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Student Association Senate

Wednesday, April 8th

8:00 PM - Zoom

Budgetary Session Agenda

I. Call to Order and Opening Roll

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve to Sen. Ozley, seconded by Sen. Goudiaby

III. Public Comment

- President of Middle Earth: Explains Middle Earth.
- President of SA: Survey regarding graduation. Planning to host a second town hall, currently in the works. Planning for next Thursday
- Director of Academic Affairs: Affordable testing act. Another application cycle will be around next semester. Academic Affairs page on MyInvolvement has google form
- Sen. Aghanwa: Wanted to emphasize students that went through constituents' relations.
- Sen. Diallo: Please submit information for Instagram
- Comptroller: View point neutrality

IV. Opening Remarks

1. Samuel Salazar, Chair of the Board of Finance, Chair *pro tempore* of the Senate
 - a. Get straight to the point
 - b. Last BoF meeting is before the 22nd meeting
2. Molly Donelan, Vice Chair of the Board of Finance, Vice Chair *pro tempore* of the Senate
 - a. No remarks

V. Legislative Agenda

1. S.1920 – 157 Board of Finance Nomination (Patel)
 - a. Sen Donelan: Had a vacancies for the rest of the school year
 - b. President: Speaks about the nominee
 - c. Sen. Patel: introduces himself

Chairman Chin motions to pass by unanimous consent, Seconded by Sen. Quian, nominee is passed

2. S.1920 - 158 Comptroller Nomination (James)
 - a. Sen. Donelan: Chose comptroller a little bit early to ensure there is enough time to train. Has been involved in SA before even a student, is qualified for this position

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- b. Comptroller: Has known nominee for six years. Can say that there is no one better for the position. Best decision SA has made this year

Sen Conway motions to call to question, seconded by Sen. McCracken, objected by Sen. Goudiaby

Sen. Goudiaby: objected because he has questions

Sen. Conway rescinds motion

Questions:

- Sen. Goudiaby: What is something you want to bring to the comptroller office to better engage student groups
 - Nominee: Wants to assign deputy to different student groups. Wants to do more of that, wants deputy to meet with group once or twice a month
- Sen. Diallo: How do you plan to foster a relationship with student groups
 - Nominee: Wants to be a resource for them, wants to make sure that himself, and his office, is going to student events
- Sen. Goudiaby: in terms of duties of comptroller's office, what is a strength you have for this office?
 - Nominee: Likes to have a lot of things that are set in stone and follow a certain path. Often makes sure that everything is set in a timely manner. Needs to work on time commitment. Can work on academic commitments
- Sen. Goudiaby: What part of a bike would you be?
 - Nominee: the gears. No matter what, no gears, no functioning bike
- Sen Osei: What would you do better than the previous comptroller?
 - Nominee: Can make sure that PRs in the system are more attended to. Thinks a better PR process could be put in place
- Sen. Garcia-Gomez: What would be your process for the PR system
 - Nominee: explains process. Student groups submit PRs in my involvement, brings supporting documentation to the front desk. From there, the comptroller's office works from that spreadsheet. Then goes to UAS, then goes back to SA to be completed. Is more of an excel person that Tony is. Going from submitting online, the bringing stuff in, then being put into a system can be confusing. PRs can be lost
- Comptroller: In term of the process you were just defining, it was modified from previous years. Must move toward a fully online system. How do you believe is efficient during the school year?
 - Nominee: during summer at the comptroller office, the biggest thing he dealt with was determine what cases went to what files. Although it can be labor intensive to have student groups bring in the information, we could do it that was and have everything online and the excel way. Or, we could make it directly online where student groups can submit online and on excel. We would just have to remind student groups in the beginning of what the process is.
- President Nuñez: Throughout this pass year, Tony did a good job connecting with and keeping a close relationship with the directors, how can you extend that relationship?
 - Nominee: believes that it is very important to have a good connection with each other. Can think of perhaps a bonding activity, such as Dippikill. Wants to make sure that the Comptroller is in attendance. Believes this year the office of the Comptroller had a place in the executive.

Sen. McCracken motions to change section 3,4,5 to roman numeral I,II,III

Sen. McCracken motions to move into debate, seconded by Sen. Weis

Debate:

- Comptroller: Thinks nominee is going to make a great comptroller. Has worked under three comptrollers, has seen the good, the bad, and the ugly. Best decision SA has made since appointing current comptroller
- Sen. Goudiaby: Seeing the nominee work day in and day out in the office is the staple. Is qualified for the position
- Sen. Scott: Believes that it was Friday before Spring Break. Was in the SA office, one of the only people in the SA office was the nominee working on credit card statements. Sat there and took mental note of what he was doing and why he was doing this. Led Sen. Scott to believe that this is the best candidate. Cannot think of anyone better for the role
- Chairman Chin: Agrees with similar sentiments. Supported him last year as someone for Deputy Comptroller. No human is perfect, but nominee is always working to be better and make SA a better place. Urges everyone to vote for it or pass by unanimous

Motion to pass by unanimous consent by Sen. Ramsaran, seconded by Sen. Goudiaby, without objection this bill passes

3. S.1920 - 159 Deputy Comptroller Nomination (Ortiz)

- Sen. Donelan: Ironic that we picked these people so early because these people are so qualified. Has shown great promise as assistant comptroller
- Comptroller: Was working this summer in the office. Ariel was giving someone a tour of someone who transferred. Begged Comptroller to give him a chance, give the nominee a chance. Making nominee his assistant was the best possible decision. Managed schedule, homework, office, mental health. Really held it down. Nominee is a go getter, never asked to do things that the nominee has done, just does it
- Nominee: Explains himself. When he met Tony, really wanted to work for him. Going up from 13k at his community college to the huge budget of SA was a huge achievement. Believes that the deputies were very special to him. Learned a lot during his time in the office. Thanks SA Senate for always being diligent. Looks forward to giving reports lining up with the comptroller. Working with the new comptroller will be a great experience. Wants to ensure finances stay as clear as possible

Questions:

- President Nuñez: When he first met Adam, was very passionate to get involved. Gave background to the President, is qualified for the position, and joined the executive board for multiple student groups
- Sen. Diallo motions to go into debate, seconded by Sen. Goudiaby

Debate:

- Sen. Goudiaby: When he first met nominee, was bright eyed and ready to work. Would be great for this position
- Chairman Chin: Anyone that comes to senate regularly that does not have to be there, takes note. Believes that he is dedicated. His personality is amazing
- Sen. Yanqui: Adam has been very helpful in the past. Endorses nomination

Motion to pass by unanimous consent by Sen. Diallo, seconded by Sen. Goudiaby. Without objection, this passes by unanimous consent

4. S.1920 - 160 Signatory Powers (Adesanya/Hurtado)

- Sen. Donelan: This bill gives new President and Vice President their signature powers. Needs to be done

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Motion to pass by unanimous consent, seconded by Sen. Osei

VI. Viewpoint Neutrality and Budget Amendment Training

- a. Comptroller: explains viewpoint neutrality
- b. Sen. Donelan: Reminds Senators viewpoint neutrality and about personal gain

VII. New Business

- 1. Presentation of the Student Association Budget for FY 2020-2021
 - i. Consideration of the External Budget

Yellow means not flagged

Purple means flagged

Motion to pass all non-flagged by unanimous consent by Sen. McCracken, seconded by Sen. Yanqui

- 1. African Student Association
- 2. Albany Outreach for Animals
- 3. Albany Society of Physics Students
- 4. Albany Sports Business Organization
- 5. Albany State Indian Alliance
- 6. Albany State University Black Alliance

Questions:

- Sen. Diallo: Only flagged it because of graduation. Thought that we passed something last year that said that student groups cannot ask for SA to pay for graduation.
 - o BoF Chair: Does not remember
 - o Comptroller: Did not say that these things cannot be gotten by student orgs. The problem was apparel
- Sen. Osei: If these are customized, are they still being approved?
 - o Comptroller: They are classified as apparel. In SA we buy all the seniors stoles. It would unfair to orgs if we say that we cannot give them to the orgs but can give them to SA. None have their games on it
- Sen. Diallo: If Stoles cannot be customized, how do organizations know what they can put on them?
 - o Comptroller: Knows because Comptroller must approve it
- Sen. Goudiaby: What is SoulFrito
 - o Comptroller: Collaboration of two cultures
- Sen. Garcia-Gomez: How is this money going to be spend?
 - o Comptroller: what organizations will do is use their own money. Just because it is not on the budget, don't think they aren't spending their money. Organizations would split the collaboration cost

Motion to approve by Sen. Diallo, seconded by Sen. Goudiaby

- 7. American Cancer Society on Campus

Questions:

- Chairman Chin: clarification on storage shed?
 - o Comptroller: Has storage shed that has been paid for multiple years in a row. The only option we have is to get a storage space

Motion to approve by Sen. Weis, seconded by McCracken

- 8. Anointed Vessels of Praise

Questions:

- Sen. Yanqui: Payments to campus Minister?
 - o Comptroller: We have a minister on campus that gets payed for their services

- Sen Yanqui: Does not see any other minister on any religious organization
 - Comptroller: Not every organization is the same
- Sen. Yanqui: Would these payments fall under events?
 - Comptroller: Its on a case by case basis
- Sen. Osei: Prayers for Finals
 - BoF: is not sure much about it, but is a religious event

Motion to Approve by Sen. McCracken, seconded by Sen. Weis

9. Asian American Alliance

10. Association of Latino Professionals for America

- Sen. Ozley: What does gear mean?
 - Comptroller: apparel
- Sen. Ozley: Is this customized?
 - Comptroller: No
- Sen. Osei: Every line item that says gear or apperal, none of them are custom right?
 - BoF chair: Correct

Motion to approve by Sen. McCracken, seconded by Sen. Ozley

11. Big Brothers Big Sisters

12. Black Theatre Productions

Questions:

- Sen. Goudiaby: Can someone on BoF explain the gala?
 - BoF Vice-Chairwoman: Fit the discretion of their mission at the time of approval by the board of finance

Motion to approve by Sen. Garcia-Gomez, seconded by Sen. Weis

13. Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Motion to approve by Sen. Weis, seconded by Sen. Diallo

14. Building Ladies Up (BLU)

15. Campus Ambassadors

16. Chinese Student Association

17. Circle K

Motion to approve by Sen. Ramsaran, seconded by Sen. Diallo

18. Campus Recreation (CLUB SPORTS)

19. College Democrats

20. College Republicans

21. Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry

22. Cyber Defense Organization

Motion to approve by Sen. Ramsaran, seconded by Sen. McCracken

23. Dance Council

Questions:

- Sen. McNeil: Why is the general interest meeting \$600?
 - BoF member McCracken: Multiple meetings adding up to one line

Motion to approve by Sen. McCracken, seconded by Sen. McTurner

24. Doctors IV Hope

Motion to approve by Sen. Osei, seconded by Sen. Mendz

25. Embrace Thy Curls

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- Sen. Yanqui wanted to see break down of CurlFest?
 - BoF member Zhang: Looking at their previous budget breakdown, all of these numbers were brought up by Comptroller Kelley

Motion to approve by Sen. Yanqui, seconded by Sen. Weis

26. Five Quad

27. Fuerza Latina

Questions:

- Sen. Garcia-Gomez: Wants to see breakdown?
 - BoF Chair: Pulls up budget
- Sen. Diallo: Are student groups supposed to pay to use CC Ballroom?
 - Comptroller: Technology costs money

Motion to approve by Sen. Garcia-Gomez, seconded by Sen. Goudiaby

28. Haitian Student Association

29. Hillel

Questions:

- Sen. McTurner: Can I see breakdown of \$21,000? Why is budget so long?
 - Comptroller: Many dinners on different occasions

Motion to approve by Sen. Garcia-Gomez, seconded by Sen. Garcia

30. Jamaican Student Association

31. Kehila

32. Knemesis Dance Crew

Sen. Osei motions to approve, seconded by Sen. McTurner

33. La Dolce Vita

Questions:

- Sen. McTurner: Can we see a breakdown
 - BoF Chair shows breakdown

Sen. Ramsaran motions to approve, seconded by Sen. McTurner

34. Liga Filipina

35. Minorities and Philosophy

36. Minority Association of Pre-Medical/Health Studies

37. Middle Earth

38. Mock Trial

39. Model European Union

40. Model United Nations

Questions:

- Sen. Garcia-Gomez: Why are both conferences different prices? Wants breakdown of Spring conference.
 - BoF Chairman: Shows Breakdown

Motion to approve by Sen. Garcia-Gomez, seconded by Sen. McCracken

Motion to amend budget to reflect budget by Sen. Aghanwa, Seconded by Sen. Garcia

41. Musical Theatre Association

42. Muslim Student Association

43. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

44. National Association of Black Accountants

45. National Congress of Black Women

46. Neuroscience Club

Motion to approve by Sen. Ozley, seconded by Sen. Garcia-Gomez

47. Newman Catholic Association

Motion to approve by Sen. Osei, seconded by Sen. Ramsaran

48. Organized C.H.A.O.S.

49. Pan-Caribbean Association

50. Phenomenal Voices

51. Pitch Please!

Motion to approve by Sen. Osei, seconded by Sen. Ramsaran

52. Pre-Dental

53. Pre-PA Club

54. Precizun Step Team

55. Pride Alliance

56. Project Inspire

Sen. Weis motions to approve, seconded by Sen. McNeil

57. Project SHAPE

58. Salsa Dance Club

59. Serendipity

60. Shabbos House Lchaim

Questions:

- Sen. Adesanya: difference between graduation party and graduation weekend
 - o BoF vice-chairwoman: Graduation party was before the end of the year. Graduation event is for graduation

Motion by Sen. Adesanya motions to approve, seconded by Sen. Ramsaran

61. SSTOP

62. STEEL/Toastmasters

63. Students for Sensible Drug Policy

64. The Guild

Sen. Ramsaran motions to approve, seconded by Sen. McNeil

65. The Posh Daily

66. Torch Yearbook / University Photo Services

Questions:

- Sen. Ramsaran: Can you speak on why there was an increase in the budget?
 - o BoF chair: Large chunk went to equipment and Dippikill. They are investing in new equipment for future years

Sen. Ramsaran motions to approve, seconded by Sen. Garcia-Gomez

67. Turning Point USA

68. Two and a Half

69. UAlbany Debate team

70. UAlbany Nasha

71. UAlbany Sustainability

72. UAlbany Tango Club

73. UAlbany Veterans

74. United Nations Association - USA

75. Under Construction

76. WCDB

77. Women Excelling in Business

Vote on external budget:

32-0-1

Debate on if we should go until 12am and go into internal budget:

Debate:

- Sen. Ramsaran: Lets just vote
- Sen. Goudiaby: We should get a head start
- Sen. Garcia: We should get a head start
- Sen. Yanqui: We should move forward until midnight

Motion to pass by unanimous consent by Sen. Goudiaby, seconded by Sen. Weis

ii. Consideration of the Internal Budget

1. Dippikill

Questions:

- Sen. Ramsaran: If I want to lower a specific amount, how do I do that?
 - BoF Chair: If you want to add something you have to tell me where to take from, if you want to take away, then we are A okay
- Sen. Garcia: Why did marketing increase to 3,000?
 - Comptroller: We added marketing after cutting it last year. On Fridays the staff wears shirts that say "Ask me about Dippikill"
- Sen. Osei: Information about logo?
 - Comptroller: Logo is being worked on through the executive branch. It is separate from the budget process
- Sen. Yanqui: Does personnel mean a raise for the employees?
 - Comptroller: Yes
- Sen. Goudiaby: in terms of development and renovation, is there any major renovations being proposed?
 - Comptroller: Biggest cost would be the bathhouse exterior replacement, roofing on Farmhouse

Sen. Aghanwa motions to approve, seconded by Sen. McCracken

2. Personnel

Questions:

- Sen. McCracken: Stands firmly with BoF on a lot of parts of the budget. But strongly opposes stipend increases.

Motion to cut all directors stipend down to \$2,150 by Sen. McCracken, seconded by Sen. Diallo, objected by Sen. Aghanwa

Nature of objection: Is unclear on BoF's decisions to increase

Debate on the objection:

- Sen. Aghanwa: Why did we increase?
 - BoF vice-chairwoman: rooted in bylaw surrounding economic disadvantage
 - Comptroller: One problem about the student association is that the positions are not appealing to be in. If Comptroller was not fortunate enough to have another job where he makes a lot of money, he could not be comptroller. Students should not be turned away from the student association because of financial hardship. All directors are required to work 10 hours a week. The director's stipend a \$2,150. If you do the math, they would be making \$6.71 an hour. That means they are making below minimum wage. Increasing their stipend will still be below minimum wages but shows that the Student association stands with students. We should not be sitting in a seat prohibiting people from taking a leap. The student Association is a business, the senators are the board of directors. Senators have the power to

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change their salaries. Our directors make 1/3 of what similar student organizations pay their directors

- Sen. Quian: We cannot afford to have as many resignations next year as we did this year. We had resignations due to financial hardship. It should be higher than 3,000 dollars, one step at a time
- Sen. Ramsaran motions to call the objection to question
 - Vote: 7-19-6; this motion failed

Sen. Chin motions to have \$750 dollars for Senate Chairs, \$500 dollars for Ethics subcommittee chair, 3500 dollars to be taken from program concert line. Seconded by Sen. Ramsaran. Sen. McCracken objects

Nature of the objection by Sen. McCracken: Honorable thought to want to pay committee chairs. Do these committee chairs have to put in office hours? If we are going to make student leaders sit in the office. What is the real purpose for office hours? One could argue that it's for the resource. For him, the main reason is to be there for the students. There is only a few positions that need to be there for the students. The only ones that need to be there for the students are community engagement and outreach. Stipends are important, we should grow as leaders, but we should not be using this as a career to make money.

- Comptroller: When you think of lines and who need to have stipends. You need to think of the space we have in the student association. You are adding 50 hours of office hours. It is not feasible to have space. Some of these chairs do not need to be there for the students. You cannot pay people in the same position the same rates. Stipends are made by bylaws by workload.
- Sen. Diallo: As a chairperson. A lot of people like to say that we do not like to be paid. We might not have office hours, but they constantly meet with student groups. On a day to day basis we meet with students. They take time out of their lives to sit and advocate for the students. We answer other students' questions. We take in a lot of criticism. We work with directors in SA. We organize programs, meet with constituents
- Chairman Chin: At least Sen. McCracken is consistent. Different people different year some people argue. However, the work is increasing. Wants to do mobile office hours. There are other positions that have stipends that do not have office hours, different workloads here and there, but the hard work in the executive committee he saw as the chair of the executive committee
- Sen. Goudiaby: Being that he is a senator that is leaving, the increase is not substantial. Would understand if there was a lot of financial compensation, but it is not a lot. The student association office is just not big enough to hold that many people. The comparison to directors and chairs are not synonymous. We need to pay based on the position, not how much additional work people put into it. Can easily be argued that they put work in, but in the same breath, so many senators should also get paid
- Sen. Quian: Wants to get rid of presumption today. Someone's lack of ability to commit to something because of someone's financial standing is not indicative of their level of interest
- Sen. McCracken: Does respect Sen. Quian's opinion. We cannot say that we must be compensated. Every student puts in work. We all are full time students, there are points in life where we will do things without pay. We must incentivize work, but it is not a matter of compensation. Lot of internships do not pay, does not mean we should, not do it
- Sen. Quian: We have to speak about people's ability to take position. Some people might not come forward
- Sen. Ramsaran: As rules chairperson, would be investigating if they are being held. If you are doing work, no one will investigate you. There are other stipends that do not interact with students, such as the EC chair. Just to say that chairpeople do not interact with students is sort of unfair. Bylaws are constantly being referenced, and that is done being through rules
- Sen. Ozley: Believes it is a weak argument to make when you say that chairs can skate by through the year. If you agree with that sentiment, you agree. But feels as though we should be raising the standard of the chairpeople. You can vote for a chairperson that would enforce this

Sen. Garcia-Gomez motions to call the objection to question

Vote: 15-15-5; Motion is lost (Did not meet 2/3 requirement)

- Sen. Ramsaran: Why is Comptroller being given a raise?

- Comptroller: When first came into position, saw there was a problem. Needed to work 40 hours a week to make sure he can keep Student Association afloat. Once speaking to other schools, saw that we are being underpaid. The students need recourses. To speak to The comptroller doing less work: would tread lightly when making these claims. These people are CEO and CFO of Dippikill. This is taking up hours and hours a day. Tread lightly when you say the comptroller out of all people is doing less work. Adding assistant is making sure student is being help
- Sen. Adesanya yields time to Chief of Staff to the President: Seeing amount of hours that the comptroller put in for the first two weeks was over 40 hours. Compared to the pay, it does not add up. It does not make sense. I see all these comments that claim you will be getting more for less work. This is a false accusation. When you look at UB, they are payed enough to ensure they are doing the work. They look at UAlbany and think we are crazy for getting paid so little. The UB treasure claims that we are getting paid half the amount that they are getting.

Sen. Garcia motions to cut stipend for the Comptroller to \$4250, seconded by Sen. Fleming. Objected by Sen. Goudiaby

Nature of Objection: Explains the work that Comptroller does. This raise is getting paid for the work that they are doing. The office of the Comptroller is always swamped. Adding personal to the comptroller office is not a reason to deduct someone's stipend. If we are looking at what the comptroller has to do, its worth the increase

- Sen. Aghanwa: knowing the people in the SA office, the work of the presidency and the work of the Comptroller. If you are going to cut the comptroller's salary, she guesses you need to look at why every other position is increased. The comptroller is overloaded with many things. The decrease is unnecessary

Sen. Aghanwa motions to call the objection to question

Vote: 9-21-1; motion is lost (2/3 majority is not met)

Sen. Weis motions to raise the stipend for the EC chair to \$2,150. Cut each director to \$2900, with a surplus of \$350, seconded by Sen. McCracken, objected by Chairman Chin

Nature of the objection: Agrees the stipend should be raised. Is the EC supposed to have office hours? We need to look at where the money is coming from. Senator Weis is taking this money from the directors, this is way, way too much. Firmly does disagree in the amount. Would think that it should be around \$1,000 dollars

- Sen. Scott yields time to EC Chair: Wants to refer to what Sen. McCracken said. Needs to judge role based on the rules. He does a lot of the work voluntary. Highest paid officer of the Student Association. The stipend is \$10 dollars an hour for role that he needs to play. Anything more than \$1,000 should be out of the question. When he signed up, he got \$500 for two elections. \$750 is a happy compromised. This motion is a monarch wage. When committee chairs and directors have to resign for financial hardships, does not make sense
- Sen. McCracken: Was it a perfect motion? No. The intent was to increase the EC chair, and decrease the amount for directors. Would be willing to being down the stipend amount, and the difference should come the directors.
- Sen. Goudiaby: Seems to be an infatuation of cutting off stipends. Wants senators to stop advocating to cut rates of pay. Cutting this much is unreasonable.

Motion to call objection to question by Sen. Goudiaby

Vote: 4-29-2; motion is lost (2/3 is not met)

Sen. Garcia-Gomez motions to cut President and Comptroller (President \$6,200, Comptroller to \$6,100) and allocate that money to Election Commission to bring their stipend up to \$1000, seconded by Sen. Weis. Objected by Sen. Goudiaby

Nature of objection: Objecting because where the money is being pulled. If you want an increase, pull from programing. Pulling from someone else's pay is unreasonable.

- Election Commission Chair: When he signed up for the job, it is 2 elections per year. The job has double to 4 elections. Is not opposed to it in essence but be careful where the money is coming from.

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Almost every other member of SA is payed nowhere near minimum wage

- Sen. Weis: We should pull money from the programing board, since nothing will pass otherwise
- Sen. Garcia-Gomez: saw that the amount doubled for President and Comptroller by half. Knows that director does a lot of work, but they got nowhere near 50% increase
- Sen. Aghanwa: Has to agree to the sentiment of the EC chair. The same argument is being made time and time again. The current comptroller explained the increase.

Sen. Aghanwa motions to call the objection to question

Vote: 4-29-3

Motion for recess until 8pm on Wednesday by Sen. McTurner, seconded by Sen Osei

Meeting on April 15th

Chairman Chin: Wants to raise EC chairman stipend, wants to raise Chairpersons budget to \$6400, wants to lower Assistant comptroller stipend to 1400. Yields time to Sen. Weis

Sen. Weis motions to raise EC chair to \$750 from \$500, and lowering executive assistant stipend to \$1500, seconded by Sen. Diallo objected by Sen. Adesanya

Reasons for objection: We already shuffled around responsibilities in the executive, should not change it

Debate:

- Sen. McCracken: We need to stay within this part of the budget, we should be taking money from stipends and shuffle it around, agrees with the motion
- Comptroller Kelley: Really does not agree with this because if you were to speak to anyone over seeing a position to this, you would know that another position was cut, When making the internal budget, it came across about the two chief of staffs, we got rid of one chief of staff and increased the roll of the executive assistant. I see the value of raising the stipend for the EC, but not this way.
- Sen. Ramsaran: We should not start debate point with hostile attack. According to the bylaws, there is minimum responsibilities for the executive assistant. Their main purpose is to be an assistant, and it is not the same as being a chief of staff. The workload is not the same, so the stipend should not be
- CoS Amy Zhang is yielded time by Sen. Daquial: As someone who has held the CoS position, even though the executive assistant has limited rolls in the bylaws, they are extremely important. Takes a lot of workload off of the President and the President's CoS It is a lot of work; CoS has done a lot more than she expected. All of these stipends do not match the amount of work that we do. Please consider this before voting to cut.
- Sen. Aghanwa: Is there any other place where we can take the money from? Is there a way we can take \$125 from 2 other parts to pay the EC Chair?
 - Sen. Weis: When we were discussing this, we did not want to take funds from things that are meant for the students. Yields time to Sen. Ramsaran
 - Sen. Ramsaran: We took from the executive assistant for the reasons he stated above. Is not sure he can answer the question fully. The point of the motion was to take from the executive assistant and give to the EC chairperson
- Sen. Conway: Appreciates the work that the executive assistant and CoS does, however, the objective descriptions according to the bylaws. Regardless of who we take the stipend from, there is going to be a problem. However, there are objective descriptions that can be seen, and lead us to believe that someone deserves a higher pay than someone else. Agrees with this motion

Sen. Garcia motions to call the objection to question

Vote: 21-10-4; Passed (2/3 threshold met)

Chairman Chin motions to raise stipend to \$6400 for Senate Chairperson, motion to have ethic subcommittee to have \$350 stipend, taking \$1000 from judicial discretionary, and \$1500 from Dippikill transportation, seconded by Sen. Garcia-Gomez Sen. Goudiaby objects

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Reason for objection: Does not believe Ethics subcommittee should to stipend, does agree with Senate Chairperson stipend increase, but does not agree with where it is coming. We use the Dippikill transportation for many events

Debate on motion:

- Comptroller: We put provisions on for next year. This year, the money was allocated next year to be used properly. In terms of Chief Justice discretionary, this is the only money the judicial discretionary line is getting to put on program. Believes that the senate chair is a hard-working person, but the current chairman believes that his stipend should not be objected. The reason that the comptroller and president get paid more is because they must be available 24/7/ Would agree with an increase, but not that much of an increase, and making more than the vice president
- Sen. Aghanwa: Why the ethics subcommittee? And not oversight?
 - Chairman Chin: You are going to see from the next motion that he is going to put forward. Put this here because it made sense mathematically.
- Sen. Ozley: Agrees with the motion, except with the cuts to Dippikill busses. The number of students that can reach Dippikill will decrease. The President des receive a Summer stipend
- Chairman Chin: Wasn't for the chair increase at first and evolved on it. We talk so much about equity and inclusion. Wants to act like all the branches are equal. Believes that there is more help for President and Comptroller. Believes that it is only fair. Relents to the point that it is not the best place to take in the budget but was not used. Believes that the President-elect will use it differently. This is an existing line that has not been used. It is still getting a \$1500 increase; we do not want to take away all of the increase. In terms of the judicial discretion, but we are looking at a \$2000 increase, believes that this branch can be increased to \$1000. Thought very deeply on where the money is coming from
- Sen. Goudiaby: is it confirmed that the Dippikill bus line was never used?
 - Comptroller: As soon Chin-Carty was removed, we were using it for many different things.
- Sen. Goudiaby: The summer stipend is for responsibilities during the summer. Believes that the chair should get an increase, but not so much. Not saying that the chairman doesn't do hard work, but being the President is a totally different ball game
- Sen. Donelan: Heard Chairman Chin say that a group of people were working behind the scenes, but your job is to approve the budget
- Comptroller: If we are talking about equality, why wasn't the chief justice stipend increase? You are saying two things here. Has seen workload of the chairman, but in terms of looking at the responsibility of the chairman, does not agree with the sentiment that it is the same as the other two position
- Sen. Conway: We have to keep in mind that there is additional staff to the President and Comptroller

Motion to objection to question by Sen. Garcia-Gomez

Vote: 12-18-5; Failed (Did not receive 2/3 majority)

Sen. Ramsaran motions to suspend debate points being used in the chat, seconded by Sen. Conway, objected by Sen. Goudiaby

Reason for objected: No official debate points are being made through this chat

Debate:

- Sen McCracken: When someone is yielded time, people are on their phones and not listening because of the chat function. If we were in the boardroom and someone was writing what they were thinking on a giant poster, we would feel disrespectful. We should keep it in the microphones
- Sen. Aghanwa: If we were in the boardroom, there would be motions for no side chatter. Does not believe that it is necessary to disable the entire chat room. If you see something bad in the chat, object to the text in the chat.

Sen. Aghanwa motions to call the objection to question

Vote: 16-15-3; Passed

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Sen. Goudiaby motions to move out of personnel, seconded by Sen. McNeil, objected by Sen. Flemming

**Nature of Objection: There are a group of Senators that have made detailed motion
Sen. Goudiaby withdraws the motion**

Sen. Ramsaran motions to lower assistant comptrollers' stipend to \$1400, creates \$450 for BoF chair, rules chair, CEO Chair, Oversight and reform chair, and Constituent relation, seconded by Chairman Chin, objected by Sen. Goudiaby

Reason for Objection: Does not see the point in giving someone a \$10 a week stipend, we should be working toward making sure the people are being paid a livable wage if their work requires it. The only chair that needs this money is the appropriations chair. All the people are going to hold office hours, a lot of the work that is being done is internal senate working. Does not see the reason to lower other stipends

Debate:

- Chairman Salazar: All of this time, we had discussions in the BoF. It conflicts with the language in the bylaws. BoF chair; prior to Senate internship, worked in SORC. People were getting confused between the Comptroller and BoF and make student groups confused. SA is confusing enough, does not want this. The assistants were created for different roles based on the hiring process. You are not taking the BoF's decision into account
- Comptroller: Does understand why this conversation is happening but wish that there was discussion on role that the position entails. Wants people to think of the number of hours that are going to be put in for 10 hours a week at the rate they are getting paid. Also, student organizations are going to be confused. There will be different assistants for different things.
- Sen. Ozley: Believes that everyone should work for a livable wage, however people should get wages for what they work for. Why are the directors paid an equal amount when some directors are paid different amounts? The argument of assessment for level of work for chairs in senate is hypocritical. Senate committee chairs are overlooked in the work that they do. Yields time to Chairman Chin
- Chairman Chin: Echoes Sen. Ozley's sentiment. Senate is overlooked year after year. Explains the role of the chair. Please think of the executive committee and the work that has been done
- BoF Chairman Salazar: Can turn to history for work that was done. Gives example of Chairman Chin's problem with committee in Senate last year
- Sen. Ramsaran: reads bylaws on the bylaws surrounding office hours. Should not make assumptions on who is equal. His reading on the bylaws to his understanding is that members of anyone outside of the executive does not need office hours. Precedent that was set is that the Secretary of the Senate does not have office hours, still does all of his rolls without them. Those who are essential to the functioning of the Senate are not recognized. Please take this into consideration.

Sen. Ramsaran motions to call objection to question; Chairwoman Donelan does not recognize

- Comptroller: \$450 stipend comes out to 28 dollars every two weeks. Secondly, the office hours of the Secretary, the secretary did not complete all of his duties. Does not want to lead with the logic that since the bylaw says "or equivalent" that only executive does not need to do office hours
- Sen. Goudiaby: When I say there is no point in giving people a tiny stipend, this is what I mean. Everyone should be compensated an adequate amount. You can sit and argue that Senators should be paid as well. The bylaws need a total revamp due to the fact that the interpretations are such a problem. We are not going to claim that the chairs are doing the same amount of work as the directors. The directors oversee a lot more than chairpeople. Has to be frank in the precedent that has been set in the positions through the years.
- Sen. Flemming: We are devaluing this because it is a lower amount of money. The \$28 can still help someone. We cannot say that it is not worth it to give someone a stipend because money is worth

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more to others

- Sen. Conway: It is not about how much you are paid, its about compensation for the work that is being done. If the \$28 is not significant, than it being taken away from someone else should not be a big deal
- Sen. Quian: It does not make sense to pay chairs as much as directors, with that being said, it should be about compensating for the work that It is being done
- Sen. Ozley: Thinks the body is being diligent. Believes that the president being set by another Senate body. Seems irresponsible for the lack of evaluation in terms of directors being paid. Does not have a problem with committee chairs having office hours; does not believe that there should be office hours, but do not need to happen in the SA office. We are looking at what certain people did in the past, when you can just put in the work

Sen. Ramsaran motions to call the objection to question

Vote: 18-13-5; Failed (2/3 vote was not met)

Sen. McCracken: It is a sad reflection on Student government that we spent the most amount of time about paying ourselves, when we are here for the students

3. Student Association Operating

- Sen. Aghanwa: What is Dippikill Referendum and why was it 0?
 - BoF Chair: Did not know why this was here in the first place
 - Comptroller: This does not serve a purpose
- Sen. Aghanwa: Similar question for the conference line?
 - BoF Chair: Gave a big amount for stipend line, so cute the conference line

4. Student Association Summer Operating

- Sen. Flemming: Why is training \$4500?
 - Comptroller: It is for the executive and any Senators to come and learn the information they need to be successful
- Sen. Flemming: Does Summer Program have anything to do with Staff event?
 - Comptroller: This is for the student body, not for the staff

5. Student Legal Services

6. Insurance

7. Office of the President

8. Office of the Vice-President

9. Elections Commission

- Sen. Ozley: Was entire line for EC this year used?
 - EC Chair: Explains what the line is being used for
 - Comptroller: does have history of spending about that amount

10. Supreme Court

11. Student Association Senate

- Sen. Aghanwa: Thank you for adding a line for Constituent relations
- Sen. Ramsaran: Was cut for conferences given to the Senate members?
 - BoF Chair: given to the stipends as a whole
- Sen. McCracken: It is better for students to go to conferences from student groups
- Sen. Goudiaby yielded time to EC Chair: What is SA day?
 - BoF chair: A day to have SA show what they do.
- Sen. Osei: why was supplemental allocation decreased?
 - BoF Chair: Answered question
- Sen. Flemming: Was SA Day supposed to happen at the end of the this year?
 - BoF chair: SA funds do not roll over
 - Comptroller: SA funds do not roll over

12. Academic Affairs

13. Civic Action

- Sen. Ramsaran: Why was it increased by 85%?
 - Comptroller: did not have enough money to have events, brought this recommendation to the BoF
- 14. Community Engagement and Outreach
- Sen. Garcia-Gomez: Is there going to be a future FrightNight?
 - Comptroller: The spending for FrightNight was a stretch. Outside of the bus rentals and shirts, everything else was added. Director of Dippikill still had money that wasn't being used
- 15. Gender and Sexuality Concerns
- 16. Health and Sustainability
- Sen. Scott: Why was Health and Wellness line cut to \$5000?
 - Comptroller: Was cut because the line was not used. 0 dollars were used. Wanted to establish the financial requirements before values were tied up
- Sen. Quian: Where did supplies for period product packing come from?
 - Health and sustainability line
- CoS Zhang: Line was called Period product hygiene act. Changed it
 - 17. Intercultural Affairs
 - 18. Marketing Office
 - 19. Programming Office
- Sen. Ramsaran: Why was Concerts raised by 55,000?
 - Comptroller: once the line was cut last year, we saw dissatisfaction from the student
- Sen. Ramsaran: Can you cut this line a little to give committee chairs a stipend?
 - Comptroller: Any other year, I would suggest this as an option, but not this year
- Sen. Scott: Why is the number in the concert line so specific?
 - Comptroller: If there was a weird number left over, we would throw it to concert
- Sen. Goudiaby: Programming should be the very last thing that we are touching. ParkFest is the number one thing SA does.
 - 20. Public Relations
- Sen. Scott: Where is there a \$1,000 reduction
 - Comptroller: Dept didn't use the budget in its entirety. We want the Director of Public relations really out there this year, but money was seen in other departments
- Sen. Scott: How much of the budget was used this year
 - Comptroller: \$2919 including \$500 that was transferred to Dippikill outreach
- Sen. Ozley: What does this dept spend money on?
 - Comptroller: Business cards, all forms of printed materials
- Sen. Ozley: are flyers for their won events?
 - Comptroller: No, put out for all of the students
- Sen. Scott: If the Dept used their allocation this year, and next year is a referendum, why are we reducing their funding?
 - Comptroller: The director of PR implied that the SA funds were used to buy milk. Cut lines for the sake of transparency
- 21. Student Group Affairs
- Ec Chairman: Was notified that there was a typo in the scholarship name
 - 22. Prior Years
- Sen. Osei: What is this?
 - Comptroller: July 1- June 31st is how our fiscal year runs. When you get hit with random bills, this is what it goes to.

Motion to call internal budget to question by Sen. Aghanwa, seconded by Sen. Goudiaby

Vote:

17-17-1; Fail (2/3 not met)

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- Sen. Aghanwa: We just went through line by line for everything else, lets go back to the personal line and be as respectful as possible when talking about income
- Chairman Chin: Voted no. This internal budget in certain parts is out of work. Will not vote yes until this budget is fair to the senate as a whole
- Sen. Goudiaby: We went line by line; we were elected to Senate to serve the student. Does not see how it is productive to deny the budget because someone didn't get their way.
- Sen. Ramsaran: This did not pass by 2/3, not even a majority. How could we take away Senate conference stipend, and not give it to the members of the Senate. We were disrespected in the budget.
- Sen. McCracken: Thanks Chairman Chin and Sen. Ramsaran for their standing up for the Senate. Voted no because financial branch strong-armed senate. This vetting process through Senate is crucial because it expands the conversation, and we are the direct representatives of the students. Does not think it is not mature to vote no because it is not in their best interest. Should fund Chairs of Senate committee coming from other places.
- Sen. Conway: Wants to echo sentiments of prior speakers. This needs to be a compromise, a little from each place. Explains deadlock in government. Would also like to address the idea that "Senate just needs to approve the budget" we would be seen as fat people in a room with a rubber stamp.
- Sen. Goudiaby: This is going to be deadlock forever, This should not be a tit for tat, we can move forward with a compromise
- Sen. Quian: To be honest, if the voting throughout this situation is not consistent, than there would be a problem. The conversation happening in the Senate must be respectful and productive. When you want to pay committee chairs properly, we are all about it, but we are cutting directors stipend. Please points and vote consistent, this is veering toward hypocrisy
- Sen. Ozley: There is a problem, things should be taken seriously. We need to look at where we are making the cut. A lot of senators can be flexible on where the cuts are coming from.
- Sen. Adesanya: please make sure you are focusing on the student. Everyone does not have the same situation as you do
- Sen. Goudiaby: Please come with solutions
- Sen. Awopetu: Did not mean to vote no
- Sen. Aghanwa: reminds everyone around the session bylaws
- Comptroller: Anytime an appointed position has a stipend, it should be public for the public to apply to. Chairpeople cannot be applied to by normal students. We need to remember that we are on the same team here. We need to stop attacking each other. This is not something that are going to affect you. What are some real alternatives do we have? Letting you know, will give you something to work with
- Sen. Ramsaran: As we are well aware, the bylaws are poorly written. Using the bylaws that we have right now, the argument that we cannot pay non-appointed position, this isn't true. You can join Senate. Senate Chairs and Vice Chairs are elected and have gotten a stipend.
- Director of ICA: Majority of this meeting has been about how Senate and Executive are equal, is all for this, but is not about picking and choosing what to be followed. We shouldn't be going around the office hours
- Sen. Conway: The lines are drawn already. One side has put forth their opinion already. That motion failed

Sen. McCracken motions to cut all Directors to \$2,800, and all committee chairs excluding the appropriations chairperson, including BoF get \$450, and then the Ethics Subcommittee chairperson gets \$350. Objected by Sen. Goudiaby

Reason for objection: Comptroller should be able to speak

Debate:

- Sen. Goudiaby yields time to Comptroller: There has been an infatuation with cutting me off. Will propose to take \$2150 for workers compensation
- Sen. Adesanya: A lot of people resign from the position for financial reasons. We are not being overpaid, we are still being underpaid, even though we are getting an increase. There needs to be

clarification for the stipend rules for office hours

- Chairman Chin: Agree with Sen. McCracken's motion, but also agrees with Comptroller's idea. 15 resignations in Senate
- Comptroller: This entire time, Rule chair has been interpreting the bylaws. Why is someone coming from a branch that creates and enacts, also interpreting. This entire time we have been saying this that and the third. The people creating the bylaws should not interpret. Has been a senator before. Does not know how many other people have been on the legislative branch, you can ask about him, and has been in the executive branch. Has a deep concern about someone creating and then interpreting the bylaws

Motions to call to question by Sen. McCracken

Vote: 14-14-4; Failed

Motion by Sen. Walker motions to take \$2150 for workers compensation and \$450 for CEO, CR, Oversight, and rules, \$350 for Ethics subcommittee, seconded by Sen. Goudiaby

Sen. McCracken motions to make the President, Comptroller, and Chairperson of the Senate stipend of \$5683, seconded by Sen. Garcia. Objection by Sen. Goudiaby

Sen. Goudiaby: Does not believe that President and Comptroller should be paid the same amount

Debate:

- Chairman Chin motions to call this objection to question

Vote:

14-12-5; Failed

Sen Yanqui motions to cut \$1000 from judiciary line to bring it over to the Senate Chairperson, seconded by Sen. McCracken, objected by Sen. Donelan

Debate:

- Sen. McCracken: Agrees with this
- Sen. Goudiaby: Does not agree with this being on the same level. Does not know how he feels about it being pulled from the judiciary. This branch is the most under used branch, should be practicing equality.
- Comptroller: it is important that we look at the position and not the people. Explains the rolls of the president and comptroller. Why is no one paying attention to the fact that the VP and the Senate Chair being paid the same

Motion to call objection to question by Sen. Goudiaby

Vote: 8-19-4; failed

Sen. Donelan motions to approve this budget, seconded by Sen. Goudiaby

Vote: 26-4; Passes

Motion to approve the entire budget by Sen. Donelan, seconded by Sen. Goudiaby

Vote: 27-2-1; Passed

VIII. Closing Remarks

1. Molly Donelan, Vice Chair of the Board of Finance, Vice Chair *pro tempore* of the Senate
 - a. Heard a lot about empowering the student voice, wants to make the point that this applies to all of us. This is a thankless job, should be there everyone

IX. Farewell Address

1. Samuel Salazar, Chair of the Board of Finance, Chair *pro tempore* of the Senate
 - a. Has been a pleasure to everyone
 - b. SA has aged him to the point where people think he's a senior

- c. It was an honor to be your Vice Chair and BoF Chairperson
- d. Proud of the work

X. Closing Roll and Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Vesic

Student Association Legislative Secretary

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S.1920-157

DATE INTRODUCED: 4/8/2020

SPONSORED BY: Senator Donelan

COMMITTEE: N/A

SUBJECT: Board of Finance Nomination (Patel)

COMMITTEE VOTE: N/A

SENATE VOTE:

LEGISLATIVE RESULT:

Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:

- I. That Purvish Patel be appointed to the Board of Finance for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.
- II. That this bill go into effect immediately upon passage, in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

Ariel Nuñez, President

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DATE INTRODUCED: 4/8/2020

SPONSORED BY: The Board of Finance

COMMITTEE: The Board of Finance

SUBJECT: Comptroller Nomination (James)

COMMITTEE VOTE: UNANIMOUS

SENATE VOTE:

LEGISLATIVE RESULT:

Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:

- III. That Isaiah James be confirmed for Comptroller for the duration of the 2020-2021 academic year
- IV. That Isaiah James be granted signatory and credit card holder powers for the duration as his term as Comptroller.
- V. That this bill go into effect May 1st, 2020, in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

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DATE INTRODUCED: 4/8/2020

SPONSORED BY: The Board of Finance

COMMITTEE: The Board of Finance

SUBJECT: Comptroller Nomination (Ortiz)

COMMITTEE VOTE: UNANIMOUS

SENATE VOTE:

LEGISLATIVE RESULT:

Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:

- I. That Adam Ortiz be confirmed for Deputy Comptroller for the duration of the 2020-2021 academic year
- II. That Adam Ortiz be granted signatory powers, upon the authorization from the Comptroller, for the duration as his term as Deputy Comptroller.
- III. That this bill go into effect May 1st, 2020, in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

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DATE INTRODUCED: 4/8/2020

SPONSORED BY: Senator Donelan

COMMITTEE: N/A

SUBJECT: Signatory Powers (Adesanya/Hurtado)

COMMITTEE VOTE: N/A

SENATE VOTE:

LEGISLATIVE RESULT:

Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:

- I. That Damilola Adesanya be granted signatory and credit card holder powers for the duration of her term as President.
- II. That Dylan Hurtado be granted signatory powers for the duration of his term as Vice-President.
- III. That this bill go into effect May 1st, 2020, in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

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