

Minutes

August 30, 2021

1. Call to Order
   1. President Cannon called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm
2. Roll Call
   1. Justices Present: Price
   2. Justices Absent: None
   3. Justices Excused: None
   4. Senators Present: Abraham, Adams, Arango, Hix, McCray, Omar, Renton
   5. Senators Absent: Hewins
   6. Senators Excused: None
   7. Executive Cabinet Present: Cannon, Day-Carter, Nguyen, Prince, Roat, Weis
   8. Executive Cabinet Absent: None
   9. Executive Cabinet Excused: None
3. Committee reveals
   1. Academic Excellence: Senator Hix
   2. Student Advocacy: Senator McCray
   3. University Improvements: Senators Abraham and Adams
4. Chief of Staff Weis will post a document on Presence for everyone to log their office hours
5. Send your schedule to chief of Staff Weis to ensure the best schedule for office hours
6. Committee breakouts
7. Applications
   1. 9 senator applications, 8 were freshmen and 1 was a senior
   2. 2 applications for justices
   3. We need volunteers for interviews and tabling
8. Elections start Wednesday and end Thursday
9. Tabling on Wednesday (9/1) and Thursday (9/2) from 10am-12pm
10. Did an icebreaker; the question game
11. Parliamentary Procedure session with Regent Dr. Ward
    1. Parliamentary law facilitates business, ensures fairness and order, assures protection of every members rights
       1. Protects the majority, minority, individuals, and even absentees
    2. Deliberative Assembly
       1. Group of members with the right to meet, speak, and decide
       2. Each member has equal weight as expressed by vote
       3. Each decision is to improve
    3. Members
       1. Have the right to:
          1. Fully participate and represent each person, make motions, debate motions, and vote
       2. Failure to concur in a decision of the body does not constitute withdrawal from the body
    4. Rules of Assembly
       1. Constitution and By-Laws
       2. Governing Docs
       3. Rules of Order of the deliberative assembly
       4. Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR)
    5. Rules of Order
       1. Business is brought before the group by a “Motion”
          1. A formal proposal by a member
          2. If there are no action items, it does not need to be voted on
          3. Motions from Reports or Communications
             1. It is not necessary to make a motion to “receive” a communication or report
       2. Basic definitions
          1. Chair - presiding officer
          2. Floor - rights of person to be heard by the assembly
          3. Motion - a formal proposal to take a certain action
          4. Pending - being processed by the chair; a motion that has been stated by the chair
          5. Call of the question - can be said by any member and there will be NO more debate
             1. Can never say you cannot call the question
             2. An objection can be called to the call of question though and will be voted on
             3. Once the question is called, you are voting on the MAIN motion
       3. Motion
          1. Address the chair
          2. Receive recognition from the chair
          3. State (Name and) motion … (“I move to” or “I move that”)
          4. The motion is seconded
             1. You’re just agreeing that it should be heard
          5. The chair states the motion
          6. The chair calls for debate (discussion) on debatable motions and
             1. a time limit can be put on the debate → “I move to limit the debate to \_\_\_ minutes with each person speaking for \_\_\_ minutes”
          7. The chair puts the motion to a vote
          8. The chair announces the results of the motion
          9. You can only amend a motion 3 times
          10. A substitute motion requires a second
       4. Debate
          1. Obtain the floor (receive recognition)
          2. Address all remarks to the chair
          3. Do not refer to another member by name. Refer to the “previous speaker”
          4. Remarks must be germane (pertinent) to the question under discussion
          5. The chair recognizes the first person seen where, two or more seek recognition
          6. Members should not interfere with the speaking, seeing or hearing of other persons
       5. Voting process
          1. Voice
          2. Roll Call - each member is called upon to publicly state their vote
          3. Show of Hands
          4. Rising - you stand
          5. Ballot - a secret ballot
          6. General Consent - if there are no objections
          7. Mail or Proxy
             1. The presiding officer can “relinquish the chair” to the VP or next person in line to speak as another member not the presiding officer
          8. Count
             1. In taking the count of the voting, only the votes cast in a legal meeting where a quorum present and considered.
             2. Abstinences are not taken into account unless otherwise provided for in the organization’s governing documents
             3. Majority Vote - at least one more than half
             4. Plurality Vote - more votes for one over others
             5. Tie Vote - equal amount of votes (chair beaks tie)
             6. Unanimous Vote - all votes are the same
12. President Cannon ended the presentation
13. Advisor Slaughter led an activity that focused on keeping students at the center of what we do as SGA
14. President Cannon asked for volunteers to be a student representative on the following committees:
    1. Transportation Advisory Committee
       1. Senator McCray volunteered
    2. Admissions and Academic Committee
       1. Senator Hix volunteered
    3. Parking Appeals Committee
       1. Chairman Renton volunteered
15. Announcements
    1. Chairman Renton will add senators to a groupme for the University Improvements committee
    2. Chief of Staff Weis will send an email to people that have not emailed him for their availability
    3. Chief Justice Prince will figure out which time slots are not filled and try to fill them for the tabling of freshmen elections
    4. Secretary Day-Carter said Pag and Legacy still needs members
    5. Chairman Renton said there will be a voter registration drive tomorrow in the Student Union
16. Vice President Roat entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Renton sub-moved the motion and Senator Abraham seconded.The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.