

University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. Senate Meeting

# December 11, 2024 - 5:00 PM

# Student Union Room 378, University at Buffalo North Campus Amherst, NY 14260

# Present

Samin Bhuya, SA President; Killian Hannigan, SA Vice President; Louis Poon, SA Treasurer; Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson; Veronica Faltisco, Academic Council Coordinator; Nithya Santhapriya, Engineering Council Coordinator; Joan Liu, International Council Coordinator; Aidan Sumrall, Special Interest Council Coordinator; Tyler Herman, SA Student Affairs Director; Kayla Yan, Senator; Benjamin Lau, Senator; TJ Ledwith, Senator; Joseph Pawelczyk, Senator; Cole DeVantier, Senator; Jack Koscinski, Senator; Ryder Albano, Senator; Adam Bilali, Senator; John Stanton, Senator.

Asterisk (\*) indicates member arrived late or left prior to adjournment.

# Absent

Jacob Murphy, Hobby Council Coordinator; Stephanie Kacou, P.O.C. Council Coordinator; Ashrith Rao, Sports Council Coordinator; Saqib Khan, Senator; Sherry Smith, Senator.

# Call to Order

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, calls the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, proceeds to call the roll.

Samin Bhuya	Present
Killian Hannigan	Present
Louis Poon	Present
Gavin Krauciunas	Present
Veronica Faltisco	Present
Nithya Santhapriya	Present
Jacob Murphy	Absent
Joan Liu	Present



Absent
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Present

Finding a quorum is present, the Senate proceeds with the order of business.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces December 4, 2024 Senate Meeting Minutes for consideration.

Motion to approve December 4, 2024 Senate Meeting Minutes by Jack Koscinski; second Samin Bhuya.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

#### \*\*Result: December 4, 2024 Senate Meeting Minutes are approved.\*\*

## **Old Business**

Motion to consider Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#14 ("Resolution to Fill Advocacy Committee") after consideration of Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#17 ("Resolution to Establish Advocacy Committee") by Samin Bhuya; second Killian Hannigan.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

\*\*Result: Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#14 is to be considered after consideration of Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#17.\*\*

# New Business

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Budget Adjustment #24-11 for consideration.

Motion to approve Budget Adjustment #24-11 by Louis Poon; second Benjamin Lau.

Samin Bhuya	Yes
Killian Hannigan	Yes
Louis Poon	Yes
Gavin Krauciunas	Yes
Veronica Faltisco	Yes
Nithya Santhapriya	Yes
Joan Liu	Yes
Aidan Sumrall	Yes
Tyler Herman	Yes
Kayla Yan	Yes
Benjamin Lau	Yes
TJ Ledwith	Yes
Joseph Pawelczyk	Yes
Cole DeVantier	Yes
Jack Koscinski	Yes
Ryder Albano	Yes
Adam Bilali	Yes
John Stanton	Yes
19 Voc. 0 No. 0 Abstain	

18 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Budget Adjustment #24-11 passes 18-0-0.

## \*\*Result: Budget Adjustment #24-11 is approved.\*\*

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#16 ("Resolution Regarding Former SA Men's Ice Hockey Club Fundraised Monies") for consideration.

Motion to approve Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#16 by Benjamin Lau; second Killian Hannigan.

Samin Bhuya	Yes
Killian Hannigan	Yes
Louis Poon	Yes
Gavin Krauciunas	Yes
Veronica Faltisco	Yes
Nithya Santhapriya	Yes
Joan Liu	Yes
Aidan Sumrall	Yes
Tyler Herman	Yes
Kayla Yan	Yes
Benjamin Lau	Yes
TJ Ledwith	Yes
Joseph Pawelczyk	Yes
Cole DeVantier	Yes
Jack Koscinski	Abstain
Ryder Albano	Yes
Adam Bilali	Abstain
John Stanton	Yes

16 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstain

Motion to approve Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#16 passes 16-0-2.

### \*\*Result: Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#16 is approved.\*\*

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#17 for consideration.

Motion to approve Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#17 by Kayla Yan; second Joseph Pawelczyk.

Yes
Yes

Motion to approve Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#17 passes 18-0-0.

### \*\*Result: Resolution 2024-2025 - S#17 is approved.\*\*

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#14 for consideration.

Motion to approve Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#14 by Louis Poon; second Kayla Yan.

Samin Bhuya	Yes
Killian Hannigan	Yes
Louis Poon	Yes
Gavin Krauciunas	Yes

Veronica Faltisco	Yes
Nithya Santhapriya	Yes
Joan Liu	Yes
Aidan Sumrall	Yes
Tyler Herman	Yes
Kayla Yan	Yes
Benjamin Lau	Yes
TJ Ledwith	Yes
Joseph Pawelczyk	Yes
Cole DeVantier	Yes
Jack Koscinski	Yes
Ryder Albano	Yes
Adam Bilali	Yes
John Stanton	Yes
18 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain	

Motion to approve Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#14 passes 18-0-0.

#### \*\*Result: Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#14 is approved.\*\*

Motion to deny Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#18 ("Resolution to Add Members to Advocacy Committee") by Kayla Yan.

Kayla Yan withdraws her motion.

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#18 for consideration.

Motion to approve Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#18 by Jack Koscinski; second Kayla Yan.

Samin Bhuya	Yes
Killian Hannigan	Yes
Louis Poon	Yes
Gavin Krauciunas	Yes
Veronica Faltisco	Yes

Nithya Santhapriya	Yes
Joan Liu	Yes
Aidan Sumrall	Yes
Tyler Herman	Yes
Kayla Yan	Yes
Benjamin Lau	Yes
TJ Ledwith	Yes
Joseph Pawelczyk	Yes
Cole DeVantier	Yes
Jack Koscinski	Yes
Ryder Albano	Yes
Adam Bilali	Yes
John Stanton	Yes
18 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain	

Motion to approve Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#18 passes 18-0-0.

#### \*\*Result: Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#18 is approved.\*\*

Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson introduces open discussion.

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Senate meeting by Jack Koscinski; second Joe Pawelczyk.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

\*\*Result: Meeting is adjourned at 5:24 PM.\*\*



Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#14

Subject:Resolution to Fill Advocacy CommitteeSubmitted by:Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson.

- WHEREAS, the University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. Senate seeks to engage Senators in information-aggregation regarding issues of importance to the undergraduate student body; now, therefore,
- **BE IT RESOLVED** that the following people are hereby appointed to the SA Senate Advocacy Committee:
  - Tyler Herman;
  - Saqib Khan;
  - Jack Koscinski;
  - Gavin Krauciunas;
  - Joseph Pawelczyk;
  - Sheryl Smith; and
  - Kayla Yan; and
- **BE IT RESOLVED** this Resolution is effective immediately, and unless otherwise determined by the Senate, shall expire at the end of the University at Buffalo Spring 2025 semester.

#### Instructions:

This form must be completed for all budget adjustments. This from must be signed by the President, Treasurer and Campus

Please check one:

Budget Transfer	Х	Budget AJE
	Moving funds from one expense to another,	

(must equal zero)

Incremental adjustment, increase/decrease in revenues or expenses

Detailed description of budget adjustment:

SA Budget Adjustment #24-11

Account Number:	Account Description	Current Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adjusted Budget
120-1100-6000	SA Fiscal Services	262,400.00	(22,543.27)	239,856.73
120-3113-7600	SA Programming	141,900.00	22,543.27	164,443.27
120-3021-7600	Newly Recognized Club Funding and Appeals	9,000.00	(4,000.00)	5,000.00
120-xxxx-7600	Arab Society of Engineers	-	250.00	250.00
120-xxxx-7600	Cultural Fusion Club	-	250.00	250.00
120-4302-7600	Desi Women's Association	-	250.00	250.00
120-xxxx-7600	Earth Science Club	-	250.00	250.00
120-xxxx-7600	Guitar Club	-	250.00	250.00
120-4239-7600	Men's Ice Hockey	-	250.00	250.00
120-xxxx-7600	Microsoft Mastery Club	-	250.00	250.00
120-xxxx-7600	Mini Golf	-	250.00	250.00
120-xxxx-7600	Pharmacology & Toxicology	-	250.00	250.00
120-4787-7600	Polish Student Association	-	250.00	250.00
120-xxxx-7600	Recharge @ UB	-	250.00	250.00
120-xxxx-7600	Roblox Student Association	-	250.00	250.00
120-xxxx-7600	Teluga Student Association	-	250.00	250.00
120-xxxx-7600	UB Students for Information Technology Club	-	250.00	250.00
120-xxxx-7600	UB Financial Technology Club	-	250.00	250.00
120-4243-7600	Women's Ice Hockey Club	-	250.00	250.00

Treasurer:
Name (please print)

Signature
Date

Officer:
Name (please print)

Signature
Date

Campus designee:
Name (please print)

Signature
Date

FSA Budget AJE Input
FSA Budget AJE Review

Adjustment Description



#### Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#16

- Subject: Resolution Regarding Former SA Men's Ice Hockey Club Fundraised Monies
- Submitted by: Samin Bhuya, SA President; Killian Hannigan, SA Vice President; Louis Poon, SA Treasurer.
- WHEREAS, the budget line for the formerly-recognized SA Men's Ice Hockey club held \$22,511.40 at the time of the club's derecognition for failing to hold three club meetings or events on campus and following the payment of additional outstanding expenses incurred by the club, \$18,793.90 remained at fiscal year-end;
- WHEREAS, these \$18,793.90 are not student activity fee funds, and are composed exclusively of funds fundraised by the former SA Men's Ice Hockey club, including from club members and their families;
- WHEREAS, SA could reallocate the \$18,793.90 for non-men's ice hockey purposes, but recognizes that doing so would, in these unique circumstances, be against the interests of justice given the sources of the funds;
- WHEREAS, SA has found that no reasonable or practicable manner of directly refunding the funds is possible, as direct refunds to payors would require pro-rating of refunds due to differences in payment timelines and club expenses, which cannot be reasonably determined;
- WHEREAS, if the former SA Men's Ice Hockey club had not been derecognized, the \$18,793.90 would qualify as "rollover" from the 2023-2024 budget year to the 2024-2025 budget year under the SA Fundraising, Revenue, and Rollover Policy;
- WHEREAS, SA recognizes that both the scale and circumstances around these funds are unique; and
- WHEREAS, the newly-recognized SA Men's Ice Hockey Club may not be able to use \$18,793.90 during the 2024-2025 academic year due to timing and competition deadlines; now, therefore
- **BE IT RESOLVED** that SA shall allocate \$18,793.90 to the SA Men's Ice Hockey Club budget line from the "Club Fundraiser Rollover" (120-3020-7600) budget line via

budget adjustment, which the SA Treasurer may undertake without further Senate or Executive Committee action or approval;

- **BE IT RESOLVED** that any portion of the \$18,793.90 that is not spent in the 2024-2025 fiscal year shall be eligible to roll over to the 2025-2026 fiscal year under the SA Fundraising, Revenue, and Rollover Policy, subject to all requirements therein;
- **BE IT RESOLVED** that, if the SA Treasurer determines that any outstanding bill(s) is due and related to the operations of the former SA Men's Ice Hockey Club, such outstanding amount(s) shall be paid from the newly-recognized SA Men's Ice Hockey Club budget line (not to exceed, in total, the amount allocated under this Resolution), so long as there are sufficient funds to do so, and subject to all applicable SA policies;
- **BE IT RESOLVED** that this Resolution is limited to these unique circumstances only and does not set any precedent for SA; and
- **BE IT RESOLVED** that this Resolution is effective immediately.



Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#17

Subject:Resolution to Establish Advocacy CommitteeSubmitted by:Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson; Kayla Yan, Senator.

- WHEREAS, the University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. ("SA") Senate seeks to engage Senators in information-aggregation regarding issues of importance to the undergraduate student body; now, therefore,
- **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Advocacy Committee of the SA Senate is established;
- **BE IT RESOLVED** that, without limitation to the authority of the Senate itself, the Advocacy Committee shall have the purpose of making reports and recommendations to the Senate about student advocacy issues; and
- **BE IT RESOLVED** this Resolution is effective immediately, and unless otherwise determined by the Senate, shall expire at the end of the University at Buffalo Spring 2025 semester.



Resolution - 2024-2025 - S#18

Subject:Resolution to Add Members to Advocacy CommitteeSubmitted by:Gavin Krauciunas, Senate Chairperson.

- WHEREAS, the University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. ("SA") Senate seeks to engage Senators in information-aggregation regarding issues of importance to the undergraduate student body; now, therefore,
- **BE IT RESOLVED** that the following people are hereby added to the SA Senate Advocacy Committee, in addition to any current members:
  - Veronica Faltisco;
  - TJ Ledwith;
  - Louis Poon;
  - Nithya Santhapriya; and
  - Aidan Sumrall; and
- **BE IT RESOLVED** this Resolution is effective immediately, and unless otherwise determined by the Senate, shall expire at the end of the University at Buffalo Spring 2025 semester.