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

2. Housekeeping
   b. Approval of Minutes - Chair Hengerer request a motion to approve the minutes from 10-29-15 with the proposed edits the minutes are not approved until the edits are made, and will be approved at the 11-19-15 meeting.
   c. Fall Banquet - will be on December 11th, recognizing all the efforts that senators have put forth, be on the lookout for invite and RSVP form tomorrow.
   d. Spring Retreat - chair Hengerer informs the SSC that there will be a spring retreat in NYU DC from February 5-7.

3. Presentation on University Academic Affairs
   a. Matthew Santirocco, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, NYU
      i. Matthew Santirocco provides updates but informs the SSC that he will also be soliciting feedback.
      ii. There has been a push for student participation and representation on various committees. There is a large presence of students on both the undergraduate academic affairs committee, as well as various graduate committees.
      iii. There was a report given to the senate on advising which prompted the university to bring in external reviewers. These reviewers come in and offer recommendations based on their assessments. Technology was marked as an area of access for advising (for example making more informed choices about studying away). Matthew Santirocco asks the SSC to give him feedback on these technologies that have been newly implemented after the presentation is given to the SSC at a future meeting.
      iv. Matthew Santirocco also informs the SSC of the proposed changes to course evaluations and transparency/access- granting student access to the data from these reviews. He details some of the challenges of making data available (uniform data points on evaluations, technologies etc). There are a number of schools still utilizing paper evaluations, but many schools have transitioned to online technologies which will make it easier to provide data. There is a pilot happening in NYU Shanghai and Global Public Health.
v. There are a group of Advisees who meet with associate vice provost to determine topics and agenda items. Some issues include course offerings at the global network - a topic which came from conversations with the SSC.

vi. He provides a dean's council update regarding graduating with academic honors (including the Founders Award). He explains the difficulty in detailing how and who receive honors - there was a suggestion to raise the standards. Matthew Santirocco asks the SSC for advice. Senators provide their thoughts and suggestions. A conversation arises around GPA and tassels. How do you calculate it, when do you calculate it, do you or do you not wear it on your head? Approximately 60% of students receive founders awards (3.5 gpa or higher). Senator (SPS UG) Nachmany expresses concern that the Founders Award is redundant given the Latin Honors system. Senator (SH) Mayes asks if the issue is not the grading procedure in lieu of the actual award. Senator (Medicine) Steinberg asks if the Founders Award is for all students; Matthew Santirocco responds in the negative and specifies that the award is for undergraduate students. Senator (AD) Gardner proposes that midterm grades are used to represent the eighth semester of work in the GPA used for the Award. Matthew Santirocco asks for a show of hands for support of showing your gpa on your graduation attire (by way of cord, tassel, etc): informal poll 8 in favor, 17 opposed. Chair Hengerer tables the conversation due to time constraints there are any other contributions, kindly reach out to Matthew Santirocco directly.

vii. Senator Gardner (NYU AD) addresses online classes and asks questions pertaining to various technologies and how that could impact and improve the student experience. Not only from the perspective of videoconferencing into a course, but sharing digital assets, online forums during “recitation” etc. Matthew Santirocco informs the SSC that at the undergraduate level there will be a big shift towards tech enhanced education. If you have any other questions or suggestions for Matthew kindly email him directly or bring it to your reps who sit on various academic committees.

4. Executive Committee Update - Vice a chair Ettore provides updates including the following: global summit, currently in discussion with the presidents chief of staff to see which events he should be interested or invite to come to. Chair Hengerer proposes the meeting schedule shift for the spring semester. Informal poll -
   a. Option 1: every meeting 9:00 am - 11:00 am (14)
   b. Option 2: SSC 9-11, SSC (6)
   c. Option 3 (11)

5. Updates from SSC/UCSL Committees: chair Hengerer asks for urgent updates
   a. Mock elections - sanders won for NYU at large
   b. Vice Chair Sakai-Kawada asks the SSC to be clear on ASSBAC proposal details.

6. Updates from University Senate Committees
   a. Academic Affairs, Alex Mayes
b. Financial Affairs, Amanda Ezechi

c. Judicial Board

d. Organization and Governance, Michael Hengerer

e. Public Affairs, Ryan Thomas

7. Old Business

a. Collegiate Congress MTA Proposal - Senator Amanda Ezechi reads aloud the proposed resolution (see handout). The SSC members offer feedback and share concerns regarding the current proposal (specifically regarding the phrase "supports the subsidization," and clarifying definition of students to include all students enrolled in a degree granting or technical certification program). Senator Thomas will make edits and resend the proposal. Pascha clarifies the role of the SSC in this proposal. There is a motion to table the conversation, the motion is seconded, and the conversation is tabled unanimously.

8. New Business

a. Discussion about Abu Dhabi and Shanghai Students in NYC - Global Vice Chair Dacey-Ariani asks for thoughts to be shared around culture at NYU (academic and social) and the experiences of students studying at NYU NY.

b. Recommendation from Student Grievance Committee - Vice Chair ettore informs the SSC that there was a recommendation from the student grievance committee to remove a senator at large, however the individual stepped down so there is no vote needed on the recommendation. The will be an open Alternate Senator at Large position available that will be publicized in the upcoming weeks.

c. Motions from the Floor - no motions proposed.

9. Save the Dates

a. Next Student Government Meeting
   i. Thursday, November 5th, 5:30 to 7:00 PM

b. Next University Senate Meeting
   i. Thursday, November 12th, 9:00 to 11:00 AM

c. LaGuardia Co-Op and Studio Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
   i. Tuesday, November 17th, 4:00 PM

d. Next Student Senators Council Meeting
   i. Thursday, November 19th, 4:00 to 5:30 PM

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