



Senate Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2023

I. Call to Order Joshua Freeman

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance Michael Hutchinson

III. Moment of Reflection Levi Spiers

IV. Roll Call Victoria Verberne

Senator Alaina Appe

Senator Alex Soule

Senator Aliyah Henderson

Senator Bailey Milburn

Senator Bianca Domino

Senator Elizabeth Fontenot

Senator Kennith Woods

Senator Landen Hinrichs

~~Senator Matthew Hayes~~

Senator Nataviya Owens

~~Senator Sierra Lewis~~

Senator Matt Matthews

Senator Levi Spiers

Senator Micheal Hutchinson

Senator Rosemary Matthews

Senator Victoria Verberne

14/16 senators present, quorum has been met

V. Approval of Minutes Joshua Freeman

Minutes stand approved.

VI. Question of the day Victoria Verberne

How many senator at large positions are there? (five)

Senator Domino receives an outreach point.

VII. Reports

A. SGA President Baileigh Picou

The ULS service project stuff was brought to Lake Charles this weekend but I did not bring any bags back because I gave them to a drive for Turkey since they just had all of the earthquakes. So we got to help Turkey and Syria! This past weekend I went to Lake Charles for the Student body president meeting. We voted on president at large. If you are voted as president you will be able to run for positions such as this. ULS day is April 26th, where we get to promote SLU and go to the capital. This is a celebration for us. We have awarded 75 students 20 meals. Donations end this Wednesday. There is a resource fair on March 8th, day and night. There will be resources for a multitude of things. March 14 we will have the baseball block party at 4:30. We are doing a bus trip on April 7th for baseball at UNO. If you are interested in running for big 3, let us know so that your decision is informed. Also if you want to be a senator next semester again, you can run for that where you could be elected! Please come talk to us!

Senator Woods: When is the ULS day?

President Picou: April 26th

B. SGA Chief Justice Michala Torres

For those that attended ASGA, thank y'all! It was lots of fun and we learned a lot. I am excited for election code updates. March 6th and 7th are interest meetings for big 3. If anyone has questions about big event please refer them to us or Zach.

C. SGA Advisor Brendan Daigle

No report.

D. Internal Affairs Chair Bailey Milburn

Bill SP23-12

Internal affairs referred the bill to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

Goal driven and wants to make a difference on campus, has leadership experience, and wants to be part of parking appeals process.

Bill SP23-13

Internal affairs referred the bill to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

Wants to engage more in campus, they would bring a differing perspective as a disabled student, and they have experience in leadership by being treasurer in lavender lions.

Also discrepancies in bylaws.

Chief of staff needing to send in a monthly report.

Director of financial affairs should visit the senate on the first and third weeks of the month.

E. Appropriations Chair Landen Hinrichs

Bill SP23-14

Appropriations referred the bill to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

Assists disadvantaged students on campus, represents progress for the University by showing that administration cares for the students, and gives parents more reason to consider SLU more closely due to accessibility.

Bill SP23-15

Appropriations referred the bill to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

Provides good incentive for students to join SGA, rewards SGA members for hard work, and encourages active SGA members to continue to be active participants.

F. Student Life Chair Bianca Domino

Student life is working on student needs survey and looking into more socials.

G. Senate Chair Joshua Freeman

Two things: With all of the bylaw changes and next week being Mardi Gras, we may do a special session next week which would be in the later half of the week. We will need 9 senators in order to reach quorum. I will send out a poll on when you can attend.

Senator Hinrichs: Will this be held against us if we cannot attend?

Vice President Freeman: No this will not affect anyone.

Is there any objection to suspend the standing rules of the senate so that we can go out of order?

Hearing none, we will move forward out of order.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. SP23-14 A Departmental Grant To Sponsor Accessible Tech Computer Lab

Senate chair opens floor to applicant.

Applicant: We recently acquired a room and are trying to convert it into a meeting room. We want one row of computers to be accessible to students with disabilities. We currently only have one on campus. For visually impaired, we may put screen readers or blown up text. Other disabilities will have other items to make these computers accessible. We raised some money on SLU giving day. Students have expressed the need for this so we'd appreciate the help.

Vice President Freeman: I really like this idea and am excited for the possibility of it!

Senate Chair opens the floor for discussion.

Senator Spiers: This would really benefit those on campus. It may be a small step, but it is an important step to make. So many people need this and it is important to implement this.

Senator Hutchinson: This is a huge deal. Things like this could be the reason that disabled students choose the college rather than going to another.

Senator Hinrichs: This is going in the right direction for sure. People will want to come here because we actually care.

Senator Fontenot: I think this is awesome. It would be amazing to bring awareness and would be a great step for the future.

Senate Chair calls for motion to adopt bill SP23-12.

Motion made by Senator Henrichs.

Seconded by Senator Woods.

16/16 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted

B. SP23-12 A Bill To Appoint Javier Amador to the Student Government Association as Justice

Senate chair opens floor to applicant.

Applicant: I want to join SGA as a justice. I know that more people are needed when it comes to appealing tickets. I think I would benefit SGA in this way because I have great leadership.

Senator Henrichs: What is your leadership experience?

Applicant: I ran for junior and senior president and got both in high school. I also ran for state president for FCCLA and got that. I also was vice president for the chapter at my school. I was a volunteer firefighter for a bit but cannot any longer because of my obligations. I am also the rush chairman in TKE, where I try to recruit good men for the fraternity.

Senator Woods: What else could you think of?

Applicant: I am also an orientation leader.

President Picou: What is your major?

Applicant: My major is currently strategic communications but I may change it. I may also wait and get my masters here.

Senate Chair opens the floor for discussion.

Senator Woods: the applicant has plentiful positions, shown how hardworking and kind he is.

Senator Spiers: I wanted to point out how he is looking out for others as he mentioned being a volunteer firefighter.

Senator Hutchinson: I went to school with the applicant. He is a great friend and leader and cares for others deeply.

Senate Chair calls for motion to adopt bill SP23-12.

Motion made by Senator Spiers.

Seconded by Senator Hinrichs.

16/16 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted

C. SP23-13 A Bill To Appoint Sabrae Nasset To The Student Government Association as Senator for the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Senate chair opens floor to applicant.

Applicant: I am a psychology major with a concentration in behavior analysis. I want to get more involved in students lives on campus. I have my own disability so I want to be able to bring my voice into the senate. I also have leadership experience in lavender lions as their treasurer.

Senator Domino: Have you ever been another major?

Applicant: I started as general studies but want to work with the younger population as a school counselor.

Senate Chair opens the floor for discussion.

Senator woods: I think the applicant would be a great addition and would be able to bring in another voice for students.

Senator Spiers: I would like to show appreciation for their aspirations as a school counselor. This is something that not everyone could do.

Senator Hutchinson: I like that they are wanting to be another voice for disabled students (I am as well), and think that it is great to have us as additional voices.

Senate Chair calls for motion to adopt bill SP23-13.

Motion made by Senator Appe.

Seconded by Senator Hutchinson.

16/16 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted

D. SP23-15 A Bill To Sponsor The SGA Membership Scholarship Trial Run For The Spring 2023 Semester

Senate chair opens floor to applicant.

Applicant: We have been talking about these scholarships since summer. This is where all SGA members get a \$200 scholarship at the end of the semester; second in commands will get \$300. You will only get this if you meet all of the requirements for SGA. Not many SGA get incentives, so it is great that we do. Everyone works hard and it is important for everyone to be able to be compensated for it. We are super excited for this. It is basically what you are already doing, we will just be tracking it more closely and submit monthly reports.

Senator Soule: Does this apply next year for like homecoming and big event since homecoming is already over for this school year?

Applicant: We expect everyone to be at big event and you all have the opportunity to join this committee, but yes for homecoming.

Senator Speirs: I am planning on going to big event but for another organization. Would I still be able to get SGA points for that?

Applicant: Only what you are there for.

Senator Appe: Same for me. Is there any way to be there for multiple organizations?

Applicant: Yes we are willing to work with yall.

Senate Chair opens the floor for discussion.

Senator Spiers: I think that this would be great and a nice incentive to work hard. And I appreciate the fact that it is almost like a reward, and we would feel appreciated.

Applicant: And this is a trial run so it is up to you whether it keeps going. It will continue as long as you keep doing what you are doing.

Vice President Freeman: Resident assistants and senators are the most important jobs on campus. Admin is backing us and wants this to succeed so we want yall to really participate so that everyone can receive this.

Senate Chair calls for motion to adopt bill SP23-12.

Motion made by Senator Woods.

Seconded by Senator Spiers.

16/16 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted

IX. New Business

A. SP23-16 A Travel Grant For HONR 305 To Travel To Washington D.C.

Referred to appropriations committee.

B. SP23-17 A Travel Grant For The Department Of Psychology To Attend The 2023 Southwestern Psychological Association Conference

Referred to appropriations committee.

C. SP23-18 A Bill To Appoint Peyton Kennedy To The Student Government Association As Director Of Governmental Affairs

Referred to internal affairs committee.

D. SP23-19 A Bill To Separate The Election Code From The Student Government Association Bylaws

Referred to internal affairs committee.

E. SP23-20 A Bill To Amend The Bylaws Of The Student Government Association Title VI: Election Code Clause 3: Guidelines For Dates And Times Of General Election Section 1.6, 1.9

Referred to internal affairs committee.

F. SP23-21 A Bill To Amend The Bylaws Of The Student Government Association Title VI: Election Code Clause 4: Candidate Qualifications And Requirements Subsections 1.5.2-1.5.3; Add Section 1.2 And Subsections 1.2.1-1.2.3

Referred to internal affairs committee.

G. SP23-22 A Bill To Amend The Bylaws Of The Student Government Association Title VI: Election Code Clause 5: Candidate Expenditures Section 3.5, Subsection 3.3.1,

Add 3.3.1.1

Referred to internal affairs committee.

H. SP23-23 A Bill To Amend The Bylaws Of The Student Government Association Title

VI: Election Code Clause 6: Campaigning Section 1.11

Referred to internal affairs committee.

I. SP23-24 A Bill To Amend The Bylaws Of The Student Government Association Title

VI: Election Code Clause 8: Voting Procedures Section 1.1

Referred to internal affairs committee.

J. SP23-25 A Bill To Amend The Bylaws Of The Student Government Association Title

VI: Election Code Clause 9: Election Code Infractions Section 1.9

Referred to internal affairs committee.

X. Announcements and Remarks

Senator Hinrichs: I would like to thank everyone who participated in carnations for kids. We raised over our expected amount and we are grateful for that!

Senator Spiers: We raised about \$1300 for St. Jude which is almost triple what we expected. Thank y'all.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.