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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Minutes

Saturday, August 12, 2017

Location: University at Albany
Assembly Hall, Campus Center
1400 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12222

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President President Cohen at 1:20 p.m.

II. Roll Call

In Attendance: President Cohen, Vice President Pereira, Chief Financial Officer Braun, Chief of Staff Muniz, Deputy Chief of Staff Sheridan, Senior Director of Student Affairs Cucci, Senior Representative Holmok, Representative Caldicott, Representative Demma, Representative Elahi, Representative Sharma, Representative Thompson, Representative Van Reenan, Assistant to the Vice President Pikul, Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer Webster, Assistant to the Chief of Staff Lynch, Assistant to the Secretary Ketchen, Director of Legislative Affairs Ostro, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs Bzura, Acting Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs Hilt, Director of Academic Affairs Murphy, Director of DEI Cobos, Director of Campus Safety Altschuler, Acting Deputy Director of Sustainability Cicero, Acting Deputy Director of Communications Delpiore, Press Secretary Batrez

Guests: Interim President James Stellar, Director of Applied Learning Elise Newkirk, Executive Director of NYPIRG Blair Horner, FCCC President/SUNY Trustee Nina Tamrowski, UAlbany SA President Jerlisa Fontaine, Joshua Altemoose, Robert Drumm

Quorum is met

III. Approval of the Agenda

President Cohen: Is there a motion to approve the agenda as it stands?

Motion to approve the agenda by Representative Holmok, seconded by Representative Guerra

Passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of the Minutes: Transitional 2017

President Cohen: Is there a motion to approve the minutes from our June Transitional meeting?

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

Passed unanimously.

V. Public Comment

President Cohen: I'll note we'll hear from Dylan this afternoon.

Matt: I'm really looking forward to seeing how the year rolls out. Thank you all.

VI. New Business

A. Executive Board Reports

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

President Cohen: I'm going to go through my report which was put together by Rey, Carolyn and myself. If you have questions about anything, please take the opportunity to ask me. At the June Board of Trustees meeting, the board voted for raising tuition, I voted against it along with another Trustee, who also recognizes this is not a sustainable model. I believe the State University of New York is an efficient system. I called upon the Governor to make sure these are being used to the most effective degree. The student life committee has already discussed food security, students of color, gender inclusivity, military affairs, etc. That credit goes to Rey and his staff. The trustees are very impressed with the outcomes of student life committee. We were the largest contingency at the pride parade this year. We are today commending the Stoney Brook marching band for playing what felt like an entire day. I kicked off my career on Facebook live. Dr. Elizabeth Droz has left SUNY and we're working with Dr. Graham. I can assure you our initiatives are not falling by the wayside. We are working closely with Chancellor-Elect Johnson. She wants to be part of a transition team as Nancy steps out as interim chancellor designate and Johnson begins with us September 5th. We have a new provost coming in. I was asked by Chancellor-Elect Johnson to sit on that board and our outgoing elect has left to take on the position of Chancellor in another system of higher education. We are excited for Dr. Cartwright. I've been engaging with Senior Representative Katherine Holmok and I am assured that your voice is very well represented by Katherine, Rosemary, and Alex. There have been comments in the past that representatives have felt not as engaged, but we try our best to keep up with you via text, facebook, email, etc. I'm proud of our team for engaging the representatives. We've got a lot of students sitting on committees this year and I want to commend our Directors for your faithful recruitment efforts. I have some questions for your reports later. You're going to hear about a charter schools issue today. The Governor reached an agreement regarding charter schools and one really doesn't have anything to do with the other. Mary Diblasio wanted to maintain control of charter schools and the teacher shortage. TeachNY wants to raise teaching standards and has commended the Chancellor on passing it. Why would we want to pass this on lessening standards for teachers in charter schools? This is the only time that a regulation that is

being put in place that only has to be passed by the charter schools committee. We ought to have a serious discussion about the quality of schools that our students are attending. It would follow that we are engaged in this discussion. We felt that it is not highly effective to lessen standards on charter school teachers. We want students to have every opportunity, and we don't want teachers of one standard at public schools and teachers of a different standard at charter schools. Every single student has an opportunity to vote on how student activity fees are allocated. I was not in favor of this, for we are a representative democracy. I articulated this to the governor and the governor articulated that he hates me it would be just a nightmare. He made it clear that was not going to happen and I negated that they've already passed their budget for the fall 2017 session. I left it with the secretary of the governor. We'd be happy to get additional student input especially when it comes to every student voting.

Representative Wolfe: Would that mean that the current trustee policy?

President Cohen: The governor doesn't care but what's interesting is that we have the oversight of us and he's a very strong executive but he expects every executive in the state to approve.

Representative Elahi: How does this affect our future negotiations with the Office of the Governor, and how are we going to do this?

President Cohen: He knows there's a student that's a consistent pain for him. We are very vocal in the press, which helps us to leverage that power we've got. It's a negative for me personally because I haven't made too many friends over there, but I'm not too worried about how that will affect our effectiveness. The governor doesn't have control of us.

Representative Elahi: Regarding the Board of Trustees, why can this just be approved through committee and did not have to go to the board?

President Cohen: I don't know. Everything we do seems to go through committee. They're not where they need to be, but Steve and Mike and the rest of us are working diligently to ensure that things will change.

Representative Elahi: Where do you think the committee stands?

President Cohen: The charter schools committee?

Representative Elahi: Yes.

President Cohen: I think change will be good

Representative Wolfe: Can you explain why the charter schools are relevant within SUNY?

President Cohen: Steve?

Director Murphy: Charter schools are important because within SUNY we have TeachNY to create uniform structure to teach. Now this policy to fill vacancies is to fill the teacher shortage. Teachers are going to be put in these jobs and are not going to be able to teach. Ultimately, they will have to return to obtain those certifications, so ultimately this initiative falls to us from that burden. The Board of Trustees manages the charter schools, whose students will hopefully eventually become SUNY students.

President Cohen: Are there other questions?

2. Vice President's Report (Pereira)

President Cohen: Questions?

Representative Demma: Where do you find the documents for presidential summit?

COS Muniz III: This event is not being organized through the Student Assembly, but is being organized through SUNY Voices. After much delay, the link for registration is still not active, which is why we have not been able to send out the link for registration. We decided since that

delay was becoming such a problem, we are having registrants email me their information, which will be input into registration forms manually. So far we actually have over 20 registrants. When that link goes live, I'll do the data entry myself.

Representative Demma: Would you mind sending out a reminder for if you've already signed up for it?

President Cohen: Other questions?

3. CFO's Report (Braun)

CFO Braun: I quickly want to give a fiscal year 2016 update. We were able to purchase a lot of merchandise and we saved a lot of money on this EC meeting, another big thanks to Vice President Pereira and the UAlbany SA. We were able to be around \$1,500 under budget for fiscal year 2015 the budget was approved. We allocated \$9,000 for each conference we allocate \$9,000 because we are saving money on hotels. We allocated \$3,000 budget for travel. Whatever big initiatives we plan on doing are in fiscal year 2017. The EC total cost is expected to be \$3,000 each month. The executive board gets a stipend each month. Unfortunately the individual who signed on the rf won't be here after August. Conference registration is \$185 for early bird registrants and \$200 for regular registration, based off of what we did last year. Those numbers are projected to be around \$60,000. The committee is developing a new position, a Vice Chair of Development and we have three potential candidates. We just met with Christine McGibbens regarding sponsorships for conference. If anyone has ideas for this or anyone want to pitch us a potential sponsorship idea please reach out. Many campuses throughout SUNY have a lot of people who want to attend conference, especially a lot of the state ops and community colleges as well. There's not a lot of room for the students who want to come to those campuses. They may increase expectations of who they allow to go to their school and have decreased medical insurance within our hospitals. Those who are either on medicaid and those who do not have health insurance, they provide healthcare. The federal and state partnership that would allow us to care for these patients was discussed in a conversation with the President of SUNY Purchase. If we're sent documentation on then once we get the CFO contact sheet filled out we can develop our best practices. Lastly, for those getting reimbursed please remember to mail it to Lisa and prior to mailing it speak with Mike on how to travel guide in the August EC drive.

President Cohen: Any questions?

Representative Van reenen: How long does it take for us to receive our reimbursement checks?

President Cohen: It can take several weeks unfortunately. Rob is still waiting on a check from two years ago. Other questions?

COS Muniz III: This is one of the defining funding issue of this year of every year until it gets passed. MoE is meant to meet inflationary costs. I want to give credit to Representative Wolfe for his hard work and dedication to this issue. A lot of what we're doing is partnering with outside organizations, which you'll be receiving this information and its' important to remain confidential. Sometimes we need to keep things to ourselves for the benefit of maintaining partnerships. We are working in close collaboration with NYSUT, collectively one of the largest unions in the state, but it would be problematic if it becomes public. If the government were to learn that union is for MoE, than the Governor can say that faculty just want more money and that they have milked them for every last dollar year after year. Conner is heading up an MoE sub committee to ensure we have the documentation that we need and have all the resources we

need for a very long campaign. The Governor has until December to sign this bill and has 10 days to sign or veto after calls. President Cohen is going to do a statewide tour to drum up as much noise as we can and engage every stakeholder we can. We want them to stay true to their vote and to vocally and freely ask for the government to pass this. We have partnered with CUNY and collectively we represent over 2 million students. There is a 1 in 1,000 chance the government signs this bill. We decided to create 3 sub-committees to tackle MOE.

Representative Van Reenan: When we spread out the petition to get people to sign it, can we get students down to Albany to hold up signs and kind of put the pressure on the government. That's how we'll get people to mobilize.

COS Muniz III: One of the ideas in traveling around the state is to get SGA Presidents to say this is what MoE will do for my campus. He knows how to use negative media and how to respond to it. We want him to hear about it everywhere around the state, so that he knows everyone is talking about it.

Representative Wolfe: Members of the cabinet, the committee will be distributing a series of documents that summarize what MoE is. We will be drafting a letter and encourage representatives to co-author the letter. From what I've talked to this can be a front page story for them. We'll also be drafting a template resolution for SGA's to adopt, making a guide for SGA Presidents. It is crucial to engage with our local lawmakers, who would make a great voice from all throughout the state.

Representative Suhail: Are we allowed to participate in this?

President Cohen: They're not our sub-committees, but they needed appointees very quickly. If you're interested shoot Rey an email and we'll make sure we do what we can to get you on a committee. This is especially critical for community colleges. Vrinda has been an incredible representative for community colleges.

Representative Sharma: We can independently do a video campaign. That's fine for us?

President Cohen: As much and often as we get things out. It'd be great if we can partner with you on that and if we can release it around that time as well in order to receive the most attention possible.

CFO Braun: We emailed the tentative agenda, and we know you all have busy schedules as students, so it may be difficult to attend a majority of these events, but try for the ones that are closest to you. During our EC meeting in November we have an event that would have been a general event and we are still determining what these campus events will look like, for they are at the discretion of the host SGA. We'll have all of the logistical information, so that we can bring in the local stakeholder. November 10th is the date on that event. Also we have an Alfred State campaign event scheduled and an event scheduled for fall conference. This will be something you'll hear about for the entire semester, it is a whole semester thing. We developed a campaign communication strategy to use as well.

Representative Wolfe: We haven't had a chance to send an email with the title of the campaign yet, but the title will be Money Owed to Education.

CFO Braun: What happened with the vote? The campaign name will be announced along with all of the hashtags we will be using throughout the campaign.

Representative Sharma: Is it possible to have one date set up where no matter which campus you're on you can participate, like one day where everyone is protesting all at the same time across New York State?

COS Muniz III: That will be a discussion that is had within the communications team.

Representative George: Why is this getting started when we have override votes?

President Cohen: He won't spend this \$400 million dollars, which is the Governor's money. The legislature has a lot of money they can use to fund the issue, but the Governor will strategically say that he can fund whatever he wants and that this issue isn't important enough to the legislature.

Assistant to the CFO Webster: The projected cost for this if this gets approved, is this under the assumption that the inflation ration will stay level?

COS Muniz III: There are mandatory salary increases. It is likely they'll get a 2% increases, which is a significant pool of money coming upfront. It's also attached to what's known as a higher education price index. This takes into account normal inflation and also different normal education.

Assistant to the CFO Webster: If inflation rates go up?

COS Muniz III: Statutory language does not have a specific language.

Deputy Director Delpiore: I was wondering if we've exhausted those resources how much support do we have?

COS Muniz III: Many of them have a good relationship with the Governor and his staff. Marc reached out to the trustees, and they heard what he had to say and politely declined, explaining this was positive to system.

President Cohen: If anyone wants to meet later and talk about it I am more than happy to do so. There are certain trustees who are adamant about this, and some have indicated they would not be the best use, I disagree and I'm biased.

COS Muniz III: There currently is a strategy to engage campus presidents in a discussion, for they wouldn't organically become part of this discussion.

President Cohen: Dr. Johnson is a remarkable person and I am going to recommend to her that she doesn't advocate for MoE. Her first act being an adversarial one would not be to support this outwardly. I'm calling that she just sit this one out.

Representative George : Considering we have a whole resolution that we can discuss this on, I would like to see us move forward on the agenda.

President Cohen: Rob do you have a quick comment?

Rob Drumm: What's your plan to "hit and hit hard"? Using media?

President Cohen: Yeah to be constantly engaged with posts to raise awareness for the issue as part of the campaign. I also just want to thank Carolyn really quickly. She keeps the Student Assembly running, and without her I don't know where we would be. Did we forget anything?

DCOS Sheridan: Pat?

President Cohen: I offer the rest of the time for my report to Pat Gareau, CFO Emeritus from last year. We have received a one time allotment of money to conduct a strategic plan for the Student Assembly that will benefit us for many years to come and it is generous for us in the future. We put out a request for proposals for various strategic consulting agencies. It is a massive undertaking and Pat's bid came in at 3,000 dollars, the closest competition was \$32,000. Pat was an employee for a grant application that was being developed, CEG was a member of the Executive Board, the Executive Board agrees that obviously the sensitive nature of Pat having been part of the SA family. We know that we are being ethical when we do something like this.

Pat Gareau: Carolyn, did the powerpoint work? So I couldn't be more excited to do this project with you guys this year. We are going to really focus on the organization's vision to improve

over the coming years. One of the biggest issues they face is the transition period, basically this process includes a thorough analysis of what the organization is currently doing along with a robust idea on what people think the organization should be doing in the future to create what the organization should be doing in years to come. First of all, it will be much less me creating a strategic plan for the Student Assembly as the Student Assembly creating their own strategic plan. I will be working with you individually and collectively, and I'd like to ask everybody what are the Student Assembly's strengths and weaknesses. We will put those comments in the context with the trends and compile all of that to create a framework of strategic themes that SUNY SA should be doing in the coming years. I anticipate this to be completed by fall conference. I wanted to give you the bones of the plan and this is based on conversations that I've had with dozens of people throughout the state. I'll deliver an outline of what the plan looks like it's shaping up as and then get feedback before creating the final product, which will be a thirty to fifty page plan. This plan should be valuable to this organization for years to come. It is the hope that this project will enable SUNY SA to be seen as the collective, inclusive, vast organization that it is. The process itself I hope will bring students together throughout the state by having conversations about what the role of SUNY SA is within the state. It'll be very intensive and I just can't wait to get started on it. I'll get started on it this week and I would like to start collecting thoughts from all of you. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have, and I can't thank Marc and the Executive team enough for allowing me this opportunity. I'm a big believer in SUNY SA's impact on the state and I look forward to playing what role I can in shaping it's involvement for future years to come.

President Cohen: This is a legacy that you can look back on, well beyond being in this organization.

Representative Elahi: I don't have questions as of yet, but I just wanted to say that a lot of us in this room know Pat very well, to the people who don't I can personally attest to his dedication. He's a great guy to be around and I am confident that in this endeavor he'll make great strides for the Student Assembly not only in this year but in years to come.

Representative Wolfe: How do you plan to continue to gain buy-in in a multi-year strategic plan?

Pat Gareau: I expect as I begin discussing this with stakeholders throughout the state that this process itself will lead to a lot of good ideas on addressing those concerns that are raised. The idea for this plan is to be seen as useful three years down the road as to how useful it is today. It is designed to be what everyone who comes into the Student Assembly looks at and says "this is our guide." Everyone here will have fingerprints on it, and as long as it's a very well thought out, well researched strategic plan, it'll be seen as relevant. In my experience in other strategic plans, they have been.

President Cohen: Other questions?

Josh Altemoose: I'm more just wanting to say from a historic point of view, this is a step in the right direction that the organization is making. As we want to grow the organization, I think this is the perfect opportunity to use Pat's experience and knowledge of the organization for the benefit of the organization for years to come.

Assistant to the CFO Webster: Is it possible for you to provide samples of past strategic plans?

Pat Gareau: This is my first one I'm the lead on, but I can provide examples where I was a member of the team, and on both of those I was a member contributing to parts of the plan, but this is the first time I'm doing the entire plan.

President Cohen: That's an understatement. We're going to cut the speakers list there, and that concludes my report.

B. 1718-26-30: Appointment Confirmations

1718-26: Appointment of Alexandria Cicero, Deputy Director of Sustainability

President Cohen: Is there a motion to bundle appointment resolutions?

Motion to bundle resolutions 1718-26--1718-30 by Representative Caldicott, seconded by Representative Holmok

President Cohen: Alexandria has done a great job thus far, and has shown her capabilities with the work that she's been doing for many years now surrounding sustainability efforts. We would be more than pleased to have her on board.

Senior Director Cucci: With the new chancellor coming in, hydro is a huge thing, so how do you plan to work on that issue in conjunction with the new Chancellor? As the Director of Sustainability is not here right now because he's fairly sick, I have seen the work on the project that is being put together, the report that is being put together, and I truly believe that having the two of them working together will easily accomplish their goal.

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

Motion to exit executive session by Representative, seconded by Representative

1718-27: Appointment of Henry Mehmet Gulergun, Deputy Director of Campus Safety

Director Altschuler: He's currently traveling abroad, but he is very dedicated to the cause and very deserving of this position. We have already had great conversations about what we are going to do moving forward with the year to accomplish our POA.

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

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

1718-28: Appointment of Kelsey Delpiore, Deputy Director of Communications

President Cohen: We don't currently have a Director of Communications. After Taylor resigned, many representatives approached Kelsey and asked why she won't take on that role, but she

wants the experience first, which we appreciate. We've had many conversations about SUNY SA and we have full confidence in her abilities.

Deputy Director Delpiore: I'm Kelsey, I go to SUNY Brockport and have been involved with the student government organization on that campus. I'm really excited to have had the opportunity to work with SUNY SA these past few weeks. I'm studying communications at Brockport and minoring in business. I'm really excited to be here and I look forward to hitting the ground running as we head into a productive academic year.

President Cohen: Anyone have any questions?

Wolfe: It was a pleasure to work with Kelsey on the SGA a few years ago and I know it'll be a thrill to have Kelsey on board with us.

President Cohen: When Conner and I are on the same page it's very dangerous.

1718-29: Appointment of Michael Hilt, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs and 1718-30: Appointment of Weronika Bzura, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs

President Cohen: I'll hand it over to Director Ostro to talk about Michael and Weronika, as he has had the pleasure of working directly alongside them both over the past few weeks.

Director Ostro: I've been getting to know Mike and Weronika very well and I'm familiar with their credentials and their interest in lobbying, advocacy, and SUNY SA. I'm definitely impressed about their knowledge about state and local politics and I am really happy to have them both on board.

President Cohen: When I met Mike I was very impressed by him. He is very outspoken when it comes to issues on campuses, and Weronika has a wealth of knowledge to contribute to the team. Having a strong team that Austin can rely on is critical, and I have no doubt that they will be able to create that dynamic together. If anyone would like to enter executive session to discuss the candidates, unless that is the case than we typically vote by secret ballot for the candidates.

Arthur Ramsay is Advisor to the Vice President and he has stepped up to help out with counting ballots. On behalf of all of us we continue to thank you. While those votes are being counted, we'll continue with agenda.

Appointees Confirmed

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C. 1718-31: Maintenance of Effort

Representative Wolfe: This resolution calls on the Governor to sign on to MOE. This resolution will hopefully secure funding for education for the future. This explains our stance and why we need maintenance of effort.

Delpiore: As the state budget has already been passed for this year, how do you plan on this having an effect?

President Cohen: Yes the money would theoretically be allocated immediately...I can say the Governor gave us MOE.

Director Ostro: MoE isn't a budgetary item, it's a state law and we're amending state law to require MoE. It would automatically force the legislatures and board to follow through with the funds.

Representative Sharma: Would it be good for us to recommend that Senates at each university have a resolution like this?

President Cohen: It'd be great for representative to encourage their campuses to pass a resolution like this.

Rob Drumm: You said it's an amendment to the state law. Are you amending a state law or enforcing the law on the books? The budget is created to violate the laws that, so is MOE enforcing the governor and the state to fund SUNY to the balance that the law is already written?

Rey: It is not enforcing the current law.

Representative Van Reenen: If they pass the resolution, does that campus get added to following it automatically?

Representative Wolfe: Adding them is like adding them to a resolution that already passed so we can add them to that and to the MOE page on our website.

Representative Sharma: Do you see any campus that would not want to pass this resolution?

Representative Elahi: I don't think it's a very politically divided issue.

President Cohen: Other questions about MOE?

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

Passes unanimously.

D. 1718-32: Applied Learning

Director Murphy: There were some reservations regarding these resolutions from several representatives. Elise was here this morning, this resolution takes a lot of my concerns that I have faced and it breaks it down so that everyone can understand how it addresses the challenges that students face.

President Cohen: Before there is a motion to approve, appointees were approved 16-0-0.

Representative George: Speaking on behalf of the State-Ops Committee, these resolutions address some of our concerns but the majority of us realize we do need a stance on the issue. We don't believe that our ideological stance disagreed with broad support of e-internships. We also believe some of the language needs to be changed, for instance, "SUNY SA fully endorses all applied learning requirements." I don't like the language and the committee agreed with that. While we support many aspects of the resolution, especially the first resolved clause, but over all we think that some of these resolves need to be refined and more research needs to be done before we broadly support the resolution as a whole.

COS Muniz III: Not passing judgement, but in the future when we're considering resolutions it is important to make clear the issue we are trying to address. While they are often intended to be broad, a number of different resolutions in the past have had a tendency to be broad statements about the system organization, and we want to make sure we are passing impactful resolutions that are applicable to the system.

Representative Elahi: I personally feel that broad resolutions like these which do not contain a lot of meat or substance, water down the quality of our resolutions. They depend on us and our decisions by putting a rubber stamp on these and the representatives. I think we need to send it back to the committee for review.

Representative Demma: This resolution didn't have an action plan.

Senior Representative Holmok: I wouldn't necessarily agree. If you are going to propose an action plan, make sure the action statement is clear.

Representative Sharma: Is there in the resolve clause are there points that has to be something that should be included?

Rey: If you're particularly interested we have committees to discuss what is in these resolutions, so you should actively participate in them to hash out these details. I'd like to commend Stephen for his hard work on this resolution.

Rob Drumm: I agree with the point of resolution for resolution's sake. We are a system. There are 64 schools that do it 64 different ways, and there's no clear cut way, especially a policy of this magnitude. Sometimes when a resolution is broad it's encompassing all 64 campuses., but not one is the same as another. Something you as reps have to be able to do is talk about these issues with your respective campuses. Is it a resolution just to talk so we're feeling good?

Applied learning is something that is going to happen one way or another.

Representative Suhail: I feel really confused reading this. What is the actual action?

President Cohen: My suggestion is to go back to the drawing board, and work with the committee. Are there any other comments?

Motion to approve resolution by Representative George, seconded by CFO Braun

Motion to refer resolution to Academic Affairs Committee by Chair George, seconded by CFO Braun

Passed Unanimously.

E. 1718-33: Support for the Arts

Representative George: So this resolution is an admirable pursuit. It's important for us to defend each concentration. Specifically whereas number 5 would certainly like that to be backed up by more data. I'd like to open up a discussion about this. Even though it's an admirable pursuit, we support it but in what capacity are we already doing that.

Director Murphy: This resolution was brought forth because a student named Kelsey at Stony Brook. Her program was cut and this resolution was designed to say that this is an issue and that we acknowledge this is happening.

Representative George: I don't think there's any sentiment that we aren't supporting arts and humanities. I don't think that this is an area in which we are lackin. I'm not sure the purpose and implementation of this resolution are in line.

CFO Braun: Be aware of the last resolved clause. I don't know how, but expenditures are one of many. This would mean that we have to call upon entire review and look at reasons why arts and humanities have been cut.

COS Muniz III: As Director Murphy noted, this is in response to a student just to show support to. Consider the message you're sending. We can further review this and make amendments. I really appreciate the thoughtful critiques that the committee has developed. Considering resolutions from reps we haven't seen before. I don't believe the intent of the EC is to have a negative tone for the sake of being efficient, it's better to cut the debate short and bring that back to the committee where it belongs.

Representative Sharma: Since the student came to you, do you think that adding the fact, maybe saying that calls upon Stony Brook?

President Cohen: I think the cuts, specifically with this that if one student actually took the time to reach out to us then it is an issue. I've said this to you before, when they say how are we going to pay for it then we advocate for the funds. It's my job to represent the students and our job is to make sure the government is doing its job.

Representative Van Reenen: I wanted to say that I kind of disagree with Representative George. If something happens on one campus then it is probably happening on other campuses as well. With what happened with Stony Brook, it's important to mention that and maybe include what happened on other campuses.

Representative Suhail: Schools don't have enough money to do the art program or music art program. What we were doing is creating that profit, but is there something like that where an actual company comes and donates money to a program? What if you had an alumni who donated to the program on an annual basis?

Director Murphy: That actually was Stony Brook's solution.

Representative George: I don't think there's anyone who thinks that we're opposed to the arts program. Because it seems that we are sort of at a standstill and are concerned with whether this is kind of right in our mission statement, I would like to motion to refer committee for further review and discussion.

Motion to approve resolution by CFO Braun, seconded by Representative George

Motion to refer to Academic Affairs Committee by Representative George, seconded by Representative Snyder

Passes unanimously.

F. 1718-34: Tenure Track Faculty

Director Murphy: After talking with individuals, it was brought to my attention that there are a majority of adjunct professors and not as many full-time professors, making it difficult for students to meet with professors. This translates to a push for more full-time faculty and mentors for students having classes with them, but the adjunct faculty need to receive fair pay.

Motion to approve resolution by Representative CFO Braun, seconded by Representative

George

CFO Braun: I'm sure we have resolutions on this. Have you looked at the website with all of our resolutions in the past years? Have we passed anything similar in the previous years and what have we done since then?

COS Muniz III: We've touched the issue before, but it is important to frequently reevaluate and I see know issue in having a new resolution.

CFO Braun: What is this actually asking? The resolution is sort of factual information, but it's not really asking the Student Assembly to do anything.

Director Murphy: This resolution is showing support and they're smaller issues, so I could look at the way these things get facilitated since the previous resolution's passing and go from there.

Representative George: I just want to touch on a few things that were already mentioned by CFO Braun that there's a lack of action in the resolution. I understand that this is addressing adjuncts pay, but when I look at some of the specific points in here regarding who has this pay and who doesn't, again the issue is that the wording of it is a little deceptive here.

Director Murphy: Representative George, do you have committee referral?

Motion to be refer to Academic Affairs Committee by Representative George, seconded by Representative Demma

Passes unanimously.

Van Reenen: I checked the website for where resolutions are. Is there a way can we have those resolutions pop up through like a search, because it takes a lot to look through each one.

President Cohen: We certainly can look into that. They're in the drive and not formally put up until they're passed by this committee.

Josh Altemoose: Answering Mikes' question, all of the resolutions that have been passed are on our website. One of our resolutions that we passed was in support of fair and contingent faculty pay equality. I don't see the purpose in us passing new resolutions to refresh our old ones. Just take the 5-10 minutes to look for it. Now when you're asking about the search function for resolutions, how is different than searching that in the google drive? Along the top, there's a section called resolutions. The archive resolution contains every resolution passed or not.

Carolyn has it up on the screen and it has all the resolutions that have been addressed. I can enable a search function and it'll search by title, but not by content itself.

Representative Van Reenen: I wanted to search if the committee passed something previously.

President Cohen: We'll look into it.

Director Murphy: One thing I have learned to do is to navigate microsoft access and I sort through all of the resolutions on the website that have passed that way.

G. 1718-35: Executive Committee Meetings of the Student Assembly

Vice President Pereira: The date numbers have changed a little. October 13-15 we are in Albany for conference and in the spring we will be in Syracuse.

Director Cobos: Where in Suffolk will we be meeting?

Senior Representative Holmok: I'm working on a calendar currently to coordinate these dates and locations with when resolutions should be submitted to be reviewed by Rules so they can be distributed to campuses timely.

COS Muniz III: We have a tough time to produce resolutions in the time frame you're all looking for.

Vice President Pereira: These are deadlines we're all working for.

Representative Sharma: Checking for Alfred State are there people taking buses or trains, and how will that transportation be figured out?

Motion to approve resolution by Senior Representative Holmok, seconded by Representative Snyder

Passes unanimously.

H. 1718-36: Committee Appointments

Vice President Pereira: This is constantly being updated. For this one you'll see almost all committee meetings are regular and very full. New members have filled out the application online.

Representative Suhail: I'm on the safety committee for two years, but I'm not on there.

Vice President Pereira: I'll add your name.

Senior Representative Holmok: Is that an active where people can apply?

Representative George: Can you provide the external members to the listservs?

Vice President Pereira: They're automatically added to your list.

Josh Altemoose: I sent all the chairs a link to where their group member list is. That may be something you want to check occasionally. The website for your group itself is updated and there's about six or seven people on listservs.

Director Ostro: Could I get a motion to add Michaela Picket to Legislative Affairs?

Motioned to add Michaela Picket to Legislative Affairs Committee by Representative Elahi, seconded by Representative George

Vice President Pereira: Tell people to fill out the application online if they would like to join a committee.

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

Motion to make Jakob Webster voting member of Finance and Development Committee by Representative Elahi, seconded by Representative George

Passed unanimously.

I. 1718-37: Stony Brook Marching Band Recognition

Vice President Pereira: Basically a recognition resolution thanking Stonybrook for walking with us as students at the Pride Parade in New York City in June.

President Cohen: They came from Long Island to do this. I figured that just because there are many of them doesn't mean they should not get recognized.

Motion to approve resolution by Representative Caldicott, seconded by Representative Elahi

Passes Unanimously.

VII. Closing Comments

President Cohen: Any other matters of business to be discussed? I'd like to thank Vice President Pereira for putting this together and carpooling for CFO Braun. Thank you for Directors who put in a lot of work with your committees and bringing forth these resolutions. I encourage reps to take those back to your constituents. I want to thank JuJu for helping organize this meeting and the undergrad SGA who funded all of the food and provided the space. In general, I think these meetings are very effective. Thank you for being here and for the fact that you show up. I hope that I convey that to you that you feel like you are doing incredible work here that does not go unrecognized.

Josh Altemoose: All I wanted to say about IT stuff is that a lot of people have had one problem or another and I found out a week later. If you email me and I don't get back to you in 20-60 minutes call me. I'm extremely responsive.

CFO Braun: I want to announce something Jake and I are working on. There's a lot of funding for rep travel, that allows reps to do their jobs better. Each year we do a silent auction and at dinner, Jake has every name of reps. We'll pick out teams of four and the team that has the most funding at fall conference wins. The four individuals on a team are in charge of all the campuses that they represent. A campus brings in materials for their campus, and the people attending conference will bet on these items to determine which individual gets the prize.

Representative Wolfe: You might want to clarify that the association believes that paying people a percentage of money raised is extremely unethical.

CFO Braun: That money goes back into our RF account. All we're doing is creating incentive.

President Cohen: Here's the idea, if you're assigned with a group then presumably campuses would want you to win and if they bring items to donate for their campuses, and your group wins, you can use that money to travel. It is beyond reproach when it comes to ethics.

Vice President Pereira: This helps with getting campuses that don't come to conference because they feel we don't visit them.

Senior Representative Holmok: I like the idea of the challenge because I think it's important to encourage the campuses to do that, however, I think that it is not entirely going to be effective. That's not a lot of money for people who may not have their own cars. I'm not completely on board, if someone has really great ideas and really wants to contribute then by all means feel free to share.

CFO Braun: It's not like we're bringing in \$3,000. This would just encourage the reps to work together and get people at conference.

Senior Representative Holmok: I understand where you're coming from.

DCOS Sheridan: Let's say there's four reps, so only those four reps would get to travel.

President Cohen: I think the idea is that some of these baskets only yield \$8.

Representative Sharma: I think it's a great idea and encourages participation. Do you think that it would be better to sort them out geographically so if it's nearby to them in the event they win?

Representative Guerra: I think the idea is great, but maybe if we work on the outcome. What if the winning team, the money goes back to what they pay for to get to SUNY SA, so their student government?

CFO Braun: It's fundraising for SUNY SA. We can vote on this if you want. If you don't want to do this, we don't have to.

COS Muniz III: I think this sounds like a really great discussion for the finance committee meeting. If you feel strongly about this communicate with the CFO.

Representative Wolfe: It's been brought to my attention that the recognition resolution for the Stony Brook marching band does not use the proper language "LGBTQ+."

Director Cobo: I usually use the LGBTQ+. I don't think it's a bad wording, but I would say that it should be changed.

Director Altschuler: So I just did a check on the inclusive language. We were talking about it in the last committee meeting.

President Cohen: I left off the Q, I assure you it was not meant as a slight on the community, just a mere typo.

Josh Altemoose: To answer Conner's question, historically, it's been different every year. What is the standard not in the plus, but it also depends on who you talk to.

President Cohen: We'll change it to LGBTQ+ if that is what everyone would like.

Representative Suhail: Don't we have one for SUNY, an acronym?

President Cohen: I've been working with LGBTQ+/MOGI and they feel as though that is most acceptable within the community. Any other closing comments?

Rob Drumm: This is August, if you're thinking you've got a lot of time, take it easy. Make sure you're 100% committed to the organization and that your students come first. If you don't ask for help it's on you. If you're on a committee, make the calls. This sounds like common sense, but you have big things coming up. MOE is probably the biggest thing that faced the committee in the last 5-10 years. Don't let anyone tell you that what you do here isn't real. Keep your head in the game, but if you need help, ask. If you're using this for a resume builder, send in your resignation letter.

Senior Representative Holmok: This was a tough first meeting for some of you.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senior Representative Holmok, seconded by Representative Caldicott at 3:47PM.