

# Central Council Minutes

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## Central Council Members Present

Pat Albano  
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Glenda Bautista  
Bridget Bergen  
Kamau Blount  
Gina Bonica  
Amos Brunson  
Darlene Classen  
Dina Delicee  
Jess Fassler  
Craig Fetterman  
Neil Freilich  
David Kalinsack  
Larry Kauffman  
Ed Kerr  
David Kindberg  
Michelle Lebowits  
Ken Woodward

Jessica Morales  
Ashwani Prabhakar  
Omar Price  
Stephanie Reichl  
Johanna Rosenberg  
Jodi Rosoff  
Micah Rozenbaum  
Steven Schwab  
Matt Shapiro  
Jose Socorro  
Glenn Stein  
Todd Teichman  
Camille Torres  
Dori Travieso  
Ted Tsakanos  
Valerie Vazquez  
Gregory Wahl

## Central Council Meeting 10/2/96

Chairman Schwab: I'm going to call this meeting to order at 7:35. I want to welcome all the newly elected members of council to this evening's meeting. It's exciting to have the table filled. It's also exciting to have a full council so that we are truly representative of the campus. We're going to start with opening roll call. We will then move into swearing in the new members which will take about two seconds. We will do opening remarks, and then we'll start with the business. Neil, opening roll call.

Roll Call:Vice Chairman Freilich:

Those members present: Pat Albano, Marc Alessi, Glenda Bautista, Bridget Bergen, Kamau Blount, Gina Bonica, Amos Brunson, Darlene Classen, Dina Delicee, Jess Fassler, Craig Fetterman, Neil Freilich, David Kalinsack, Larry Kauffman, Ed Kerr, David Kindberg, Michelle Lebowits, Jessica Morales, Ashwani Prabhakar, Omar Price, Stephanie Reich, Johanna Rosenberg, Jodi Rosoff, Micah Rozenbaum, Steven Schwab, Matt Shapiro, Jose Socorro, Glenn Stein, Todd Teichman, Camille Torres, Dori Travieso, Ted Tsakanos, Valerie Vazquez, Gregory Wahl, Ken Woodward.

Chairman Schwab: Thanks, everybody. I'm now going to turn it over quickly to Supreme Court Justice Judd Fedder. He will be instituting new members of council to take the oath of office. Just listen to Judd, repeat after him, and you guys will be all set to vote tonight. I'm excited he was able to make it here right at the beginning of the meeting. Could I have all the new members rise and

raise your right hand? (All the new members stand.)

Supreme Court Justice Fedder: Raise your right hands and repeat after me. I, state your name, do solemnly swear to uphold the Student Association Constitution and fulfill the duties of my office to the best of my ability. Congratulations.

Chairman Schwab: Congratulations, everybody. You are now full-voting members of Council. Seeing that our guest speaker is not here yet, I'm going to go ahead and start off with opening remarks.

Opening Remarks:

Chairman Schwab: We meet on the evening of very sad news. I'm sure most of you are aware that this morning the Environmental Conservation Police had found a freshman student from Dutch Quadrangle. He was on a weekend excursion with the outing club and had been missing since Sunday at 5:00. There was a search conducted, and he was found dead this morning on a mountain called Snow Mountain. It's very unfortunate, of course. I'm going to ask that President Castrilli give you more details on this. There was a press conference on this today at 3:30 at the Alumni House. The Outing Club being a Student Association funded group, we would like to support them in any way that we can. I would ask any of you guys that do know members of that club to be aware that the club is in need right now. They are someone that we fund and we govern and we really need to offer them our assistance at this point in any means that we can. We're going to give you copies of the Universities response from the press conference today. I'll let President Castrilli speak on this issue right now.

President Castrilli: Thank you, Chairman Schwab. First of all,

I'd like to welcome all the new council members.

Obviously, today is one of those days as a Student Association that we regret and that you don't look forward to. We received the phone call today that said that Steven Wankmuller was found dead. It is a tragedy to the Student Association, it is a tragedy to the student community and everyone that is involved. On behalf of the Student Association we have offered our condolences to the parents, to the family, to his friends, and to the student community at large. What we have said to them is that we will help them in any way that we can. If it's offering student support, if it's offering the counseling center, which they have done, and I'm sure some students have been over there. Basically, we've opened our arms and said, "If you need to come talk, or if you need anything at all, the Student Association is more than willing to help."

For some more information on the tragedy, basically what happened--On Sunday, September 29, he was on the outing club trip. They went to a 3.7 mile hike up the trail. Steven had climbed and had been trained before his hike, and had been briefed, according to the outing club. When the group of about 11 hikers, which was lead by an experienced climber began its descent, Steven was with them. But he was not with the group when they completed their descent at 5:00 p.m. The members of the organization then notified the authorities. I received that phone call that evening and again offered our assistance in any way we possibly could, understanding that a full search was underway.

There's not much to say except for the fact that the University at Albany is at a huge loss tonight and will be forever. It's a

tragedy. I do not know any more information than what I've been provided with according to the press conference today. As of now, this is what we know. We don't know any more than you do. We'll give you the letter that Jim Doellefeld sent to the students; that's where I got my information from.

Chairman Schwab: Something I wanted to ask you in response to what I had heard on one of the channels this evening--I just wanted you to reaffirm the fact that we aren't looking into any ramifications for the group, and I don't want anybody to think that we are. Our first priority is, of course, support for the Outing Club and its members. There are rumors flying that penalization is possible and such, but I'll let him address that, and then we'll take questions on this.

President Castrilli: The bottom line is that at this point in time we need to focus our attention on these students involved, his parents, his family, and offer our support. That's all we have to do at this point, and we are doing that, and we'll continue to do that until these students can deal with this. Obviously, it's a tragedy, but at this time we're just offering our condolences and that's our primary issue right now.

Chairman Schwab: Does anybody have any questions concerning this? Larry?

Larry Kauffman: Does anybody know when the funeral is or where?

President Castrilli: Memorial services and things like that, what they're doing, I would assume, is waiting until they have confirmed what the parents would like to do. On our campus at this time there has been no preparation, obviously, because you wait for

the parents to notify us that they want to do something like that.

Chairman Schwab: Two, I know Mike has been in close contact with his directors and they're ready to jump at the chance to organize some type of memorial service or anything. I've spoken with Jen Hird and did charge the Student Action Committee to help in any way possible the Executive Branch and S.A. as a whole to service the needs of the outing club, if there is the possibility that we are asked to organize a memorial service. At this point our concern is for the family. Let them deal with the tragedy and make the decision. I think that's it.

Reporter: We did get an anonymous phone call, which is kind of what you already addressed, that we were told that maybe you would be conducting your own investigation into that particular athletic group.

President Castrilli: At this time the Student Association's response is we're just worried more about the students. We're condoling the parents and the family, and that's our primary concern.

Chairman Schwab: You said athletic or the outing club?

Reporter: No, the outing club.

Chairman Schwab: No. We have an Internal Affairs committee and the President himself can assure you that there has been no thought on that issue at all.

Reporter: The other thing is, I know it's completely unrelated, but 20 years ago there was also an incident in which a student was found dead while out with the same club, but you're saying that this club follows the safety procedures that it needs to follow?

Chairman Castrilli: Yes. They have a great track record. This is one of hundreds of trips they probably take a year. They do many, and their track record is unbelievable. They do clearly stipulate

their safety procedures and do make sure that, I think, their members sign something.

President Castrilli: The group has always followed safety procedures in the past and continues to do that. The group has displayed that they can do that and they're all capable members. I'm very confident in their leadership and in the group itself. At this point in time, like I said, I think we should lend our hand out to those group members involved in this tragedy.

Chairman Schwab: Thanks, Mike. Anything else? With that, we'll go to our first guest speaker, Officer Aaron Mull from the University Police Department. I also want to introduce Jemma, she's my assistant in the office. She will be sitting up here during the meeting, for as much of the meeting as she can. If you guys are in the office and you need assistance in anything, both Jemma and Tali know the ins and outs of the office entirely and the computer. They'll be willing to help you guys out with anything you need.

Guest Speaker

Officer Aaron Mull: First of all, I'd like to express my thanks for allowing me to come and speak to everybody in this forum. I've also tried to speak to some of the other members, particularly the Legislative Branch and the Student Assembly as well.

One of the other points I want make while I'm here is, I'm speaking, I'm out of uniform, I know you already spoke to Chief Wiley as well. I'm speaking as the Executive Vice President for the state wide local. I represent all the officers throughout the state and all the investigators as well.

On the top of all those packets you'll see it has a card with my

actual home address and phone number. If there are any questions on what we talk about here, don't hesitate as we're speaking to stick your hand up or somehow let me know that you have a question and I'll try to answer. If something comes up later on, you can bring it to my attention at home.

What I want to speak about is the fact that we as University Police Officers, Department of Public Safety on all the campuses, are attempting to push through the passage of a bill which would change our status from "Peace Officers with police powers" to "Police Officers." One of the most important things I want to point out right now, on the top of this packet I gave you says, "State University of New York University Police Proposal." That was put out from the Vice Chancellor in charge of student affairs. His office put that out. What I'm going to be speaking about is something that myself and the office are looking for. It's also what Vice Chancellor is giving to the board of trustees for their consideration. They sent it out to all the Presidents, and most of the Presidents, with very few exceptions, have endorsed this idea. People here in Albany--just so you know, this idea has been endorsed by both Presidents, Karen Hitchcock being the latest.

What it basically would do--anybody here who's in criminal justice knows there is basically division between peace officers and police officers. I understand that these run very late, so I'm going to cover this as quickly as possible so I don't take up too much of your time. Peace officers are generally those people that are out, say in New York City, writing parking tickets, doing that type of a job. Police officers, in contrast, work more of a law enforcement



role, a role where they intervene in situations where there might be some chance of them getting injured. A peace officer, for instance, can't step in between two people who are arguing, whether it be domestic or just two people who decide they don't like each other, calm that situation down, separate those two people and try to solve the situation, mostly because they're not what's called indemnified. If they get hurt, they're out of a job and for the rest of their life, they don't get any money from the state, they get no pension, they're just out of a job.

That's part of an issue for us with the exception that we are "Peace Officers with police powers." We're somewhere in the middle zone. If you look at the State University of New York Proposal, and you can read it at your leisure afterwards, what Doc McBride, who's Assistant Vice Chancellor who had a lot of the effort into putting this up, he put a lot of history in, so you can look at that and read the history, but, in general, before 1980 all of us on all the campuses were police officers. We served a police function, and again heavily modified for the campus environment. There's not, obviously, a S.W.A.T. team running around on our campus, that type of thing. That's restricted to off-campus activities.

So, in 1980 they changed that, took away the full police powers and made it peace officer. The primary difference there and the differences that we're worried about as uniformed officers doing this job, are, just for example, issues of sexual assault. As peace officers, we cannot investigate that and take evidence into our custody. That's a huge issue. In other words, if somebody is assaulted sexually, even if it included elements of physical assault,

we can't touch that evidence. That impairs our ability to serve the community that we work for, which is all of you. That's a large issue for most of the officers on most of the campuses.

Some of the other things, here at Albany and at most of the campuses, we have an uptown campus, a downtown campus, there's actually properties now in Troy, and they're looking at buying some other properties as well. When we leave this campus to drive down to, say the downtown campus, at that point, we are civilians. We have the same powers that you all have normally walking down the street. This wouldn't be a problem if we were just normally walking down the street, but we're in a marked patrol car with the lights on it, we are in uniform, and we've been stopped a number of times by people asking for help. Often times it's students going back and forth, by other people as well. If an accident happens, we are bound not to assist. As a matter of fact, we addressed this to the Attorney General, I believe it was four years ago, and he made a point of saying that that may be a problem and, "Yes, you may have to worry about those situations," but, "No, you are not allowed to assist anyone in those types of situations."

It goes even further, as a normal citizen walking around, you could help somebody. I certainly would and most people would help someone to the extent that they could. Since we're in uniform, anything we do is "acting under the color of law," which means the minute we try to help that person, the State of New York does not want us to help that person because the State of New York by legal precedent indemnify or would act to assist one of those people in court if something did happen. This means that they've issued an

order to us saying, "You will not take those actions when you're off campus. If you do, then you will be subject to disciplinary action and possibly fired." Usually, it's a suspension for a couple of days if it does happen.

A couple of other things, when it comes to transporting someone, whether it's just transporting a student from the University to the dormitory because of car problems right up to the point of, if someone did commit a crime and we did have to arrest them, we do have to take that person to jail. Again, the minute we go off campus, it's just like us saying to you, "We've got this guy, we arrested him, we can't really take him right now. Could you throw him in the back of your car and drive him down to Albany County Jail?" I wouldn't want to do that if I was off duty, and, in effect, that's what the officers are doing if they do have to transport someone. So there are problems along those lines. That's one of the largest issues.

One of the things that I do want to say that's been a problem for students and everybody else, that if we do get "police powers," we are maintaining our jurisdiction to the campus and the contiguous roadways. Even though we're maintaining that jurisdiction, because of the way the laws empowering police officers of the state are written, we would still be able to assist you at your house. We would still be able to take a person to jail and be covered by the state. So, we'd be able to do these things without increasing our jurisdiction. I'm not sure how you feel about it, but there's been a great deal of worry that we'd be going off campus running radar and that type of thing.

As it stands right now, a police officer, say in the city of

Albany, can drive and can exercise the vast majority of his police officer powers in the line of duty if he goes to Colonie. One of the things he can't do is write what's called a violation, which would be a radar ticket or something along those lines. So that would not be something that we would even be empowered to do if for some insane reason an officer did want to go off campus and do that. There are hundreds and hundreds of police departments throughout the state, and there's been no problems with any of those police officers deciding to go into another police officer's territory and do their job. In general, in my opinion, most of the police officers I work with here and throughout the state, their opinion is that we're undermanned as it is. We would not only not want to do it, but we would object strenuously if we had to go off campus and do the job that the town police, the city police, would be doing.

The other issue that came up was training. Compared to most agencies in the State of New York, our training is vastly superior. We attend the New York State Police Academy for 16 weeks. As a matter of fact, I just got done teaching there. Our training is vastly superior to most, not all, but most. Another issue that people wonder about when we say we want police powers, it wouldn't cost you any more to send us to extra schooling to do it. They wouldn't have to increase tuition to make up for this change in powers. Are there any questions?

Mr. Lako: You said you become private citizens off campus. If you guys have an emergency down on Alumni Quad or Rockefeller College, you guys can't respond to that; is that correct?

Mr. Mull: No, we cannot. The officers that are uptown at the

time would have to go 35 miles an hour, go downtown in that manner obeying traffic laws. That means instead of a two-minute response time, we're talking more six to ten minutes depending on the traffic.

Gina Bonica: I was under the impression that when you're a police officer you were a police officer 24 hours a day, seven days a week; am I right?

Mr. Mull: Yes, that is correct.

Gina Bonica: Are UPD officers police officers?

Mr. Mull: No, they are not.

Gina Bonica: They're not real certified police academy police officers?

Mr. Mull: The training that they put us through is the same training that most police officers go through. There is a little bit more emphasis on dealing with people and a de-emphasis on vehicle and traffic law. New York State Police spends a week dealing with how to write tractor trailers. We don't do that. We spend that week working on dealing with emotionally disturbed persons and that type of thing. When we go off duty though, we are off duty. We are citizens. There's a couple of codicils, for instance, if we observe a felony in our presence and that type of thing. Most police officers, if they observe a felony in their presence, their more typical response would be to notify whatever local police agency does have control in that area. Unless it's a situation where their life or the life of another person is threatened, then I hope that that police officer would do what he could. That's generally where we stand.

We're very ambiguous. We're in the middle, we're half peace, and we're half police. There's a lot of situations that we'll walk into

not knowing exactly where we stand, particularly, half of it's law, half of it's the Attorney General's opinion, half of it's individual campus president's opinion. So that makes it very difficult for us to decide what to do when we're doing it, and that has lead to some lawsuits that have caused officers to--they've always won the lawsuits. When it came to, "Should we have gone out--" They went out in Oswego and assisted the local PD who had a bunch of people that were beating up a couple police officers. The officers saw that, they went off campus, and they assisted those police officers in preventing themselves from being beaten up and in arresting those two people. They wound up having to go to court. Six months later they were indemnified and everything worked out.

Amos Brunson: What exactly are you trying to get across to us? Are you asking us something?

Mr. Mull: What we're doing is, I'm going to all the legislators throughout New York, and I talk to them about getting certain bills passed that we may want. One of the bills is this police officer bill. One of the things that has been uppermost, particularly on the assemblypersons' minds, is how the students feel about it. So, what I'm doing here is, I'm trying to give you information to form that opinion. Obviously, I would prefer if you came down agreeing with myself and the other officers and the president of this university and one of the vice-chancellors feels is correct. That's what I'm here to do, give the information out.

Amos Brunson: What would my opinion then be used for?

Mr. Mull: Well, in this forum, if you could get the information out--I would certainly love for people to call their legislators and

say, "My opinion is for," or even if you have to do it, "My opinion is against" this particular bill. What I would also like to do after I'm done talking here, I want to speak to the legislative branch as well, and try to get some type of referendum from this particular campus and take it to other campuses and then to the statewide Student Assembly and see how they feel. I want to try to get the consensus of opinion throughout the state and bring that to the legislature. It's very important to them. They honestly, whether you believe it or not, do truly care what the students feel. That's the most common remark that I've gotten from the legislators.

Chairman Schwab: Just to address what you said, typically what we would probably do is a resolution supporting this and then put it up for a vote. If it went for acclimation, it would show that student representatives from across the campus were in support. Next on the list I have Maria.

Maria Perez: My question is on the detention of students or perpetrators or violators with bench warrants, where are you going to detain the people you're taking into custody?

Mr. Mull: Generally what happens is whenever we arrest someone, 95 percent of the time we release them on their own recognizance, ROR. They go on their way. We tell them when they should return to the court to speak to the judge, at which time the judge will decide how he's going to proceed. If it's an offense we believe we shouldn't release this person for, whether we feel they will go out and be a danger to someone else or we feel that they're at risk of escape, then we would transport them down to Albany County Jail. 9:00 the next morning the Albany County officials would take them to court, and we

would also show up in court to discuss it in front of the judge. That's common regardless of whether we're peace or police officers. The only difference is, with us moving that person from campus to the jail, we would be regular citizens. One of the things about bench warrants, we can't act on it, actually most warrants. If you've seen a warrant, what it says is, "Judge so and so of such and such court, such and such a district empowers any 'police officer' to act on this warrant." The problem that we run into is that even when we apply for warrants, they usually issue it in form saying, "any police officer," which technically means that we can't act on that own warrant that we just asked for. It has to be a police officer, not a peace officer. Most of the judges have been very lenient in that regard. There are some campuses that have had numerous problems with that. The most common arrest is someone who already has a warrant. If the warrant is issued to a police officer, technically we can't act on it. Again, there are certain campuses that have been empowered to do that by the sheriff's office or the judge has given permission to act on all such warrants. That's not a very strong legal point to act on, considering the state law says otherwise.

Gregory Wahl: I was just curious as to who the senate and senate sponsor of this bill was?

Mr. Mull: Every two years the bill has to be re-introduced. We're going to re-introduce it next year. I don't remember the initial sponsors, that was six years ago. At this point, when they print up the bill, they're only putting two or three sponsors on it. We've got so many that they filled up the lines and can't put any more on. We also are making changes this year to limit it just to



campuses, contiguous roadways, to come in line with what SUNY has proposed and what they would rather see.

Marc Alessi: What kind of additional costs do you anticipate?

Mr. Mull: I believe the second page you see is what we generally give to legislators to say that we support it, and we'd like you to support it too. If you look down at the bottom, you'll see where it says that there is no fiscal note attached to this bill. That means that the cost according to the budgetary people who judge that say that it's zero, it does not merit a fiscal note. In truth, you'll probably wind up sending officers to training which would probably be mostly overtime, for three days to a week. I discussed it with Doc McBride, who is the SUNY central management head of all our departments, and in his opinion, three to five days, just bring you in re-emphasize the differences between peace and police and what you're now allowed to do, the limits of the power now that you are police officers. It would probably entail two or three hours of overtime per officer, which is probably an additional--we have 436 officers throughout the state--about \$80 per officer. Again, that's just a guess.

Joe McKowski: My question pertains to how much power do you have to search?

Mr. Mull: That's actually a power that will change either way. The power we have is the same as any peace or police officer throughout the state has, although certain peace officers are barred from exercising it. Excuse me--that's a point where we're in the middle. No peace officer can execute a search warrant. When we walk into a room, can we search it? That depends on if we would be able

to articulate later in court, reasonable cause to believe that contraband or an illegal item was in that room. That's what we must be able to articulate. If it's something that we cannot justify that the item could be moved easily if we left or could be destroyed easily if we left, then we would have to go get a warrant and come back. If we could stand up and say, "I believe that I had to search at this point in time because it was easily removed and/or easily destroyed and this was my reasonable cause to believe that it was there," then we can search. Otherwise we need a search warrant.

Dina Delicee: It sounds to me like this would be very beneficial for them to become police officers. Just to get an idea of the opposing side, why would we vote against this? In what ways would it not be beneficial to us?

Mr. Mull: The primary reason people are not so much voting against it because it hasn't gotten to the floor, but they haven't supported it, number one, because it's change. They don't believe that that would be a correct thing to do if they don't want change. In New York State there has traditionally been a perceived view that on campuses we didn't need police officers. Some people still hold to that view. There are a number of people that are in positions of power on campuses throughout the state who went through the Kent State era, and they have a gross distrust of governmental agencies in general, but particularly with agencies exercising police powers.

One of the things that I would like to mention, and I hope everybody here would be aware of it, is at Kent State for example, it was the National Guard who went in and it was a bunch of watchdogs at Kent State that said, "No, wait a minute, we can go talk to them and

everything will be fine." The National Guard said, "No, it's our show, get out of the way." That probably is the biggest argument against it, is that they don't want police on campus. They feel it would be viewed negatively if people saw the police on campus. That's the biggest argument that I've come across. There are some people that feel we would abuse the powers if we got them. I don't feel we would. Our training far exceeds-- not only our requirements when we're in the academy, but just to get to the academy--our training far exceeds what most departments in New York State have. The State Police just went to a minimum of 60 hours three or four years ago. We've had it for 20 years, we've had to have a minimum of 60 college credits. The primary argument is people don't want to see the police on campus.

Samantha Hiotakis: My question is in regards to what you stated before. If a woman called and said she was sexually harassed or even worse, sexually assaulted, in other words, if there was full abuse going on, if this bill went through and you were a state university police officer, would you be able to go to the person's room and talk to them and go through the proper steps, or would you still have to call the Albany Police to do something about it?

Mr. Mull: This is something that happened two different times when I was at Stonybrook is, there was a sexual assault case, we went to the area, we got some victim advocates to come in and speak to the woman involved. We did everything we could getting her the medical attention, anything that she wanted. The problem was that we couldn't collect any evidence, which means we couldn't proceed with that case, which means we did have to call in the police, she had to go through

the entire event again with them, describing the event, and then they started taking evidence. If we did get police powers, then we would be able to collect the evidence. We'd be able to go through that whole process locally here, rather than having to repeat the process with another agency.

Samantha Hiotakis: So as of now, if something were to happen on this campus, the individual would have to go through the process twice?

Mr. Mull: Right. We would do everything we could to help them, get them as much assistance as possible, but when it came to collecting evidence and putting a court case together, they would again have to speak to the Albany or Guilderland Police Department.

Stephanie Reich: My question is for off-campus students. How would the UPD affect us in that if we got caught doing something by UPD, would we get brought up on administration charges?

Mr. Mull: Every incident that we're involved in we do have to file a report. When it comes to off-campus, there is a couple of issues. The city of Albany has long looked for joint patrols in the off-campus housing. Would everything be reported that we did off campus? Yes, it all would be. As it stands right now, campus judicial, under their by-laws, can bring people in for offenses or incidents that they have committed off campus, and they have done that in the past. That wouldn't change with the exception that we'd be out there a little bit more.

On the other side of the coin, it happened before I came here so I have a reason to not pursue it. I heard about it. One of the incidents that they told me about here is there were two individuals

driving a car. They drove past one of the detectives that was working here who's now retired and three Albany Police officers were sitting and talking. As they drove past, they said something that the Albany Police officers took as derogatory. The Albany Police officers ran after them. The people had stopped at a stop sign. They reached in and yanked the driver out of the car. The passenger had gotten out. They slammed both of them up against the car and went through all their pockets, gave them a hassle and then let them go on their way.

I might add that the students involved didn't say a word. No complaint was ever filed with Albany Police or with us. If something like that happened here on campus involving our officers, there would be, and rightly so, a very large investigation and Chief Wiley would do all he could to get rid of those officers. That's another difference you'd see if we were responding off-campus.

Craig Fetterman: I just have two things. I'm not sure if you mentioned it yet or not, are there financial implications whereas salaries would be going up, and if so, is that part of the university budget, or is that paid by the state separately?

Mr. Mull: There are a number of other bills under consideration which we are not pushing at this point in time because they have fiscal notes attached to them. Those are a retirement bill and a disability bill for officers injured on the job. They will be pushed in the future, but at this point in time because of the budgetary constraints, we know they're not going to go anywhere, so we're not pushing them.

The other issue is what's called a reallocation. That would be

an upgrade, so instead of State Grade 12, we would move up to a higher grade, which would increase our pay. That has been on the books, it's been argued. It's not legislative work. That's been five years now. SUNY is pressing for that actually. We're not doing a lot of work for that, SUNY is trying to get that for us. Would that come out of individual SUNY budgets? At this point, yes.

Some of the other things we're looking toward is removing the budgetary stuff for the individual university police departments from local campuses and making SUNY Central pay for the whole thing, which is what we'd prefer to do.

Craig Fetterman: If this went through and you did become a regular police officer, would the police chief at the university police department still be--who would that person answer to, someone from the State Police?

Mr. Mull: He would still be management confidential, answerable to the President of each university. Just to go back to the point, "No, the bill itself would not cost anything extra for local universities, but the chief of police would still be management confidential serving at the pleasure of the university presidents or the college presidents." There is a big argument with that as well, but if you were the President, would you say, "No, that's okay, take my power, take that authority out of my hands"? Presidents are very vehement about maintaining that control.

Bridget Bergen: I just have a question regarding one of the amendments, Section 140.50. I'm assuming this is something new because it says "the powers of stop and frisk, when someone is about to commit a crime." I'm just curious, what would be your grounds for

just stopping someone and frisking someone, and how would you determine they were about to commit a crime? Is this something if you were a police officer and you saw someone in travel between the two campuses, would this be something that was just off-campus or on-campus?

Mr. Mull: That, in particular, would be on-campus only. If you could articulate in court why you thought someone was going to commit a felony, if you saw a gun sticking out of his coat, then yes, an officer could stop and frisk that person to remove what he perceived to be a firearm. Most of the powers that we would get would be, by campus policy, restricted in their use off campus.

For us, it would primarily be a case of us driving down the road going from uptown to downtown and we see somebody hit someone a couple times, take a pocketbook and take off down the road. At that point, we're right there, we saw it happen, we would be able to take some action if this passes. As it stands now, we wouldn't. We'd be able to call Albany and have Albany respond. We couldn't chase the person, we couldn't get the pocketbook back. We might be able to comfort the individual who just had their purse taken, that's about it. With regard to stop and frisk, we can exercise that power now. I don't know of it being used on this campus, but it was used at Stoneybrook under the bonus of doing what we have to do to promote the health, welfare, and safety of the campus community. But that's a very limited thing.

Ashwani Prabhakar: If you were to get into an altercation and get injured, you wouldn't have the same benefits as a police officer because you weren't supposed to get into the altercation, that action

wouldn't be supported by the state of New York, is that what you're saying?

Mr. Mull: Right.

Ashwani Prabhakar: That I'm clear on. The University of Albany publishes a crime blotter every week in the newspaper. I read that, and I haven't seen one serious crime committed yet. Most of them are harassing phone calls, stolen radios. The point I don't think that you've addressed is why the students at the University of Albany need to be policed.

Mr. Mull: I guess I haven't specifically stated why that was. Things like investigating sexual assaults, we can't do it now, we could do it then. Issues where transporting people off campus, if and when they do try to get away from us, we can't do much about it now, we could do something about it if we did have those powers. If something happened to you off campus and you called us to request our assistance, we would be able to assist you then, we can't do anything to assist you now. Again, 95-99% of all "police work" is not law enforcement. It's service-related. Are we going to investigate a lot more murders? No. Hopefully there won't be any for us to investigate. But we will be able to extend our assistance to students off campus and to students on campus in areas that we hadn't been able to up until now. In Colorado there were two students killed on campus, at Penn State a week before that another person was killed, and I think two days ago at a community college in California there was a father who came in and took his wife and daughter hostage on campus and wound up shooting himself and both of them. There is a lot happening on the campuses. We shouldn't wait until something serious



happens.

Ashwani Prabhakar: I'm not really saying we should wait. You've got the power to detain, don't you? Say someone does attack another person, as a peace officer, you don't watch them run away, you detain them, if possible?

Mr. Mull: As it stands now, yes.

Ashwani Prabhakar: In the case of the sexual assault of someone, it doesn't seem as if it would make the process much easier if you could do it.

Mr. Mull: In specific sexual assaults for the victim, it makes it a lot more traumatic when you call the police department that services your area, they come, you tell them what happened, they do what they can for you but they tell you that you've got to repeat that whole thing to another law enforcement agency.

Ashwani Prabhakar: If you call APD, would the case also be referred to UPD?

Mr. Mull: If you called APD first, they would refer you to us, yes.

Ashwani Prabhakar: So it would have to be done with both?

Mr. Mull: Yes. And then what we would do is gather what we could and then call Albany Police Department. The agreement by campuses is that they won't come on here, and they will not enforce the law on this campus. We do it, and they step in when they have to.

Ashwani Prabhakar: As it is right now, students who have negative interactions with the University Police Department, alcohol and drug related cases, would they be arrested if this legislation was passed?

Mr. Mull: In the dorms on campus, the same exact thing we've been doing now is what we would do then. Our authority to enforce drug and alcohol violations would remain identical, would not change.

Any more questions? (No response.) Thank you very much.

Chairman Schwab: I had a request earlier today from a graduate student, her name is Debbie Syarez. She would like to address council on the current status of the busing issue at the university. I'm going to ask for your undivided attention. There's been a lot of ruffling and side conversations; so if I see that from now on, I'm going to call you on it.

Debbie Syarez: Thank you. This is the first time that I've come to one of your meetings, so I don't know your formal procedures, including that I shouldn't be sitting at the table. I didn't know that, thanks for not mentioning it in front of everyone else. I am a graduate student, and I've come here for three reasons. One, is to share concerns that graduate students have about the bus service. Two, is to find out from you what the undergraduates are feeling about the bus service this semester. Finally, to talk about possibilities of the graduate students and the undergraduate students organizing to address the bus situation.

In case you're not aware of "the bus situation," specifically, what I'm speaking about is the reduction of buses on and off campus, particularly in the evening.

I've been here--this is my third year--so I've seen a change happen over time. Last year we had the SUNY buses reduced on the weekends and CDTA picked up from there. This year what we have is no

longer the SUNY buses in the evening and the weekends and we have CDTA picking up. What's happened is that we have buses that are coming every half an hour, at least in the evening, between the hours of about 7:30 to approximately 10:30, at least a half-an-hour wait. For those of you who use the number 10, there is at least a 40-minute wait. We used to have buses come by every 15 minutes.

This is a real serious concern for graduate students because we do most of our travelling to and from campus at night. We're working during the day, taking our classes at night, and once classes are over, we're working in the library and such. I'm imagining this is a problem for undergraduates as well, travelling to and from the uptown campus and the downtown campus.

I just wanted to come here to raise this issue, to let you know that graduate students are talking about this, and talking about putting together a petition to see if we can have this situation changed. What we would like is more frequent buses, particularly in the evenings, and we'd also like to have all of the buses that come on campus to access all of the bus stops. That's another important point. For example, the social science bus stop is no longer accessed in the evenings. The social science bus stop is the one by the health center, the one right across from public safety, essentially one of the most safest bus stops, and that's not accessed at all in the evenings. If you want to take the number 10 downtown or uptown, you have to walk from campus over to the RAC. The number 10 does not stop at the SUNY circle.

What SASU has done, which I would like to pass around to you, is come up with a fact sheet. It's a draft. It's tentative. There are

approximations there in terms of the times, but the point is made that the buses are infrequent, that it's causing a safety hazard, particularly for women, and persons who are differently abled. I'm asking if you could possibly talk to your constituents, find out what problems they've experienced, find out what changes they would want.

The other thing I want to talk about is that I've been hearing that certain student groups are doing things to address this. For example, I understand the Student Action Committee is going to be going to the Transportation Committee meeting, which is tomorrow. I came here as much to give information as to get information. I really don't know what a lot of the student groups are doing. I really don't know what the procedure is. Can anybody start talking?

Chairman Schwab: Yes. If anybody has something to add, go ahead.

Larry Kauffman: They're actually going to the meeting?

Debbie Syarez: What I understand is that there is a Transportation Committee meeting tomorrow at 3:30 at campus center 375.

Larry Kauffman: Is it going to be like a protest or something?

Debbie Syarez: I think protest might be a strong word--just to go there and voice student concerns. The Transportation Committee, maybe you know already, is responsible for making these kinds of decisions.

Chairman Schwab: Just some information for you, it is an advisory committee. It has a strong capacity to advise, but it's an advisory committee to the vice president for finance and business who works with respective assistant vice president to making final

decisions. Obviously, they have representatives from all of the offices on campus, and they make strong advisements.

Debbie Syarez: So that's the appropriate place?

Chairman Schwab: Exactly.

Debbie Syarez: Is there another or more appropriate place?

Chairman Schwab: No. I'd say if you were unsuccessful there, then directly the vice president of finance and business.

Larry Kauffman: Maybe we could all go to President Hitchcock and address our concern?

Debbie Syarez: Well, that's exactly why I'm here, to raise the issue, but I'm not an undergraduate, and this is where you guys take over. This is where you have to brainstorm. Are there any other issues that you'd like to raise?

Chairman Schwab: I just want to reiterate the fact that you guys have representatives, whether or not you have a car, this affects everybody, especially off campus students or freshman who aren't allowed to have cars. I think a major issue for a lot of people is the number 10 bus, which goes down Western Ave. There's a great majority of people who live on Western Ave. and in that area who can't get there unless they go down to the RAC. The RAC is so isolated at night. That is correct, that the number 10 only goes to the RAC, right?

Debbie Syarez: Yes, the number 10 only goes to the RAC. In addition to that, there is no direct pathway between campus and the RAC. In other words, in order to get there, you have to walk through an unlit field. I don't know how somebody in a wheelchair would do that.

Joe Marcowski: I would just like to say that I believe it's a very important issue, and you should support this because it is a safety issue. I live on campus, but I'm going to the transportation meeting tomorrow and say that this is an issue that concerns students and it affects safety. I hope that people will go tomorrow and tell the transportation committee, which may only be an advisory committee, but that we believe this is an important issue that should be changed.

Chairman Schwab: Absolutely. Thanks, Joe.

Larry Kauffman: I move to form an emergency committee to discuss the issue.

Chairman Schwab: Do I have a second? Seconded by Ashwani. I just had a request from Larry. He wants to form an emergency committee to look into this issue. Larry, would you like to chair that committee?

Larry Kauffman: Far be it from me to suggest myself, but perhaps council could select someone.

Chairman Schwab: What I would say at this time is I think that the Student Action Committee, and, Dori, you can address this, Dori Travieso is Student Action Chairwoman and we referred this to her even before today's meeting.

The issue of the buses was something that both Neil and I were concerned with. I spoke with both Dori and Jen, who is the vice chair and Gina and Jose, members of the committee, could probably attest to the fact that they have looked into these things. Obviously, they have told Debbie that they were going to go to the meeting. Are you comfortable with leaving this issue with your committee, or would you

want to form an emergency committee to look at this?

Jose Socorro: Anyone is welcome. The more people we have, the better we'll be.

Larry Kauffman: Perhaps I could withdraw that. Perhaps we could form an emergency subcommittee of said committee?

Chairman Schwab: Okay. That's a good idea. So Larry will withdraw his motion to form an emergency committee and instead, Dori, what you could do is form an emergency subcommittee to look into the issues of the buses. I'm sure if anybody is interested in this--we're not laughing at this because it's an issue, we're just laughing because it's Larry Kauffman--I think everyone here can agree--Larry, why don't you call for an informal vote on this issue in support of this initiative?

Larry Kauffman makes a motion for unanimous consent, seconded by Gina Bonica. No objections.

Chairman Schwab: Again, I'll ask Dori and members of her committee to keep in mind that this issue did come up this evening, and that it's a concern for all of us. Does anybody have anything they want to add? Ashwani?

Ashwani Prabhakar: You've probably been discussing this with some students, what do they feel should be the interval time between the buses, or do they just want the SUNY buses running instead of CDTA?

Debbie Syarez: That's a good question. From the people that have so far been talking about it, it doesn't matter really whether it's SUNY or whether it's CDTA. What matters is that safety is

addressed and accessibility is addressed, and how it's addressed doesn't really matter. What we would like is a bus running every 15 minutes in the evenings and all of the stops on campus being accessed, going all the way downtown below the plaza. That's another problem, students who have to work or they have classes downtown have to walk across the Empire Plaza to get to the stop at night. Some of the undergraduates have asked for increased service on the weekends to get to the malls, for example.

Chairman Schwab: I just want to reiterate, strength is in numbers, so if you guys are concerned about this issue, I would suggest attending tomorrow's meeting at 3:30 in 375. I'm a member of the committee, Mike is as well, and there is a couple of other students who are members. Anybody who comes can voice their concerns, and then they take formal votes of the members.

Point of Inquiry

Larry Kauffman: How would we, within Robert's Rules of Order, offer our own counter proposal to whatever the administration might have? For example, as we said, the number 10 just goes up and down Western Ave. and number 12 just goes up Washington. None of them stops where you said. Maybe we could offer a counter proposal, half-seriously, but if we could get it, so much the better, that the number 11 that would just circle the entire campus constantly all day long.

Chairman Schwab: That's a good idea. That's something we could do outside of council, I would guess. Maybe present that to the Transportation Committee. Actually, people do bring proposals to them on a constant basis, and they look at those.



Debbie Syarez: I have a question that I would like to ask. In your opinion, how possible is it to have this bus schedule changed?

Chairman Schwab: For those of you who have never been to the meetings, I think they're a lot of fun to go to because the people take transportation and busing very seriously. It's the bible to them. I went for a proposal to add a bus stop this summer. Several students had petitioned me as a member to ask for that. I had to plead and beg for two meetings in a row for these people to even look at it. They're just now looking at it. And that was to add a bus stop to the University bus system, not even CDTA. So, it's a process, but I can only say that I as an individual did that. None of the people who signed the petition showed up. But if we can get as many people as possible to go to the meeting, then I would say they would look at the issue a lot more strongly. They're highly intimidated when they see students. If you could show up, it would help a lot.

Jose Socorro: This is addressed to the speaker. I got in touch with the director of transportation, J.J. Haywood.

Chairman Schwab: She's not the director of transportation, she's the chair of the Transportation committee. Art Bert directs the busing system, but J.J. oversees it.

Jose Socorro: In any case, she was the one that I spoke to and her number is 442-3416. She was very helpful to me. Aside from being part of Student Action, I'm an Alumni Quad representative and almost all of my constituents that don't have cars use the bus line to get to campus. When I spoke to her about the morning bus schedules which were very, very bad--there was one bus line between 9 and 10 for a 10:10 class--I expressed my concern to her, and she responded

immediately. Now there is a 9:45 and a 9:50 bus, which is very convenient.

Debbie Syarez: Okay. So, I'm hearing that your point is that they are listening, and that if we express our concerns, they'll respond.

Jose Socorro: They are listening, but they're not mind-readers. That means all of us that have a problem have to come out and voice our opinions.

Maria Perez: I have two questions. I live off campus, and I have the same bus problems that most off-campus people do. My question is: Is the graduate student organization going to work with the Student Action Committee and the undergrads? Are you coming to the meetings and things like that?

Debbie Syarez: To my knowledge, the graduate students are working on their own. I think I may be one of the few people who is actually going to both meetings.

Larry Kauffman: This is the GSO proposal or GSEU?

Debbie Syarez: Actually, both.

Larry Kauffman: What would they say to, let's say, a joint emergency mass meeting for all students on campus? Maybe we could hold it to enlighten all the students.

Debbie Syarez: I don't know. You can call and ask them. I think they'd like coalition. If I could just leave you with one thought, it would be that the way that the bus schedule has changed really affects everyone, no matter who you are on campus. Again, it's a safety issue, and I really appreciate you giving me your time. Thanks very much.

Chairman Schwab: We're going to go into committee reports. Neil and I are going to save our opening remarks for the end, so they'll be closing remarks.

Academic Affairs

Gregory Wahl: Hi, my name is Greg Wahl. For anyone who doesn't know, I'm from State Quad. Basically, for the past two weeks we haven't had a formal meeting because our committee only consists of two people right now. This year I have been trying to find out what the basis of our committee is supposed to be this year. We are going to be working toward what S.A.'s basic policy is, which is proactivity.

I personally would like to see ourselves and S.A. as a whole, this year, working proactively to help stop things that happened this summer, such as the closing of the German department and the physical education department. I think that by working proactively, by going through administration like it says in our by-laws, we should be able to play an active part in the administration's process for making any great big decisions about academics.

I've been trying to meet with the new assistant undergraduate dean. Our work schedules are exactly the same, so my assistant Ted will be working on that.

I was talking about the physical education classes, and Mike can correct me if I'm wrong, about how the women felt about the women's self-defense class that had been moved to education. I also found out that a few of the dance classes had been moved to theater, so I'm kind of slowly getting some of this stuff.

This Sunday at 8:30 on downtown campus, the Rockefeller college

will be hosting a large meeting for the Presidential debate. It's supposed to go from 9:00 to 10:30. Before at 8:30 and maybe from 10:30 to 11, there is going to be people discussing what people's thoughts are on the debate. It's in 200 Miln Hall, which is on the downtown campus. They want everyone to get there by 8:30, because of the security at the door. I guess that security is going to be off at 8:30, so they won't be able to have the doors open after that.

The last thing that I wanted to mention is that this is the last week that you can register to vote. If you haven't registered to vote, you better do it. If you registered at home and you still haven't filled out an application for your absentee ballot, October 11 is the last day to have the application into your county board elections. Thank you.

Marc Alessi: I just had a question about those two programs being cut. Who decides what programs get cut, and are we represented on the committees?

Gregory Wahl: I honestly don't know about this summer. I would assume that Damien and Mike were in on a lot of it.

Chairman Schwab: There's a committee called ELRRAC, Economic Long Range Resource Allocation Committee. That's the committee that looks in and decides long-range finance and education goals for the university. They make those decisions. Mike is on that committee as well. Eric Brilnan is the student that represents on that committee, he's a former vice chair. I believe that particular decision was made, and Mike's not here, when they were both in absence of that meeting. Something that you might look at as typical or coincidence, I don't know, but that's what happened. Kamau Blount: Yes. This

is totally off this topic that you're talking about, but I was wondering if you have a lot of residents/constituents who are interested in majoring in international business, would it be possible to look into the establishment of a major for that?

Gregory Wahl: Is there a minor program for that right now? I would say that I will write that down and we will look into it. I hate to be pessimistic, but from the way that SUNY has been going-- everyone is downsizing. That's the happy word today. I will look into it and get back to you.

Larry Kauffman: I don't know if I'm allowed to, but I had a question for the Chairman of Internal Affairs regarding international business as a major?

Chairman Schwab: Go ahead.

Larry Kauffman: Would there be a major interest in the minor? Is there enough interest on campus?

Kamau Blount: Yes. Well, I know they're looking to get a major established because that's what they would want to do. However, I understand that the best step would probably be to establish a minor first.

Chairman Schwab: Business is a high point here so it's something worth looking into.

Point of information

Omar Price: On the issue of establishing business, as far as making it a major, that would have to go the chairman of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy and Undergraduate Academic Council.

Gregory Wahl: I just wanted to mention one more thing. If you look ahead to 9697-26, I just wanted to say that for those of you who

might be thinking that section 1100 being eliminated would hurt Academic Affairs, it really won't. It's a redundant piece of policy, so when that does come up, don't worry about it affecting Academic Affairs at all. Thanks.

Chairman Schwab: I'm going to break what it says in the agenda and let Chairman Fetterman go first with his Finance Committee Report. He has to leave for a few minutes. This will be the only meeting where he does that.

Finance Committee

Craig Fetterman: I'm Craig Fetterman, a representative for off-campus Central Council. I'm also the Chair of the Finance Committee. Johanna is my vice chair.

First thing, University Cinemas, as I reported to council two weeks ago, met with FiCom to discuss their finances. You'll remember they had a chargeback which left them with only \$2,000 to work with. They did a proposal, just a first draft, of what they'd like to do. To sum it up, they're basically just going to show a few movies this semester, about five to seven movies, and they're going to aim for cosponsorship. They're going to ask a different group for each movie to cosponsor it with them. They'll ask the group to help them with the preparation, the promotions, etc. of the movie and will, therefore, share in the revenue that is generated. They hope that this will help them out because it will take some of the burden off of University Cinemas.

We still have to meet with them over this, so there are some things that have to be cleared up before we present this proposal to Central Council to be looked at. They still didn't take any money

away for what they had budgeted for the projectionist. We think that they're paying too much for a projectionist.

Point of information

Jason Kass: They met with me, and they're taking all their money out of the projectionist line. They're not going to be paying a projectionist.

Craig Fetterman: We still have to meet with them to finalize it before we present it to Central Council.

Another thing, a few people have come to me over the past week asking about supplemental funding. Just to clarify something, supplemental funding is for emergencies only as it is stated in policy, "It's for emergencies only for previously budgeted functions that beyond the control of the group, the costs have increased." This is not a means to overspend a group's budget. This is not if they want to all of a sudden do an additional activity. This is only where, if they were budgeted for an activity, due to circumstances beyond their control, the costs have gone up. Just relay that to different groups because that is something that we're going to follow pretty strictly this year.

Chairman Schwab: For new members who are unaware of supplemental funding, what the Finance Committee does at their Monday night meeting is groups can come before them and ask for additional funding. We have an account called supplemental funding, it has about \$8,000 in it and groups that need more money for an event that they're already budgeted for can ask for that. If they decide to pass it, it then comes to Council, and we'll make the final decision whether or not they get more money. Craig is stressing the fact that that's for

emergencies only.

Craig Fetterman: The only other thing, Finance Committee meets on Monday nights. Our location will be posted, we're trying to move it from the back of S.A. to a different place where we can accommodate more people because last time we were a little bit cramped. We didn't meet this past week because there was no Central Council meeting the previous Wednesday. There was nothing on the agenda, nothing referred to us.

Instead, some people got together and we discussed our amendments to 300 policy. There was a section within 300 Policy where each committee sets down some of their by-laws. Chairman Schwab has requested each committee review their by-laws and make amendments to that, so we're in the process of doing that. That will be presented to Central Council when the entire 300 Policy revisions are completed. Any questions? (No response.)

Chairman Schwab: Thanks, Craig. Up next is Internal Affairs.

Internal Affairs

Kamau Blount: I just wanted to start out by welcoming and congratulating all of the new faces that we have here. I'm looking forward to this year. There's a lot of people here. I think that this year can be as good as we make it or as bad as we make it depending on how much time and effort you guys put into this.

First of all, I just want to give a little overview of our committee. Basically, what we do in Internal Affairs is look over policy, make changes that are necessary to be made, and there's a lot of changes that have to be made in policy. Also, we regulate and oversee all of the internal workings of the Student Association.



Point of information

Larry Kauffman: I believe Internal Affairs is also in charge of investigations, impeachments, whether successful or not, and other such--are they not?

Chairman Schwab: Larry, I'm going to ask you to wait until he is done. He wasn't completed. Go ahead, Kamau.

Kamau Blount: As a fellow councilmember has stated, part of our job is to do investigations and, if necessary, impeachment. We also interview people for various positions. I don't want to get too technical. That's just a basic overview of some of the things that we do. 300 Policy is complete, as of now. You guys will be seeing that as soon as all the revisions are done. We also worked on one of the policies. That policy change will be coming up tonight.

One thing that we want to do this year is take a very proactive stance. We really want to go into changing policy because there is a lot of redundancies. There is a lot of things that are outdated that really need to be taken out. Right now we're interested in setting up an ad hoc committee in regard to making changes in 1000 Policy. So anyone who is interested in joining that committee, they can speak to Valerie Vazquez, she'll be heading that ad hoc committee. Affirmative Action Policy also deals with a high range of various positions. There is a lot of ambiguity in the way that a lot of those people are hired, and we basically want to bring everything together. So speak to Valerie and let her know about that.

We have a meeting next Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the back of Student Association. Anybody who is interested in attending, by all means, attend. Any questions? (No response.)

Chairman Schwab: Thanks, Kamau. Next on the agenda is Student Action. While Dori makes her way to the podium, I just want to make sure you guys are listening to the descriptions of the committees and what they do. Keep that in mind, and then by the end of tonight, we'll need those interest sheets for new members and what committee you want to be on. We're going to bring the bill up next week for your assignments.

Student Action

Dori Travieso: Hi. My name is Dori Travieso, I'm the Student Action Chair. Student Action is a little bit different this year. There has always been Student Community and Student Action in policy, but Student Community never really did anything, so what we did this year was we combined the two. We're going to work more closely with our student community on this campus as well as issues that affect students nationally.

I don't know if anybody noticed, but we worked on recycling bins, and they're in the lecture centers now, so that's good. We're talking to Mike about Dippikill governance board, we're going to get into that. We're definitely going to this meeting tomorrow about the buses. I went to the SASU meeting and spoke on that. Not only buses, there are a lot of other issues that have to do with transportation. We have a lot of questions about what's going on with the meters, parking lots with the lottery systems and all that. If you guys have any questions, I'd really like you to please address them to me so that I can know. If you can meet with me after this meeting so I can have a basis on what I should speak about tomorrow--The meeting is at 3:30, so everybody just show your face to show that you're in support

of what we all have to say.

We are trying to get on the lighting survey. We have to meet with the president of the task force, Lisa Donahue, to try to get on the lighting surveys. If anybody has concerns about poor lighting, let us know. We're going to try to get a suggestion box so that students can voice their concerns. We haven't decided how we're going to work that. We don't know if a questionnaire would be better or a suggestion box. We want to hear from the students, and we're not sure how to do that, so if anybody has suggestions or ideas on how we can get more student input, please let me know.

Our meetings are Tuesdays at 4:00 in back of the S.A. I don't have anything else to say. My co-chair is Jen Hird, she couldn't be here today. Gina and Jose are active members.

Chairman Schwab: Does anyone have any questions? Larry Kauffman?

Larry Kauffman: Do we keep track of how much money we get in from cans?

Dori Travieso: Not that I know of.

Chairman Schwab: The school?

Larry Kauffman: The Student Association pursuant to Section 275 and 280 of policy.

Chairman Schwab: I'm sorry, you mean our recycling bins within S.A.?

Larry Kauffman: Yes, within S.A., not just in the lecture centers. Only because I know you traditionally take it to a Shop 'N Save and put it in the machine, you get a receipt, and then you get cash. I'm wondering where all this cash is going. I know the piles

of cans don't exist. Perhaps we should investigate.

Chairman Schwab: I'll ask you to hold that question until the Vice President makes his report and ask him what he does with the recycling.

Larry Kauffman: Okay, I will, but I would like to say right now that we're losing interest for every day that goes by for each five cents that isn't in our account.

Chairman Schwab: Good point. Amos Bronson?

Amos Bronson: I just wanted to reply to Dori's request about how we could get student input. What about setting up advertisement on the University channel, and setting up an extension and having voice mail where the students can call up and leave a message on what they want to have done?

Dori Travieso: That's a good idea, thank you, Amos. We have a lot of other things on the way. Ethics policy, also, we're starting to call schools and get ideas on how to start working with that. We're doing a lot. We really want to see a lot of new members, and congratulations to everybody.

Ashish Prabhakar: The ethics policy, what do you conceive, generally, it's going to be about?

Dori Travieso: Right now we have nothing. That's why we are calling other schools. We have no clue. This week we're working on getting their policies faxed to us, so next week I can answer your question.

Chairman Schwab: I actually asked them to look at this partly because most schools have this. It's a code of conduct for officials or officers. They're in the preliminary stages, and again, I really

think that we need to congratulate the Student Action Committee. Council has only been convened for a couple of weeks now, and they're definitive of the kinds of things we want to see this council doing. I think it's great. Thanks, Dori.

The next report is Marc Alessi, Intercollegiate Athletics. Before he gets up here, we threw this appointment on him, so we haven't had a lot of time to sit down with Marc and define his committee, and he's done a good job looking into policy and thinking of things he wants to do. Marc has been doing a great job, too.

#### Intercollegiate Athletics

Marc Alessi: I'd like to first introduce the committee, IAC, Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. It's a liaison between the athletics director of the school and Central Council, and it works with ACIA to work out all the programs. I thank council for being lenient, like I asked two weeks ago, because of my schedule. As Steve knows, I've been in his office the past few days to try to tackle my position.

What I accomplished was a letter out to all the quad boards suggesting that they form quad-wide teams to participate in intramural sports. Also, to the head of each department to ask all the grad students and T.A.s could form their own team for each department for each sport as a stress reliever.

Other than that, we're working on getting nets down by Indian, and getting all the intramurals on channel 2 news.

Chairman Schwab: Any questions of Marc? (No response.) I'll just put out there that Intercollegiate is in need of a vice-chair. I'm just making that public.

Marc Alessi: If anybody has any suggestions, our meetings are Monday nights at 8:00 in the S.A. lounge. Thanks.

Executive Report

Mike Castrilli: I want to congratulate all the new councilmembers. I don't know everyone, but I welcome you to council. I hope that we have a good year. I invite you, if you have any questions, to come down to the office and just talk. I do have open office hours.

Obviously, today has been a terrible day due to this tragedy that happened. However, it is now time to focus on what we need to do as an organization to help those students.

On the issue of transportation, I will be at the meeting tomorrow, and I will be giving my position on it. My position is very simple on this issue. We pay a lot of money to the transportation fee, and we will get the service that we want. Unless they talk about a fee decrease, then they don't have anything to say. We had a severe increase last year over this, and they told me when I was at the meeting that service would remain at what we had presently. That's why they decided on the fee. So, I'm going to make sure that they do that, and I'm glad Dori and the committee will be there, and I'm ready to get up and tell them that I don't agree.

Some good things that have happened: As many of you know, Albany is now 4-0, which is great. I congratulate all the athletic teams. Albany athletics is on a new step. I had the opportunity to travel with the football team, they were a class act. They're a great group. One of the things that we are looking to and we talked about in the campaign last year, was Division I athletics. Landslide was one of

those people that instituted a lot of this stuff. What we're going to do is follow that through and make Division I happen this year.

How we make the move for Division I? It takes two years and then we are at Division I. I just read that U.B. will be playing Syracuse next week, which is pretty neat. Athletics is good as long as academics is not compromised. I think athletics brings a sense of unity to a school, and that's what we need to do.

On that same token, on the Pep Band, we've hired an instructor. I don't know if I told you, but we have a Pep Band. That Pep Band is going to be getting together for the first basketball game and I'm excited. That's one of those things when I was a freshman I wanted to get going, and it's finally happening.

I want to take a few minutes now to talk about some of the great things that have happened in the Student Association recently, and obviously the first and the most important is Friday night's event, the Fallfest. Matt Kraut and everyone involved did an absolutely fantastic job at that event. It was one of the best. It was a sellout crowd, I'm sure Matt will talk about it. I just want to say that I'm really, really proud of him. I'm very proud of the programming office and everyone that worked on it. Ashish and I are just so grateful that everything worked out. They worked really hard on that.

dawn is very actively doing the Coming Out week programs, and she's doing a good job on that. She'll be talking about that, I'm sure. Otherwise, we're moving forward, and I think that's a positive thing. We will be doing the assistant directorships and affirmative action director, transportation director interviews on Friday and

Saturday. We have called and contacted most of the people. We'll be interviewing, and then we'll send them to internal affairs and you guys can interview them.

I just want to take a moment to introduce Omar Torres, who has been a fantastic member of the University Senate for us. He's on the University Academic Council. Never before have we had students on that council for the last five years. Omar has taken a very active roll in doing it. He has a few things going on that I think you should know about. What I would tell you is, I don't think we should start having a discussion on it. Omar has told me that he's going to be talking to Greg Wahl on the Academic Affairs Committee and they can discuss it there. He's just going to bring up some things that are going on.

Omar Estrada Torres: Thanks a lot, Mike. As many people do not know, I am a freshman on this campus. I'm definitely actively involved in the Undergraduate Academic Council, and a perspective candidate for Senate coming up this February.

I had the opportunity to attend the second meeting of the Undergraduate Academic Council on September 18. One of the pluses through that meeting is, we established a bachelor's degree program in chemistry. I also take notice to K.B.'s suggestion on the International Business major, and I will bring that up in UAC.

Some other key points, we had an evaluation staff for Project Renaissance come and talk to us. We asked them when we were getting an evaluation report as to what has been going on in the process of Project Renaissance since this is the introductory year. We will receive that report in either late January or February, and I will



come to council with that report.

UAC has reached a consensus on two key points. There has been discussion on the highering of GPAs and credit standards for the criteria of Dean's List. There has been some heated discussion in UAC as well as EPC, the Educational Policy Council, on the issue of either raising or keeping the standard at 3.24 Dean's list. We will go into more discussion on that as we come along because the two consensus points is either highering the standard for Dean's List as we suggested and any change that is due to this Dean's List criteria will take place for the freshman class of 4/97. Due to this change that may take place as the biggest issue for UAC this year is a proposal that will be hitting us sometime midyear. I don't know too much about it myself, but it's know as the "4 x 4 Educational Proposal." Basically, there was a task force that met over the summer, and they decided that they wanted to boost up the credit system to four credits, similar to what SUNY Binghamton is doing at this moment.

My personal feeling is that it shouldn't be done. There would be many changes to go along with that, but UAC does not handle it at the moment. When we do get to it, we will bring it to Academic Affairs, and we will bring it to council. If there is no questions, that's basically it.

Kamau Blount: In regards to Project Renaissance, I just want to let everybody know, because a lot of people might not understand what it is, it's basically a program that they started up where they take about 100 or 200 frosh, they put them in a hall. Basically, they take six credits worth of classes each semester together so it gives them a feeling that they're in a smaller university, even though they're

actually in a large university. Basically, that's what the whole driving motivational force is. This way they'll learn together and have a whole college experience together as a group. I just wanted to add that I'm the R.A. for the Project Renaissance hall, so if you want any type of feedback, my residents will give me constant feedback on that.

Omar Estrada Torres: That's something I'm definitely looking for, student response. I welcome that.

President Castrilli: Homecoming weekend is looking great. Maria did a great job at the Unity Dinner. The parade is on Saturday morning. Mohannasen High School is going to be there, some floats, and that will be a dandy old time. Then we have the comedy night, which is Steven Wright, Bob Nelson and the next day is the President's Breakfast. So we're looking good, and that's about it from my office.

Valerie Vazquez: I was wondering how directors are doing with their office hours and if they're not there, are they leaving notes and setting up alternative times?

President Castrilli: What I would say is, I don't know. The directors individually have their own office hours. Usually they're pretty good about letting the front desk know that they're not going to be in the office. I think they've done a pretty good job with that, but if you need to speak with them, I would just leave a note, and they'll get back to you. That's usually what we do.

Valerie Vazquez: I was also wondering how many people you were interviewing per position?

President Castrilli: Well, it's different in every position. According to policy we have to interview two-thirds of each of the

groups, and that's what we've done. But there is one position which has only two applications in, so we'll be interviewing those two individuals. We'll be doing that on Friday and Saturday, and the people that don't, letters will be given to them.

Chairman Schwab: 1000 Policy, of which K.B, Mike and I had a discussion, if you look at 1050.4, it says that the transportation director is a service position within Student Association that's supervised by the Vice President's office. The process of selecting that person is supposed to be that that person doesn't ever go to Internal Affairs for an interview like all the other directors do and even the assistants. Instead, what happens is there are three highlighted people that take those applications, create a list, I believe the people are Internal Affairs, the Vice President, and the Affirmative Action officer, which we don't have right now. What the Internal Affairs chair and Affirmative Action officer would do is take a list of available applicants, based upon an interview, narrow those applicants down to at least two choices, and then the Vice President appoints from those choices. I think what was done in the past was, they were interviewed regularly and then just sent to IA. I wasn't sure what you were going to do.

President Castrilli: The only problem I have that I expressed last night is the interpretation of that can be done a couple ways. I'm just unclear on exactly what we have to do. What we'll do is hold off until I'm definitely sure on what we have to do for transportation director, and I think that's the only one in compliance with that. I want to talk to Ashish and see what his perspective is on it, but obviously we'd comply with policy.

Chairman Schwab: I'm not doing this to say they haven't complied, this was a regular practice that we've always done, and last night when I looked at this, and it was brought to my attention it was almost a surprise. It's my fault. I think K.B. brought it to my attention, and he hadn't realized it was in policy. It wasn't something that's been done, but it's something that has to be done because it's in policy, and we need to be following policy. We just need to interpret it. It's very vague.

Ashish Prabhakar: What are the asterisks for in the policy?

Chairman Schwab: We were debating that ourselves last evening. What Ashish is asking is certain people who are designated as committee members on these interview committees have stars next to their names, and nowhere in policy does it say what those stars mean. Thus far we don't know what they are. We first thought they were denoting members of council, but the director of operations is on one of these committees, and that position is starred.

Craig Fetterman: I'm not sure, but I think I saw somewhere else in policy it's for their designees.

Chairman Schwab: Okay. That's what it would be. You saw that somewhere in policy?

Craig Fetterman: I'm not sure, but it would seem logical.

Chairman Schwab: I would guess that's a possibility that maybe if that person wants to have a designee, maybe there is some sort of qualification that they have to be a member of council. That's weird that the director of operations is starred. Maybe if there is no director of operations, that means that there is someone else in their place. We'll look into this. I'm not doing this to hold up the

process of having a transportation director, I'm doing it because we have a policy to stick by.

Valerie Vazquez: Regarding the stars, I think what the stars are referring to are non-executive branch members.

Chairman Schwab: We'll look into it. I would assume Craig's deduction might be right.

#### Women's Issues

President Castrilli: I have a report to read from Samantha Hiotakis. "I would like to apologize for not presenting this in person, but I had a previous commitment. First, I would like to welcome all the new councilmembers and wish you the best of luck. In regard to the rape crisis, I sent approximately 1,000 letters to county executive Breslin. The students of Albany will be heard." Samantha and I went through the building and went to Indian Quad and surveyed people and got them to sign petitions. Indian Quad was pretty receptive to that. We also went to a few others.

Larry Kauffman: Maybe we could send duplicates of those 1,000 copies to his brother who is running for state Senate?

President Castrilli: That's a good point. I'll let her know. "Next, I am working on a national young women's day of action. I'm hoping to get Bill Baird, who was a pro-choice activist in the 1970's, to come to our campus the date of October 24 and Albany will be recognized nationwide as pro-choice.

Thank you to Mike, Jen Hird, dawn, and Mimi for participating in Heart Walk." The Heart Walk went very well. President Hitchcock was there, it's one of her organizations. It was a lengthy walk, but healthy. I want to thank Samantha too, while she's not here, for



doing a good job organizing that Heart Walk. Now, I'm going to introduce the birthday boy of today. He's celebrating his 22nd birthday, and that's Ashish Prabhakar.

Vice President

Ashish Prabhakar: How you doing, folks? I'd like to welcome all the new central council members. Congratulations. I would just like to send my condolences to the family of Steven.

The elections went really well. Everything went fine, right on the dot. I think I hired too many people. Voter turnout was kind of slow, and I'm sure you'll have some questions about that after I finish.

Unfortunately, I had to kick two people off the elections. Both candidates were from Indian Quad. There were several people on council right now that were elected who received several warnings about poster violations on quads. The reason that the two people were eliminated from the election was simply because they received several warnings, one after the other, and nothing was done to fix the problem or repair what they had done. If you have any questions on that, I'll welcome those.

Mike and I are interviewing everybody Friday and Saturday for the assistants. I'm looking forward to that, and again I'd like to congratulate Matt Kraut on a really successful Fallfest. It was amazing. That's basically it, any questions?

Jose Socorro: The application of people that applied last year for the assistantship, are they being looked at as well?

Ashish Prabhakar: Yes.

Jose Socorro: If they're not appointed, are they going to be

notified?

Ashish Prabhakar: Yes, everyone will be notified of what happened to their application, every single application.

Dori Travieso: I can't remember, did council vote on having the elections in the campus center?

Ashish Prabhakar: I'm not sure.

Chairman Schwab: Yes. There was a bill that came up that set the date saying that the elections would be in the campus center lobby on September 25 and 26. That was two weeks ago on the 18th. I can show you a copy of that, if you want.

Kamau Blount: It has been brought to my attention that people were concerned in regards to voter turnout. I just wanted to know what steps were taken in regards to publications for the elections.

Ashish Prabhakar: It was kind of bad compared to what we had last spring, but considering it was Central Council elections, it was pretty good, especially at Indian Quad. I was really proud of the freshmen coming out and voting. We put an ad in the Student Voice but the Student Voice didn't get published that week, and it was too late by then during that weekend to give any ads to the ASP. So the only option we were left with was to post flyers. At the last minute I made up flyers, and Tali helped us put those up. So things didn't quite work out with the advertising with the papers; I have to apologize for that. I'm sure voter turnout would have been better if more people had been informed.

Chairman Schwab: Just for future reference so that you know, in policy, the media director is also responsible to publicize those elections.



Point of information

Kamau Blount: In regard to Dori's question on the bill that we passed--

Chairman Schwab: Yes, I have to make a correction on that. It was not stipulated on that bill that it would be in campus center lobby. That was my mistake. I drafted the bill, and I meant to put it on the bill.

Dori Travieso: In policy it says that all elections are supposed to be in the flag room on the quads, so why wasn't it?

Ashish Prabhakar: It makes life easier for everybody to tell you the truth. From past experience, we've learned that if you centralize it, it keeps people from cheating. You can keep a better eye on things. It's just a more efficient way to run things. Last time voting happened on the quads, what happened was they were late on certain quads for setting up, there were rumors about people stuffing ballots, people voting twice. It's very difficult to keep control of things. I guess we should change policy. If you keep it in the S.A. lounge, there is more control. If I wasn't there, Steve or Mike was there to keep an eye on things.

Chairman Schwab: Ashish did an amazing job watching the ethics part of the elections. He wasn't afraid to eliminate members who weren't complying with policy. I know for a fact that the ethics level for quad-based elections is horrible. I ran mine freshman year, first semester, and wasn't elected because I had witnessed a person who was running, standing at the table saying, "Circle this name." I witnessed someone circling that name. It's just that Ashish's eyes couldn't be everywhere, and I think his attitude was, he knew he was

going to watch it, but he couldn't be sure that everybody else was going to make sure that his vision was the same, that it wouldn't happen. So I gave him support about keeping it in the campus center.

Ashish Prabhakar: I cut my classes on Wednesday, and I went to a couple classes on Thursday, so I was there most of the time. That made it a little easier for us to keep an eye on things. It's very easy to cheat on those things.

Jose Socorro: What I asked you before about the people that applied last semester, they gave you the number where they were living at last semester. I assume that they're not living there anymore, so how would you go about getting their new number to notify them that they didn't win the election?

Ashish Prabhakar: You dial "0" and then you ask for the person's last name, and then they hook you up to their number. If you're not home, we'll leave a message for you. If you're off-campus, that's a bigger problem. What I'll do tomorrow is I'll check the list, and if somebody has moved off-campus and we haven't been able to locate them we'll ask the operator.

Jose Socorro: That process is being looked into?

Ashish Prabhakar: Yeah. There were several numbers that were different. I don't think we've had any problems yet, but if we do, I'll look at it again tomorrow and see if there is anybody we need to find.

Todd Teichman: I have a question concerning the campaign policy since now there are no elections on the quads and the people who campaign are only allowed to campaign on their quads. Wouldn't it be logical to let them campaign in front of the campus center since

that's where the election is going to be?

Chairman Schwab: Ashish could say he's in favor of that, but that would be a change in policy.

Ashish Prabhakar: Things have been a little hectic since the year began. We've been busy with a lot of the events. It wasn't a last minute thing, but there was a lot of work that had to be done very quickly. I think we might have to give people a little more leeway with posting regulations.

Since these elections are over we can look into changing the policy for postering, voting, and advertising, that makes sense, if everybody's going to be voting in the campus center, why not be able to post at the podium. One of the big reasons for that, we already have a million posters out there. The off-campus people have a hard enough time finding a spot for themselves.

Ashwani Prabhakar: Not just postering, but you're not allowed to campaign.

Ashish Prabhakar: You could have campaigned, I thought I made that clear. At the election meeting--Steve was also there--I made it clear at that point that there would be signs that said "no campaigning beyond this point," and an inch away from that point you can campaign. But an inch inside that doorway, you cannot. I guess if it wasn't properly understood, I should make a bigger emphasis to make sure people understand the rules clearly.

Larry Kauffman: I just heard some disturbing comments about the previous election, what was going on then. If I'm not mistaken, I believe that was the spring of '95 elections for President, and I'd just like to say I found no problem with those elections. In fact,

I was quite satisfied with the matter and the outcome.

Ashish Prabhakar: I wasn't commenting on the fact that the elections were scrupulous or whatnot. There was some concern as to whether they were or they weren't. There was a memo sent out from a lot of the culture groups saying that the elections weren't held properly. What basically happened was, some people decided to protest the elections. That's just an example where there is a possibility of corruption during the elections. Centralizing them is one way to eliminate it.

Dori Travieso: I'm just a little confused. It said in policy that you have to do it in the flag room, but is it up to the election commissioner, or do they have to come to council first to change the place; how does that go?

Chairman Schwab: First, it's a three-or four-year precedent to do it in the campus center due to corruption. Second, I was aware of it and neglected to put it in the bill. It was a simple overlook on my part to add it to the bill. It wasn't intentional to leave that out, obviously.

Ashish Prabhakar: We had the best of intentions with all the actions that we took with the elections. I'm guilty, certainly there were little portions of policy I overlooked. I guess formally we should change that.

Dori Travieso: I'm just voicing my concern because my constituents didn't even know. It's just convenient to have it on the quads.

Chairman Schwab: The one thing that I'm hearing though that I'm disappointed in, this wasn't a preliminary concern, it was a post

concern, I've been hearing it from candidates, and I don't mean anything by this, who weren't elected, if they had come prior to the elections or during the elections while the results were unknown--it was intended to be in the bill. There's never been questions as to why they were done on the campus center before.

Dori Travieso: So if someone didn't agree with that now, would they have to make the election go over because it wasn't in policy, because it was a mistake?

Ashish Prabhakar: You could appeal them, but I think policy says it has to be done within 72 hours.

Chairman Schwab: I know there were many grievances concerning postering, there wasn't one grievance concerning the location of the elections.

Ashish Prabhakar: A lot of policy we don't use anymore, and maybe it's time to look at the election policy and change it.

Chairman Schwab: Again, I apologize for the overlook, Dori.

Joe Marcowski: I'd like to congratulate Ashish for doing a very fair and good election.

Carlos Polanco: There is a very simple solution to deal with the corruption in the flag rooms and that is to hire four responsible area coordinators. It doesn't get any easier than that. You got a very low voter turnout. I was a candidate for dutch. There is over 1500 students at dutch, and only close to 100 turned out because it took place inside the Student Association Lounge. Nobody wanted to come, my mother wouldn't come to vote.

Chairman Schwab: I think that the major reason, not to negate you, there wasn't proper promotion. We've done these elections in the

campus center for the past three years, and anybody who is not a freshman can attest to this, we have had adequate and at least legitimate turnout for all prior elections held in the campus center. I'd have to ask if the grievance was voiced prior to the results of the election being posted?

Carlos Polanco: Besides what you just said, there was a very low voter turnout. Less than five percent of the community showed up to vote.

Chairman Schwab: I agree with you. I was horrified when I saw the election turnouts. Less than 50 people voted on Colonial. I'll let Ashish address this, but again, I want to voice that promotion may be more than location.

Ashish Prabhakar: You can have four responsible people on the quads looking out for people cheating or stuffing ballots or not campaigning where they're supposed to be, but it's easier said than done. If there is no one watching them, people don't give a damn. They will not give people proper instructions and we know this from voting when we were freshmen. A lot of crazy stuff happened. They would have five or six ballots on the table, they would give you only the ones they wanted you to vote for. The thing is, it's very difficult with our class schedules for people to be in charge of something like this, to keep an eye on it. You're right, you could get four responsible people to do that, but I think it would be very difficult to find them. The cheating would not necessarily be premeditated, it could just be stupidity, it could be ignorance, or lack of effort to tell the voter exactly what to do. These are reasons why in the past years they've had it in the campus center,

again to prevent corruption. So, we followed that example, and Dori is right, we should change it. If policy says it should be done that way, perhaps it's time to change policy.

Vice Chairman Freilich: One point I would like to make about the election is that many of the candidates, when I looked at their posters, put on the poster, "Vote in the campus center of the Student Association lobby." So a lot of those candidates that ran that wrote that actually advertised to tell people where to vote.

Camille Torres: Two things. One is, I did state my sophomore year or freshman year, and most people vote on their lunch, so I worked for an hour and I know I registered more than 100 people. I do agree that they should go back on the quads. Basically, that just means more work for you in finding responsible people to be in charge. You have to go by what's more convenient for the students, the people that are voting. If that's more work for us or for you, then so be it.

The second thing is, I am concerned with what Dori said only because even though it was a mistake on your part, it wasn't in the bill, and it shouldn't have happened.

Ashish Prabhakar: I'm not saying I did not make a mistake, I'm just justifying why we did what we did. Perhaps justification isn't valid enough, but I have provided enough such reasons as to why we would be hesitant to have the elections on the quads. I really wanted this thing to run smoothly. It was poor judgement in this case. I think K.B., Neil, Steve, Mike and I will sit down in a couple weeks and start to figure out what we're going to do for fall so we don't make the same mistakes.

Dina Delicee: I would just like to tell Ashish that I think the elections went very well. I remember when I was a freshman and the elections were held on the quads, and there was a lot of unfair campaigning. I have heard it personally.

Ashish Prabhakar: Everyone does visit the campus center at least once during the day. A lot of you guys might not be sitting here if I didn't cut my classes on Wednesday and Thursday to sit and make sure no one said, "Vote for this guy, vote for that guy."

From the floor: The main reason you did not hold the elections in the quads is because of the rampant corruption in the past?

Ashish Prabhakar: Potential corruption.

From the floor: Is it true that in the past fall elections verses the others produce an incredibly low turnout as well, would you agree to that?

Ashish Prabhakar: That is true.

Matt Kraut: You refer to things as potential problems. No matter how much you trust someone, the best thing is to have it under the supervision of the person that is running it. The question of where it is or location can be discussed at a different time. It can be changed in policy. All you guys are doing is running around with it. I think Ashish did an excellent job. The fact that he put in extra time, even missing a class or two, which isn't necessary, to make sure they were fair, is very commendable. If he can find another person every now and then to help out, well, I would love to see Central Council people down there because they're people we can rely on instead of trying to get outside help.

Chairman Schwab: Matt, were you implying the Central Council



didn't offer help in the elections?

Matt Kraut: No, I'm not implying that. It's just that a lot of people are always saying they're willing to help--

Ashish Prabhakar: Some of the Central Council members did help out.

Chairman Schwab: I offered my full support; in fact, I was there to count the ballots. You summed up your point then?

Matt Kraut: No. I haven't disagreed that Central Council has been able to help. I'm saying I've had 100 come to my office saying they're willing to help, but don't come back. It's a fact that if we both work together then we won't have to worry about who's responsible.

Chairman Schwab: And they have thus far. Someone is presenting a valid concern, and it is a valid concern, that policy was ignored. I may have made light of it a minute ago, but as a councilmember, if they have something in policy, they have every right to question why it wasn't in the bill. It wasn't on the bill. It was however mentioned at our meeting two weeks ago, and I can show it in the minutes. This was brought to my attention by Chairman Fetterman and Chairman Blount from Internal Affairs and Finance Committee that it was announced at September 18 Central Council meeting, that the polling place for the fall elections would be in the campus center. There were no objections from Council.

John Lako: My comment is for the Chair at this time. I think we have more important things to deal with tonight, and we should move on.

Chairman Schwab: When I have councilmembers on a question list,

anybody on a questions list, they have every right to ask questions until I see there are no more people to add.

John Lako: When we had a speaker and I had a question of him, I had to get him outside.

Chairman Schwab: Because I announced that there would be no more questions, John.

Ken Woodward: Why can't you use the machines that you use for the Presidential and Vice Presidential elections for the Central Council elections?

Ashish Prabhakar: We have to rent them out.

Chairman Schwab: That's in policy as well. It says that the machines will be used for campus-wide elections for Presidential and Vice Presidential, Central Council elections use paper ballots.

Ashish Prabhakar: That's a good suggestion, but the machines are kind of expensive. Chairman, at this point, I would like to end my report, and if it's okay with you, any question that people have they could talk to me privately.

Chairman Schwab: Are there any pressing questions that anybody has? This is the final call for questions for Ashish. None. Okay.

#### Controller

Jason Kass: How's it going? I'd like to introduce myself to new council members who don't know me. I'm Jason Kass, the controller. Welcome and congratulations. The auditors are back. They've taken over my office once again. My office is now located at the back desk. All the numbers are not in for Fallfest, I'll have them when they do come in. All the bills have not been sent to us. I will prepare a written report and copy it for everyone on council when all of the

invoices are in.

Chargebacks are going, slowly but going. Some groups have not yet submitted them in, I will be contacting those groups this week. Inventory lists are due on October 19. I've gotten one so far, but it is very early. If any one of you knows anyone in a group that does have assets, they need to get their inventory list in. This is very important. I believe that's all I really have to say. I'll address any questions. (No response.)

Chairman Schwab: I have a quick point, in regards to needing to leave council early, I got a note from someone now. Your notes need to be in by Tuesday. I myself have a gigantic test tomorrow morning but I have to stay until the end tonight. I'd love to be able to leave to study for my test. Someone gave me a note saying they have a test. Tonight we'll be lenient, but from now on, you need to have those notes in to us by Tuesday. It's not fair to everyone that may be staying.

Point of information

Marc Alessi: I never knew that.

Chairman Schwab: We went over that in introduction to parliamentary procedure in the spring, and I just did that with the new members as well.

Point of inquiry

Craig Fetterman: Does that excuse you from the absence?

Chairman Schwab: Neil's policy, and he sets the attendance policy, is that you're allowed two excused absences a semester. He's going to be putting that in 300 Policy. Your commitment when you were elected was to come to these meetings on Wednesday nights from the

time they started until they were over. You can use them if you want, or you can save them for emergency and health excuses. You've just got to be careful and watch your absences because people will be removed.

LGBI Director

dawn Shirmer: Welcome to all the new council members. For those of you who don't know me, I'm dawn Shirmer, the lesbian, gay, bisexual issues director. I have a big announcement, but I'll save that for last so you guys can wait in anticipation.

Coming Out week is coming up next week. Monday is Coming Out stories on Indian Quad skin room from 7:30 to 9:30. There's going to be tea and coffee and cookies and refreshments. It should be really fun. It's sponsored by the Charge program and the Indian Quad Diversity Committee.

Tuesday, at 8:30 in the morning, I'm meeting at the small fountain with anybody who is willing to help out early to chalk the podium. I got permission from Jessica Casey to leave whatever we chalk on the podium until 6:00 Friday. She wouldn't let me leave it over the weekend because she said once people are walking on the stuff, it looks scuzzy. So, if anybody is willing to help, I would love any help. I have a book of 100 most influential lesbian and gay men in history and present, so we're going to be using that list and chalking names.

Wednesday, I realize you guys are in Central Council meeting but if you maybe want to sneak out, not that I'm encouraging that or anything, but in campus center 375 there is a workshop on bisexuality from 7:00 to 9:00.

Thursday there will be a workshop in campus center 361 on transgender transsexualism from 7:00 to 9:00 as well.

Friday is dress-up day to support gay and lesbian rights. Please wear jeans, sneakers, hats and backpacks that day to support gay rights. Also, that night after the Unity dinner I am holding a social in McDuff's. It's from 9:00 to 12:00. There's some free stuff. I have some raffles. It's \$2 with a nonperishable food item and \$3 without. The nonperishable food item I'm looking to hopefully donate to either an AIDS halfway house or a halfway house for gay and lesbian youths. I'm trying to work that out still.

My big news is I found out earlier this week that there is going to be an AIDS benefit show in the capitol district region, which is supported by local area colleges in conjunction with Metropolitan Production. The show would be Melissa Etheridge and Indigo Girls combined. It's looking for either the Knickerbocker, the RAC or RPI Fieldhouse. Matt and I are working to get it to the RAC. There is a small monetary fee which is used only for security in case a band can't show up, if they're trapped somewhere or something, to pay technical and production riders. It will be refunded to us if everything goes well. RPI is giving \$10,000, Sienna is giving \$5,000, and Sage is giving \$5,000 as well. The tentative dates are April 12 and April 19. That's my big news. I don't know if you're excited as I am.

From the floor: How much are we giving?

dawn Schirmer: I don't know. It's still in negotiations. We just found out about this Monday. Matt and I have been speaking with the person who contacted us about our interest in the show and our

interest in getting it at the RAC. It will be in the area of what the other schools are giving.

Chairman Schwab: They're looking to make a good amount of money from this, so, are they stressing the fact that one place might be bigger than the other? Would they set ticket prices? How would we be involved in planning it?

Matt Kraut: I can address that. I spoke with the guy today to find out what's going on. There is a meeting tomorrow and either dawn or I or Ashish will make it to that meeting. The whole thing is not necessarily the venue because the difference between RPI and the Knick, which are their two main focuses, is about 4,000 or 5,000 people. So I don't think they're necessarily looking for numbers, they just want a good turnout for it. The fact that RPI was giving \$10,000 is a concern of mine. Does that mean that they have a right to have it at their venue rather than bring it to the RAC? He really didn't give me an answer. My personal biggest goal is to make sure that if it's not going to be at the Knick, then the only other place for it to be is at Albany.

dawn Schirmer: I'd like to say something before I answer any more questions. I'd like to commend all the Central Council members and the Executive Branch on the Heart Walk on Saturday. It was a tremendous turnout, it was a lot of fun. Mike and I went to the football game afterward at RPI, sat in front of President Hitchcock. Of course we won, and it was a great game. I would encourage to try and attend the games, because they're a lot of fun, and the team could really use the spirit.

Multicultural Affairs

Maria Perez: Good evening, everyone, and welcome to the new council members. The event that just passed, Group Fair Day--I'll report it correctly since the ASP failed to do so. We had 47 tables which were taken up by groups and two tables were taken up by S.A. and Council. Groups did more than just hand out condoms and things like that. I believe the Liga Filipina was quoted as one of the groups that just handed out condoms. Liga Filipina had traditional Filipina games, music, they had literature, and the members were on hand to answer questions. We also had two winners from Group Fair Day. The groups were judged on creativity, originality, participation and school spirit. The first place winner was LGBA. They had an awesome table, they had awesome group participation, and they were definitely in the community spirit be so many of coming out and participating. They are receiving a \$100 increase to their S.A. line which is coming out of S.A.--I think it's coming out of programming. I'll look that up if you guys really need to know. The Outing Club had an excellent display, even though they didn't have a lot of numbers. They had their dog out there camping out. They made up a little flyer with some logs. They just had an awesome display of roasting marshmallows and stuff. They got a \$50 increase to their S.A. line. We left it up to the groups whether they wanted a full-page advertisement in the voice or if they wanted S.A. line increases, and they opted for the increase in money. We had a reception at 4:00 in the Fireside Lounge where all the group leaders were invited and we awarded the winner.

My next project is the Unity Dinner. Unfortunately, I don't have any of the restaurants confirmed yet. Tony Torres, multicultural

student services, is looking into a professional restaurant catering the Latino food. The Caribbean Restaurant is getting old, we're just using them for every single event and people are getting tired of that. Indian Restaurant, they're looking great. I had awesome help from SASU. I have three restaurants that I have to try to visit tomorrow to try to set that up since the dinner is two weeks away.

Hopefully this will make all council members happy. We're offering a discount for all council members. The tickets are half price. They are \$4, but they have to be purchased before the dinner. That means on Homecoming day, you can't come to the dinner and say you still want your \$4 dollar discount, stop into the office this week. I'll be selling tickets during my office hours. If your constituents ask, tickets are \$6 for students, \$8 for parents. There is a discount with the breakfast. They can get both tickets for \$12.

I met with a lot of groups this week talking about co-sponsorships. The multicultural student advisory council will be holding a dinner for the frosh next week. It's going to be a free dinner, and most of the cultural groups are co-sponsoring that. If you guys need any information or would like to attend, please stop by my office and I'll be happy to give you a flyer and an invitation. But remember that we want to keep it open mostly to freshman. Just because there is free food, I don't want to see a bunch of people there.

We started working on Cultural Carnival, and I spoke to Gina the other day. State Quad was interested in holding a carnival. If that doesn't work out for them, they're going to consider, hopefully, working with me on Culture Carnival. I'm actually looking at hiring



an actual carnival and then other acts, because it's going to cost us a lot of money to hire individual games. I know it's a little early to start working on Cultural Carnival, but the carnival companies start planning their calendars now. The only problem that I'm running into is that I want them to set up for one day, and carnivals want to set up for days. What we'll probably do is pay them to set up, like I would normally do to just rent the equipment, and then they'll be charging \$1 or \$2 a ride, things like that.

If anyone wants to help on the dinner, please, I would appreciate it if you would stop by. We're trying to do a homecoming bulletin board. If you have anything to add, by all means, it's not just our bulletin board, it's your bulletin board.

That's my report for now.

Chairman Schwab: I helped judged Group Fair Day and it was a lot of fun. I just wanted to recognize some other groups who did fantastic jobs including the University Dance Council, Fuerza Latina. A lot of groups did some great presentations. Great job by Maria and Damien with that event, it was very impressive. It was hard to judge it, too. Get to your groups guys and see if they want to do floats. They're still looking for floats, right, Mike, for the parade?

President Castrilli: One more.

Educational Affairs Director

Damien Scalafani: It's getting kind of late, and I'm not feeling too well, so this is going to be brief. The event that I'm concentrating most on now is the President's Breakfast. Most of the invitations are already out. It looks to be a pretty great event. One of the things that I was going to try and change this year,

because in years past it's difficult to get a lot of people up in the morning, I'm going to try to invite more people. I'm inviting all the deans as well as the department chairs. Additionally, I want to extend an invitation to all the council members as well. You'll receive your invitations soon, but just to tell you in advance, I'd really like it if everyone would turn out and show up for that. It's going to be a really great event. I would also like it if you could try to help promote it with your friends and things like that. It's a great way to close off Homecoming Weekend. Our President Hitchcock will be speaking as a keynote speaker.

I wanted to bring up the voter registration. Yesterday Ashish and I went to LC7 to the NYPIRG meeting. It was pretty amazing stuff. There had to be 200 people in the room, which is just unprecedented. They're really excited about continuing the voter registration campaign we've had going thus far. I don't know if you guys have heard, there has been some kind of estimates going around, as far as the total number of people we've registered to vote so far. What I told people basically is somewhere between 1,000 and 2,000 students. Actually, today I finished turning in the last of the forms. The last count I had, there was just over 1700 forms actually turned in. The reason why I don't give that as the number of people registered to vote is because as I looked through some of the forms, there are a couple here and there that aren't entirely accurately filled out. That's something that concerns me a great deal. Even as we get more students registered to vote, it is really important to accurately fill out those forms. If the form isn't filled out correctly and the board of electives receives it and you report to your polling place, you may

find that they won't let you vote.

One of the interesting things about voting, though, is that it is a right, so there is all kinds of legal protection set up to help you out with respect to that. Just because you don't fill out the form entirely correctly doesn't take away your right to vote. One of the things you could do if you run into trouble is you could vote by affidavit ballot. What that means is if you report to the polling site and you run into some difficulty, just explain that you'd like to vote by affidavit ballot. Basically, it's very important to think of voting as your right and something you cannot be denied access to. This is an idea that I'm going to try to get out more and more as we get closer to election day. Most importantly, I'd like everyone on council to try to communicate that to constituencies, all the people that you come in contact with. The only problem is, if you don't remember filling out a form or if you didn't fill out a form and you just want to vote, don't do this because if you lie, it's basically a felony. In any event, if you haven't registered to vote, it's not too late. You can still do it. One of your best opportunities will be on October 9, which is going to be the final day on campus where we'll be trying to register the remaining students in the university to vote. What I have here is a sign-up sheet, if all of you could just put down your names, phone numbers, when you'll be available. I was really impressed with NYPIRG's general interest meeting last night. They seemed really enthusiastic and very eager to get the rest of the Student Association involved. I'd just like to ask for your help again. It's really a lot of fun, and you get to meet a lot of people and it's a great opportunity for the whole campus to work

together. I think that's basically it. Does anybody have any questions?

Gregory Wahl: Are you going to advertise where the polling places are going to be?

Damien Scalafani: Yes. I was thinking of a flyer, maybe on election day. I found that people tend to pick up things that are more simple. Maybe I could have an ad just focusing on affidavit ballot. It's really a simple thing, and the average person isn't aware that they have the right to do that, and it is something they should exercise. You shouldn't be denied access to your right to vote because you don't cross a "t" or dot an "i." So, that is something that is very important, and I want to use the Student Voice to get that out.

Matt Shapiro: I was just wondering, when you fill them out, are you supposed to get something back from them?

Damien Scalafani: Yes. What you're supposed to get is a little mailer from the Board of Elections telling you where your polling cite is, and you should be receiving that any day now depending upon when I handed it in. Even if you don't get that. There may be a problem with your form because of how you filled it out, so what I would recommend is to call the board of elections, they'll tell you where your polling place is and you could show up at the polling place and vote by affidavit ballot.

Media Director

Greg Coulon: Hi. How you guys doing? For those of you who are new here, let me just explain what the media office is doing right now. This is the reason why I haven't been here tonight for the whole

meeting, because we're putting together the Student Voice, it's coming out tomorrow. We've had some problems with printers and whatnot, but now it's all coming together. We finally got a printer in on Wednesday, and tomorrow there will be an issue around 4:00 on your quad or downtown. Other than that, everything else is moving along.

Chairman Schwab: I just want to commend you for doing a tremendous job. I know you've been frustrated for the past couple of weeks.

Greg Coulon: Yes, it's been very frustrating. Now that we have our computer problems mostly fixed, we should be all right. I think you'll be happy with the issue tomorrow. We're actually printing it in color, not full color, but we're going to have blue. That seems to be the color that we use for all our letterheads and business cards.

Pat Albano: Was there an issue last week?

Greg Coulon: No. There was supposed to be. This is our third attempt actually. It was supposed to come out before school started and myself and Mike and Damien were up that whole night putting it together, but the printer broke down. So we called the printer and told him we'd do it the next week. Last week we did the same thing pretty much. This time we didn't have any faith in our printer so we all went to Kinko's at 6:00 in the morning trying to get it to print it and the printer at Kinko's wasn't working. Then we decided to get a new printer instead of going through all these problems. We finally got the new printer in Tuesday and things are going great now.

Jose Socorro: The publication of the Student Voice is every Thursday, right?

Greg Coulon: Yes.

Jose Socorro: Does that mean you print it up Wednesday night?

Greg Coulon: For right now that's the way it's going to be. The printer picks it up in the morning on Thursday. That doesn't mean that we have to do it Wednesday night. We're going to be following a strict editing schedule because this is a mess and I don't want to do this anymore. I don't want to be there all night, and I shouldn't have to be. After a while Mike Custra, who's our editor-in-chief, is going to be taking over most of the roles. Right now I'm pretty much showing him what to do. By the third issue it should all be in his hands.

Jose Socorro: I'm curious, are you going to come late to the meetings?

Greg Coulon: No. I'm going to be here for the rest of the meetings for the rest of the year. This week it was just because we got the printer late, it was difficult to put it all together.

Glenda Bautista: I was just wondering where the Student Voice gets its money.

Greg Coulon: The Student Voice gets its money from advertising. The ASP, to use as an example, is completely self-sufficient on their advertising, and the Student Voice will be the same way. Also, the Student Voice is saving money for the S.A. by not advertising in the ASP, which is a huge expense. Also, they seem pretty hostile towards us, so there is no reason why we should spend the money on them if we can do a better paper. As far as the money goes, it's not money coming out of the S.A. budget, it's money that the Student Voice is generating itself. We'll end up actually making money.

Gregory Wahl: I just wanted to commend you for writing that editorial in the ASP.

Greg Coulon: I was actually surprised that she printed it in its entirety.

Pat Albano: Where were you going to put those? In the ASP holders?

Greg Coulon: No. The Student Voice has its own holders. Any holder that is around the campus center or on the quads that doesn't say the ASP, we can claim as the Student Voice. It all depends where the interest is in the administration of the Student Association. As far as putting them around the campus center, we have no problem with that. We can find places. They'll also be on the quads and downtown at businesses that carry The Source, Metroland, things like that.

Valerie Vazquez: Is the media office going to hold those workshops--

Point of personal privilege: I can't hear her.

Chairman Schwab: Okay. Just speak up a little bit.

Valerie Vazquez: I'm sorry. I said, is the media office going to be holding any workshops as far as educating people on the use of the computers, like the SA-funded groups?

Greg Coulon: I think it's important that we do that. The question is, when? Right now, everything is kind of a mess with Student Voice finally getting printed up. As soon as that gets more organized, which will be after this week, then I'll have more time to set aside for doing that. So far, I've sat down with individual people to do it, but not as far as scheduling specific times. We only have three computers so, at most, I could train three or four people

at a time. It's really something you have to learn hands on. It's not something you can just sit down and tell someone how to do.

Chairman Schwab: Anything else? (No response) Thanks, Greg.

Programming Director

Matthew Kraut: My name is Matt Kraut in case the new council members didn't know that. I just want to thank a bunch of people. Fallfest was on the 27th, this past Friday. I want to thank all of the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch, specifically, Greg. He did a phenomenal job of making sure our advertising was very excessive, because I definitely harassed him the entire time. Rav and all of Copies Plus definitely put up with a lot of aggravation with making sure tickets were sold and everything like that, especially during the last week. Everybody I've talked to in administration was totally happy, the Chief of Police was very excited. The new security company is definitely looking forward to come back and work with UPD once again.

Basically, the show was sold out. We didn't overspend it, so no matter what bills come in, we know we're good on money. Plus, we got additional money that came in from t-shirt sales because we had a deal where we got 20%, so we actually made a couple thousand dollars on that too. I'll wait for Jay to come out with all the calculations on that.

Homecoming with Steven Wright, the opener is Bob Nelson. It is Bob Nelson. Just to justify why we got Bob Nelson, it basically boiled down to, if you're going to have an opener at the cost we had to keep it at, you're not going to have a name that's going to draw. Bob Nelson had been tossed around a couple times, and he is from Long



Island in which most the population from this school comes from. So we figured if we kept it in the same area, kept it at a low enough cost, it would be a good enough opener, and Steven Wright had agreed to it. Tickets are being sold for \$13.50. Each council member will get a free ticket to go to the show. I've just got to get a list from Steve to verify everybody.

A couple things coming up, October 13 - 21 is Alcohol Awareness Week. We are going to have a guest speaker to speak about different topics. I can't give you the name, but I will have it for you next week. October 15, will be the Winter Mission Tour. I will be working with the ski team. Basically, it's a totally free event, as I mentioned before. We'll be giving away free skis, snowboards, ski passes, video games, music all day. It's going to be held between Indian Quad and the Campus Center, because that's basically the high traffic area for the freshmen.

October 26, we're doing a co-sponsorship with IFC for a tailgating party for the home football game. I encourage everybody to come out and watch our team who is now 4-0. 103.9 - The Edge, said they would be more than happy to help us out, and they're going to be playing music all day, giving us free advertising over the air, and on top of that, they're going to be having live cut-ins just to give more publicity to the school.

November 5 is Battle of the Bands. Flyers have been made up by the media office today, and they will be posted by the end of this week. There's also notice that's going to be given to anybody that comes in with the bands that the programming board will be deciding the first criteria for being able to get into the battle of the bands

and what criteria will be used once you're in there. December 6 is Battle of the D.J.s, winner to play Springfest.

That's about it. Once again, I just want to thank every single person that helped out on Fallfest.

Chairman Schwab: Any questions of Matt? Matt Shapiro?

Matt Shapiro: The one complaint I keep hearing about Fallfest was that it took a really long time to get into the building. There was only two doors open. There were six or eight other doors that could have been opened, but weren't. A lot of people were upset.

Matt Kraut: I'll address that. There are four main doors that go in, each with two doors, so I guess that would be total of eight. One set of doors was used for a guest list. The other three doors were done with metal detectors, the wand. We hired additional security a week before the show went on. It did take an excessive amount of time. We could not open doors earlier because of contracts. There is certain criteria that after soundcheck you need this amount of time. What happened was, after we did let a certain amount of people in, I was on the walkie talkie speaking to the production guy. He's like, "What's going on here?" I'm like, "I don't know," because there was only about a couple hundred people in there when we still had a couple thousand waiting outside. I consulted with the head of UPD, actually, Frank Wiley wasn't there, I was consulting with Doug Kern. I also consulted with two head people from Burns International Security, and we decided that it was impossible to screen every single person that went in. We consulted and decided that from that point on we were going to let everybody in. That process then took a lot shorter of a time, and we have an aftermath plan to be set up between

me, Frank Wiley, Doug Kern, and Burns International to prevent that at further shows.

Ken Woodward: To prevent what? Metal detectors?

Matt Kraut: To prevent a hold up of people coming in and missing an portion of the show.

Ken Woodward: Is it university policy to use the metal detectors?

Matt Kraut: No.

Glenda Bautista: I saw ads in both Metroland and the Source, and I was wondering if the media office produced the copy to give to the Metroland and the Source?

Matt Kraut: The media office produced the one to go to the Source. The media office had one to go to Metroland but because of myself, I had not gotten there in time because the way the setup was for the measurements. I had given it to Greg and they were different. So, I had spoken to the guy at Metroland, and I asked him to create one for me, and they didn't have a problem with that. He preferred to do it himself just because it was a lot easier for him. I didn't have to worry about deadlines or anything like that.

Glenda Bautista: I was also wondering if Metroland published a review of They Might Be Giants and the Violent Femmes?

Matt Kraut: They had come out with a preview review and another review will probably be out in this Thursdays edition. There were other reviews out from the Gazette and Times Union already, and we're waiting for the Source and the Metroland to come out with their reviews.

Glenda Bautista: I realize that you've been working with The

Edge for a number of events. That makes a lot of sense and all, but I was just wondering if you had contacted WCDB at all?

Matt Kraut: I have recently spoken to WCDB. The reason WCDB was not even in my mind at all from the start of things, including Frosh Mosh, is because, as a personal thing, we didn't get along. It wasn't a good relationship with them. They screwed me in every possible way they could, and I didn't appreciate dealing with them.

Glenda Bautista: Who did you speak to, specifically?

Matt Kraut: Last year?

Glenda Bautista: I couldn't even give you a name for remembering from last year, but I was up there several times. I wasn't the program director last year, on personal occasions at events that I was trying to take care of, they did not handle the stuff in a professional manner in which they could have.

Glenda Bautista: I was promotions director last year, and I had never come into contact with you at WCDB.

Matt Kraut: Well, maybe because you guys didn't have good communication skills and couldn't relay that message.

Chairman Schwab: That's out of order.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: Seriously, how's it out of order if it's part of his executive address in response to a direct question?

Point of inquiry

Matt Kraut: How can I be bashed up here and not be able to defend myself?

Chairman Schwab: I agree, but you don't have to insult Glenda.

Matt Kraut: I apologize for insulting you.

Point of information

Larry Kauffman: I don't believe he's insulting Glenda, but referring to the station as a whole when talking about the communication skills.

Chairman Schwab: He shouldn't have said, "You," he should have said, "WCDB."

Matt Kraut: I apologize to you. I didn't ever speak with you, and I never worked with you. Maybe that's because I was never directed in the right direction of who to speak to to get things done. But the people I did speak with didn't handle things properly.

Craig Fetterman: When I worked in the programming office a few years ago, I was helping out with the battle of the bands, and we went to them, WCDB, for assistance. They agreed they would promote it, but they weren't allowed to mention certain things like where to buy tickets or the cost. I'm just curious what the regulations are as to what they are not allowed to do.

Glenda Bautista: The person that directly dealt with promotions for WCDB last year was me. The FCC, which is the Federal Communication Commission, requires that college radio does not mention price of ticket sales at all. No prices are allowed to be given out on the air.

Matt Kraut: I wanted to address a question to you. If somebody wants to announce an event over the air at WCDB, does it cost them anything?

Glenda Bautista: No, not if you're a student group.

Matt Kraut: Maybe you'd want to answer the question, also in reference to the way WCDB used to or is changing their views on, how

I had the message that if I wanted to give them some free tickets, they would advertise my show over the air. Last time I checked, and you just agreed to that, it's free to advertise as a student group.

Glenda Bautista: It's free to student groups as a public service announcement. Just like any radio station, it's not free if we run an ad spot for about 30 seconds or maybe a minute and we have to cart it up. We have a production team that deals with specific instances like that. It's free if you need a calendar announcement, which is a spoken, quick blurb. Usually a lot of student groups use that.

Chairman Schwab: I have to attest to that. I did witness that person telling Matt that he wanted tickets in exchange for the promotion. I had that question as well, as to why they were told that for that announcement they inquired as to tickets. It might have been intended to give them tickets, but they asked for them in exchange for that announcement.

Matt Kraut: I just want to say that I'll be more than happy to speak with you after sometime and work things out. I've spoken with Rachael again about using WCDB, and I have no problem with it. I don't want to start a personal argument between yourself and myself because it's already past 11, and it's not worth our time to do it now. But I'll be more than happy to talk to you afterward and try to work things out.

I have another comment not pertaining to any of that. Also part of my job is sign solicitation permits. I know a lot of you are part of other groups. There's been a big problem with people posting over other people's fliers. I have now taken down fliers and taken down numbers. If it continues, your solicitations to be tabled anywhere

on this campus will be halted, and you will be fined. Thank you.

Legislative Report

Chairman Schwab: Our first bill on the agenda is:

Introduced by: Chairman Schwab, Vice-Chairman Bill 9697-24R  
Freilich, and Fi-Com Chair Fetterman

Date: October 2, 1996

Whereas: The Programming Office of the Student Association worked diligently for many months planning the Fallfest Concert; and

Whereas: The Fallfest Concert was a complete, rip-roaring success; and

Whereas: Many people dedicated a great deal of their time and effort to making it such an enjoyable event; and

Whereas: The reviews of the concert raved about the quality of the event; and

Whereas: The Fallfest Concert was the first to sell-out in many years; therefore

Be it hereby resolved:

That the Programming Director, matthew Kraut, assisted by Ken "Moe" Woodard, the Media Office, the staff of Copies Plus, the Metroland, 103.9 - the Edge, the Executive and Legislative Branches, and any other volunteers involved, be given the highest praise possible from the Student Association, and

Be it further resolved that:

The Student Association will surely look forward to The World Class Comedy Night, to be held on Homecoming Weekend, and

Be it finally resolved that :

Suitable copies of this resolution be sent to the Student Voice, the ASP, Metroland, 103.9 - The Edge, and WCDB, Bill and Marcy Kraut, The Source Magazine.

Chairman Schwab: Just for new members, when a bill has been read, someone may offer a friendly amendment. If it's seen as acceptable by the sponsor, it's considered friendly. It's considered hostile if the sponsor does not agree with the

amendment, and then we can put it to a vote. If the person who wants to introduce the amendment chooses to make a motion. So feel free, if you ever want any additions to bills or deletions, you can do both through a friendly amendment.

Craig Fetterman: I helped Matt out with some things whenever he needed. I live with Matt. We share an apartment downtown. For about a week before this, except for SA, I didn't see him once. He worked, literally, until about 12, 1:00 every single night getting ready for this. When it was over he crashed, he slept for about two days. He really worked hard, and a lot of people helped out. Unless you were there and helping out, you really couldn't understand how much of a success and how smoothly it went compared to some past events in the past years. It really went absolutely great and I really think he deserves it.

Vice Chairman Freilich: I attended the event. The event seemed great. Everyone there seemed like they had a great time. The most important part was, it had to be a great event, it sold out. That hasn't happened in a long time, and I think we should vote acclimation on this bill.

Chairman Schwab: I agree. Do I have a motion?

Valerie Vazquez makes a motion to move to debate, seconded by Greg Wahl. No objections. Greg Wahl makes a motion to move to question, seconded by Valerie Vazquez.



Jose Socorro: In policy it says that the Programming Director has to set up something called the Programming Board and the Advisory Board. I just wanted to know if he consulted with those two groups before he chose the band for the event.

Chairman Schwab: First, the applications are in, and the Executive Branch has said there has to be applications for that. I have to speak on this because this is not Executive report right now, and that question should have come up during that. We're now in question on a bill, but I'm allowing you to ask that question.

Second, those applications have to be processed, looked over. It's up to the Programming Director to form those boards. He is forming those boards. They were not formed last year. He has said that those boards are making the decision on the Battle of the Bands, Springfest. So, yes, they are being formed. Second, no, they weren't formed at the Fallfest. That comes up right away. They actually have to be picked over the summer, so there's no way they can do that for that first event. They did put surveys out, and the surveys were overwhelmingly, and I can attest, and they can show you, for They Might Be Giants.

Jose Socorro: So, to this date, there is no Programming Board?

Chairman Schwab: There will be. It's a process to get a board formulated, just as it is to hire directors and assistant directors. We're now in question, so do I have a motion?

Gregory Wahl makes a motion for acclimation.

Chairman Schwab: I want to explain to new council members what's happening. There was no debate on the bill. We went through debate. Then we moved to question, which is the voting part of the Legislative Report. Greg made a motion for acclimation. That means that the highest praise be given to this bill. It also implies that everyone agrees. If you're objecting to highest praise, which you have every right to do. I do offer objections, if you have objections, raise your hand then. Greg made a motion for acclimation, do I have a second?

Seconded by Valerie Vazquez. No objections for acclimation. This bill passes with acclimation.

Introduced by Kamau Blount, Valerie Vazquez,  
Steven Schwab

Bill 9697-25

October 2, 1996

Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:

- I. That the following revision to section 310.2 of the Student Association Constitution and Policy be accepted:

c. Any State University at Albany tax paying undergraduate student can become a full voting committee member, excluding paid executive directors and their assistant directors, by attending three consecutive meetings. Voting privileges will be attained at the third consecutive meeting.

- II. That this policy take effect immediately upon passage in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

Kamau Blount: Basically, this is just a clarification for our

committee meetings that enables us to clearly define the separation of power between the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch. Since we can't have an effect in what they do, in voting and things of that nature, we're not allowed to be on their committees. It's only fair that the reciprocal should take effect. It wouldn't be ethically correct for a member of the Executive Branch to come to one of our committee meetings and make votes that affect our legislation.

Chairman Schwab: Through different committees that meet besides council, any person that's not even on council can come to three consecutive, say Finance Committee meetings, and after attending three meetings can become a voting member. The intention of this is to limit that to those who are not paid by the Executive Branch being that committees are a part of the Legislative Branch, this would be in following with the separation of powers between the two branches. Say there was an investigation to the Executive Branch by Internal Affairs, then it would exclude them from being voting members of Internal Affairs. There are certain people who are ex-officio members of committees, the controller of the Finance Committee, but it's a non-voting member. So policy already stipulates that members that -- it says that Jay is a member of the committee, but it also stipulates ex-officio, meaning non-voting. Policy intended Jay to be a member of that committee without voting privileges. So policy already does that.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: If that's the case, then what's the

difference between a non-voting member and someone who just happens to be sitting in the room?

Chairman Schwab: They're the same people. They can advise, they can debate.

Larry Kauffman: So can a non-voting member unless told otherwise.

Chairman Schwab: Correct. Anybody can attend the meetings.

Larry Kauffman: So basically, an ex-officio and non-voting member has no status whatsoever different from an ordinary person.

Chairman Schwab: Correct..

Point of inquiry

Marc Alessi: If someone sat at my meeting three weeks in a row, then they would become a voting member of my committee?

Chairman Schwab: Correct. That part of it is already in policy. The only thing that is not is the directors of the Executive Branch would not be.

Point of inquiry

Gregory Wahl: It says that it's excluding any paid members of the executive branch, but would a paying member of the executive branch be able to be a non-voting member of another committee? Jay Kass is a member of Fi-Com, but if he wanted to become a member of my committee, he would be able to become a non-voting member of my committee?

Chairman Schwab: Correct.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: So, basically, in essence what this bill

would imply is that executive members of Student Association who would have a legitimate interest in the subject being debated by said committee would have less rights, fewer responsibilities, and far less influence than an ordinary student wandering in upon the third time?

Chairman Schwab: Correct. We as legislative members don't go in and make active decisions within the internal offices of Student Association. We can advise them. But this was something that was brought up, and I asked President Castrilli, and he thought that it was unethical that members of the Executive Branch be able to be voting members of the committees themselves, so we went ahead and put this bill through thinking that it was a legitimate concern. I believe it is. It goes along with separation of powers between the two branches, and that's my rationale.

Vice Chairman Freilich: I agree with Steve that this is very rational and logical and it separates the powers. Let me just give an example: Suppose someone on the Executive Branch attended three meetings of the Internal Affairs committee, right now, he may then become a member of the committee. If they are investigating in week four, it doesn't seem right that he's on the committee and he'll ask himself questions. I wonder who he'll vote for?

Chairman Schwab: What I want to add to that is that we're only talking about those directors who'll receive that stipend. By paid members of the executive branch, we don't mean service employees of Copies Plus. If we said service employees who are paid and not assistant directors, those members who are directors,



maybe we should stipulate that more exact. What I'm going to do is make a friendly amendment, if K.B. and Valerie don't mind, to say excluding executive directors and assistants.

Point of information

Larry Kauffman: You said there would be no way to stop it. That's not technically so. Even if it were to be so-called stopped in committee, you'd bring it to the full floor by one motion and council can vote on it. That's all.

Chairman Schwab: If a bill is defeated in committee, the only way that they'll approach the floor of this council is if two-thirds of this body says they want to yank that bill out of committee.

Larry Kauffman: Which is what is required for the vote anyway, two-thirds of council. So, presumably, anyone who is going to vote on it once it's out of committee could vote to get it out of committee with just as much ease or difficulty.

Chairman Schwab: Right, but that's the intention, Larry, that it has that check in the committee first.

Larry Kauffman: That's not checking, that's what I'm saying. At this point I'm debating, I'm not giving a point of information so I should probably just shut up.

Chairman Schwab: Just a quick thing, we're questioning the sponsors right now. If you have debate, save it until debate.

Joe Marcowski: I'd like to question them if they feel it's logical for having non-members of Central Council voting in, let's say the Finance Committee, even if there is a majority of non-

members of Central Council voting on something and bringing it to the Central Council even though the Central Council members reject that; do you understand what I'm saying?

Chairman Schwab: Yes, I understand what you're saying.

Joe Marcowski: Do you think there is a problem there?

Chairman Schwab: We can't prevent the fact that maybe ten people will come to three consecutive meetings and outnumber the members of council on the committee. The votes are equal. Is that your question?

Joe Marcowski: Right.

Chairman Schwab: Yeah, we can't do anything about that. We're not trying to prevent that. My council members here can't become paid members of the Executive Branch. They can't become assistant director. They can apply for it, and if they do get it, they have to resign from council, because it's a conflict of interest. What we're saying is that in this process of voting on legislation to go to council and to say whether or not there will be an investigation of this council against the executive branch or Student Association groups, we do not want that conflict of interest to be present there.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: If that's all you're trying to prevent, then why don't we just limit it to investigations, which would only mean certain aspects of one committee, Internal Affairs in this case. It wouldn't explain why they can't vote on ICA or any of the other committees.



Chairman Schwab: Larry, it's a simple separation of powers. That's what our basis is.

Larry Kauffman: Have we even had a problem with this in the past?

Point of order

Chairman Schwab: You guys have got to stop talking.

Kamau Blount: Like I said in my report before, even though there might not have been a problem, we're doing this to prevent having a problem. We're looking to take a pro-active stance. We don't want to wait until a problem arises and then put in legislation to stop that problem. Let's take care of it now, so that when it comes up in the future we've already covered our tracks.

Larry Kauffman: Except it's not separation of power because you're opening up the powers to everybody else but Executive Branch. All it is is rank discrimination.

Chairman Schwab: No. That power already exists, Larry. The students are already allowed to become voting members of a committee.

Larry Kauffman: That's exactly my point.

Chairman Schwab: The separation of powers clause is between the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. That doesn't apply to non-members of any branch.

Larry Kauffman: Basically, you're saying everybody can come except the Executive Branch.

Chairman Schwab: Right, and everybody can be paid members of

the Executive Branch besides members of the Legislative Branch.

Larry Kauffman: No, they can't, Mr. Chairman. They have to be hired.

Chairman Schwab: Exactly. They have the ability to apply while being a Student Association member. Members here can apply. Upon receiving a job or being hired, they have to resign. Thereupon, we see that as similar. Thereupon, this bill was created.

Marc Alessi makes a motion for debate, seconded by Greg Wahl. Any objections?

Dina Delicee: I have a question.

Chairman Schwab: Quick question, Dina?

Dina Delicee: Did the friendly amendment ever go through?

Chairman Schwab: No, it did not. So, we're now in debate.

Vice Chairman Freilich: We'll make an amendment to make it very clear in a couple of minutes, but let me just give an example at the federal level. Can Vice President Al Gore be a member of Congress?

Larry Kauffman: Can an ordinary bum on the street be a member of Congress?

Chairman Schwab: Larry, you're out of order.

Larry Kauffman: I know, but you weren't going to call on me.

Vice Chairman Freilich: It's a separation of powers, and it's very logical, straightforward, and it should go through with virtually no debate.

John Lako: What you just said is incorrect. Vice President Al Gore is an appointed member of the Senate in the event of tie. Policy stipulates that anybody can be a member of the committee. If I was affirmative action, and I wanted to be able to vote on Student Action or ICAC, stuff that's totally irrelevant to my job, I think that I should be able to have that right because every other student in this organization does. I think we should limit the bill where there are conflicts of interest.

Jason Kass: This bill needs to be reworded.

Chairman Schwab: We've excluded it to executive directors and assistants.

Jason Kass: Did that go through?

Chairman Schwab: Yes. That rewording has been done.

Jason Kass: What does it say now.

Chairman Schwab: It now says excluding any executive directors.

Point of information

Omar Price: I did not see no kind of debate.

Chairman Schwab: Excuse me, Omar, we accepted that friendly amendment as the sponsors.

Omar Price: I didn't hear any questions as far as objections.

Chairman Schwab: A friendly amendment doesn't go up to objection.

Point of information

Jason Kass: Someone just asked if that amendment went through and you said, no.

Dina Delicee: I asked about the friendly amendment.

Chairman Schwab: I'm sorry. I didn't know. You didn't mean the one about the conflict of interest?

Dina Delicee: No.

Chairman Schwab: It does now say executive directors and assistants.

Jason Kass: What has been taken out?

Chairman Schwab: Any paid member of the executive branch. So, it would include employees of Copies Plus and service directors, such as the transportation director.

Jason Kass: What you're saying right now is in the bill?

Chairman Schwab: Yeah, executive directors and assistants, which don't include transportation director and Copies Plus manager.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: We're talking about the process of eliminating this and one of the reasonings for this process is to eliminate a conflict of interest. The transportation director, for instance, is paid by the executive branch and presumably has an interest and possible conflict of interest through that position, then how is that any different?

Chairman Schwab: We decided, if you eliminate transportation director, you eliminate all service positions, and it wouldn't be fair to eliminate transportation, Copies Plus manager, assistant Copies Plus manager, and all Copies Plus employees.

Larry Kauffman: Even though that enforces and sets executive

policy, for instance, with the van itself?

Chairman Schwab: The reason we did that is because, if we eliminated transportation, we'd have to open ourselves to eliminating all the other service people.

Larry Kauffman: You don't have to. You can do whatever you want here.

Chairman Schwab: Would you like to? Are you asking us to?

Larry Kauffman: No. I think that if an ordinary student or a bum on the street who registers for one credit and pays the student activity fee can join, and can load up a committee and pack it-- mind you this has never happened--just to get people to show up who are actually on the committees, let alone chairs and vice chairs is frequently difficult if not impossible. If this bum, who has registered for one credit--which I checked with Vice President Doellefeld--who can do this and be a voting member of Student Association, if he or she can pack the committee--

Chairman Schwab: What's the point of inquiry?

Larry Kauffman: I'm wondering what the process is and the reason behind it. That's the reason why it a point of inquiry and not debate.

Chairman Schwab: I gave you my reasoning, that's it. We're not going to eliminate service positions. Jay Kass still has the floor.

Jason Kass: How many things can I go through?

Chairman Schwab: I would ask you to be fair to the other members.

Jason Kass: Executive directors and assistants. I have about volunteer assistants. Are they allowed to sit?

Chairman Schwab: Yes.

Jason Kass: You're keeping paid in there?

Chairman Schwab: Yes, paid executive directors and assistants.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: When you say paid executive directors, I understand that. When you say paid assistants, do you mean assistants and in parenthesis assistant directors, or any assistant?

Chairman Schwab: No. I'm saying executive directors and their assistants.

Larry Kauffman: I doesn't say assistant directors, it just says assistants. I'm not trying to be difficult here. We do have paid assistant. Someone who does work for a fee and gets paid, that's a paid assistant if the person doesn't even have a directorship. I do that plenty of times.

Chairman Schwab: The way this is being interpreted, and the way it's going down, is that it will be the assistant directors.

Larry Kauffman: It should be spelled out if that's the way it mean.

Chairman Schwab: What paid assistants are you talking about?

Larry Kauffman: Any paid assistants. These are hypothetical persons since it's a hypothetical conflict of interest.

Valerie Vazquez: What hypothetical people?

Point of information

Larry Kauffman: Assistant is one who assists - Webster's Dictionary. I'm not being sarcastic here. Anybody who is paid to assist a director, whether or not that person has the title of assistant director. You may remember from last year. There was the controller, assistant controller, and assistant to the controller.

Chairman Schwab: Would you like to offer a friendly amendment?

Larry Kauffman: No. I don't want to offer a friendly amendment, I want to offer a killer amendment.

Gregory Wahl: Can I offer a friendly amendment to capitalize executive directors and assistants that way they are "The" assistant directors and assistants?

Chairman Schwab: How about we say, "The paid executive directors and their assistant directors?"

Larry Kauffman: That's what it should say if you're going to do it at all, although I don't agree with it.

Kamau Blount: That means we're allowing assistants to the president to be on the committees?

Chairman Schwab: Yes. We can't limit that.

Larry Kauffman: You can do whatever you want to.

Chairman Schwab: We're not going to.

Point of information

Omar Price: I would like to know if this went through committee and if it did, was there a vote?

Chairman Schwab: This is introduced by three individuals of council, it doesn't have to.

Joe Marcowski: Yeah, I'd like to make a point. Groups themselves, some groups having interest in some of these committees, such as the Finance Committee, and they could technically pack the committees themselves with three consecutive meetings, take control of that committee and do whatever they please. So, we also have to think about other activity groups.

Chairman Schwab: We can't go as far as that. What we're concerned with in this bill--maybe at a future time, we can address that--is the separation of power from all the branches. We're not getting into the groups.

Gina Bonica: I'm sorry. Can you just read it over the way it's supposed to be.

Chairman Schwab: Sure. Any state University at Albany tax paying undergraduate student can become a full voting committee member, excluding any paid executive directors and their assistant directors, by attending three consecutive meetings. Voting privileges will be attained at the third consecutive meeting.

Ashwani Prabhakar: One of the previous speakers said that perhaps an organization on campus could pack the committee. You said we can't go that far, but according to how you have justified this legislation, which I think to be very negative legislation, you would have to go that far. You said that you had two points, and your first point was that it would be unethical.

Chairman Schwab: And the point was also made by the president



of the Student Association that this would be unethical, so you're questioning him as to his justification.

Ashwani Prabhakar: If you wish to pass this legislation to avoid an unethical situation, you would have to go that far. Someone passing legislation on a committee to improve their own situation is the same as the Executive Branch Director doing that. Also, you talked about a situation where a pay raise came up, a stipend increase, where you basically did not vote on the issue. That's commendable. The question is, do Kamau Blount, Valerie Vazquez, and Steve Schwab expect any less of the Executive Branch? Do you expect them to be unethical in situations?

Chairman Schwab: No, I'm not. We actually asked the President about this to get his point of view, in terms of it being unethical. We wouldn't have gone ahead with this if we had thought there would have been a problem. If this doesn't go through, then what we might create is legislation to allow council members to become paid assistant directors. Why is that ethical?

Ashwani Prabhakar: If we're not going to allow them to be on these committees, you have to take it as far as that. You have to not allow me to sit on the sports committee if I'm on the rugby team. We can't go that far, because it's really ridiculous to go that far is why this legislation can't be passed. Another point is, you compared us to the Congress. We shouldn't be like them. They never get anything done. We're students. We're not Republicans, we're not Democrats. We should be working together, and this legislation is very negative because we're distrusting

each other. That's been something that's been going for years. I thought that it might change this year. I campaigned on that, hopefully for things to change and we can work together, rather than bickering and arguing and distrusting each other. If we pass this legislation on the first day the new candidates come into office, it's awful. When this goes up in the ASP and the Student Voice, the students will really see that Central Council and the Executive Branch of Student Association are separate, and basically, it shows that we might not get anything done this year if we continue down this road.

Chairman Schwab: All I'm going to say is that this is not intended to be negative legislation. This is intended to go along with separation of powers. This is intended to go along with the preventative methods of being able to do our jobs, and we've done our jobs thus far. This is not negative in any such way.

Vice Chairman Freilich: I just want to ask one more question to you. Would you support the bill if it specifically said, "Excluding the controller, assistant controller, media director, president, vice president, etc.?"

Ashwani Prabhakar: No. I believe that any University students should be able to sit on these committees. That is in policy as it is now, and I think we should keep it.

Jose Socorro makes a motion to move to question, seconded by Larry Kauffman. No objection. We're now in question.

Jose makes a motion for unanimous consent, seconded by Valerie Vazquez. There are objections.

Chairman Schwab: We'll do a roll-call vote.

Gregory Wahl: Motion for house.

Vice Chairman Freilich: A "yes" vote means you're for the bill, and "no" means you're against it.

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

Chairman Schwab: Bill 9697-25 passes with a vote of 17-3-1-2

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: If someone who voted a no-vote or yes to the vote wishes to change his/her mind, would you allow that now.

Chairman Schwab: No. I would not.

Point of inquiry: How come we didn't finish the rest of debate?

Chairman Schwab: There was a motion to move to question, seconded by Larry Kauffman.

From the floor: Who made the motion to move to debate?

Chairman Schwab: Jose made a motion to move to debate. Guys, we did the proper process. Neil was taking the list. I called Jose, who was next on the list, and he made a motion to move to debate. Question ends debate.

Point of information

Omar Price: Under the by-laws of the Internal Affairs Committee it states that any member of Student Association can become a full voting member by attending three consecutive meetings. Voting privileges will be attained at the third consecutive meeting. If this is already stated, why is it being ignored?

Chairman Schwab: It's not being ignored, it is being included and it is being furthered with this addition to policy.

Omar Price: If this bill that you have currently, right now, why isn't it an amendment?

Chairman Schwab: It says, "The following revisions to Section

310.2 of the Student Association Constitution.

Point of information

Jason Kass: This is 340.2.

Chairman Schwab: Policy is reiterated in several sections.

Jason Kass: You're contradicting policy. That's what I was trying to tell you before.

Point of inquiry

Larry Kauffman: If that's what we're amending, then why didn't we have bills introduced to appeal all the other sections which would conflict?

Point of information

Gregory Wahl: All of the committees on Central Council are re-doing their by-laws and we are all getting rid of that statement.

Point of information

Larry Kauffman: It's great people telling me what they promise is going to be done, meanwhile it hasn't been done, meanwhile policy right now as it stands is contradictory.

Chairman Schwab: This has been passed, now the bill will take the proper process.

Damien Scalafani: I thought it was unfair that we moved to question.

Chairman Schwab: Damien, any person who is on the list doesn't necessarily have to debate. If they're a member of council, they can introduce a motion at any time during this

meeting.

Damien Scalafani: What would be the point of directors being here if they couldn't debate?

Chairman Schwab: If you had rose your hand before Jose did, you could have debated. The list would go on and on and on unless someone raises a motion. The next bill is 9697-26.

Introduced by the Internal Affairs Committee

Bill 9697-26

October 2, 1996

Committee Vote: 3-0-0-0

Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:

- I. That section 1100 of the Student Association Constitution and Policy be eliminated.
  
- II. That this bill take effect immediately upon passage in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

Valerie Vazquez: The reason that this bill be eliminated is because it is redundant to the present constitution, and it was passed by a previous central council trying to redefine Educational Affairs Director's role, as well as the Academic Affairs Committee duties. Since we have been revising policy, we feel that it should be eliminated, because the goals and the duties have already been specified.

Kamau Blount: I just wanted to add that in regards to the Academic Affairs Committee, Greg has included that in his policy so he won't be losing any sections of his responsibilities. Also, I wanted to make a friendly amendment to put our committee vote on here. Committee vote: 3-0-0-0

Chairman Schwab: I referred this to them. This allows Central Council to have control over the Educational Affairs Directors office, and there should be no direct control by central council over the internal offices of the Student Association. So, what I asked Internal Affairs to do was to look at the possibility of eliminating entirely 1100 Policy. I believe it was a jealous council who created this, who felt that the Educational Affairs Director wasn't doing his or her job. I don't believe that's our job.

Motion to move to debate by Larry Kauffman, seconded by Gregory Wahl. No objections. We're now in debate.

Motion to move to question by Larry Kauffman, seconded by Pat Albano. No objections. We're now in question.

Gregory Wahl makes a motion for unanimous consent, seconded by Larry Kauffman. No objections.

This bill passes with unanimous consent.

Old Business: None

New Business

Larry Kauffman: If this is the end of business, maybe we should have a moment of silence for Steve?

Chairman Schwab: Yes. I would like at this point if we could all have a moment of silence for Steve and his family. This was a suggestion that the Vice Chair had, I believe he was going to do it in closing remarks, but I'm happy that Larry has thought of it too.

Larry Kauffman: Can I just say something first? Last year when I was in charge of all this stuff, three students passed away. This is the worst thing that can happen to the school. The end of a life when someone invests so much time and energy into a career shouldn't be allowed to pass without mourning. We might want to keep that in mind, the life issues verses the nonsensical issues. Maybe we could get a bus or a van or something to go down to the funeral? I'd like to go.

Chairman Schwab: I agree. I'm sure that Mike will be kept abreast of plans for services.

(A moment of silence is observed for Steve Wankmuller.)

Marc Alessi: I motion to have coffee in the back at our next meeting.

Chairman Schwab: This will be the last time we have refreshments at council. Water will continue, but the expenses are just too much. We did it tonight because it was the new members first meeting.

#### Announcements

Gregory Wahl: I just wanted to remind everyone again about the Presidential debate that's happening at Miln 200 at 8:30 on



Sunday.

Dina Delicee: This Sunday is the Walktoberfest in downtown Albany. All proceeds are going to benefit the Diabetes Association. If you want to donate money you can see me. If you want to walk you can see me as well.

Marc Alessi: It would be useful if we could get a list of numbers at the next meeting.

Chairman Schwab: Most of council has left for some odd reason. What I wanted was all members, new members and former members, leave your name, phone number, and campus address with Neil. We need to make a phone list. New members, don't forget to give us those committee sheets. If you don't give us them tonight, we'll assign you to a committee without your request.

Kamau Blount: I just want to remind the IA Committee, we're going to have a brief meeting right after this.

Chairman Schwab: Thank you, new members. You did a great job.

Closing Roll CallVice Chairman Freilich:

Those present:

Pat Albano  
Marc Alessi  
Glenda Bautista  
Bridget Bergen  
Kamau Blount  
Gina Bonica  
Amos Bronson  
Darlene Classen  
Dina Delicee  
Jess Fassler  
Neil Freilich  
Larry Kauffman  
Jessica Morales  
Ashwani Prabhakar  
Omar Price  
Steven Schwab  
Matt Shapiro  
Jose Socorro  
Todd Teichman  
Dori Travieso  
Ted Tsakanos  
Valerie Vazquez  
Gregory Wahl

Chairman Schwab: For those of you who are new, please clean your messes before you leave.

Adjournment: This meeting is adjourned at 11:56.