

Student Government Association

Meeting

12/06/21

Minutes

1. Call to Order
   1. President Cannon called the meeting to order at 3:30pm
2. Roll Call
   1. Justices Present: Abdulazeez and Price
   2. Justices Absent: None
   3. Justices Excused: None
   4. Senators Present: Abraham, Balcaitis, Bales, Boards, Burns, Cabrera, Coates, Coffey, Davey, Davis, Gilpin, Heil, Hix, McCray, McCulloch, Omar, Pfalz, Renton, Simpson, Stokes, Terrell, Tolbert, and Wright
   5. Senators Absent: Crespo
   6. Senators Excused: None
   7. Executive Cabinet Present: Cannon, Day-Carter, Duncan, Nguyen, Prince, Weis
   8. Executive Cabinet Absent: None
   9. Executive Cabinet Excused: Myers
3. Reading of Minutes
   1. Senator Burns motioned to accept the minutes as electronically distributed, Senator Davis seconded. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.
4. Open Session
   1. Safety Walk Report
      1. On slide 7, fix water damage such as in Landrum Hall and in the Fine Arts Center
         1. There has been some progress already
      2. Elevator concerns on the form
         1. 75% of the complaints are regarding the elevators of the Norse Elevator in Greaves Hall
      3. Lighting issues in Norse Boulevard and in the Fine Arts Center
         1. They are working on getting more lighting for Norse Boulevard
      4. Structural concerns on slide 26
         1. In Boothe village, there is significance water damage and structural integrity concerns in front of Commonwealth
      5. Callboxes – some do not work so we must maintain them to keep the students safe
      6. Norse Commons Walkway
         1. It affects the visually impaired students which is not accessible to them at all
      7. Summary
         1. There is some work to do and there are urgent issues which would be good investments to the university
      8. Staff responses
         1. Bill Moulton
            1. He thanked SGA for planning this event
            2. Light poles will be investigated to watch their structure and will cost around $150,000 to update
            3. They will work on funding for new guard railings
            4. Will work on the water damage for University Suites
            5. They will come up with a package plan to address the concrete issues
            6. They have 2 dozen callboxes that do not work because they are waiting on parts to be delivered
         2. Zaidi
            1. They are preparing a large asset list
            2. One elevator project costs about 400-500 thousand dollars
            3. He also thanked SGA for the opportunity
      9. President Cannon thanked the University Improvements Committee for the event and report and the staff for coming to our meeting
   2. Second Reading of the Constitution Amendments
      1. Senator Balcaitis motioned to accept Article 2 with its changes and Senator Stokes seconded. The motion passed and was carried.
      2. Chairperson Renton motioned to amend the .25 in Article 3 subsection Bf to 0.25 and to capitalize the “b” in subsection Bf. Senator Pfalz seconded. The motion passed and was carried.
      3. Senator McCray motioned to change section C subsection C to make the quorum 22, Senator Abraham seconded. The motion failed due to the following votes:
         1. Senator Abraham: Aye
         2. Senator Bales: Aye
         3. Senator Balcaitis: Nay
         4. Senator Boards: Nay
         5. Senator Burns: Nay
         6. Senator Cabrera: Nay
         7. Chairman Coates: Nay
         8. Senator Coffey: Nay
         9. Senator Davey: Nay
         10. Senator Davis: Nay
         11. Senator Gilpin: Nay
         12. Senator Heil: Nay
         13. Senator Hix: Aye
         14. Senator McCray: Aye
         15. Senator MCulloch: Nay
         16. Senator Pfalz: Nay
         17. Senator Scott: Nay
         18. Senator Simpson: Nay
         19. Senator Stokes: Nay
         20. Senator Terrell: Nay
         21. Senator Wright: Nay
      4. Senator Bales would motioned to amend section C subsection e to add a parenthesis of number 2 after the word two. Senator Hix seconded and the motion passed,
      5. Senator Burns motioned to approve Article 3 of the constitution. Senator Coffey seconded and the motion passed
   3. Second reading of the Office Resolution
      1. President Cannon gave feedback on not comparing this office to CSI
      2. Chairman Coates asked what’s the point of comparing this to other offices?
         1. Chairperson Renton said it would be important to also include other students and organizations just like the other offices. Senator Burns said it shows how students would be involved and not just the administration.
         2. Chairman Omar said he doesn’t see what they are trying to convey when he reads it.
         3. Chairman Coates does not think it would lose anything if they didn’t include the comparison.
         4. Senator Gilpin believes the comparison would be important as it shows how the incorporation of student organizations has been so successful for the offices so far
         5. Senator Boards offered to reword it rather than comparing them.
      3. Chairperson Renton motioned to say similar to other offices on campus rather than naming exact office. Senator Gilpin seconded. The motion passed and was carried.
      4. Chairman Coates asked if the official name was Org Chart?
         1. Chairperson Renton was uncertain
         2. Sarah Aikman confirmed the official name
      5. Senator Gilpin motioned to change the shorthand name to the official title. Chairperson Renton seconded. The motion passed and was carried.
      6. Senator Gilpin motioned to fix the grammatical errors in the very last whereas to get omit the unnecessary “the.”
      7. Chairperson Renton motioned to pass the Resolution with the amendments. Senator Gilpin seconded. The motion passed and was carried.
5. Liaison Reports
   1. No report
6. Executive Board Reports
   1. Secretary of Public Relations
      1. TikTok is in the works. However, we need to come up with ideas for the TikTok
      2. If you need her to post anything, please DM or text her directly.
      3. Senator Burns asked if we are allowed to send in anything even if it’s not related to SGA. The answer is yes.
   2. Secretary of Student Involvement
      1. No report
   3. Secretary of Administration
      1. Book grant committee:
         1. Senator Simpson, Senator Stokes, and Vice President Myers
   4. Vice President
      1. No report
   5. President
      1. Please rest and have a great break!
      2. Please continue to recruit for SGA to stay at quorum and represent our students
      3. If you are not returning, please let her know to update the roster
      4. There will be an email sent out by Friday with the Bylaws, Constitution, and Robert’s rule of Order
      5. She will delegate the senators soon or by Friday at the latest
      6. Please let her know by today if you would like to change your current committee
      7. She asked who hasn’t been added to the GroupMe and Email yet and will add them soon
      8. Updates from the First Year Student Success Hub
         1. Looking for bilingual people
         2. They are looking for diversity, so she will be sending out the application to people she knows to get more diversity
         3. They are working on a first-year seminar which will be initiated down the line
      9. Please come to the game on December 8 and wear your business casual outfits
         1. Senator Stokes will be leading chants
      10. She will be sending out an application to see who would like to attend the Rally for Higher Ed
      11. She asked if anyone had constructive criticism for her to work on
          1. Senator Burns asked to push the suggestion form better to allow the student body to have a better input
          2. Chairperson Renton recommended using a Linktree in the SGA bios
          3. Chairman Coates asked for a physical suggestion box outside of the SGA office
      12. She asked The Northerner if it was okay to put the link of The Northerner in our Linktree once it is set up
7. Committee Reports
   1. Student Advocacy
      1. Have a great weekend!
      2. They will have their first meeting at 5:30pm in SU 105
   2. Academic Excellence
      1. You will be hearing from him soon to figure out when to meet next semester
      2. A few things on the radar is to sit in on a few classes, having an evaluation after exams, and having an evaluation for advisors as well.
8. University Improvements
   1. Thanked everyone for passing their first resolution
   2. They are excited for the committee moving forward
   3. They talked about parking issues with Dr. Howard which is confidential for now
   4. Thanked everyone for a great Safety Walk
   5. They bought a pin their first-time joining SGA and will be passing down the pin to Senator Terrell due to becoming the next Chairman of University Improvements
   6. Senator Terrell introduced himself as a freshman and political science major with other involvement outside of SGA. He really wants to be there to support his other committee members and develop as a leader.
   7. President Cannon opened the floor for a discussion
      1. Senator Boards said he already had great ideas since their first office hours together
      2. Senator Simpson said in high school they won a position together and he sees how passionate Senator Terrell is for each position
      3. Senator Stokes enjoys his time and how open Senator Terrell is during SGA
      4. Senator Abraham motioned to approve Senator Terrell as the new University Improvements Chairman. Senator Burns seconded. The motion passed and was carried. Chief Deputy Prince swore in Senator Terrell as the new University Improvements Chairman.
9. Ex-Officio Reports
   1. Chief Justice
      1. No report
10. Chief of Staff
    * 1. Later this week, he will be posting a video on Robert’s Rule of Order
11. Advisors Reports
    1. Sarah sent out an email to the body to be in a focus group about peer mentors
       1. Senator Balcaitis is interested for Friday all day
       2. Senator Bales said Thursday at noon
       3. Senator Burns can do Friday from 1pm-3:30pm or Thursday from 9am-10am
       4. Senator Cabrera can do anytime on Friday
       5. Senator Coffey can do anytime on Friday
       6. Senator Davis can do anytime on Thursday
       7. Senator Gilpin can do anytime between 8am-12pm
       8. Senator Stokes can do Friday at 1pm
    2. Dr. Slaughter wants us to bring our unofficial transcripts to the first SGA meeting
    3. Also, he said to please take time to focus on yourself
12. Old Business
    1. No old business
13. New Business
    1. No new business
14. Announcements
    1. Secretary Duncan wanted to let everyone know there is an AmeriCorps position open for food insecurity and literacy. If you are interested, please let her know. It is a nice job, with good pay, and only 20 hours or so
    2. Chairman Terrell said Senator Burn is still the vice chair woman
    3. Senator Gilpin thanked everyone for being in SGA and wants people to attend the FSLC party on Friday
    4. Senator Stokes informed us that Senator Hix will be leaving SGA after this semester
    5. Tonight, NPHC is hosting a study session SU 108 and 109
15. Adjournment
    1. Senator Renton motioned to adjourn and senator Stokes seconded so the meeting adjourned at 5:11pm.