



Senate Meeting Agenda
February 19th, 2024

I. Call to Order

Matt Matthews

Called at 5:01 PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Jade DiMartino

III. Moment of Reflection

Bryce Gaudin

IV. Roll Call

Kyle Hidalgo

Senator K. Hidalgo

Senator Savario

Senator DiMartino

Senator Fender

Senator McGehee

Senator Soule

Senator Day

Senator Richards

Senator Smedley

Senator Sawyer

Senator Cloud

Senator Gaudin

Senator A. Hidalgo

Senator Spiers

Senator Cockerham

Senator Jackson

Senator Davis

V. Approval of Minutes

Matt Matthews

Approved

VI. Reports

SGA President:

Lacey Johnson

SGA week is being scaled down to an open house so we can focus on Big Event. SGA week is now more in line with a social. For the Big Event all SGA hands are needed, Big event is now April 20th. Mandatory for SGA members. For those that can't make it, speak to Matt. The committee is in desperate need of members. SGA will be offering service hours for helping, calls need to happen ASAP, meetings are on Tuesday at 5:00.

SGA Chief Justice:

Bailey Milburn

Chastity Partlow is the new associate chief justice. Candidate interest meetings are in the next two weeks and the elections are the week following.

Candidate Interest Meetings:

Tuesday, Feb 27th at 4:00 PM

Thursday, February 29th at 5:00 PM

Monday, March 4th at 4:00 PM

Wednesday, March 6th at 5:00 PM

@ OSE Conference Room

SGA Advisor

Dr. Taneshia Drake

Big Event help needed now and the day of. Food Pantry is in need of more food, SGA still needs to be signed up to Adopt a Pantry. SGA, the students' voice, is being challenged to raise food for the pantry. Swipe Out hunger portal is still open. SGA needs to table for recruitment.

SGA Advisor

Dr. Christy Montgomery

Director of Financial Affairs

Austin O'Brien

Budget oversight met to discuss fees. Fees are being simplified and updated, expect votes to be had soon.

Internal Affairs Chair

Levi Spiers

SP24-07 A Bill To Appoint Nathan Becnel To The Student Government Association As Senator For The College Of Science And Technology was referred favorably to the senate in its original form for

the following reasons, the applicant has the passion for SGA, valuable supervisor experience, and good time management skills.

Branch head reports have been sent out to review and discussion is being held on the senate standing rules.

Appropriations Chair

Aidan Hidalgo

SP24-05 a bill to sponsor a guest speaker for the English department was favored to the senate for the influential nature of the speaker, the educational benefits that involve multiples departments and students, and a good opportunity to raise awareness about the criminal justice system. The bill was favored with an amendment to the price.

SP24-06 a Biology grant was tabled

SP24-08 was referred favorably to the senate as SGA has historically supported the program, celebrates academic research, and eliminates financial burdens from students.

SP24-09 a travel grant was referred favorably to the Senate for the reasons that SELU students can display research, networking opportunities, and promote the university. The bill was amended with a student name change, conference date change, and a price change.

Student Life Chair

Estelle Savario

PWP has expanded to more Buildings and is looking to expand. Senators near these buildings are asked to check in and report back if a restock is needed. The tabling event today was a success. Organizational outreach is in full swing.

Senate Chair

Matt Matthews

RUN FOR SENATOR. We need to be the voice of the people rather than the voice of the chair. Next week will be a very long meeting.

VII. Programs

A. Question of the Day

What year was SELU founded? 1925

VIII. Old Business

- A. SP24-02 A Bill To Appoint Samantha Sims To The Student Government Association As Co-Director Of Organizational Outreach

Bill is tabled.

- B. SP24-05 A Finance Bill To Sponsor Damien Echols As A Guest Speaker For The English Department

The speaker is a unique character who has inspired many. The department feels that this unique experience will pay dividends for students and can only work if SGA helps fund. The Senate discussed the benefits of the speaker.

The bill passes unanimously.

- C. SP24-06 A Finance Bill To Sponsor DNA Primers, Enzymes, Pipet Tips, Fetal Calf Serum, And Vacuum Filter Units For The Department Of Biological Sciences

The bill is still in committee.

- D. SP24-07 A Bill To Appoint Nathan Becnel To The Student Government Association As Senator For The College Of Science And Technology

The candidate spoke about their passion for the medical field and helping people. This passion he feels will continue in SGA. The Senate passes the bill unanimously.

- E. SP24-08 A Finance Bill To Sponsor Southeastern Students' Research, Creative, And Scholarly Activities Showcase

Every Spring, students' academic work gets shown off. The current method of showing off this work has been through large posters from Document Source. This has usually been funded through SGA. The bill has been passed unanimously.

- F. SP24-09 A Travel Grant For Psi Chi To Attend The 2024 Southwestern Psychological Association Conference

This is an annual conference held in San Antonio. They have been before and are presenting and gathering data about academic dishonesty. As well as a learning event, this conference will help the university academically as well as a promotion of the University.

The bill passes unanimously.

IX. New Business

- A. SP24-10 A Capital Outlay Bill To Fund Columbia Theatre's Studio Theatre Upgrades

- B. SP24-11 A Finance Bill To Sponsor SGA Study Abroad Scholarships For The 2023-2024 Academic Year
- C. SP24-12 A Travel Grant For Robyn Lovetro To Attend The Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference

All bills have been sent to the appropriations committee.

- X. Announcements and Remarks

For bills, SP24-10 and SP24-11 senators are asked to review.

- XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM