Thank you.

Chairman Freilich: Larry, you're next.

Larry Kauffman: I am? Oh. What is this, debate or question?

Chairman Freilich: We're in debate Larry.

Larry Kauffman: Move to call to question.

Chairman Freilich: Objection by Valerie. I'm going to sustain her objection. There a number of people who would still like to go into debate, and I'd like to --

Gregory Wahl: Can we have a show of hands of how many people are objecting?

Chairman Freilich: How many people would like to remain in debate and still have something they'd like to talk about?

Larry Kauffman: So what's the objection for?

Chairman Freilich: Then at this time I am tabling this resolution.

Point of information

Omar Estrada Torres: I'm going to break it out now. I put my hand up for a while, and I think there is something that's all wrong here.

Camille Torres: I've been waiting for the speakers list. I was right behind Larry, and now you're tabling this?

Chairman Freilich: The acting Vice Chairman would like to speak.

Vice Chairman Blount: First of all, I know you guys have been on the list. I just want you to know that a motion was made to call to question and there wasn't enough people who objected to it.



So, therefore --

Point of inquiry

Gregory Wahl: My point of inquiry is, we were voting to go to question on a table?

From the floor: No. Let K.B. finish.

Vice Chairman Blount: We're in questioning now.

Camille Torres: It was called to question, it was seconded there wasn't enough people to abstain, so aren't we supposed to vote on whether or not we want to accept this resolution?

Chairman Freilich: If someone has Robert's Rules of Order and can show that I am out of order by tabling this, then fine.

Point of information

Gregory Wahl: From the Parliamentary Procedure Guide, to vote on the ruling of the Chair, you may interrupt, you may second, it is debatable, it can not be amended, all you need is a simple majority.

Omar Estrada Torres: Basically what he's trying to say is --

Chairman Freilich: Omar, just one thing before you say something, I would just like to explain why --

Larry Kauffman: Point of order.

Chairman Freilich: Before I allow Omar to speak, just give me 15 seconds. Last week, Chairman Schwab tabled this bill and council supported it. Why did Chairman Schwab table it? He tabled it because he did not have the bill, he did not have the memorandums supporting it or opposing it. Today, a week later, again, we don't have the bill, we don't have the memorandums in

support or against it. All I am doing this week is what Chairman Schwab did last week. Omar?

Omar Estrada: Two points of information. One, parliamentary procedure -- council, excuse me, not directly attacking -- sucks. Okay. Not a personal attack on Neil, but the acting chairperson made a motion which was illegal, and he was out of order to put in for the table.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: How's it illegal?

Omar Estrada Torres: Acting chairman can not vote, can not motion.

Larry Kauffman: According to what section of Robert's Rules?

Omar Estrada Torres: I can point it out right here.

Camille Torres: Can someone please recognize me? I've been raising my hand.

Point of personal privilege

Larry Kauffman: I think she's being --

Point of order

From the floor: I am one of the most frustrated people in this room and as much as I just want to jump out and stand on a table and voice my opinion, I was not called on. So I think just to keep a little bit of the sanity in this room, we should go by Robert's Rules of Order. Robert's Rules of Order says that there's a list, people have to be called on. We should stick to the list.

Omar Estrada Torres: Right. But I made a point of information which I'm saying -- two points of information.

From the floor: And I totally agree with you, but now there's debate on that.

Point of information

Craig Fetterman: According to policy, in order to have any vote you need a quorum. There are how many members of council?

Gregory Wahl: 37

Craig Fetterman: We don't have a quorum, we can't vote on anything.

Gregory Wahl: We have quorum. Quorum is 18. We have quorum.

Larry Kauffman: Quorum is two-thirds, I believe, for Central Council.

Camille Torres: Will someone please recognize me because everyone's been doing point of information, point of inquiry --

Chairman Freilich: Camille has the floor.

Camille Torres: Thank you very much. Now, if we're going --

Valerie Vazquez: Wait, wait. Don't leave, because that's rude.

From the floor: It's getting late. It's 12:30. We've been on this for the last hour.

Camille Torres: All I want to know is, the resolution was put to vote, correct? There was not enough people abstaining. So should we not be, right now, voting on whether or not we want the bill? I want a yes or a no. Can we do that? You are out of order for tabling it because we're in the middle of a motion. Can we please vote on the resolution.

Chairman Freilich: I was just informed by the Chair of the

Finance Committee that in order to pass a resolution, you need a quorum. He says we don't have a quorum. Chairman Fetterman, do you stand by your point of information?

Craig Fetterman: It was actually a point of inquiry. According to this, it said two-thirds of total membership if it is required. According to that, we do not have a quorum. I'm stating that we do not have a quorum. That's all I'm saying.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Since you're the one who calls people out of order and decides who is out of order, how can you be out of order?

Camille Torres: Can we please vote, we're still in motion?

Valerie Vazquez: We're in the middle of a motion.

Larry Kauffman: Would the Chairman have to call himself out of order? Who would call the Chairman out of order? The Chairman himself?

Chairman Freilich: Yes.

Larry Kauffman: And you didn't call yourself out of order, did you?

Camille Torres: Neil, can you please continue. We are in the middle of a motion. There is a quorum, we can vote. Can we please continue?

Chairman Freilich: Okay. We are now in question, and K.B. will read the roll call vote, but before he does so, I would just like to say that this will be appealed to Chairman Schwab because -  
- I will save this until after the vote.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Who said we have a quorum?

Point of information

Valerie Vazquez: Quorum was not called before the motion was made so it can not apply to the motion on the table.

Larry Kauffman: Right. I was just told that we have a quorum. Who said we have a quorum?

Gregory Wahl: I can answer that. If 50 percent is the quorum, we have that.

Omar Estrada Torres: Two-thirds.

Gregory Wahl: Two-thirds is quorum? Then we don't.

Camille Torres: So we've been debating for 45 minutes for nothing?

Larry Kauffman: Basically.

Camille Torres: Thank you very much. This has been a joke for the past hour and a half.

Valerie Vazquez: But the motion is still on the table.

Chairman Freilich: We are in a vote. This motion is on the table. But I just remind you all that we don't have a quorum, and this may not take effect. So we'll vote on this resolution, but we will talk to Chairman Schwab tomorrow and Supreme Court. Right now we are in a roll call vote and K.B. will read the roll call. A yes vote says you're in favor of the Academic Affairs Committees resolution and no says you're against it.

Point of inquiry

Gregory Wahl: Would I be out of line to remove this bill from the floor? I want to remove this bill from the floor because this

is ridiculous. I think it's ridiculous that -- it's just ridiculous.

Chairman Freilich: It's unfortunate. That's what I said at 12:00.

Gregory Wahl: So my question is, is it feasible for me to remove it from the floor?

Chairman Freilich: We are in question. We are in a vote. K.B. please read the roll call.

Pat Albano	-
Marc Alessi	-
Glenda Bautista	-
Bridget Bergen	- yes
Kamau Blount	- yes
Gina Bonica	- yes
Amos Bronson	-
Darlene Classen	-
Dina Delicee	- yes
Jess Fassler	-
Craig Fetterman	- abstain
Neil Freilich	- no
Jen Hird	- yes
David Kalinsack	-
Larry Kauffman	- yes
Ed Kerr	-
David Kindberg	-
Michelle Lebowits	- yes
Jessica Morales	-
Ashwani Prabhakar	- yes
Omar Price	-
Stephanie Reich	- yes
Johanna Rosenberg	-
Jodi Rosoff	- yes
Micah Rozenbaum	-
Steven Schwab	-
Matt Shapiro	-
Mike Simon	-
Jose Socorro	- yes
Glenn Stein	-
Todd Teichman	-
Camille Torres	- yes
Dori Travieso	- yes
Ted Tsakanos	- yes

Valerie Vazquez - yes  
 Gregory Wahl - yes  
 Ken Woodward - abstention

Chairman Freilich: By 16-1-2-0 the bill passes. The resolution passes. Congratulations. Any new business?

Ashwani Prabhakar: I don't know what the motion is, I motion that Internal Affairs investigate the handling of this meeting by the acting Central Council Chair.

Chairman Freilich: I will second that motion. Are there any objections? (No objections.) Any announcements?

Craig Fetterman: I believe this weekend, I think on Saturday during football games, half-time show, there will be a wing eating contest.

Chairman Freilich: Before we go to roll call, I would just like to say that I am very disappointed that last week we denied the bill in front of us and tabled it, and yet this week we had the same result and we voted in favor of it, but that's my opinion, it passed, I respect the vote and we'll talk to Chairman Schwab about this. K.B. with roll call.

Those in attendance:

Bridget Bergen  
 Kamau Blount  
 Gina Bonica  
 Dina Delicee  
 Craig Fetterman  
 Neil Freilich  
 Jen Hird  
 Larry Kauffman  
 Michelle Lebowits  
 Ashwani Prabhakar  
 Stephanie Reich  
 Jodi Rosoff

Jose Socorro  
Camille Torres  
Ted Tsakanos  
Valerie Vazquez  
Gregory Wahl  
Ken Woodward

Chairman Freilich: This meeting is adjourned at 12:35.