Student Senators Council Meeting Agenda  
February 18, 2016

Michael Hengerer, Chair  
Victoria Ettorre, Vice-Chair

1. Welcome
   a. Welcome to New Members
   b. Welcome to Guests
2. Housekeeping
   a. Approval of the Minutes
   b. Additions to Agenda
   c. Alternates
3. Executive Committee Update
   a. Vice Chair Ettorre confirms that town halls will be taking place with President Hamilton; one at the beginning of March and one at the end of March. She explains that while we are planning to meet with President Hamilton, we have not done so yet.
   b. Chair Hengerer encourages the body to attend Senate and participate more, both by meeting at meetings and reading documents carefully.
   c. Chair Hengerer asks the room for feedback on President Hamilton’s first Senate meeting, including his commitment to affordability. He has committed to decrease the increase in tuition. Senator (Wagner) Rosenthal expresses that she was happy with the way President Hamilton carried himself. Senator Thomas reviews the details and numbers from the Senate meeting, which was emailed to the body. Senator (LS) Regalado encourages the Affordability task force and Student Services to work more closely with President Hamilton. Senator (Tisch UG) Ehrenkranz asks what President Hamilton would do for school-specific issues, and generally comments that he would like to see more specific plans. Senator Shivery echoes the positive comments, and hopes that his perspective will help the administration become more open to issues of affordability. Senator (Wagner) Rosenthal suggests that he focus on two specifics, namely moving to more online resources instead of books, and re-evaluating the internship-for-credit model. Senator Thomas requests that anyone in the body with specific concerns reach out to Global Vice Chair Dacey Ariani to get their concern on the agenda for the committee. Senator (Steinhardt UG) Ramdial asks if there is student representation on the Affordability task force being created by President Hamilton. Chair Hengerer and Senator (LS) Regalado agree that we should reach out to him to make sure we have representation.
4. Updates from SSC/UCSL Committees
   a. Senator (LS) Regalado explains that Violet 100 is next week, and encourages the body to sign up to volunteer. Senator (Gallatin) Jablons asks where descriptions of the volunteer positions are; Senator (LS) Regalado explains they are near the top of the excel sheet. Senator (AD) Wee asks how transportation for the events will work. Senator (Alternate)
Thibault runs down the bus schedule for All-U Games, which will be shared with Team Captains.

b. Senator Shivery asks the body on behalf of Student Services if they are interested in metrocard subsidization; if so, they should contact him, Senator (CAS) Ezechi, or Senator Thomas to get involved.

c. Senator (Alternate) Silverman reminds Graduate Senators to push their Presidents participate in Graduate Affairs meetings.

d. Senator (Tandon UG) Abugarbieh presents that the Hackathon, due to a new signup system, has 300 more applicants than last year. The event will take place tomorrow.

e. Senator Kho asks the body to consider virtual classes, and reports that school senators will be contacted to reach out to their constituencies about this issue.

f. Senator (Silver UG) Chakravorty reports on behalf of NYU at NYU. She encourages the body to join, and reveals the charges of the task force include: working with the financial affairs office to improve counseling services and increasing transparency within that office.

g. Senator (Alternate) Tsai reports that ISAC is planning on hosting an international students week that showcases the variety of cultural clubs on campus.

h. Senator (CAS) Ezechi reports on behalf of PR. She explains that the committee has a schedule for blog posts, and would like each Senator to write one. Chair Hengerer encourages the body to think outside the box and feel free to reflect on the goings-on at the university. Senator Thomas encourages the group to follow our social media pages, which include Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat. Senator (LS) Regalado asks the group to change their coverphoto to the Violet 100 one to generate publicity.

i. Chair Hengerer asks the group to reflect and send any last-minute SABAC requests to him by Monday (2/22) so the committee can work on them in due time.

j. Senator Kho asks the group if they are interested in working with him to streamline how the site ambassador committee will work.

5. Updates from University Senate Committees
   a. Academic Affairs, Jaswinder Pal Singh Ahluwalia
      i. Senator (Tandon G) Ahluwalia explains that the academic calendar was voted on this morning, and it passed.

   b. Financial Affairs, Amanda Ezechi

   c. Judicial Board
      i. Senator Aponte Martinez reports that there was a grievance process, and that while she cannot talk about it she was present.

   d. Organization and Governance, Michael Hengerer
      i. Chair Hengerer gave his update in the morning. Senator (LS) Regalado asks if this committee is the space to discuss getting the LS Dean a vote; he affirms.

   e. Public Affairs, Parrece Forrest
      i. Senator Forrest reports that the committee has been discussing grants, such as the Pell grant. The committee discussed DC Advocacy day. Senator Thomas and Senator Forrest will work to put together a

   f. Other Committees
i. Senator (Alternate) Silverman reports on SSAC. Specifically, Coles will be closing this Sunday and the new 404 space will open on Monday morning. Coles internal renovations will begin immediately, and external renovations will follow those. The new space, which will be called 181 Mercer, will feature a small model of what the building will look like. She explains that there is a conflict regarding the urban farm lab and the opening of a community agricultural farms space. After hearing this, she and Chair Hengerer pushed the committee to extend the permit of the land in order for students and faculty to retain their own space.

ii. Senator (Alternate) McLeod confirms that the Diversity and Inclusion task force website is now up, and this space reveals the membership of the committee. The committee meets on a monthly basis. Senator (Tisch UG) Ehrenkranz asks that the group submit any inquiries to him, Senator (Alternate) McLeod, or Senator Aponte Martinez.

6. Presentation from the Black and Brown Coalition
   a. Juan Calero and Ari Andrews present on the demands of the B&BC. The PowerPoint will be sent out to the group.
   b. Juan and Ari reflect on the genesis of these demands. Juan explains that several of the demands have been on the table for a long time at NYU, and reveals that this is in fact the sixth demands list to be proposed.
   c. Juan explains that the demands are structured into five categories: University Structure, University Action, Support of Student Organizations, Student-Lived Experience, and University Reputation and Legacy.
   d. Ari begins to run through the list of demands. She elaborates on the first demand, which is the create of an Executive Vice President of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion within the Office of the President.
   e. Juan explains demand II, which advocates for a creation of a full-time central diversity staff position within CSALS.
   f. Juan elaborates on demand V, which asks for the inclusion of the B&BC and underrepresented student clubs on discussions with the EVP of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.
   g. Ari explains demand IX, which asks for continuing diversity education for all members of the university community.
   h. Ari reveals demand X, which asks for a Campus Climate Survey.
   i. Juan explains the history of demand XIV, which reflects on the movement to Abolish the Box.
   j. Juan asks, through demand XVI, that NYU’s financial aid policy be extended to all undocumented students.
   k. Juan explains the history of demand XX, which deals with the recognition of National Pan-Hellenic Council chapters as listed in the PowerPoint. Demand XXI asks that there be more involvement from multicultural greek life in the IGC.
   l. Juan presents demand XXIV, which asks that students are made aware of issues of diversity for students going abroad.
   m. Juan explains that recruitment from Title I high schools should be increased (demand XXV).
n. Juan presents demand XXVI, which talks about improving Mental Health and Wellness Center dynamics to address intersectional identities.

o. Juan reviews questions that were submitted. For one, demand IV asks that Black Faculty be considered for tenure/tenure-track positions instead of adjunct positions. A question was posed as to how the “think tank” will function; he believes the exact form is still TBD.

p. Senator (Stern UG) Jamal asks why some of the demands cannot be taken on by the B&BC, such as creating study-away pamphlets. He recommends starting the program and then getting the support when it is created. Senator (Wager) Rosenthal encourages that this resource be provided by students in order for it to be more significant. Juan explains that they are usually shut down when demands like this are made, and Ari explains that it would be more efficient to add on these trainings to already-present university trainings.

q. Senator (Alternate) McLeod explains that there is a push for students to spearhead issues of diversity, but not for other causes (such as wellness).

r. Senator (Stern UG) Jamal recommends clarifying the demand to rename buildings in order to make it more clear that current buildings would be renamed. Juan explains that specific name suggestions were tossed around, and should be discussed by the SSC. Senator (LS) Regalado asks that they share the names with us, as we are not necessarily fit to think of those names.

s. Senator (AD) Wee asks what the next steps are for this list of demands. Ari and Juan encourage the body to back the list of demands with the passion of a resolution.

t. Vice Chair Sakai-Kawada explains that several of these demands can be addressed without the use of the University Senate.

u. Senator (Gallatin) Jablons would love to collaborate on the Women’s Center initiative, and on the university-wide Campus Climate survey revolving around sexual assault.

v. Global Vice Chair encourages the group to get all demands and resolutions signed by other cultural organizations and some students; this will give it more weight.

w. Senator (AD) Wee suggests that the Senate take on a project that can be accomplished quickly. Juan explains that the list of demands represents a united front on the behalf of the B&BC.

x. Ari explains that the B&BC is reviewing its name to be more representative of the diverse organizations that it now includes.

y. Vice Chair Sakai-Kawada asks what the best way would be to address the demands; Senator Thomas explains that it is through a resolution.

7. Old Business

a. Resolution on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

   i. Senator (CAS) Ezechi reviews changes to the resolution. She explains that the lack of global representation was intentional because it did not really fit with the current situation being discussed.

   ii. Senator (Alternate) McLeod claims the policy is about Equity. Senator (Nursing) Cunningham explains that she feels that equity is not represented here because there is not a leveling of resources or opportunities. Senator (Gallatin) Jablons echoes Senator (Nursing) Cunningham’s comments, and Senator (AD) Wee further echoes these views.
iii. Senator (LS) Regalado urges that the resolution bring a perspective of diversity to all discussions, not just items dealing specifically with diversity.
   1. She moves to change “as it relates to diversity” to “through diversity”; the motion is seconded and unanimously passed.

iv. Global Vice Chair Dacey Ariani asks about the second item, which charges members of the SSC with attending weekly meetings with students representing marginalized student communities. Vice Chair Sakai Kawada explains that it is better to say “members” over “body”. Senator (AD) Wee proposes that the language be changed from “weekly” to “regular”. Senator (CAS) Ezechi pushes back on regular because that leaves room for not meeting. Senator (Gallatin) Jablons proposes to add a qualifier such that not everyone in the body is involved. Senator (Wagner) Rosenthal proposes that a Senator at-Large be present at these meetings.
   1. Senator (Stern UG) Jamal moves to add “at least one member of the SSC”. The motion is seconded and fails.

v. Senator (Law) Cesaretti and Senator (Med) Kapoor encourage the use of “selective” in order to have the power to set involvement at a later date. Senator (Alternate) McLeod believes that we should not limit the number of students who should be involved.

vi. Senator Thomas moves to extend the meeting for 20 minutes; the motion is seconded, and fails.

vii. Senator (Gallatin) Wee moves to amend the language to say “select members”; the motion is seconded, and fails.

viii. Global Vice Chair Dacey Ariani explains that the effort is not to minimize the issue, but encourages the body to truly recognize the commitment involved.

ix. Vice Chair Sakai Kawada proposes changing the language to “the SSC of NYU will be charged with working closely on a weekly basis…”; Senator (CAS) Ezechi explains that the charge of this resolution is to meet regularly with groups to be more accountable.
   1. Vice Chair Ettorre moves to table the vote on this proposal; the motion is seconded and passes.

8. New Business
   a. Resolution on Indigenous Peoples’ Day
      i. Senator Thomas explains the resolution as presented.
      ii. Senator Thomas moves to suspend discussion on this new resolution (and the next one) in order to focus on Old Business; the motion is seconded and passed.

   b. Resolution on Increased Diversity Recruitment

   c. Resolution on International Student Aid
      i. Senator Mba-Kalu explains the motivation behind the resolution.
      ii. Senator Shively expresses that he would love to work with Senator Mba-Kalu to edit a few things, and he recommends the resolution focuses more. Senator (Gallatin) Jablons echoes this sentiment.

   d. Motions from the Floor

9. Save the Dates
a. HackNYU Kickoff
   i. Friday, February 19th, 7:00 PM
b. Violet 100: NYU’s Official Spirit Week
   i. Global Service Initiative
      1. Monday, February 22nd, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
   ii. All-University Games
       1. Tuesday, February 23rd, 5:00 PM (Doors Open at 4:30 PM)
   iii. Concert ft. Future
        1. Wednesday, February 24th, 8:00 PM (Doors Open at 7:30 PM)
   iv. UltraViolet Live
       1. Thursday, February 25th, 7:00 PM
v. TedxNYU The Pitch: Spotlight
   1. Friday, February 26th, 6:00 to 7:30 PM
vi. 27th Annual Violet Ball
    1. Saturday, February 27th, 8:30 PM
vii. Sunday Brunch
     1. Sunday, February 28th, 12 and 1:30 PM seatings
c. Next Student Senators Council Meeting
   i. Thursday, March 3rd, 4:00 to 5:30 PM
d. Next Student Government Meeting
   i. Thursday, March 3rd, 5:30 to 7:00 PM