



# Minutes for the 94<sup>th</sup> Senate of the Student Government Association

April 6th, 2008

Fielding Room - 7:00 PM

## Attendance:

### Cabinet:

Abel Alvarez, Chris La Pilusa, Keith Rosso

### Senators:

Eric Hirani, Steph Spelman, Kendra Appleheimer, Jakub Hojdas, Frank Vissagio, Nicholas Barresi, Briana Gilmartin, Jake Bagdonas, Patrick Gleeson, Jeffrey Lichtenfeld, Dave Pfeffer, Steph Smith, George Blazeski, Ward Sandler, Andy Kaplan, Ronen Peled, Bruce Jordan

### Guests:

Mike Lutkenhouse

Late: Pete Garafano

Absent: Valentin Riazanov

Excused: Brett Lipschultz, Cassidy DeSchryver, Eileen Parra

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- Motion to open Meeting  
*PASS*

Meeting begins:  
7:04PM

### *Cabinet Reports*

**President:** Good Evening Everyone, I apologize for not attending this Senate meeting

The Cabinet met earlier this week to make sure the elections and budgeting process is on the right track. I am also working on scheduling a SGA retreat this summer, most likely in early August. These will opportunity for us to set up any new endeavors for the coming year. I will give more information about this at next week's senate meeting.

Please send out a notice to your RSOS that Presidents Tea is Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. All RSOs are welcome and encouraged to request tables for the event. The deadline to request a table is Friday April 11<sup>th</sup>, please shoot all e-mails or questions to Bridget Brennan ([bbrennan@stevens.edu](mailto:bbrennan@stevens.edu)).

Any Student Activity Fee increase we are interested in must be done during this upcoming meeting, to be put into place for next semester. I would like to request it be dropped from \$210 to 205. When the current bylaws were put in place it worked out to have roughly \$20 out of every persons Student Activity Fee be put into the CIF, unlike the original plan of \$15. I would like to drop that back down to \$15 and put the increased free directly into the Student Activity Fund, so the money can be spent on the clubs and activities going on that semester at Stevens.

**Vice President:** No Report

**Treasurer:** For the Midnight Breakfast request, we already have 3,000 dollars allotted towards the event, so anything we approve at this meeting will only be for additional funding. I have a meeting scheduled with Dean Nilsen to try and propose a system where only the sub-committees would have accounts to help make funding easier.



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**Secretary:** Nominations for elections will open this Monday and stay open for two weeks. After that, we will hopefully have a Senator debate, if we have enough candidates, and elections will be open from Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CCSI:** Please e-mail your RSOs to make sure they send in their e-boards. The new officers have been trickling in. Please make sure the RSOs send me names to make list of people that should be invited to the leadership brunch. I need the names in time to make sure we invite everyone. CSI sub-committee heads, please contact your RSOs to make sure they know when budgets are due..

## *Committee Reports*

**Academic Affairs:** The State of the Institute address went very well. The Provost talked about anything asked. There will be no meeting this Monday. Please e-mail me with availability and times for future meetings.

**Campus Life:** We are currently trying to work with the recycling club. We want to hold a recycling event on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is Earth Day. We are still working on cable packages. There will be a meeting this Wednesday at 5 in Jacobus.

**Public Relations:** No Report

**Constitution and By-laws:** No Report

**Community Relations:** This past week we had an ok event with regards to the Board of Education candidates debate. Attendance was minimal, but the discussion was really good. One of the candidates has promised no matter what to help the SGA for free to build a website that will have all community service opportunities listed online and make the website easy to update. We will look more into this and seize the opportunity. Our next meeting is Tuesday at 10:00 in America's Cup.

This week, Murray Sabrin comes to campus. We have tried to reach out to republican candidates continuously to make a debate happen. So far, it is no luck.

After that, our state senator and assemblypersons come to campus on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Senator Lautenberg's promise of coming seems to not be coming to fruition unfortunately. We were contacted saying he wants to come in May which would be no good. We will work on getting him to come, but we do apologize as a committee for letting Stevens students down. If anything changes, we will let you know.

**Publicity:** No Report

**Jacobus Advisory Board:** We just picked up the new TV for the lounge today, and the installation will take place on April 16<sup>th</sup>. We are also changing all the keys in the lounge since the employee set has been stolen.

**Student Handbook Committee:** No Report

## *Committee on Student Interests Sub-Committee Reports*

**Ethnic Student Council:** Unity is coming.

**Professional Societies Council:** No Report

**Media Board:** No Report

**Special Interests Council:** No Report

**Club Sports Council:** No Report



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**Programming Board:** Mike Manzella will be running TechFest in the Fall.

## *Old Business*

- Motion to approve Minutes from March 30, 2008
  - Motion to fix Nick Barresi's Name in the Minutes  
*PASS**PASS*
  
- Motion to approve Community Relations Committee Funding Request from the Student Activity Fee
  - Motion to remove the Fruit Platter for Event 1  
*PASS*
  - Motion to remove Asian Buffett Choices for Event 2  
*PASS**PASS*

## *New Business*

- Motion to approve Midnight Breakfast Funding Request (with Live Band Karaoke)
  - Motion to strike the Cost for T-Shirts  
*PASS 10-7-1**PASS*
  
- Motion to Ratify S. Res 04 – Student Activity Fee Increase
  - Motion to raise the SAF to \$220.00  
*PASS 10-5-3*
  - Motion to change the Resolve clause to have this document supersede any other documents pertaining to the Student Activity Fee
    - Motion to change the Resolve clause to have the new Student Activity Fee be instated this summer  
*PASS**PASS*  
*PASS 13-1-4*
  
- Motion to adjourn  
*PASS*

## *Discussion*

Ronen (to Mike Lutkenhouse): I am uncomfortable with the fact that the SGA needed to fully fund Stute Archiving. Were you able to go to any university department and ask them to fundraise or give in to the process of preserving institute history?

*Meeting adjourned:*  
8:47PM