



SGA Senate

January 25, 2024

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. PASSING OF AGENDA
  - The agenda passed.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
  - The minutes passed.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
  - Picture with scholarship recipients
  - Swearing in of new senators
    - Vice President Callahan explained the choosing of the new senators to be voted in.
    - The new senators explained why they wanted to be in senate.
    - Victoria was voted in.
    - Ryland was voted in.
    - Will was voted in.
    - Chief Justice Statom swore the new senators in.
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM
- IX. OFFICER REPORTS
  - Madame President
    - Campus Diversity Liaison meeting regarding the strategic plan for that committee and the political climate in Alabama with diversity.
    - Congratulations to new senators.
    - Feb. 20-22 class ring showing in GUC atrium.
    - Next Tuesday is the exec table in the GUC.
    - Meeting with Pro-Tempore Britton for voter registration.
    - Next Friday is an alumni board luncheon.
  - Madame Vice President
    - Congratulations to new senators.
    - She discussed the reshuffling of the committees.
    - Chairs meetings are Wednesdays at 5.
  - Madame Treasurer
    - Spirit Night Monday, Jan. 26 for the endowed scholarships.
    - Working with partners for a spirit night.
    - 25 items were sold in the fundraiser.
    - The person who sells the most will receive an award at Inauguration.
    - She emailed out a remaining budget form to senate.

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- Madame Secretary
  - She discussed inauguration stuff.
- Freshman Forum Advisor Kusz
  - Freshman Forum is discussing a potential Valentine's event.
  - Outreach and Philanthropy are working on candy grams for \$1.50 for endowed scholarships.
  - Student Welfare is working on a survey.
  - They are working on an estimate for their shirts.
- Pro-Tempore Britton
  - She said thank you to those who worked on the tables.
  - There is a group going to Voodoo Wings to the spirit night at 6:00.
  - She worked with Dr. Tammy on voter registration and will also work with President Sandvig.
  - She is trying to work on a tour of the lion habitat.
- Chief Of Staff Wilder
  - He is working on an email to send to facilities about the math building tour.
  - He went over the feedback cards from the tables.
  - He is working on the email draft to housing.
- Historian Gilliland
  - He is still working on research.
  - Dr. Tammy gave him contacts.
- DIA Ballenger
  - She is working on Book A Senator.
  - She went to the DIA liaison with President Sandvig.
- Communications Director Elliott
  - She has caught up on all the graphics.
  - She explained the link tree.
  - The links are also in the Group Me.
  - She asked senate to share the graphics.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Chairwoman McGinnis
  - Meetings at Tuesday at 2:00.
  - They had 13 requests. 4 were approved, 2 required modifications, and 7 were rejected.
  - They are reworking the manual.
- Chairwoman Crawford
  - Declaration of candidacy is open.
  - She will be contacting organizations for more diversity for senate.
- Chairwoman Ledlow
  - She still wants to do the international trip to Huntsville.
  - She is emailing housing to set up donation bins for the end of the semester.
- Chairwoman Rhoades
  - Their committee meetings are after senate.
  - Pride points are published.
  - Their table is February 14<sup>th</sup> in the GUC.
- Chairwoman Mardis
  - The sweatshirts for Higher Ed. day came in.
  - February 22 is higher ed day.
  - Next Thursday, the people who were interested in the conference are meeting.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- The re-admissions committee met. One person was admitted, and two were not.

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- The international programs and offerings committee said 110 applicants for international abroad scholarships.
- The AI task force was supposed to meet, but they are coming up with a new time.
- The undergraduate curriculum met to discuss coming up with double major policy.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- McElheny Award
  - President Sandvig explained the award. It is given to faculty or staff to someone who has contributed a great deal to SGA.
  - Dr. White was nominated.
- Nominate selection committee for Potts Award
  - President Sandvig explained that this award is for someone who was in SGA for three years and is graduating.
  - Dr. Tammy said she needs three members for the selection committee.
- 24-1 Bill
  - This bill is to eliminate the senator evaluations by the president, vice-president, and advisor. With the evaluation, they can remove any senator. The evaluations haven't been done in many years.
  - Senator Fitz said that it could be changed to be optional just in case it's needed.
  - Treasurer Batchelor said the removal could be kept if it is more of an impeachment process in case of a problem.
  - The evaluation process is only for senators and not for exec.
  - Chairwoman McGinnis asked why evaluations haven't been done.
  - President Sandvig said she wasn't sure. The process has never been defined.
  - Dr. Tammy said this is a very old process, and it didn't stick well.
  - Dr. Tammy said she didn't think her role as an advisor is to remove people.
  - Treasurer Batchelor recommended a core four evaluation process.
  - Chairwoman Mardis motioned to move forward to remove this from the legislation but also to form a committee to rewrite the legislation.
  - The vote passed.

XIV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Reworking Freshman Forum
  - Vice President Callahan explained Freshman Forum.
  - She said that there has been issues with having it split between SGA and UPC.
  - UPC proposed that Freshman Forum is solely SGA.
  - Freshman Forum Kusz explained that it would be a good ide to gear Freshman Forum to senate considering that there are more seats opening next year, and UPC is a much smaller organization.
  - Vice President Callahan said that senate would have to consider the leadership since it will lose the UPC advisor.
  - Treasurer Batchelor said that if we change it to two Freshman Forum advisors, it would be a constitutional change, so it needs to be decided soon.
  - Vice President Callahan said that one Freshman Forum advisor could be fresh from Freshman Forum and one more seasoned senator as the other advisor.
  - Pro-Tempore Britton said that the delegates that want to join next year are lacking the political side because Freshman Forum can get overshadowed by UPC.
  - Freshman Forum right now has always had a set budget from SGA, but UPC contributes here and there.
  - Senate voted as being okay with breaking off from UPC for Freshman Forum.

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-Freshman Forum Advisor and Pro-Tempore Britton brought up the idea for a Valentine's Day Party for Freshman Forum and Senate. They asked for recommendations on if it should be on Wednesday or Thursday.

-Chairwoman McGinnis said One Book is changing to choosing 5 essays rather than a book. Chief of Staff Wilder asked if they should go ahead and form an ad hoc committee for re-evaluation legislation.

XV. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Dr. Tammy thanked those who came to the students who came.
- She said that Chris Herron will be at Flowers at 7:30 tonight.
- She said that if you any feedback about the snowstorm, let her know.
- She said that senate has 11 meetings left this semester.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- T-Shirt fundraiser preorder ends on February 15<sup>th</sup>

XVII. SENATOR OF THE WEEK

XVIII. PEP

- Pep to Olivia.
- Pep to Nick.
- Pep to new senators.
- Pep to Rebekah.
- Pep to Alex.
- Pep to Anjalee.
- Pep to Amber.
- Pep to Kaylee.
- Pep to students.
- Pep to Abigail.
- Pep to Kerigan.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT