



Senate Meeting Minutes
February 26th, 2024

I. Call to Order

5:06 PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Kyle Hidalgo

III. Moment of Reflection

Estelle Savario

IV. Roll Call

Aidan Hidalgo

Kyle Hidalgo

A. Senator K. Hidalgo

B. Senator Savario

C. Senator DiMartino

D. Senator Fender

E. Senator McGehee

F. Senator Soule

G. Senator Day

H. Senator Richards

I. Senator Smedley

J. Senator Sawyer

K. Senator Cloud

L. Senator Gaudin

M. Senator A. Hidalgo

N. Senator Spiers

O. Senator Cockerham

P. Senator Davis

Q. Senator Becnel

16/17 Senators present, quorum has been met.

V. Approval of Minutes

Kyle Hidalgo

A. The minutes stand approved.

VI. Reports

SGA President:

Lacey Johnson

Tomorrow is our first Town Hall meeting. It will be in the Alumni Center from 5-7. We also need help with Big Event, so if you can make those meetings it will be greatly appreciated.

SGA Chief Justice:

Bailey Milburn

There will be candidate interest meetings this week and next week if you are interested in running for Senator, or any of the branch head positions.

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

No report.

Internal Affairs Chair

Levi Spiers

Standing rules legislation and approved reports.

Appropriations Chair

Aidan Hidalgo

We referred a financial bill for biological science. We referred another financial bill neither favorably nor unfavorably for the Columbia Theatre's studio upgrades. We referred the bill for SGA study abroad scholarships favorably.

Student Life Chair

Estelle Savario

For the People with Periods Initiative, we will be expanding into multiple different buildings across campus, expanding from 10 buildings to 12. We will also continue tabling for the DEI resolution. We have talked about helping HSA with an event that they're doing. We are also collecting travel-size hygiene products. We reached out to the library about breastfeeding areas.

Senate Chair

Kyle Hidalgo

Vice President Matthews wasn't able to make it to this meeting. If you are interested in running for a branch head position, please go to one of the meetings.

VII. Programs

A. Question of the Day

a. What are 3 resources that are free to students at Southeastern?

i. Career Services, scantrons, tutoring, etc.

VIII. Old Business

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

a. Samantha has already put a lot of work into the Town Hall tomorrow and is excited about the turnout. This role is important for students on campus, and Sims believes she is the right person for the job.

i. Senator Savario: What outreach projects would you like to start?

1. The food pantry is under a lot of construction, with the Adopt a Food Pantry and such. Highlighting that will be very important.

2. Dr. Summers coming to organizations and talking about DSA Convocations and awards would also be a great idea.

b. The Senate passes the bill unanimously.

B. 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

a. The grant will be used to purchase technology for upper-level biology students to help them learn about molecular and cellular biology for their careers after they graduate. They need to purchase materials that tend to be very expensive, so the grant will greatly assist the department in deferring the costs of these materials.

i. The Senate passes the bill unanimously.

- C. SP24-10 A Capital Outlay Bill To Fund Columbia Theatre's Studio Theatre Upgrades
 - a. **The Studio Theater upgrades will greatly assist the Theatre's ability to produce more shows. The space can be opened up to a lot of student involvement, not only with shows but other student events. The OSE, SGA, Alpha Psi Omega, and other departments and organizations can use this space for meetings and events, and there are also productions in Columbia that are free to students, being that there is a student-assessed fee for the Theatre. The production "Grease" also opens on March 15, and is free to students.**
 - i. **Senator Adam moves to amend the bill to include shipping fees**
 - 1. **The bill is amended as such.**
 - b. **The Senate passes the bill unanimously.**
- D. SP24-11 A Finance Bill To Sponsor SGA Study Abroad Scholarships For The 2023-2024 Academic Year
 - a. **The Study Abroad scholarships have been funded by SGA since 2005. Study Abroad trips are truly life-changing for many students. Providing extra money for students to attend Study Abroad trips will positively impact many students across campus.**
 - b. **Senator Spiers moves to table the bill, seconded by Senator Sawyer.**
- E. SP24-12 A Travel Grant For Robyn Lovetro To Attend The Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference
 - a. **Research was conducted about the LGBTQ+ community in the Northshore, and the applicant would like to attend this Conference to present their findings.**
 - i. **The Senate passes the bill with a majority.**
 - 1. **15 yes, 1 no.**

IX. New Business

SP24-13 A Bill To Revise The Standing Rules Of The Student Government Association
Senate

SP24-14 A Bill To Appoint Druid Gibson To The Student Government Association As
Senator For The College Of Science And Technology

SP24-15 A Bill To Appoint Maria Nechaeva To The Student Government Association As
Chief Of Staff

SP24-16 A Bill To Appoint Kayla Edwards To The Student Government Association As
Assistant Director Of Marketing

Proposed Fee Bills

- a. SP24-XX Theater Student Fee
- b. SP24-XX Spirit Student Fee
- c. SP24-XX Shuttle Student Fee
- d. SP24-XX REC Student Fee
- e. SP24-XX Opera Student Fee
- f. SP24-XX Magazine Student Fee
- g. SP24-XX Art Student Fee

a. All of the bills have been referred to their respective committees.

b. The Senate was called into recess at 5:50.

c. The Senate was called back into session at 5:53

**d. Levi moves to suspend the Standing Rules to refer back to Bill SP24-11.
The motion passes unanimously.**

Bill SP24-11 is passed unanimously.

X. Announcements and Remarks

XI. Adjournment **5:55 PM**