



Senate Meeting Minutes
October 23th, 2023

I. Call to Order Matt Matthews

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance Abigail Cloud

III. Moment of Reflection Bailey Milburn

IV. Roll Call Victoria Verberne

~~Senator Adam Sawyer~~

Senator Alejandra Weir

Senator Alexis Mcgehee

Senator Autumn Smedley

Senator Bailey Milburn

Senator Ethan Savario

Senator Jade Dimartino

Senator Abigail Wilson

Senator Rosemary Matthews

Senator Kyle Hidalgo

Senator Levi Spiers

Senator Alex Soule

Senator Sabrae Nasset

Senator Victoria Verberne

Senator Zachary Poche

Senator Abigail Cloud

Senator David Fender

16/18 senators present, quorum has been met

Senator Zoe Jackson Tardy

17/18 senators present.

V. Approval of Minutes Matt Matthews

Minutes stand approved.

VI. Reports

A. SGA President: Lacey Johnson

The investiture will be mandatory for all SGA members. It is November 30th at 6:30 in the northwest student union lawn. This is by where lion traxx runs. This will be a huge event so you cannot miss it. Check in with me and stay for 30 minutes to an hour. I am looking into getting us nametags and our polos should be in soon. Swipe out hunger may have a committee soon so that it can be bigger and reach all of campus. If you are interested I will send something in the GroupMe soon for you to sign up. Monday-Wednesday we are going to table for celebration of the lights. We will have a banner for students to sign and a notebook to give the Wainwright's. We will also be giving out tickets and we will have a speaker.

B. SGA Chief Justice: Aaliyah Muhammad

Free speech alley is Wednesday at 6 in the student union theater. Please sign up. I invited Mrs. Wainwright and she said that she will come if she is free. We need SGA representation. Any help is needed and appreciated. Today was the election corevisions meeting. Please reach out if you would like to be a part of it and send me any revisions you may have.

C. SGA Advisor Dr. Taneshia Drake

We are working on the investiture, so stay posted. I am starting to plan for the spring semester, Big Event in particular. If you all know events for the spring, let me know.

D. Internal Affairs Chair Bailey Milburn

We went over 4 bills last week:

FA23-21

Referred to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

- i. Edward is very involved on campus.
- ii. Edward is open to branching out in SGA; he is flexible to assist

in different areas of SGA.

iii. Edward is very well-spoken.

FA23-23

Referred to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

- i. Brooke has lots of prior experience in the legislative environment.
- ii. Brooke has lots of experience in Leadership positions.
- iii. Brooke is a freshman who shows great initiative and she wants to get involved early in her college career.

FA23-24

Referred to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

- i. Aidan already holds multiple roles in other organizations.
- ii. Aidan was the only freshman who actively ran for Freshman Senator
- iii. Aidan is dedicated to organizations he joins

FA23-25

Referred to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

- i. Kamryn already has the initiative to make change
- ii. Kamryn is eager to get involved
- iii. Kamryn has experience from serving on the student council in high school.

We also reviewed and will continue reviewing attendance, so please make sure that you are coming to the meetings and also to the committee meetings.

E. Appropriations Chair Levi Spiers

We went over two financial bills:

Bill FA23-16

Referred to the Senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

1. It supports the study of abroad programs.
2. It shows support for international students.

3. There are a lot more international students on campus, so it is needed now more than ever to support them.

Bill FA23-20

Referred to the Senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

1. Students asked for these in phase 1 because it was very successful and they wanted more.
2. Supplemental materials help students in the classroom.
3. It supports the academic pursuits of students.

F. Student Life Chair Lucien Nasset

This week we have been getting more signatures for our resolutions. We also have permissions from Clark hall for the people with periods initiative.

G. Celebration of the Lights Matt Matthews

We are still initializing phase 2 which is just ordering things and getting everything together.

H. Senate Chair Matt Matthews

Capital outlay met Friday morning. Thank you to those who served on this committee. These will hopefully be in and voted on through the end of this semester. You all have been doing great work so thank you for that.

VII. Programs

A. Question of the day Victoria Verberne

What are the different types of grants? [Departmental, Organizational, Travel (Bonus: Capital Outlay)]

Senator Spiers correctly answers the question of the day.

B. Legislative Language Pt. 2 Matt Matthews

Tabled.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- A. FA23-16 A finance bill to sponsor International Night for the Department of World Languages and Culture.

Applicant: This is a conjunction with international education week. We will have

performances in different languages. Nigeria, China, France, Spain, Mexico, and Italy will be represented. People from the community will be performing as well. This is a way to celebrate international students and to bring everyone together. We will also have an international buffet. This is why we have submitted a grant. We are also increasing portions to accommodate for everyone.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

17/17 senators vote aye, bill is adopted.

B. FA23-20 A financial bill to fund the Latin American Business Development Initiative: Enhance Cross-Cultural Business Communication- Phase 2.

Applicant: I am speaking for the class of 2024. I teach online classes. I am trying to combine ways of learning. I have found a way to do this and would love for you to support it.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

17/17 senators vote aye, bill is adopted.

C. FA23-21 A bill to appoint Edward Gaudin to the Student Government Association as Senator at Large

Applicant: I am a senior political science major. I am a part of Delta Tau Delta. I have served as Vice President of Administration, Philanthropy Chair, Community Service Chair, Public Relations Chair, and on the Executive board as Academic Chairman. I also plan to go to law school after graduation. As a freshman and sophomore, I also served on the Student Budget Oversight.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

17/17 senators vote aye, bill is adopted.

D. FA23-23 A bill to appoint Brooke Richards to the Student Government Association as Freshman Senator

Applicant: I am a political science major. I have not been in college long, so i am going to talk about my leadership in high school. So far in college, I have been an active member of the Debate Society. In high school, I was active in theater for 4 years, serving as the treasurer and historian. I was also active in the Political Thinkers Club and Youth in Government (mock government) where I served as President and Vice President. I served as the district council member for the Youth Advisory Council in senior year, worked with LA senators and presented legislation to LA senate. I am also in honors and would love to become more involved through SGA.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

17/17 senators vote aye, bill is adopted.

E. FA23-24 A bill to appoint Aidan Hidalgo to the Student Government Association as Freshman Senator

Applicant: I did do the campaign for this. I am in the honors society, but I am not very involved yet. I have also joined TKE. I am on the eboard for Spanish club where I do social medias. I am also a member of CSA. I like to think of myself as diverse. I am in a bunch of clubs which I think will benefit the senate. I am working on a project with honors to do with the WiFi, and I am having meetings this week to do with that.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

16/16 senators vote aye, 1 abstain, bill is adopted.

F. FA23-25 A bill to appoint Kamryn LeBourgeois to the Student Government Association as Senator at Large

Applicant: I am a freshman majoring in Psychology. I have found that this is really my calling. I'd like to be a counselor for children having family issues as I have been through these myself. I chose SGA because it is close to home and diverse. I feel that no one feels out of place. I am not yet involved as I just switched my major and was previously in some of my previous major. I am a part of CSA. I was in Student council and key club, as well as a dancer and cheerleader. I'd like to add my experience to expand SGA and SLU as a whole.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

17/17 senators vote aye, bill is adopted.

IX. New Business

A. No new business

X. Announcements and Remarks

Senator Poche: Congrats to the new senators and welcome to the senate!

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 P.M.