

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:39 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Abbe, Adepoju, Ahrens, Aronoff, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Harrington, Holden, Inthisone, LaRocca, Luther, Lynch, Messineo, Mingoia, O'Brien, Pelletier, petit, Prata, Rodrigues, Sibbald, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Stein, Stollow, Valenti, Yensan

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Stollow- change date from feb 17 to 18

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Aronoff- page 11, change aronoff to holden under special orders

Vote- passed

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LaRocca- passing around election booth sign ups, put in election dates, everyone is required to do one hour if you are not running and you are not on rules and ethics. Also, Nicole wants you to become a civic engagements leader. Student phoneathon, to get a phone call from a college student when you're a deciding senior.

Petit- motions for pledge, Pledge of allegiance

Aronoff- tomorrow night amy salloway one person comic about exercising your demons.

Coates- tomorrow 5-7 Chi Phi house ping pong tourney, drinks food

Holden-new rhody mascot, but they're filming a video for halftime show at keaney, bring your friends and camera. 20 minutes- hour

Adepoju- Q&A for me and dave tomorrow in atrium 1, if you have any questions. There will be an official debate on Tuesday at 7 in atrium 1.

LaRocca- Tuesday from 7-9 atrium 2

Juelia- Dave isn't here for personal reasons.

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

SS-08/09-72 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Whereas, EMA is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, EMA would like to hold a programming event on campus, and

Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and

Whereas, EMA would like money to help cover the costs of the event, and

Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate's custom to grant such requests, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$1,000.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of EMA.

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| SPONSOR: | Finance Committee |
| BILL HANDLER: | Chairman Petit |
| DATE: | Wednesday, February 18 th , 2009 |
| RECOMMENDATION: | Passage (6-0-1) |
| EXPIRATION DATE: | Upon Dispensation |
| ACTION: | Passed |

EMA spokesperson- dance until 8, party we throw every year. Expanding to a fifth area, learn about different types of music, every room is a different style, most entertainment is free, have to pay for equipment.

Petit- done for about 8 years, good turnout

Luther- when

Rep- April 4th

Larocca- what is theme?

Rep- Renaissance, gowns and king jester clothes

Motion to vote- passed

SS-08/09-73 – ALCOHOL FREE EVENT GRANT REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Whereas, EMA, is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, EMA, would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, EMA would like money to help cover the costs of the event, and
Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate’s custom to grant such requests,
Whereas, this request falls within the guidelines for an Alcohol Free Event Grant, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$1,000.00 from our Alcohol Free Event Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of EMA.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, February 18th, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Passed

Petit- being held on a weekend so alcohol free money can be used
Vote- passed

SS-08/09-74 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR SSDP/NORML

Whereas, SSDP/NORML is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, SSDP/NORML would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, SSDP/NORML would like money to help cover the costs of the event, and
Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate’s custom to grant such requests, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$1,000.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of SSDP/NORML.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, February 18th, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Tonight

Petit- Motion to table bill to next week (pres cant come)
Seconded by Aronoff

SS-08/09-75 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR 500 Family

Whereas, 500 Family is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, 500 Family would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, 500 Family would like money to help cover the costs of the event, and
Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate’s custom to grant such requests, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$3,000.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of 500 Family.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee

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| BILL HANDLER: | Chairman Petit |
| DATE: | Wednesday, February 18 th , 2009 |
| RECOMMENDATION: | Passage (5-1-1) |
| EXPIRATION DATE: | Upon Dispensation |
| ACTION: | Failed |

Petit- Motion for immediate consideration
Holden seconded

Lowell- feb 14th supposed to have genuine but didn't work out, got \$3000 from senate. Didn't happen so we decided to still do something for feb. were bringing nikki ménage, union ballroom, SEC, PRS, working with us. Were coming to get original \$3000 that was put back into finance. We are representing the event

Aronoff- who descended and why?

Petit- similar to other event I don't think this group should be doing it, SEC should. They should be getting groups to work together, not creating an event and having others come in with them. Wont be much left in contingency after

LaRocca- yield my time

Lowell- we are doing weekend programming, and we already had this money were just representing a small project, one fifth of what we originally wanted, close to 15,000 dollars. When we presented to finance we got 5-1 vote

Clarke- we shouldn't focus on other event, this one instead. They're doing weekend programming.

Coates- when they came to finance, they said SEC and PRS, today in office SEC said they're not involved
Clarke yields time

Lowell- probably confusion because sarah was here and I've talked to her in front of people who were willing to help, a way of co sponsoring. They were going to do sound and lights for genuine so that's why they're doing it again

Petit- what he's referring to, the business manager of SEC was in meeting and after 500 family left they told finance committee they weren't involved.

Sibbald- charging for tickets?

Lowell- \$10, there's a confusion to who is talking to who on SEC because pres said they would cover sounds and lights. There's no reason for me to lie in front of 50 people.

Coates- I was approached by second member of SEC

Ahrens- explain what money is going to, what is costing, if SEC doesn't pick up lights how will you pay

Lowell- If sec doesn't pick up sound and lights we have to get co sponsorship from other orgs. We just don't have enough to get a contract with artist, but we do have some money. If we don't get sound and lights we prob have enough in our own budget

Ahrens- what are costs for event? Where, how many people?

Lowell- Artist is \$3500 we are going out to get other co sponsorship, its in ballroom with capacity 500. She's a popular enough artist to work in ballroom. Smaller event.

LaRocca- first off, it doesn't matter the size of event to other event that didn't happen. Just because we gave you money for other doesn't mean you get it for this one. This group was recognized in the first place, they're going to bring together groups that wouldn't have been together. But whose here tonight? 500 family. They said other groups would be brought together that would never have been together at all, and its always just them coming to get money. I think PRS and SEC have worked together before. I really don't believe that this event deserves money. This event doesn't reflect their purpose

Simon- if genuine was 10,000, and the new group is 3,500 would you be able to cut it down considering we are pretty much paying for the whole thing

Lowell- you're covering most of the artist expense. We just want to make sure we can sign a contract with them. Well generate money from event, like all our others. About 300 people have come. We are doing weekend programming and bringing other groups together, when have we worked with PRS? We want to have a small event. Having multiple orgs working on one average party would be irrational, they wouldn't have anything to do.

Boiteau- its not a concert, it's a dance party and the performers going to perform in between songs. She'll be doing her thing when there are a lot of people in the ballroom

Messineo- what other expenses?

Lowell- Artists, sounds and lights, advertising, security. Been planned for the past month.

Petit- don't agree giving them any money, last event we gave them 30%, so could someone amend bill to give them 30% which would be 900 dollars? I'd still vote against it.

Larocca- a concert is a concert no matter how big or small. What is total cost?

Lowell- 4500 dollars

Bruce- we need 70% of artist fee in place to have contract with artist. I have contract ready to be signed once you make a decision

Simon- PRS SEC 500 great mix, but sound and lighting covered by sec, advertising by prs, and rest by us?

Lowell- yes they have some money for us, we're all on the same page. Every org has some type of concert.

Sibbald- I know in some cases when we give out a lot of money, we make it a loan. Did you consider that?

Petit- they didn't request that, we could go back and do it, but it can't be immediate considered. With contingency, they charge admission fee, what we do is from cash box we pay all that (police, fire) and then they pay us back what they can. What they have left over they can keep as profit.

Lowell- Spelled artist name- Nicki minaj

Ahrens- I texted the SEC pres, and she doesn't know what's going on. Did you already pay for equipment?

Lowell- I spoke to sarah outside office and she said willing to cover sound and lighting for us. Even if she doesn't we still can cover it.

Allison- yield time to Lowell

Lowell- We're just trying to put together a small show, we didn't want to ask for more money out of you guys, wanted to stick to general amount, we will pay you guys back. We just need that amount so we can lock down contract. When people throw SEC thing in our face, its not brought up to other orgs on this campus. Were the only ones getting talked to about this, why can other groups bring people?

Adepoju- few things need to be said. When Lowell brings up prs and sec, they're helping him fund. The other groups we went to just don't have the funds to help. I know of other members of sasa, pink women who will be there helping, they just cant help fund. Just an fyi. Also, if the money is coming right back you should have a little faith in 500 family regardless of what has happened in the past. The events they've thrown this year have not disappointed me

Petit- motion to amend amount to 900 dollars

Larocca- second

Bruce- remind you that we can't sign contract with that amount. 30% is 2450

Finance vote 2-3-1 motion fails for amendment

Goes to the floor open debate on amendment

Slater- there are other groups that have concerts, and they're not trying to waste money. We shouldn't let something that's just starting trying to fail

Ahrens- we should just give them the money, because 900 wont help at all

Sinapi- for finance- why was a bill that was brought with problems get this far?

Petit- I mean I voted against it

Boiteau- there were facts not told to us, I was in room when they sad they wouldn't support it. The first time around it was a much larger scale event. They really had me convinced the other day but now I don't know

Holden-It should be successful, and they're expecting to make the money back. I voted against amendment because it wont help them

Coates- I voted in favor in committee because we were given different facts. I think it now falls outside mission statement. Voted for because same percentage

Slater- we usually give enough money to cover contract to other orgs. Is there an amount we can find in the middle that's enough to cover contract, and then they'll find money for sounds and lights, etc?

Larocca- everyone keeps saying this money will come back. Is the group held to bringing it back?

Petit- no

Holden- 2450 needs to be granted for contract

Stolow- we are not assuming that when groups come here asking for money they should have everything all set up. They're not even sure they're getting the lights, they shouldn't be here. I'm not confident with bill.

Bruce- bring back to amendment

Coates- motion to end debate

Holden seconds

Debate ended by vote.

Vote on amendment to change amount from 3000 to 900

Vote not passed

Abstention- Adepoju

Discussion on bill:

Coates- fact that 500 family trying to justify by working with one other group does not go with mission statement.

Petit- a lot of hats being presented tonight. Is different than in finance.

Larocca- any other group that comes to finance has to have all ducks in a row. They always explain where money is coming from, why should we make an exception for this group?

Ahrens- I think we need to get on focus. Sec as of now has not agreed to pay for lighting or sound, and right now it is too close to pay for anything. Also, this gets rid of one of groups they are working with. I am 100% supportive of this group, but I feel that now with more info I don't think 500 family can pay for it. I think it's a makeup event for genuine. This event can happen in 2 or 3 weeks where everything is lined up, but right now SEC doesn't know what's going on. Get your thoughts together and stop being repetitive

Allison yield time

Lowell- sounds and lights, we will be able to cover it. Miscommunication between me and sarah. As far as finance meeting and saying what we presented isn't what we said now, everything else is the same except for SEC. What did we say that isn't the case now?

Petit- motion to end debate

Holden seconds

Vote- division called 18/12 ayes win debate ended

Motion to vote on bill

Coates motion for roll call vote on bill

Petit seconds

Vote on roll call, division, ayes have it

Vote fails

Roll call for bill-

Aye: Abbe, Bickham, Clarke, Holden, Moss, Rodrigues, Slater, Yensan

Nay: Aronoff, Boiteau, Coates, Einhorn, Harrington, Inthisone, LaRocca, Luther, Messineo, Mingoia, O'Brien, Petit, Prata, Sibbald, Stein, Stollow, Valenti

No Vote- Ahrens, Bedard, Pelletier, Shah, Simon

Abstentions- Adepoju, Allison, Holzman, Lynch, Sinapi

We approved \$752 to IFC and panhel to attend regional conference, nominated for ten awards \$499 to snowboarding

Budgeting meeting was gong to be next week, but we couldn't meet with all groups that were unhappy so bill next week, vote march 4

Larocca- with absentions, only if you missed part of debate or if you have some conflict of interest. Usually it's if you are exec of a group, but you can't just abstain because you can't make a decision. Its your duty as a senator to make hard decisions and do work.

Sinapi- as far as the bill that came to the floor, if you base bill on assumptions, why is it shocking that assumptions were assumptions? I don't know why this got this far, it doesn't make any sense.

Petit- talk to me after the meeting ill be around

- **STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):**

Clarke- No report

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Stollow- This week's meeting, 2pm, try and book a room, if not going to be in the office. Faculty senate meeting is going to be tomorrow at 3pm in Kirk auditorium. Need a lot of student backing, bill for adjust/add period is going on the floor to the faculty. If they see student support there, going to bring it back to committee. Unfortunately, I cannot be there because of a class conflict. Auditorium at 3pm in Kirk.

Petit- I know we passed a bill last semester stating opposition to keeping 14 days of an add period. We had to compromise, now 7 days where it is completely open, then after first 7 days, can only add the class if you get a permission number. There is still a way to add a class if you go to the dean of the college. In order to be opened 7 days and closed for 7 days, not going to zero out classes anymore. If only 15 people signed up, no one else can sign up, can't happen anymore with the bill that is going to pass in the faculty senate. Try my best to make it there, I have class but am going to try to leave early. You don't need to speak just show up and let students know that we are in favor of this compromise.

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

O'Brien- Battle of the bands possible Lobster Bake thing, talk to committee, preliminary stuff out, moving on with road to the statehouse, give you dates and everything soon.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Adepoju- Did not meet this week, not much to report, please be at the meeting this Monday, a few new ideas via email and I want to touch base. If you are interested in putting together a proposal for a new committee out of cultural for the rammies, will serve as a committee for that. Rose Brown on Tuesday, guest speaker, I have information if you are interested.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

LaRocca- We didn't meet this week, just see me, ad going in the cigar on Tuesday for Ellery pond artist search, postponed submission date by another week. Talked to committee, couldn't change on facebook event but I did send out a notice to everyone in the group. If you have friends and you know they are a good artist, let them know.

Aronoff- How many submissions so far?

LaRocca- none but I have seen interest.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

a. Director of Communications Simon-

Finished newsletter. I talked to tom in exec and get info from legislature on tuition which we'll be working on this week.

Petit- newsletter looked really good

Rodrigues- round of applause

*b. Secretary Pelletier-*Kudos to DOC Simon for the newsletter.

I've never moderated a meeting before so sorry that was kind of messy.

Sinapi- sorry for making things difficult

c. Treasure Shah- paying the bills

d. Vice President- Bedard- Personal situation, not going into detail, thanks Nicole for filling in. Other than that, senior speaker apps are available until March 2nd. Go to website, pick up an application, continue to tell everyone that you talk to, very excited to start seeing applications. I will get you committee member names in the next week or two. Working on probably a BBQ between outgoing senate and incoming senate, throw ideas back and forth between those leaving and those coming into senate.

f. President Ahrens-

- Sorry for last week, spoke briefly about the University wide celebration, on Thursday April 30 2009, reading day from 2-4pm. Very important for all of you, student senate is the main handler of the event. I took responsibility for the event today. Will keep me busy, Dave and Max will work with me until one of them is elected. More of an interaction instead of a speaker event. A lot of different ideas, if you want to help me with the committee, I will email all of you if you put your name on the list. Thank you to president carothers and his Thank you to us. A few other events that week solely for him but this is about interaction with students. I am very excited to be a part of this and to plan the event.

Abbe- Can I help if not on senate?

Ahrens- Yes, I have a lot of ideas.

Wed 11:30-1:30, forum on arming campus police, all of you need to do is be there for at least some part, we have all been educated about these issues. Officer Mark is always accessible to help us learn more.

LaRocca- I was contacted today by a member of the press, at this point, there is no official student senate opinion on the topic. Please keep that in mind and tell them that. They were also confused as to whether the bog had decided or not. If you give your personal opinion, that is your choice.

For the pink out, you voted to give money. It is on Wednesday night so it will be difficult for us to be there.

Rainville app was submitted- thanks to Dave, Juelia and Nicole for working on it. Juelia did a great job on the review.

2 co-sponsorship requests for EMA and SAWA events. Going to be looking at them and letting you know more about them before we spend any money.

Ahrens- Official committee for the Rammies, if you are interested in working on it, anyone one senate can participate, will be under cultural but specific chair for Rammies committee as well.

Petit- Issue with arming campus police, I believe Neil Leston or someone else invited both sides of the arming campus police situation, gave a lot of stats. Was Amanda.

Ahrens- We can try to do that for next week, professor was the chair of faculty senate, I just need to make sure we can get two people who were educated on the topic.

Officer Mark- All faculty have been advised and you can submit to the panel via email.

LaRocca- If you are interested, come to campus.

Adepoju- book for exec, is there a deadline for that?

Ahrens- For that, I was going to have a fun day to make copies of the book. Kim kind of has something from her standpoint, we are going to use that as a cross reference.

- **RULES AND ETHICS: no report**

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Bylaws Committee

Meeting on Thursday. It went well. Voted on a few things. Going to do all of them in one big bill. If you have any issues leave a note in my box.

Elections Committee- LaRocca-

- Clarification-Sign up to work the booth. Greek housing residents are on campus, changed a few years ago, I will have instructions for those working the booth to explain who votes where. If the address is not on the list, you are off campus. They can get a note from the registrar's office. Please write a platform, 21 people on the ballot for 12 seats, a lot of people read the platform, just helping yourself. Elections committee, please meet me afterwards. Stickers were ordered today and hopefully they will come in time. We ordered like 5000, hopefully it will last us 2-3 elections. Maybe only one, that would be amazing.

Sinapi- Q and A, is anyone going to record it?

LaRocca- Q and A, I was not involved in the planning of it. I haven't talked to the candidates. It's great to see the initiative. I unfortunately cannot be there because I have to work, I will have my eyes and ears there. I need to find out more information to make sure it is fair and balanced and pretty.

Sinapi- I understand why you are doing that, the way the addresses are in the system, a lot of people signing up as off campus or on campus.

LaRocca- Eligibility is checked after the elections before anyone is sworn in, Kim knows what she is doing when they are sworn in. I will contact people if I spot anything that is incorrect. I really don't think the addresses are going to be a problem.

Petit- Who is moderating the debate?

LaRocca- the editor of the cigar declined being able to do it. We are looking at having Justin Oswald do it. I would rather have him do it because he is unbiased.

Sinapi- I understand that there are many people voting for on campus but not a lot for off campus.

LaRocca- I will go through the list and make sure that everyone is where they are supposed to be. A lot of people wait until the last second to declare to make sure they are going to do what they are supposed to do. If you see a lot of people that are off campus that want to run. If the seats go unfilled, goes to the fall election where any open seats can be filled at that point.

Clarke- How about Dr. Dougan?

LaRocca- Yes, I thought about that or Bruce.

Adepoju- How about Carothers?

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Elections for Bylaws

Adepoju respectfully declines

About Sinapi-

Larocca- I know that we just had tension, but we work really well in the office. His bylaws are tagged and notated. I worked with him for 5 hours on juicy campus bill. He's a really good senator but he's learning really fast and cares about the rules

Petit he showed up last week to the meeting, we argued the whole time and it was great. Vote for him

Sinapi- I read the bylaws a few times.

Word of mouth vote- abstention from Sinapi

Congrats to Senator Sinapi

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM: Aronoff- As far as everything next week with the election, both candidates and VP's best of luck, URI will be moving in a positive way as to who gets elected. Keep it clean and don't do any dirty politicking.

Pelletier- If you are interested in phone a thon, read the flyer in the office or talk to me. Great opportunity to talk to prospective students and help URI.

Sinapi- Abstention is no vote or choose not to vote, irrelevant as to why that person has that opinion.

Petit- Voted to do a voice vote because it was easier, for the future do secret ballot like we are supposed to do.

Holzman- I'm late because I had class. My quick announcement, bus service has changed a little bit, 210 no longer goes to Bonnet and Bay Campus 3 times a day, just does campus. 64 service has been expanded and now stops at campus. New service 212, runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday, on the hour, Wakefield mall, Applebee's movie theater and Wakefield mall. Applebee's on the half hour, no one else in this room was at the presidential search committee meeting, 3 students, myself, a cigar reporter and one more student. I could be wrong but that seems like a poor representation of the student body. If you happen to have any concerns about what the president should be aware of, please come to me, I have the email for the woman and we can put all of our ideas in one email.

Stolow- Motion to reconsider Bill SS 08/09-75

Holden seconds

Confirmation from Mike Knolfe that SEC is behind it to help with sound and lighting.

Opposition to motion- vote on the motion, Division is called. Reconsider bill

LaRocca- I think it is very unwise to reconsider without written confirmation.

Petit- Michael Knolfe is the advisor and does not decide what they do, it is just he said/she said. If we really wanted to reconsider this, next week when we have more solid facts.

Messineo- Date?

Petit- Not this Friday, following Friday.

Ahrens- Will not work, need to book act, 2450, reason they can pay it is that they are honoring the contract that they have for Genuine. Also want to make an amendment for the final amount.

Petit- I don't think we should discuss it for tonight. Motion it back to committee, come and present what is actually happening.

Coates- Just like to point out that the President of SEC came into Senate today, sought out a member of finance and said that there was zero agreement on this contract. I would not sit here and lie about it, that is exactly what happened in the senate office today.

LaRocca- Motion to table to committee. Aronoff seconds, opposition. Bill is tabled back to committee.

Aronoff- Completely forgot to mention, cast as Ed Maturmlad in an off campus production of Hairspray, seen in High Heels and Make Up. Starting to put together a list of how many tickets I would need to set aside.

Petit- About what Jacob said about search committee. Maybe you could invite them to come and speak to the senate, as the reps of student body. Think they should get a better sampling from coming to talk to Senate.

Holzman- Pet Peeve, point of order, when we tabled back to committee. Refer back to committee, table is we ignore this and talk about next week.

Holden- motions to adjourn, Aronoff seconds.

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Abbe, Adepoju, Allison, Aronoff, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Einhorn, Holden, Holzman, Inthisone, LaRocca, Lynch, Messineo, Mingoia, Moss, O'Brien, Prata, Rodrigues, Sibbald, Slater, Stein, Stalow, Valenti, Yensan
Nay: Harrington, Holland, Luther, Petit, Sinapi
No Vote- Ahrens, Bedard, Pelletier, Shah, Simon
N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:14 p.m.