

Senate Meeting Minutes September 11th, 2023

I. Call to Order Matt Matthews

Meeting called to order at 5:04 P.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance Alex Soule III. Moment of Reflection Ale Weir IV. Roll Call Victoria Verbrane Alejandra Weir Alexus Mcgehee Autumn Smedley **Bailey Milburn Rosemary Matthews** Ethan Savario Kyle Hidalgo Levi Spiers Oluwateniola Adenuga Sabrae Nasset Victoria Verberne Zachary Poche Alex Soule

12/13 Senators present, quorum has been met.

V. Approval of Minutes Matt Matthews

Minutes stand approved.

VI. Question of the day Victoria Verbrane

How is quorum met in a Senate meeting? (50% of senators + 1) Senator Poche earns an outreach point.

VII. Reports

A. SGA President: Lacey Johnson

Welcome back! We're doing polo shirts this semester but I wanted your opinion. Would y'all want to do green or a different color? I want everyone to know that this color represents SGA. A vote occurred. I am going to a conference for Presidents this weekend. If you have any questions let me know. I am the civic coordinator for the ULS system and am looking for a community service event. We are doing a bus trip on September 28th to the Nicholls volleyball tournament. We are also going to do SGA member of the week from now on. Swipe out hunger information is going out Wednesday. We are changing it to combining with the pantry and churches that hand out free lunches and such. Giving day is Wednesday so share the graphic.

B. SGA Chief Justice: Aaliyah Muhammad

So happy to see everyone! It is homecoming campaign week. All has been going well. We have been working on parking appeals. We have about 30 right now. We are working on free speech alley.

C. SGA Advisor Dr. Taneshia Drake

Swipe out hunger is being changed to be a more continuous event. LI am putting more effort into working on Lion to Lion. Shoutout to everyone working on Homecoming. This is a lot of work and you all are dedicated and doing well. With student leader development I am working on workshops to promote student leaders. I am also working on a newsletter for all of the information y'all get.

D. Internal Affairs Chair Bailey Milburn

We went over three bylaws revision bills.

The following bills were referred to the Senate favorably in their original form for reasons stated in the bills:

FA23-02

A Bill To Amend The Student Government Association Bylaws Title III: Legislative Branch Clause 2: Senatorial Duties Subsection 1.5

FA23-03

A Bill To Amend The Student Government Association Bylaws Title I: Executive Board Clause 4: Meeting Requirements Section 1

FA23-04

A Bill To Amend The Student Government Association Bylaws Title I: Executive Board Clause 5: Executive Reports Remove Subsection 1.1.4

E. Appropriations Chair Levi Spiers

We only discussed one bill on bluebooks and scantrons, but it was tabled because we did not meet quorum. Please make it if you can.

F. Student Life Chair Lucien Nasset

Please help to make quorum for committee meetings.

G. Senate Chair Matt Matthews

Hopefully the committee meeting issues will be resolved. We have lots of applicant bills coming forth. We will hopefully have an education senator and senators at large. Student life and appropriations will be busy soon so we need to meet quorum with those. You all have been doing well and I think we're on a good track. Ms. Marjorie told us today that we will probably have to look at capital outlay to make some bylaw changes. We will start moving more quickly here soon.

VIII. Programs

IX. Unfinished Business

A. FA23-02 A bill to amend the Student Government Association Bylaws Title III: Legislative branch Clause 2: Senatorial Duties Subsection 1.5

Applicant: This bill would cut Senatorial duties to one organizational visit instead

of two. Two is hard to obtain sometimes, especially in the spring because there are few SE 101 classes. This would also include removing outreach points. I feel that these requirements are not being met any semester and there is no point in keeping something that is not being met anyway.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

Senator Spiers: There may need to be a revision.

Vice President Matthews: This revision will be made if the bill goes through.

Senate chair calls for motion to end discussion.

Motion made by Senator Spiers.

Seconded by Senator Milburn.

11/11 Senators vote aye, 1 abstain. Bill is adopted.

- B. FA23-03 A bill to amend the Student Government Association Bylaws Title I: Executive Board Clause 4: Meeting Requirements Section 1
- Applicant: These meetings can be redundant from what I have heard so this just lessens the requirement of weekly meetings to twice a month.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

Senate chair calls for motion to end discussion.

Motion made by Senator McGehee.

Seconded by Senator Poche.

11/11 vote aye, 1 abstain. Bill is adopted.

C. FA23-04 A bill to amend the Student Government Association Bylaws Title I: Executive Board Clause 5: Executive Reports Remove Subsection 1.1.4

Applicant: This changes the requirement for the chief of staff to send a monthly report since they are under the president and should be held accountable in the same instance.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

Senate chair calls for motion to end discussion.

Motion made by Senator Nasset.

Seconded by Senator Hidalgo.

10/11 vote aye (senator matthews was not present at the time of vote), 1 abstain. Bill is adopted.

D. FA23-05 A bill appoint Christopher Johnson to the Student Government Association as Director of Diversity

Bill withdrawn.

E. FA23-06 A financial bill to supply the student body with scantrons and bluebooks Still to be discussed in Appropriations. X. New Business

A. FA23-07 A bill to appoint Abigail Wilson to the Student Government Association as a Senator for the College of Business

Referred to Internal Affairs.

- B. FA23-08 A bill to appoint Adam Sawyer to the Student Government Association as a Senator for the College of Science and Technology
 Referred to Internal Affairs.
- C. FA23-09 A bill to appoint Ella Hunter to the Student Government Association as Senator at Large

Referred to Internal Affairs.

XI. Announcements and Remarks

No announcements or remarks.

XII. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 5:33 P.M.