

# Minutes of the University of Massachusetts Undergraduate Student Senate

Speaker Sean Bliss  
Cape Cod Lounge  
7:00P.M.

1484<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting  
2-1-06

1. Call to order 7:00
2. Announcements
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Minutes
5. Officer Reports
  - A. Trustee Louis
  - B. President Payano
  - C. Speaker Bliss
  - D. Associate Speaker Dube
  - E. Area Governors
  - F. Executive Cabinet Reports
  - G. Faculty Senate Representative
6. Senate Committee Reports
7. Special Orders
8. Main Motions

*Motion to add to the agenda- 2006-S7 thru 2006-S9*

*Chair Mendez*

*Passes Unanimously*

*Motion to rearrange the agenda- 2006-S7 thru 2006-S9 after 2006-S2*

*Chair Mendez*

*Passes Unanimously*

## **2006 S2**

Motion to appoint Northeast Senator Saleem to the vacant Southwest South seat.

**Speaker Bliss**  
**DILATORY** (appointment was not present)

## **2006 S7**

Motion to transfer Senator Pryanka Pant to Central seat.

**Speaker Bliss**  
**PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

## **2006 S8**

Motion to transfer Senator Trupthi Kasnyap to Commuter seat.

**Speaker Bliss**  
**PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

## **2006 S9**

Motion to transfer Senator Steve Aman to Commuter seat.

**Speaker Bliss  
PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

**2006 S3**

Motion to appoint the following senators from Academic Policy into the committees as shown.

Sean McNair – Student Affairs

Jeffrey Hamer – Education Accessibility

Christopher Caton – Education Accessibility

Matt Giancola – Student Affairs

Elizabeth Sweeny - Finance

**As Appointed by Speaker Bliss  
PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

**2006 S4**

WHEREAS Ruckus has the ability to provide affordable and extensive legal music downloads system to fee-paying full-time undergraduate students at the the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; and

WHEREAS members of the Student Government Association have examined multiple music services that have responded to an initial request for bids, and determined that the product of Ruckus Networks most closely matches the product desired by the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS Ruckus Networks has provided the following terms to the Student Government Association (Hereafter “SGA”) that allow for an affordable and functional method for the installation of the service:

- 1) We guarantee that we will have a minimum of 3,000 users within 90 days of release to the general student body, or that we will pay \$10,000 per year as a maintenance fee for this service if we cannot meet that quota.
- 2) We guarantee to provide an authorized space for the installation of on-campus hardware, primarily at the space of the Office of Information Technologies for the university.
- 3) Ruckus agrees to provide free music downloads to all authorized students for this purpose, and a rate of \$20/term for portable device downloads (“Ruckus To Go”), with three terms comprising a full year. Faculty and staff may separately opt into the downloads program for an individual cost of \$5.99/month, with additional costs for movies and portable downloads as outline by contract.

BE IT RESOLVED The Ways and Means Committee of the Undergraduate Senate of the SGA understands the necessity of this motion and that

it must encumber \$10,000 in case Term One is not fulfilled; also

BE IT ENACTED that the SGA encumber \$10,000 for the purposes of this project, and authorizes President Payano to sign a contract with Ruckus Networks into moving forward as soon as plausible in this endeavor.

**Sponsored By President Payano  
Unanimous Approval by Ways and Means  
PASSES UNANIMOUSLY (with amended Memo of Agreement)**

**2006 S5**

*Motion to amend – Senator Kim/ Chair Martinez*

*Debate*

*Motion to call the amendment- Chair Robbie/ Senator Kohlmeyer*

*Withdrawn amendment- Senator Kim/ Chair Martinez*

*Motion to call the main motion- Chair Robbie/ Senator Kohlmeyer*

*WITHDRAWN*

*Recess- 5 minutes*

*DILATORY (motion was not passed 48hrs in advanced)- Speaker Bliss*

*Motion to place 2006 S5 on agenda- Chair Robbie/Senator Magazu*

*PASSES UNANIMOUSLY*

*Motion to rearrange the agenda- place it next- Chair Robbie/ Senator Kohlmeyer*

*PASSES*

**Motion to Provide Cash Flow Loans for Student Businesses and the Collegian**

Whereas the Center for Student Businesses (CSB) and the Collegian have been receiving cash flow loans through the Center for Student Development (CSD); And

Whereas the CSD has been forced to pull the cash flow loans as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>; And

Whereas the Collegian and the CSB are dependent on these cash flow loans to support revenue-driven operations; And

Whereas the normal commitment needs for these operations at certain times of the year exceed available cash, but have consistent revenue streams during the year to cover projected expenditure; And

Whereas the following commitment needs are recognized at the beginning of a year or semester:

- (a) Opening of blanket purchase orders for inventory for resale or production costs at a sufficient scale to facilitate efficient processing of orders and invoices.
- (b) Full-year encumbrances for staff salaries and benefits as required by the University HR system; And

Whereas the CSB needs a total of \$52,000 in loans for the Spring semester to cover their normal commitment needs; And

Whereas the Collegian needs a total loan of \$130,000 for the Spring '06 semester to cover their normal commitment needs; Therefore

Be It Enacted that the SGA provide cash flow loans for the student businesses in the CSB and for the Collegian;

And

Be It Also Enacted that they be provided out of long-term reserves for the Spring semester pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement prepared by the Student Government Association's Secretary of Finance.

**Sponsored by President Payano  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Chair Mendez**

**PASSES UNANIMOUSLY (with amended Memo of Agreement)**

**2006 S6**

*Debate*

*Motion to call the main motion- Senator Kohlmeyer/ Senator Kim*

*PASSES UNANIMOUSLY*

Whereas the University of Massachusetts is committed in its mission statement to provide an affordable and accessible education of high quality and to conduct programs of research and public service that advance knowledge and improve the lives of the people of the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world; and

Whereas cited in the Undergraduate Student Government Association Preamble it is the goal of the undergraduate Student Senate to “promote the general welfare of all University undergraduate students”, and

Whereas it is within the power of Student Government Association to promote the interests of the undergraduate student body by making recommendations on policies and procedures, consistent with Trustee Document T73-098, and

Whereas the cost for an undergraduate to attend UMass Amherst has risen sharply over the past several years, far beyond the rate of inflation, thus limiting the accessibility and affordability of undergraduate education; and

Whereas, after last year's fee increase, the Board of Trustees, through its spokesman, told the Associated Press that they were confident that students wouldn't be forced to pay for any more funding gaps, and that “We feel comfortable that we can run the ship with this amount of fee revenue”; and

Whereas the Student Center for Education Research and Advocacy is currently working in conjunction with Student Trustee member Valerie Louis to stop the increase in fee charges for the 2006-2007 academic year; and

Be it resolved that the Student Government Association recommend that the Board of Trustees not raise tuition or mandatory fees for the 2006-2007 academic year.

**Sponsored by President Payano  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Vargas**

**PASSES**