

Senate Minutes from October 22nd, 2008

- 1) **Call to order by President, Nate Kisselburgh – 8:00 pm**
- 2) **Motion to accept minutes of October 15th, 2008 – Passed**
- 3) **Earl E. Pierce, the director of student financial aid** spoke about financial difficulties. There's no reduction in funding currently scheduled for the year 2009-2010 for the Pell grant and SEOG. Federal loan funding is in place for the 2009-10 year and Unsubsidized Stafford loans were increased. PLUS loan credit requirements for parents were strengthened by lenders and private loans such as Sallie Mae and Citibank also strengthened their requirements. The school is coming up with a preferred list of private lenders for the next school years. TAP (NYS grant program) for 2009-10 may be affected as the state revenues are down-which means there will need to be some cuts from the New York State budget. There will likely be a reduction in funds for SUNY as well as the college of ceramics. There hasn't been anything solid and out about the budgets yet so these are what Mr. Pierce is suggesting for the funds from TAP. In response to a question about a 2009-10 tuition increase, Mr. Pierce replied that he expects that Alfred University tuition will continue to increase by 4-5% each year. When a Senator expressed concern as to how the Board of Trustees and other supporters have been impacted by the recent economic declines, Mr. Pierce responded that he assumed they have been subjected to the same economic pressures as everyone.

4) **Attendance-**

Club	Absences
AAC	0
AIGA	1
Alfred Acapella Society	1
Alfred Rugby	0
Alfredian Dramatists	1
Alpha Phi Omega	1
Alpha-Helix Biology Club	0
Alternative Cinema	1
American Marketing Association	0
Art Union	2
Astronomy Club	1
AU Hockey	1
AU Skate	0
AU Swing	0
AU Table Tennis Club	0
AUGR	2
AURS	0
AUTV	0
Baka! Anime Club	0
Baseball	0
BASIC	1
Militant Illustrators Association (Comics Illustration Association)	0
Chemistry Club	
CRAP Committee	0
Creative Arts Therapy Club	0

CSA	2
DISC	0
Drawn to Diversity	0
Fencing Club	0
Fiat Lux	0
Financial Management Association (FMA)	4
FNL	0
Green Alfred	1
Habitat for Humanity	1
Hillel	0
IEEE	2
Institute of Managerial Accountants (IMA)	0
InterVarsity	0
ISSO	1
JAM (Just Alfred Musicians)	3
Kanakadea Yearbook	0
LAN Club	1
Lyceum	0
Medieval Club	0
Middle Eastern Dance Organization	0
ODK	4
Outdoor Club (Forest People)	0
Pacific Rim	2
Pet Pals	2
Phi Beta Lambda (PBL-FBLA)	2
Pirate Theater	0
Poder Latino	0
Political Science Club	2
Relay for Life	0
REPO	5
RHC	0
SAB	0
SAFE	1
Shades	1
Spectrum	0
Steppas	2
Student Athlete Advisory Committee	0
SWE	1
Taste Buds	0
Umoja	0
WALF	1
WIC	0

5) Officer Reports-

Diversity Director, Elizabeth Tolson:

- For the diversity grant you have to apply at least two weeks in advance and keep all your receipts.
- There's on Diversity Partnership Grant left. See Liz if you would like to apply for it.
- Office Hours: 11:15am-12:15pm Thursday

Finance Chair, Mark Williams:

- Special allocations are now open, so e-mail the senate account or see Mark.
- Office Hours: 4-5 pm Thursday

Publicity Director, Aura Severino:

- Office Hours: 3:00-4:00pm Thursday

Treasurer, Mike Shaw

- There are a few clubs that still need to turn in their sheets or missing signatures. See Mike asap.
- Office Hours: 4-5 pm Thursday

Secretary, Caretta Morris

- Office Hours: TBA

Vice President, Eric Walton:

- Telecommunications committee will be meeting next week at 7:30 pm.
- Office Hours: 1:30-2:30pm Tuesday

President, Nate Kisselburgh:

- Board of trustee meeting was last weekend. The students that were there had no input in the meeting and all they do is take notes. They spoke about being hit by 25% and other issues. If you have any questions please contact Nate if you have any questions.
- Office Hours: 1:30-2:30pm Tuesday

6) **Old Business-**

- Food Committee report with Sam:
 - AVI would lose money with switching over regular meal swipes for guest swipes-so that's a no go.
- Buildings and grounds committee with Zack:
 - They spoke about having security cameras, having smoking shelters with roofed areas, Hillel is not being kept up to standard like the rest of the dorms, parking behind the apartments are gone because of construction to Ann's house-Nate will try to find out a date for when parking will be available again.
- The fiat paper issue being used as art projects should be resolved soon. Eric Walton has more information.

7) **New Business-**

8) **Open Forum-**

- Where are the ALAMO residents supposed to park?

- Posters went missing around Powell today and that's because there are designated areas for them to be (bulletin boards). You only need flyers stamped if they are being hung in residence halls. Individual academic buildings have their own rules about flyers hangings.

9) **Announcements-**

- Habitat for humanity will be having a Rock-a-Thon on the 2nd Floor of Powell from 7am – 12am midnight on Thursday October 23rd. They will be asking for donations-while someone rocks in a rocking chair throughout the day.
- Alpha Phi Omega needs help with collecting nonperishable food for the Alfred Food Pantry. We'll be doing this around Thanksgiving time for those that can't afford food. If your willing to help contact APO through e-mail alphaphi@alfred.edu.
- APO will be going to Wellsville this Saturday October 25th, 2008 at 7am to help distribute food. You can join them by meeting by the big TV on Powell first floor.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Day is next Wednesday October 29th, 2008. Events begin at 11:30pm on Merrill field to take a photograph with a sea of pink shirts. There will be a lot of things to participate in-just remember to wear PINK.
- There will be an AMA bake sale-watch out for flyers.
- Alfred Hockey will be playing on Saturday at 7pm in Olean Ice Rink against Cazanovia College. It's the first game of the year-come out and support the team
- There will be a Skate Jam on October 29th, 2008 from 4-7pm.
- There will be a hypnotist Brian Imbus on Friday in the Knight Club at 10pm.
- Craig (Diversity programming) is showing a film tomorrow at 7pm in Nevins Theatre. J.m. in Bold Documentary about LGBT issues facing youth and it's amazing-check it out.
- The Rocky Horror Picture Show will be this Saturday October 25th, 2008 at 8pm in Nevins Theatre.
- The Lyceum meets every Friday at 3:20pm in the McNamara room. This meeting they will be discussing fringe religions: what are they and what should we think about them? E-mail ah2@alfred.edu for more information.
- Steppas are having a Safe Sex party on Saturday Night in Davis Gym (it's technically Sunday from 1-4am). There will be pamphlets, free condoms, and raffle prizes.
- AU Outdoor club is having free canoe and kayaking classes this Sunday (10/26) and the Sunday after that (11/2) in Orvis Activities Pool (at Alfred State) from 3-5pm. Come learn how to roll a kayak.
- This Saturday and Sunday (10/25 & 10/26) Umoja will be holding basketball tryouts in McLane. Remember-no basketball players on the team!
- Alfred Archery Club will be meeting on Thursday October 23rd, 2008 at 1:30 at Davis for Archery Lessons.

10) **Adjourn – 8:42pm**