Student Senators Council Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2015

Michael Hengerer, Chair
Victoria Ettorre, Vice-Chair

1. Welcome - Chair Hengerer requests a motion to begin, the motion is granted, seconded and the meeting begins.

2. Housekeeping
   a. SSC Guests - Chair Hengerer reviews confidentiality and transparency issues re: sharing out to constituencies. Kindly do not share out personal information (names etc) but the conversations and topics of interest can be openly circulated.
      i. Kyle Stockwell
      ii. Rijul Asri
      iii. Michael asks for a motion to invite Rijul and Kyle to participate in the meeting for the academic year. The motion is granted, seconded and approved by the majority.
   b. Approval of Minutes - Hengerer asks for a motion to approve the minutes from last year (May) meeting. The motion is granted and the minutes are approved.
   c. Attendance and Alternate Policy - Chair Hengerer makes the SSC aware of the calendar of the year and the potential need to call emergency meetings. If you are unable to attend a meeting you must email Rijul or Michael to inform them and name the alternate who will be attending in your stead, if x number of meetings are missed without sending an alternate according to the bylaws you can be censured.
   d. Press Policy - Chair Hengerer reviews SSC policy on. Talking with the press is allowed provided you are speaking on behalf of your constituency or yourself as an individual - but please refrain from speaking on behalf of the SSC.
   e. Confidentiality Policy - See above.
   f. Guiding Principles - See guiding principles document. Chair Hengerer asks for 3 or 4 volunteers to create an ad hoc committee to review this document. Fahad, Brian, & Shawn.
   g. Voting on Bylaw Changes - See bylaw documents in the binder. Chair Hengerer asks if there are questions or clarifications. He clarifies qualifications and differences in qualifications for the Chair, Vice Chair, and Global Vice Chair positions. Bylaw 6.1 is read. And the changes are detailed. A discussion is held around eligibility in running for the Global Vice Chair position and the changes proposed. Chair Hengerer clarifies that the GVC position is not meant to represent NYU Abu Dhabi and Shanghai. A motion is given to remove clause re - limitations on candidacy, Chair Hengerer requests a motion to approve the bylaws as they stand, a motion is granted, 10 yes 3 no 3 abstention.

3. Election of Senator at-Large - Vice Chair Ettorre introduces Senator at-Large elections. Each candidate is given x amount of time to address the SSC. The floor is then opened for discussion.
and the SSC votes. No minutes are to be taken at this time. Result: **Senator At-Large, Petey Shivery.**

4. Senate Committee Standing Issues - Chair Hengerer says most have been appointed to senate committees. Be aware of what is going on in the committees.
   a. Academic Affairs
      i. Honorary Degree Nominations - Vice Chair Dacey-Ariani describes Honorary Degrees and past recipients. This is not a requirement, but encourages senators to submit one.
         1. Requirements: 1) a letter of nomination, including two substantive paragraphs explaining why you and colleagues (from your department, school, student organization, or other unit) think your nominee meets the criteria of an NYU honorary degree awardee. Include any information about the candidate’s connections to NYU and to New York City; 2) biographical information about your nominee, such as a curriculum vitae or relevant biography; 3) definite and likely co-sponsors of the candidate such as departments, schools, or student groups (letters of support from these sponsors are welcome); and 4) the candidate’s contact information. Nominations will not be considered without these materials.
         2. Chair Hengerer clarifies to search email for the Academic Affairs Committee email regarding Honorary Degree Nominations
         3. Vice Chair Dacey-Ariani clarifies deadline is September 30, 2015
         4. Senator Nachmany asks why there is no spokesmen for the Judicial Board. Chair Hengerer clarifies that it is a confidential committee and does not need a spokesperson.
   b. Financial Affairs
   c. Judicial Affairs
   d. Organization and Governance - Chair Hengerer says we are in a two year process to review the University Senate size. The large size came with contract faculty senators council, Poly, Abu Dhabi, and Shanghai. Goal is to make the University Senate below 120 individuals. SCOOG is working to review the current size. Also, SCOOG is working to create a mission for the University Senate. Afterwards, a resolution will be presented. This affects us because we may have a decrease in Senators. So, it is important for us to bring 110% to the University Senate and not just be representatives for students and actually bring something to the table.
      i. Senator Nouriyelian asks if it is set in stone to cut the number of Senators? Chair Hengerer responds to say that it is most likely.
      ii. Senator Nouriyelian makes a point that with more students, you need more representatives. Therefore, we need to get a larger room rather than decrease representation.
      iii. Senator Gardner asks about rules and procedures for speaking in the University Senate. Chair Hengerer responds with stating that if you are a Senator, you are
allowed to speak your mind. Also, we may need vote in a block in some cases and describes that sometimes we need to unite and vote together.

e. Public Affairs
5. Relevant Past Issues
a. Abolish the Box - Chair Hengerer describes that this is a student movement, specifically Gallatin, and it wanted to remove the box where it asks about student incarceration on the Common Application. Where it ended was that the SSC supports it; however, we would not bring it to the University Senate. Additionally, NYU Admissions has been trained to better read and understand the “student incarceration” box on the Common Application.
b. Faculty of Health - Chair Hengerer describes that there was a resolution that combines and creates The Faculty of Health. It will be made up of a new College of Global Public Health, a newly stand-alone College of Nursing, and the College of Dentistry.
c. NYU Divest - Vice-Chair Sakai-Kawada describes about NYU Divest. NYU Divest is a student group that came to the SSC to present their initiative of divestment of fossil fuels in NYU’s endowment. Last year, it was brought to the University Senate and brought to the Financial Affairs Committee, specifically a Divest Working Group to make a recommendation. The Working Group recommended to not divest. The SSC brought two different resolutions to the University Senate and at the last University Senate Meeting, the SSC resolution was put forth. It said our University would immediately cease direct investments in Fossil Fuels. Second “be it resolved” said it would grandfather Fossil Fuel investments and commingled Fossil Fuel accounts. We also made the recommendation to make the matter urgent. So, the current status is that it is in the Financial Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. Additionally, the student group will have the opportunity to speak directly to the Board of Trustees.

6. Old Business
a. Sexual Misconduct - Chair Hengerer describes that last September/October the White House sent new mandates to universities that they had to address. NYU has created SPACE (Sexual misconduct Prevention, Assistance, Counseling, & Education) which provides a crisis response service and resources for victims of sexual assault. Student Affairs is also implementing a lot of new training for student leaders regarding this Sexual Misconduct change. Chair Hengerer asks for interested senators to help with this and to email him.
b. Sexual Violence Advisory Committee of the Senate
   i. Senators needed - Chair Hengerer asks for interested senators to help with this and to email him.
c. Student Worker Bill of Rights - Chair Hengerer describes that there was no Bill of Rights for on-campus workers. Worked with Wasserman and Student Affairs to finalize document. Then, Wasserman will be enforcing this.
7. New Business - Chair Hengerer says interested students for each of these issues should email him.
   a. Affordability - Chair Hengerer describes that it is a complex issue involving financial aid, international financial aid, and endowment. Wants to have a point-person for this issue.
   b. Public Safety - Chair Hengerer says there is a new application for SafeRide. States that ridership has increased. Probably will be given to Student Services Committee.
   c. Sustainability - Chair Hengerer says there is a lot of different facets like Take Back the Tap.
      i. Senator Rosenthal says that there needs to be a conversation in finding vendors that are fair trade and sustainable.
   d. Trans Awareness - Chair Hengerer recognizes both Shawn and Parrece are interested in taking over this initiative.
   e. Work-Life Balance/Family Care - Chair Hengerer is looking to do a group on this issue.
   f. Delegated Items
      i. SSC/UCSL Restructure - Chair Hengerer says that this is part of Project 49. Delegated to Organization and Governance Committee.
      ii. Tobacco Free - Student Services - Chair Hengerer says it is delegated to Student Services
      iii. Voting Application - STARC - Chair Hengerer says it is delegated to STARC
      iv. Violet 100 and Welcome Week Planning -Chair Hengerer says it is delegated to All-University Events
   g. Chair Hengerer wants every school to come with two big agenda items next time to do an agenda item session. Vice Chair Sakai-Kawada clarifies that both presidents and senators must do this together.
   h. Vice Chair Sakai-Kawada says that there is office hours and engagement sessions happening this year. Tabling in the Kimmel Center in order to reach out to students and improve our accessibility and transparency. All senators and presidents must partake in the engagement sessions.
      i. Senator Thomas clarifies office hours:
         1. Mondays, 8:30 to 9:30 AM (timed so global sites can participate)
         2. Wednesdays, 5 to 6 PM
         3. Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:30 PM
   i. Motions from the Floor:
      i. Senator Thomas requests that Senators use the Roberts Rule of Order cheat-sheet in the appendix to proper rules for creating motions.
   j. Chair Hengerer thanks everyone for attending.
   k. Vice Chair Sakai-Kawada says that the first UCSL meeting will be Sexual Respect, so reach out and get people to come.
   l. Vice Chair Dacey Ariani says for the dissenters to talk to her regarding the GCSL changes.

8. Save the Dates
   a. Dinner with Marc Wais
      i. Thursday, September 17th, 6 to 8 PM
b. Student Senators Council Meeting
   i. Thursday, September 4th, 4 to 5:30 PM

c. October Senate Meeting
   i. Thursday, October 1st, 9 to 11 AM
      1. Business Casual/Smart Attire
      2. SSC Representation
   e. Dinner with President Sexton
      i. Thursday, October 1st, 7:30 to 8:30 PM

9. Adjournment - Chair Hengerer requests a motion to adjourn, the motion is granted, seconded and the meeting is adjourned.
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