



SGA Senate

September 7th, 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. PASSING OF AGENDA
 - There was a motion to pass the agenda as presented.
 - It was seconded and passed.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
 - There was a motion to pass the minutes as presented.
 - It was seconded and passed.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM
- IX. OFFICER REPORTS
 - Madame President
 - President Sandvig came from the Campus Life Athletics and Diversity meeting with Chief of Staff Wilder.
 - She had a meeting with Chief of Staff Wilder and Kevin Haslam.
 - Madame Vice President
 - Vice President Callahan said she'll be presenting the Dress code Vote this meeting.
 - Madame Treasurer
 - Treasurer Batchelor said the Executive table at the GUC went well.
 - She is working on a bigger feedback sign.
 - She asked the committees to send dates and times.
 - She said she is working on a finance portal.
 - She said she'll be presenting the new budget this meeting.
 - Madame Secretary
 - Secretary Yeager said Past Officers' Breakfast is coming up.
 - Freshman Forum Advisor Kusz
 - Freshman Forum Advisor Kusz said interviews are tomorrow for Freshman Forum.
 - She said they'll be in the chambers
 - She said there are 19 time slots that are each 15 minutes with four people in each slot.
 - She said they will be reviewing applicants over the weekend as well as Monday and Tuesday.
 - They will send out results on Wednesday (09/13).
 - Pro-Tempore Reese
 - Pro-Tempore Reese has a tentative date for the senate dinner.
 - September 21st at Lost Pizza
 - Chief of Staff Wilder

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- Chief of Staff Wilder went to a meeting with President Sandvig and Kevin Haslom in order to discuss funding.
 - Historian Gilliland
- Historian Gilliland interviewed Dr. Tammy.
- He worked the executive GUC table.
- He has a meeting with Mr. Alexander to discuss his time in SGA.
 - DIA Ballenger
- DIA Ballenger worked the executive GUC table.
- She went to the One Book committee meeting.
 - Communications Director Elliott
- Communications Director Elliot has been working with several people to make posts.
- She asked senate to reach out if they need any graphics.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Chairwoman McGinnis
 - Chairwoman McGinnis said their committee had allocation requests this week.
 - She told senate if they request allocations for RSOs, they should review the PowerPoint on Campus Groups beforehand.
- Chairwoman Crawford
 - Chairwoman Crawford said the homecoming nomination ballot closed.
 - She said there are 24 people on ballot; 13 queens and 11 kings.
 - She said people are supposed to be digitally campaigning right now.
- Chairwoman Ledlow
 - Chairwoman Ledlow talked to Dr Hunt.
 - She emailed International Affairs for prayer rooms.
 - She said she is wanting to order prayer rugs.
 - She talked to people over the period project for more period stations.
- Chairwoman Rhoades
 - Chairwoman Rhoades is finalizing details for her committee's GUC table in October.
 - She said she is working on ideas that they had at retreat.
- Chairwoman Mardis
 - Chairwoman Mardis said her committee's next meeting is next Thursday.
 - She said they booked a table in the GUC.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- Senator Purinton's committee met today which was the parking committee.
- Chairwoman Mardis talked about the parking committee. They talked about how people were complaining, and they tried to think of logical solutions- they drew blank. She encouraged people to try to think of logical solutions and to email her. They also talked about having signs for SNAP put up, which was Senator Britton's idea.
- Senator Purinton said the committee doesn't want people paying for parking.
- Chairwoman Rhoades talked about the transportation service to and from East Campus. She asked what if that could happen for Bellamy.
- Senator Deamues said it's not in their contract.
- Senator Strait said that the transportation has two vans, and they only stop every 15 minutes. She said adding another stop would make it less available.
- Senator Britton brought up the e-bikes.
- Treasurer Batchelor said her committee is setting up their first meeting. They are working on the frameworks for international studies scholarships.
- Senator Driver invited someone to sit in the meeting for his place. Senator Deamues said she would.

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XII. OLD BUSINESS

- Dress Code Vote
- It passed.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Student Forum Bill
 - Senator Driver presented this bill so that students can have a permanent designated time to speak during the Student Forum segment of the agenda.
 - Pro-Tempore Reese said Student Forum didn't start until about two years ago.
 - Vice President Callahan said Student Forum wasn't in the Code of Laws, so Senator Driver wanted to leave it permanent for the students.
 - There was a motion to move into a vote, and the motion was seconded.
 - The bill passed.
- Present Constitution Changes
 - Bill 23-01 Senate Re-Apportionment
 - Currently, senate allows 1 senator for every 500 students in each academic college.
 - Senator Driver is proposing a bigger number for senate.
 - Based off this proposition, there would be 25 elected senators, and these will be chosen based off the percentage of students in each academic college.
 - This would go into effect spring election of 2025.
 - Vice President Callahan asked if senate could amend Constitution to make it go into effect earlier.
 - Senator Purinton asked how to amend Constitution.
 - Dr. Tammy said this vote would approve it to be sent to referendum.
 - Bill 23-02 Freshman, International, and Transfer Students
 - This would allow freshmen to have one seat, transfer students to have two seats, and international students to have two seats.
 - Bill 23-03 Freshman and Transfer Senator Constitutional Changes
 - Senator Driver brought up the idea if a college gains a few hundred students, we add a senator.
 - This would be another option instead having a set number of senators.
 - Historian Gilliland brought up the idea if enrollment went down.
 - Vice President Callahan said that probably wasn't a scenario that would truly affect the numbers.
 - Senator Fitz said senate could add a clause in the bill that said 30 senators could be the minimum amount of number of senators, but we could go over.
 - Pro-Tempore Reese brought up a college that gets one senator for every 275 students in their student government.
 - Chairwoman Rhodes brought up the idea using Senator Fitz's clause of a 30 minimum but also include a maximum.
 - Dr. Tammy's recommendation was to be clear and simple. Go with a senator for every given number of students or to have a minimum and then apportion.
 - Dr. Tammy said Elections and Recruitment started looking at numbers in academic colleges for spring semester elections in November.
 - Senator Driver said he wanted to propose that this bill could be revisited in the fall semesters of the odd years.
 - Pro-Tempore Reese made a motion to table this discussion. It was seconded.
- Present Budget
 - Treasurer Batchelor began with the annual salaries for exec.
 - She went over the committed budget.
 - She upped the retreat budget.
 - She went over the discretionary budget.

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- She upped the STARS retreat budget.
- President Sandvig explained STARS.
- She upped the Lucky Dip budget.
- Any committee can pull from the miscellaneous budget with 2/3 approval from senate.
- Senator Driver asked about the price for the Officer Training Conference. Treasurer Batchelor said it was something the senate could revisit to see if we anticipated something else we could do instead.
- Senator Purinton questioned about having a salary for senators.
- Chairwoman Rhoades brought up that people might join just senate get a salary.
- Chairwoman Mardis brought up how being a senator is a privilege and shouldn't be motivated by money.
- Treasurer Batchelor talked about the responsibilities of exec and why they have a salary.
- Senator Hewell said he would rather have money to use in the senate than for senators to have a salary.
- Pro-Tempore Reese said senate is ultimately here for the students.
- There was a motion to pass budget as presented.
- The budget passed.

- Teams Training
 - Dr. Tammy discussed and went through Teams with senate.

XIV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- One Book Committee
 - DIA Ballenger asked for book recommendations on behalf of the One Book Committee with diverse storylines.
 - Vice President Callahan we could make a sheet for senate to put in recommendations.
 - DIA Ballenger said the committee wants to promote a graphic novel.
 - She said she wants senate to tell her what they're reading so she can pass that on.
- SGA Philanthropy
 - Chief of Staff Wilder said he and President Sandvig talked to Kevin Haslom to look at scholarships.
 - They are discussing fundraisers for raising scholarships.
 - They also found a fund that they didn't know about.
 - Chief of Staff Wilder asked what senate wants to raise money for.
 - President Sandvig said they could establish a current needs fund for what we want to support on campus.
 - President Sandvig said since senate wanted to support Disability Support Services, that's one way we could utilize a current needs fund.
 - Chief of Staff Wilder said he planned on reaching out to DSS to see if they had any projects they wanted help with.
 - Senator Driver recommended doing something rather than handing out money.
 - President Sandvig said Kevin Haslom is looking for ten volunteers to help him hand out homecoming shirts.
 - There was a motion to move out of open discussion. It was seconded and passed.

XV. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Dr. Tammy told a good job to Senator Driver.
- She said a good job to shared governance committees.
- She said a good job to Treasurer Batchelor.
- She talked about demolition of LaGrange Hall.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Preview Day October 7th
 - Vice President Callahan said that senate will have a table and will take volunteers.
 - Pro-Tempore Reese said she sent out the homecoming form to the GroupMe again.
 - Treasurer Batchelor talked about the accounting cornhole tournament.

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XVII. SENATOR OF THE WEEK

- Senator Driver was the first senator of the week. Congratulations Will!

XVIII. PEP

- Pep to Senator Driver.
- Pep to Treasurer Batchelor.
- Pep to Vice President Callahan.
- Pep to Secretary Yeager.
- Pep to Dr. Tammy.
- Pep to President Sandvig and Chief of Staff Wilder.
- Pep to Senator Castellano.
- Motion to move out of pep. Seconded and passed.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT