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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 10, 2017

Location: Empire State College

111 West Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Cohen at 12:51pm.

II. Roll Call

In Attendance:

President Cohen, Vice President Pereira, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary Ketchen, COS Muniz, DCOS Sheridan, Senior Director of Student Affairs Cucci, Senior Representative Homok, Representative Thompson, Representative Caldicott, Representative Caluneo, Representative Suhail, Representative Demma, Representative Elahi, Representative Wolfe, Representative Van Reenen, Representative Sharma, Representative Petrak, Assistant to the Vice President Pikul, Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer Webster, Assistant to the Secretary Ketchen, Director Ostro, Director O'Hallaran, Director Murphy, Director Cobos, Director Kroll, Director Altschuler, Deputy Director Cicero, Press Secretary Batrez, Chair George, Chair Guerra

Guests: Vice President Emerita Doyle, Treasurer Emeritus Gareau, Chief of Staff Emeritus Simons, Former Director Ramsay, and Andrew Binder

Quorum is met

III. **Approval of the Agenda**

President Cohen: We are going to move Taylor's resolution up on the agenda because she has a wedding she needs to get to, but we are very glad she joined us. We are not going to adjourn unless we have to. Is there a motion to approve?

Motion to approve the agenda by Representative Holmok seconded by Representative George

**Agenda Approved
Unanimously**

IV. Approval of the Minutes: Spring Conference 2017

President Cohen: If you were not at the Spring Conference I recommend you abstain because you do not know what happened at the meeting and therefore can't verify these minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes by Representative Elahi, seconded by Representative Guerra

**Minutes Approved
Unanimously**

V. Public Comment

President Cohen: Are there any public comments?

Simons: I love SUNY SA.

President Cohen: SUNY SA loves you. Any others? Seeing none we will move right along to new business.

VI. New Business

A. 1718-05 Appointment of Taylor O'Hallaran Director of Communications

COS Muniz: President Cohen will speak to their qualifications for the position and then they will give an introduction. There will be an opportunity for questions and then they will leave for executive session. After they proceed out we move to executive session and the chair will have the floor. We will then move into a vote by secret ballot and out of executive session. Appointments require $\frac{2}{3}$ majority to approve.

President Cohen: We did conference and jumped right into interviews and threw these people in the deep end and expected them to swim. Taylor has experience and a broad understanding of how the system works.

O'Hallaran: Hi everyone! It is great to have had the opportunity to work in this position. I'm a communications major. I come from interesting positions and have been a member of many different communications teams. It will be a little different for me to transfer over to this institutional setting. I've worked a lot with NAA and don't really have a student government background, but I will be the Director of Student Engagement on my campus this academic year. I've done a lot of work with the One Love Foundation and work with a lot of corporations like

It's On Us. I have a lot of work I want to do here. I want to work on COBALT, it needs some help and I am really excited.

President Cohen: We can go into questions now.

Representative Wolfe: I move to establish as a rule for the day that two questions may be asked of each appointees and that the Executive Committee move into executive session on a recurring basis to discuss each nominee and that all current and former members of the Executive Committee as well as our Advisor Andy Binder be permitted to stay for those executive sessions. Thank you.

Motion made by Representative George, seconded by Representative Elahi

President Cohen: All opposed

Passes Unanimously

Representative Holmok: You mentioned you want to do work with COBALT, could you elaborate on some of your ideas for the platform?

O'Hallaran: With more focus on the SUNY campuses specifically by reaching out to presidents to release informative articles and allow more of an open forum to highlight more students and just improve it as a whole.

President Cohen: Are there any other questions. Taylor, please exit and we will now enter executive session.

Enter executive session at 1:02 p.m., left at 1:04 p.m.

Motion to exit executive session by Representative Holmok, seconded by Representative Suhail

**15-0-1
Confirmed**

B. Executive Board Reports

1. President/COS Report (Cohen, Muniz & Sheridan)

President Cohen: I value transparency and I recognize that everyday I am working to represent the students of SUNY and want to keep my travels well documented such that you the reps can hold me accountable. I traveled to Buffalo right after conference and met with Neal from Erie County Community College, have had several meetings with trustees to discuss moving forward, did welcome calls with representatives to gather what your vision was and it is very fruitful. I also attended the UFS spring plenary meeting. They always invite us to have a seat at the table and will get you engage. I visited Potsdam and Canton while I was there. Carolyn does a great

job of having me meet the presidents. We also confirmed the new Chancellor for SUNY, Kristina Johnson, who was Dean of Duke and Provost at Johns Hopkins as well as Secretary of the Department of Energy under the Obama administration. She brings diversity to SUNY and many of you in this room were part of the search committee. We had a may Board of Trustees meeting at Nassau Community College and it was important to show that we stand in solidarity with them and we are glad that the Chairman of the Board accepted an invitation to meet with all students. I had the pleasure of attending the Delhi inauguration for their new campus president that brings diversity to the SUNY system. The Excelsior Scholarship has been discussed at great lengths and I have articulated some concerns that I have. I attended six commencement ceremonies and all of them were great and it was really one of my favorite responsibilities to have as a trustee. We had a ton of cabinet applications and a huge thanks to Carolyn for setting up the interviews and the E-Board for their hard work, it was long. There was an EOP event in New York City which was amazing and Al Rokar was the MC of that event and it was really an all around fun exciting event. We approved Excelsior Scholarship regulations two weeks ago with HESC, Rey and Arthur attended with me. I asked a number of questions to make sure qualifications were fair and to ensure that the entire policy be gender neutral which passed unanimously, and we have received thousands of applications already since it was approved June 7th. I articulated disconcertment that it took so long to get these resolutions on the table and I have been assured at the upcoming board meeting to get an update on where those resolutions stand to make sure that they have not fallen to wayside. I attended the climate conference with Rey, Mike, and Nicole, which was a great event and we really learned a lot. There is a big initiative that we are looking to do in DC which Rey will talk about in a minute. I had breakfast with the new chancellor and I am convinced that she is ready to involve the students in a substantive way. We need an interim chancellor and I am confident we will come to a good conclusion for that. Provost Cartright is leaving and will be Chancellor of the University of Missouri. It is a sad loss for SUNY, but we are very excited for him. I have been in talks with Chairman McCall and he ensures we remain relevant and have not fallen to the wayside. You should all know that I hold myself accountable and you should too.

Muniz: Over the past two months we have been working on a collaboration with California's student government system and CUNY and we are finally on track to complete to go to DC to meet with prominent members of the legislature and ideally we will also be meeting with Pelosi. We are going to talk about sustainability, campus safety and preventing sexual assault on campuses. Are there any questions?

Representative Wolfe: Can you give us an update on tuition for the year?

President Cohen: I am going to the city on Monday where we will vote on whether or not a campus can raise fee \$200 a year if they choose to. I strongly anticipate that I will vote no. Four university center presidents wrote letters to the chairman about why they want tuition raised \$200. We are going to use the exact formatting that they did to say we should not raise tuition \$200 and get presidents to sign on.

Wolfe: Can we have an update on the interim chancellor?

President Cohen: I do not have much of an update, but if you have recommendations please send me that information and we will recommend them as a candidate.

Representative Sharma: Can you tell us more about the resolutions from conference that got passed along to the Board of Trustees?

President Cohen: They were sent to the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor, the Provost, and discussed at our meeting that we support those initiatives. Are there any other questions for our report or on anything? It is my pleasure to announce that Taylor O'Halloran has been appointed unanimously as Director of Communications for the Student Assembly. I went out of order... Andy is our advisor and he is here to answer questions and give his report. He serves as liaison between us and system administration. Andy if you would like to take it away.

C. Advisor's Report (Binder)

Andy: As Marc said, I am the Advisor for the Student Assembly. I will try to be as fast as possible. I'm a SUNY alumni from SUNY Geneseo, and I got my graduate degree at St. Rose in Albany. My first job in higher ed was at Marist College. I got experience living on campus in professional staff. You should have to work on campus it gives you a great perspective. I then worked at Oneonta, and now it is nice to be back here in Albany where I've worked at system for a year and two months now. Usually at these meetings I give an update on what is going on at SUNY, but can everyone please quickly go around and make introductions?

Introductions were made by everyone in the room.

Andy: Thank you for bearing with me through that. We found out some fun things to joke about all year long. Here are the updates to talk about what is going on at system. Feel free to ask me any questions. Fifty percent of the time I can answer your questions and the other percentage of the time I will email you back with an answer.

So briefly Marc already touched on this, obviously we're getting a new Chancellor. My supervisor, Liz Droz is leaving SUNY also and her last day is June 21st. The Excelsior Scholarship you guys all know about, but a lot of the questions that come into my inbox are about the Excelsior Scholarship and details regarding it. One thing not often publicized is that for every year they use the Scholarship they have to stay in NY after they graduate. SUNY is getting half a million dollars a year to cover sexual violence prevention efforts throughout the system. There are trainings going on throughout the year, and we just hired a new project director who is covered in the grant.

Andy: Any other questions, comments, or concerns?

Director Rufrano: When they say you have to stay in New York State after graduation can you go to a private grad school right after?

Andy: Yes, you can get exempt but you have to come back and do your work after.

Representative Caldicott: How does the Excelsior Scholarship apply if you're going from a two year to a four year school if you didn't receive it for your first two years? Can I apply now and have it carry over into my Bachelor's?

CFO Braun: You have to complete 30 credits in a year to maintain eligibility, and if you don't have those done you do get a year to catch up.

President Cohen: There are intricacies of this we can't answer and we can set up a Q&A conference call to have someone from SUNY or HESC to answer your questions, we will conference on that.

Ramsay: The HESC website has a ton of FAQ's that have been updated since the meeting where the qualifications and specifications were finalized and passed.

Representative Sharma: Who nominated who sits on these committees, are they students?

Andy: They are SUNY professionals, directors of residence life, who give updates on what is going on on their campuses.

Representative Van Reenen: Is this the same as what is at Oswego?

Andy: Yes.

Representative Van Reenen: To bring up an issue about hiring international students who apply and are qualified, to put them in positions as RAs and if we at SUNY are pushing for the whole, we need to put international students in positions where they will interact with students, who are not just here to inflict on society, but to let Americans learn about their culture, I would just ask you to encourage those working across the campuses to review this.

President Cohen: Other questions for Andy? He is very available via email if you have any questions for him and feel free to reach out at anytime.

Applause.

2. Vice President's Report (Pereira)

Vice President Pereira: I want to talk about what I have been doing and if you have feedback feel free to email me and if you don't like something on your table tent tell me and we can change that. We called out for proposals for conference, and dates are being passed in a resolution today. Spring conference is set but fall is not one hundred percent. For the travel form you have to fill that out before every executive committee meeting so we can figure out hotel rooms, roommate specific requests as well as food allergies. I was lenient this time because we have a handful of new faces, but in the future you need to fill it out on time. Speaking briefly about conference, though it seems far away in October, we need to start planning and we will have a conference planning task force. Reach out to me or Darren and we will start working out meeting times and see when people are available. I had you all fill out a committee request form and we will vote on that resolution today to put you where you will be. We can always change it if you are unhappy with your assignments, but if you are on the Community Colleges committee it is really important that you attend those meetings. Typically in the past we had all directors give their reports in person, but we are thinking of shifting that a little bit and doing a more professional format. For president's council, I will oversee all of the SGA presidents and arranging their summit, making sure that they have effective dialogue together. We want to continue to keep that communication strong and I am excited to do so.

3. CFO's Reports (Braun)

Braun: First, I'd like to introduce my assistant Jake who has been doing a great job. I do want to stress what Andy mentioned with expecting to be reimbursed, so we need to get that in ASAP

and it is important to get you reimbursed. I want to commend Nicole and Darren for arranging this meeting. We saved a lot of money and were well below budget. With that, we are going to switch up the travel form so if you want us to coordinate your travel and if so are you 21 and able to drive a carpool. It is important you say yes in order to get reimbursed. We will tell you who will be in your carpool. We need to spend our \$3,400 before the end of the fiscal year, so we may order business cards and merchandise and even may investigate getting iClickers to not have to do secret ballots anymore. Let Jake or I know if you have any ideas. We will have the same budget as last year. Albany's meeting is more expensive because we stay an extra day while we are there. There are stipends for all Executive Board positions in the budget as you will see. We are going to have to do a lot of financing, and I talked to Conner and he gave a good idea for restructuring our Finance Committee. Jake has been instrumental in that too. We may stay in dorms to cut costs when we can. They are not as nice, but they are cheaper and that is just how it goes. June 23rd is when our budget request meeting is with SUNY and will give an update on that at that at our next meeting. We don't have extra funds where we would take requests, we can't use the committee like individual campuses would, but it will be more for organizing fundraising, if you see opportunities please let us know. Jake has been working with Margaret and Amanda for getting contacts for CFO's, starting those relationships to develop as the year progresses and potentially have SGA's give a flat donation at the start of the year. Campuses like Alfred already gave us \$3,000 to come to their campus. Whoever gives us more money we should sort of tailor to, we are stretched on funds. Also we should begin talking to campus presidents and CFO's to visit their campuses and if campuses are willing to contribute to costs that is something we should look at doing to send representative travel. Does anyone have any questions?

Representative George: Why were food costs not included in EC meetings?

President Cohen: If your school really wants to host, we will do our best to make it happen, however, one of the pre requisites is that a campus will cover food. UAlbany has a larger budget and can therefore provide more, but we understand that community colleges cannot afford as much.

Vice President Pereira: It's different from transitional because it is just three meals on Saturday to provide.

Senior Director Cucci: Why is it not a flat state rate for staying in hotels?

Andy: That is how it works unfortunately.

Senior Director Cucci: That sounds weird to me.

President Cohen: We are trying in Albany to, but the state rate is \$115 a night and it is a lot cheaper to have a meeting.

Representative Van Reenen: Having a student activity fee, where would that go?

CFO Braun: We will have more information after they have their meeting with the California State System.

President Cohen: There are issues with not raising tuition and I don't necessarily disagree with this, some say no fees on students ever.

Representative Caluneo: Is it possible to transfer funds to next year?

CFO Braun: No, unfortunately they can't roll over.

President Cohen: I have fought hard with SUNY about this and unfortunately it hasn't changed.

Representative Sharma: Is this something that we can make a good case on why they should fund us for us to go to their campus?

CFO Braun: If a campus is willing to fund us then that is great.

Representative Elahi: Do you have a specific Plan of Action for representative travel to talk to our campuses and having a plan?

CFO Braun: That is really up to you as a representative, but Rey has great idea.

COS Muniz: The money for representative travel does not exist, we can't compensate that, but I would imagine anyone there would spend time learning how the student government system could be.

CFO Braun: If we have extra funds then maybe we could approve those requests.

Representative Van Reenen: So if this fee goes forward, could we explore funding some of the travel for representatives?

CFO Braun: Absolutely one of our main arguments is for representative travel.

President Cohen: Keep in mind the approval process and it likely would not be approved for a few years.

Representative Caluneo: With finances in total has there been any looking into if there are any federal grants we could receive?

CFO Braun: I don't know if they have explored grant opportunities but that will be part of the task of the finance committee.

Andy: I know Pat investigated it to a certain extent.

CFO Bruan: There has to be a sub-committee and our talking point is we represent 600,000 students from across the state and we want to assist in the business that they conduct

Representative Wolfe: I have grant writing skills, and this is the type of person you want for a Director of Development. For any representatives looking to travel to campuses, see if there is a SUNY campus on your way traveling somewhere, if you know they are doing an orientation or something, there have been people who will reimburse your travel.

Josh Altemoose: I am a professional grant writer and am here as a resource. Before you submit it, also talk with Andy, we don't want to blindside them with that we are going to apply for something.

Director Kroll: If you have a good relationship with your campus presidents, sometimes they have some money laying around and they might throw it your way.

CFO Braun: It is all about what is your pitch.

Representative Wolfe: Because we are a state operated entity we can fundraise and apply for grants, but beyond that it gets really strange, and the money from conference gets held by the research foundation.

CFO Braun: If you have ideas please throw them at me

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4. Secretary's Report (Ketchen)

Secretary Ketchen: I'm going to keep mine very brief in the interest of time. I worked with my former assistant Jason to finish the meeting minutes from Spring Conference. We've been looking to make our documents available to international students in other languages. We are still researching this, and I will be in touch with Josh about it. You should all have access to the drive, but if you do not, please email me at any time. Please send me any contact information in regards to campus SGA's and your personal contact information for the roster we keep on file.

For our upcoming executive committee meetings you will be required to submit a report, and I strongly encourage you to get your reports in on time. It's very frustrating receiving resolutions last minute in preparation for EC meetings because representatives need to have time to review them with their campuses and gain their feedback, so please be sure to submit these to the Rules Committee before the deadline. Does anyone have any questions for me?

Representative Wolfe: Does anyone have access to the '17-'18 Drive?

Secretary Ketchen: Yes, you all should.

Vice President Pereira: Are there any other questions for Secretary Ketchen?

President Cohen: We will now move into continuing our appointment resolutions.

D. 1718-1-19: Appointment Confirmations

1. 1718-01 Appointment of Rey Muniz III, Chief of Staff

COS Muniz: As you all know, my name is Rey Muniz. I attended Jamestown and served in assembly for 1.5 yrs and I am very much steeped in organization and seen its growth over the last five years; I have to make sure he gets where he needs to be on time and make sure that he looks good.. Second part is making sure that cabinet's projects are up to snuff. And with that, I will leave you to ask me any questions.

Senior Director Cucci: What would you say the most comprehensive agenda that SUNY SA has taken on that you have been a part of?

COS Muniz: We worked with SUNY system administration to

President Cohen: I'm sorry to interrupt but let's please give a round of applause for Sue before she leaves.

Applause

COS Muniz: SUNY STCN was to create a pilot program on 5 different programs for access to telecounseling and as we have seen that brought a proposal to the state budget and got it approved. We got \$300k and it was the only new money in the SUNY system budget.

Representative Holmok: Strengths and weaknesses?

COS Muniz: Sometimes I can be a direct communicator and can be insensitive. A strength is to look back on the evolution of the assembly and draw on the success we have had and our failures and draw from those.

Enter executive session at 2:39pm, left at 2:42pm

Motion to exit by Braun, seconded by Suhail

Motion to approve resolution by Representative Holmok, seconded by Representative Suhail

**14-0-2
Confirmed**

2. 1718-02 Appointment of Carolyn Sheridan, Deputy Chief of Staff

President Cohen: Not enough to say she is amazing and nothing else to say.

DCOS Sheridan: I started as special assistant to President Tom Mastro after serving as COS for Fredonia SA. Really what I do everyday is run the office of the president, make sure he is serving the students of SUNY, and am here as a resource for all of you. Are there questions?

Assistant to the VP Pikul: What is your absolute favorite thing about working for the student assembly?

DCOS Sheridan: The people I work with are all inspiring and fantastic people.

COS Muniz: What was your effectiveness rating last year?

Carolyn: 95%

Enter executive session at 2:46pm, left at 2:49pm

Motion to exit executive session by Representative Elahi, seconded by Secretary Ketchen

**15-0-1
Confirmed**

3. 1718-03 Appointment of Anthony Cucci, Senior Director of Student Affairs

President Cohen: I have known Anthony for three years now and we recognize that we needed someone who understands the inner working of the SA and SUNY.

Senior Director Cucci: Hello, I started at MVCC in Utica where I am from and was an RA there, did nothing with student government, transferred to Delhi where I got a Bachelor's. There I served as President of student senate for a two year term. I also served as one of the ag tech reps and served on leg affairs and rules. I got to sit on the campus president search committee as a lead. I loved every second of it and learned a lot about SUNY by doing that. I currently am director of community service to be in line with laws on residence rights.

Representative Thompson: What are some strengths you can bring to the organization, and even more so, the 600,00 students?

Senior Director Cucci: I was in a community college and a four year school, lived in dorms, commuted, was an RA. I am willing to help anybody with anything but at the same time I am not afraid to not just have people sit there and talk to hear themselves talk; I understand the big picture but I love operations and know what it takes to run the department.

Representative Caluneo: If appointed what do you hope to achieve?

Senior Director Cucci: We have a unique opportunity with a new chancellor and make some strong.. with ... lean on you to have her be the best chancellor she can be in the first year; new chancellor is big on DEI, sustainability, and we have these committees so let's get a set of standards that the chancellor wants for the system to meet, everything from research to curriculum, so we can exceed those standards in those committees and have her point to us as a foundation and don't have to wait for faculty members to come up with ideas

Enter executive session at 2:55 p.m., left at 2:57 p.m.

Motion to exit executive session by Representative Elahi, seconded by Representative Suhail

**14-0-1
Confirmed**

4. 1718-04 Appointment of Austin Ostro, Director of Legislative Affairs

President Cohen: Austin really stuck with it through the oppression and he has held leadership roles at the state and national level; I am hard up to find anyone who knows more about politics and policy.

Director Ostro: Thank you for the confidence that you and the E-Board have put in me; I have a lot of experience with policy..very passionate advocate and I understand my position to be a representative, it is about using my passion to get the best results possible about...I would be remiss if I did not address the complaints that were placed, I was supported by the entire senior leadership of my student government, I hope that you know I am fully committed to this position.

Representative George: Can you describe your leadership role and how you lead and would interest with legislative affairs committee?

Director Ostro: I have experience leading in many capacities, it is about working within scope that president, EC sets and enact the agenda that is set forward; I will be passionate but not an authoritative; about being most responsible and passionate.

Representative George: Can you answer second part of that question?

Director Ostro: I look forward to integrating the thoughts of the committee, and I am lucky that should that committee be passed have a number of experienced reps serving on it.

Representative Wolfe: Do you personally believe that education is a human right that should be advocated for?

DirectorOstro: You will never know what I really believe, I don't think there should be a barrier to education based on background and ability that...not sure that I am okay to qualify it as the same way and may be on a different tier.

Enter executive session at 3:04 p.m., left at 3:23 p.m.

Motion by Representative Guerra to exit, seconded by Representative Caluneo

Motion to approve resolution by Representative Caluneo, seconded by Representative Suhail

**13-2-1
Confirmed**

5. 1718-06 Appointment of Aliza Batrez, Press Secretary

President Cohen: I was blown away by her writing in addition to being very involved in the SA at Stony Brook. I am very excited about the prospect of her as Press Secretary.

Press Secretary Batrez: I went to Nassau CC where I became VP then President. I was editor for the newspaper, everything comes from journalism.

Representative Suhail: Where are you finding these writing?

Press Secretary Batrez: Transitional File

Representative Elahi: Strengths and weakness?

Press Secretary Batrez: I am a natural overthinker, which is my weakness. As for my strength, I love talking.

Enter executive session at 3:26 p.m., left at 3:27 p.m.

Motion to exit by CFO Braun, seconded by Representative Guerra

**15-0-1
Confirmed**

6. 1718-07 Appointment Stephen Murphy, Director of Academic Affairs

President Cohen: Steven heard about Assembly outside of the SA and he has written memos that I have brought to the Chancellor, I know he is doing a great job and hope you like him as much as I do.

Director Murphy: When I was an undergrad I served 7 semesters at Plattsburgh's SGA, I thought that SUNY was cookie cutter and all campuses were all the same; when I got to Buffalo State, I realized that was so wrong, I ran for SGA President; I applied for SUNY on the Hill where I started getting notified by Marc, which was how I found out about the position; academic affairs we have so many problems; we as a body need a constructive mechanism to lower the number to provide a product for our students; we need to assist our adjunct faculty staff and allow them to graduate on time.

Representative Elahi: What do you think is the biggest issue that SUNY faces in academic affairs currently?

Director Murphy: Decline in enrollment, but that is national; specific to the SUNY system is that the world is changing faster than academics can catch up which is where the issues come into play with the business aspects.

Representative Thompson: Ideas to change that?

Director Murphy: We need to provide staff or education for using new technologies and we need a system that allows our schools to have a functioning academic affairs division; the Philosophy Program at plattsburgh had only six students, so you're dumping money into a program that, like to see happen. Is it going to happen? Probably not but I want to try.

Enter executive session at 3:34 p.m., left at 3:35 p.m.

Motion to exit by Representative Suhail, seconded by Representative Caluneo

**Motion to approve resolution by Representative Caluneo, seconded by Representative
Suhail**

15-0-1

Confirmed

7. 1718-08 Appointment of Carlos Cobo, Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

President Cohen: Carlos and I first met when he was President at Suffolk Community College and he would give me ideas and get involved. He would involve all three campuses at Suffolk, consistently offering his ideas and he applied and has already been offering ideas..understands SA.

Director Cobos: I was involved with the SA at the conference as a President and the diversity of students that come to conference and I have worked with many different people and one of our biggest achievement and there were personal beliefs that many people were concerned with, so the SGA encouraged the students to come to a public hearing and with the student empowerment that Chick Fil-A will not be coming to any of three campuses; we shared common goals as to; I essentially do work in the office with her constituents and I help with the language barrier; for those of you on Long Island you are aware of the MS 13 problem going on; I come from a community of very hardworking people and I hope in this position that all voices can be heard sooner than....my grandmother said that no matter how far you go into the stars, keep your roots and remember who you are.

Representative Van Reenan: Last semester there were two large DEI resolutions passed, how will you as a director make sure that this work is continued through your committee?

Director Cobos: One thing I would probably do off the bat is contact the SGA presidents and make light to a lot of the resolutions that we passed and trying to keep an update with the schools to make sure they are following through.

Representative Suahil: What would be your ideas to help the muslim community in SUNY? Especially with what is going on in the current administration now.

Director Cobos: having them aware as to the rights that they do have that fall in line with other students and try to see where their legal rights are and i would be entirely in support with the muslim community in the suny schools; I am more than willing to learn how

Enter executive session at 3:46 p.m., left at 3:46 p.m.

Motion to exit by Representative Elahi, seconded by Representative Guerra

Motion to approve by Representative Holmok, seconded by Representative Suhail

**13-0-1
Confirmed**

Motion to bundle votes by Vice President Pereira, seconded by Representative Suhail

Passes Unanimously

8. 1718-09 Appointment of Edward Kroll, Director of Sustainability

Director Kroll: Planning communications and general outreach and large scale...take and address some of these across the whole SUNY system and may not all be accomplished in one year;

Representative Van Reenen: Coming from a campus...How will you encourage the president or put some new resolutions forward that allows us to sign the deal for all our campuses on policies?

Director Kroll: A number of municipalities, including my campus, SUNY's stance on it, I'm not sure if it would be a university by university stance, but we can follow up with that. I'm following Governor Cuomo to find out what policies he's implementing. He has an unfunded executive order to have all public universities have ...being that all universities are fiscally responsible...will that be through grants ...opportunities to take these issues and put them into practice...in regards to solar panels, but it all includes both education and funding. One of the first things I'm looking at doing is what the SUNY systems are doing and match them with what we're doing to see if they're applicable statewide.

Representative Caluneo: I think general consensus that important to many of the people here and..do you have any specific action steps that you are looking at implementing over the year to bridge the gap and put forward implementation. Trying to promote communication with student governments and developing steering committees on campuses that have this dedication and give them the resources they need to take those next steps and give our support.

**14-0-1
Confirmed**

9. 1718-11 Appointment of Emily Altschuler, Chair of Campus Safety

President Cohen: We're also going to hear from Emily.

Director Altschuler: Hi, everyone. I hold Title 9 workshops and have extensive knowledge for all survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault are being protected; I hope to work with Austin to continue on that these funds are being properly allocated to their campuses; it is something that my committee will be.

Representative Elahi: Emily you have done a great job this past year. Continuity in student governments, what do you think you will do to overtop your bar?

Director Altschuler: My team is going to combat head on the opioid epidemic.

Senior Director Cucci: Emily you have had tremendous success, what are your plans to make sure that that type of success is my and exceeded at all of the SUNY campuses?

Director Altschuler: I recognize that Cortland is so lucky to have had that...contact information for those just getting involved in SUNY SA to let me meet with their title 9 officers and right now NYS is only required to.

**14-0-1
Confirmed**

10. 1718-18 Appointment of Evan Rufrano, Director of Academic Policy

COS Muniz: Stephen going to be so busy with steering committees and we wanted someone else to work on two or three long comprehensive projects for the year, such as student evaluation. We

will work with Evan to get those done throughout the year.

President Cohen: If you think why can't one person do it? Dr. Johnson expects a lot of students and ensuring that we have the brain power is that...

Director Rufrano: My name is Evan Rufrano again and I attend SUNY Old Westbury as a Political Science major. We want to include a syllabus to the class they're suggesting. textbook costs...there hasn't been a good way to get rid of that. Also with academic advising, SUNY SA put out DegreeWorks. It's really an easy, comprehensive way to track your graduation. I'm 83% done, but this year, I'm going to focus on a couple of long-term initiatives we're going to look for.

Representative Caluneo: Do you have in mind any long term initiatives?

Director Rufrano: We worked very closely with Farmingdale, we're about 20 minutes apart, so it was easy to communicate...Any other questions?

**14-0-1
Confirmed**

Enter executive session at 4:07 p.m., left at 4:09 p.m.

Motion to exit by Representative Suhail, seconded by Representative Caldicott

Motion to approve resolution by Representative Caluneo, seconded by Representative Van Reenen

Motion to bundle 1718-14, 1718-15, and 1718-16 appointment resolutions by Representative Elahi, seconded by Representative Caluneo

President Cohen: Community College reps can go to Rosemary. Representatives need to understand the value of representatives, they know who they can go to at a statewide level for engagement with confirmable positions; they don't report to me it is a partnership and I look forward to working with them and keep a consistent flow of communication.

Representative Guerra: I go to Sullivan County Community College, and I've been the president there twice now, in perspective with SUNY and I want the community colleges to see what SUNY is aboutbigger campuses as well and working with everybody to move that forward.

Representative Caluneo: As a Community College rep I believe that a lot of the policies that are passed at our conferences because of how they are set up and funded, how can you convince a community college to go to conference when it doesn't directly affect them?

Representative Guerra: You need to be in contact with your trustees because they are vital in Community Colleges, and it will make other community colleges do it, except we can't if there is no momentum; we get you are not a four year but you are still a part of the system and you are still important to us; meet with them and their advisors and I care about all of the students involved.

Representative Caldicott: We were asking not for them to increase the budget just maintained it, but they decreased it by half and our voices were lost?

Representative Guerra: Individual stories with bringing student voices forward and working with

legislative affairs and going to Albany and speaking on behalf of being a non-traditional student and being a mother and having unique stories from different campuses, and success stories show the importance of funding for higher education.

**13-0-1
Confirmed**

Representative George: I was lucky to be Vice Chair under Vice President Pereira last year and I hope we can foster an environment where we can find problems and have great solutions; I want more SGA presidents on this committee and as anyone who has served in their individual SGA we need to bring those voices to the ground so we can pinpoint those issues and resolve them

No questions.

**13-0-1
Confirmed**

Representative Holmok: I was a representative last year, and I've served as president of Alfred State for two years now, this is a new chance to be senior rep, new position, this is a liaison position at its base. I created a village liaison position with our community and worked with the mayor got appointed to the board, put into our constitution to make sure it was precedent; I am here to elevate you as representatives, and your constituency is the most important thing and we want to build a strong. foundation for what this position can be in the future.

No questions.

**13-0-1
Confirmed**

Enter executive session 4:19 p.m., left at 4:21 p.m.

Motion to exit executive session by Vice President Pereira, seconded by Representative Elahi

Motion to approve resolution by Representative Caluneo, seconded by Representative Suhail

12. 1718-12 Appointment of Darren Pikul, Assistant to the Vice President; 1718-13 Appointment of Jake Webster, Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer; 1718-17 Appointment of Micaelyn Ketchen, Assistant to the Secretary; 1718-19 Appointment of Amanda Lynch, Assistant to the Chief of Staff

Vice President Pereira: Not only has he worked on this, he was my right hand man, managed my

schedule; he is like a sponge he likes to learn and is very passionate and dedicated to what he does.

Pikul: I did not get the pleasure to meet many of you yesterday, but I have been engaged in student government for a little while now; got to be Bridget's assistant, I really enjoyed working with everyone in the Assembly and the students in the system.

No questions.

13-0-2
Confirmed

CFO Braun: I first met Jake at our last conference and when I saw his ambition to do more, he did a fantastic job at the interview, and I stress more not having an assistant, but having a right hand.

Webster: Thank you for the compliments; for those of you who are just meeting me today, I did serve as chair of military affairs and I wanted to make do with what I was given and I wanted to get done as much in my semester as I possibly could; I am doing a lot with financing and accounting and that is where my passion lies; over all I am genuinely excited to start this position and I think it is one of my strong suits; i would like to see how we can work with the california student government groups in allocating additional funds for supporting representative travel and they should be awarded for the amazing work that they do; I really do appreciate the role that you guys have given me in my life

No questions.

13-0-2
Confirmed

Secretary Ketchen: My potential assistant is Micaelyn Ketchen, who has a close relationship with me, which I understand may cause some concern. She served as secretary at SUNY SCCC as interim secretary; did a good job; Schenectady now has documentation of minutes; already been helping me with compiling information for contacts, doing google forms to get information, been working on project with me to make documents available in other languages, good with Gdrive, takes good initiative.

Ketchen: I did step up as Secretary and get involved and I am a fast learner and everything; I have been working with using Google forms compiling contact information...

No questions.

13-0-2
Confirmed

COS Muniz: Amanda and I have known each other for the past semester and you might ask why does the COS needs an assistant and I don't think putting anymore work on Carolyn is a wise decision for her health or mine; our schedule is incredibly full and she has done a great job

reading through comprehensive documents and writing me memos.

Lynch: I'm a junior at SUNY Albany in Political Science, History, and Homeland Security; good listener.

No questions.

**13-0-2
Confirmed**

Enter executive session at 4:40 p.m., left at 4:47 p.m.

Motion to exit executive session by Representative Elahi, seconded by Representative George

Motion to divide question by Representative Holmok, seconded by Representative George

**3-8-4
Motion Fails**

President Cohen: We now have a fully confirmed Executive committee moving forward.

E. 1718-20 Executive Committee Meetings of the Student Assembly

Vice President Pereira: It is expected for you to be at these meetings.

President Cohen: How many of you have put these in your calendars? Does anyone have any conflicts?

Motion to approve resolution by Representative George, seconded by Representative Guerra

Representative Sharma: October this is the date for fall conference?

Vice President Pereira: Yes, October and April are our conferences.

President Cohen: Any further discussion?

Representative Suhail: So for conference call, do reps have to attend?

Passes unanimously

F. 1718-21 Committee Appointments

Vice President Pereira: I have taken your preferences for committees and those who didn't I put where deemed fit. State ops must be on that committee and same for Community Colleges.

Please spread word for people outside the organization to join committees.

Motion to approve by Representative Suhail, seconded by Representative Caluneo

Passes unanimously

G. 1718-22-25: Special Recognition of Dr. Elizabeth Droz, Bridget Doyle, Pat Gareau, and Nicholas Simons

President Cohen: Entertain a motion to bundle.

Motion to bundle recognition resolutions by Vice President Pereira, seconded by Representative Holmok

President Cohen: Does anyone not know what it is?

Muniz: They can return to organization whenever...

Motion to approve by Representative Guerra, seconded by CFO Braun

President Cohen: I want to thank Bridget Doyle for the raising profile of the Assembly and expanding the role of Vice President, going far beyond the description of her position; thank you very much. Pat is just such a wonderful addition to the SA, he took over where the financial situation that took us out of the red and brought us into the black. He is the best treasurer I have had the pleasure of dealing with, one of the smartest guys I know, and my best friend. Nick traveled the state with me and let people in the state know what the SA is, he did what a lot of people can't do which is work with me, and set a bar high for COS and executed the duties better than i could have ever imagined.

Ramsay: Some of you know and some of you don't, Liz is Andy's boss and a lot of members don't have the chance to interact with her on a regular basis. She is the type of person who will answer your email no matter how dumb the question is, and she has done amazing things with the Student Assembly and is a SUNY alum from Buffalo. She will be leaving in next week or so to become the Dean at the Hotchkiss School, a private school. It is a real loss for the SA, and also with the 3 distinguished individuals sitting behind me, they are some of the best resources that any of you could possibly find, especially Pat because he will tell you no.

President Cohen: With that, all those opposed?

Passes unanimously

VII. Closing Comments

Vice President Pereira: Transitional is typically a meeting we do at a conference center, it is nice to have it at a campus I feel like we forget about. It is like a bigger EC meeting with the opportunity to see a campus; I want to thank Empire State who helped cover facilities and food costs; thank you all for being so patient and being so involved in this.

Representative Suhail: Looking forward to working with all of you.

Representative Guerra: Don't lose your focus or momentum throughout the year but thank you for being here and being committed to your students

CFO Braun: Any campus that uses iclick?

Senior Director Cucci: Contact members of your committee within next 48 hours to schedule

your next two meetings. We can't afford to fall behind this year.

Representative Caldicott: This was really intimidating for me, and I want to thank everyone in this room for making this an amazing experience.

President Cohen: Want to thank you all for being respectful, bringing your ideas and readiness to work. Rosemary brought up an important point. We can't lose focus and we are an example, the paramount premier Student Government system and it is important that we have only so many Saturdays we have to make a difference. Thank you all for what you have done and with that

VIII. Adjournment

Vice President Pereira motions to adjourn at 5:24 p.m., seconded by Representative Guerra

Passes Unanimously

Meeting is adjourned at 5:24 p.m.