



Senate Meeting Minutes
October 16th, 2023

I. Call to Order Matt Matthews

Meeting called to order at 5:05 P.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance Rosemary Matthews

III. Moment of Reflection Autumn Smedley

IV. Roll Call Victoria Verberne

~~Senator Alejandra Weir~~

Senator Alexis Mcgehee

Senator Autumn Smedley

Senator Bailey Milburn

Senator Rosemary Matthews

Senator Ethan Savario

Senator Kyle Hidalgo

~~Senator Levi Spiers~~

Senator Sabrae Nasset

Senator Zachary Poche

Senator Victoria Verberne

Senator Alex Soule

Senator Adam Sawyer

Senator Abigail Wilson

~~Senator David Fender~~

Senator Jade Dimartino

14/16 Senators present, quorum has been met.

V. Approval of Minutes Matt Matthews

Minutes stand approved.

VI. Reports

A. SGA President: Lacey Johnson

Last week was Homecoming week. This was great! We did have some issues, but we were fair to all. If you have any ideas for next year please let me know. We have been working on the investiture. We are looking for committees for the bonfire. This process will be more formal and strict so that everyone will be able to make it that signs up. Matt has been working really hard on this. We will be sending out everything soon. I'd like all of SGA to be there because we need to put ourselves out there. This will be the only opportunity for us to go to something like this so we need to go while we can. The auxiliary service boards is needing more people. If you are interested, please let me know. This deals with everything out of the classroom such as dining and the bookstore. Also please pick up after yourself after in the office, and throw food containers away outside of the office.

B. SGA Chief Justice: Aaliyah Muhammad

Free speech alley. Everyone should have gotten an email and a message in groupme. Please refer to this. I am encouraging everyone to be a part of this. This will take place on October 25th from 6-8 PM in the student union theater. This is an SGA event and y'all should sign up. There are only so many of us in the Judicial Branch, and we need as much representation as we can get. Also please come to the tablings.

C. SGA Advisor Dr. Taneshia Drake

I do not have much of a report, but thank you all for Homecoming. It was a lot of work but also a lot of fun. Please sign up for Free Speech Alley. I know that you all are students but we really want SGA there. We also had a meeting to talk about the celebration of lights event. Please share ideas with Matt. This will be on November 30th.

D. Internal Affairs Chair Bailey Milburn

Three bills were referred to the senate favorably in their original form:

Bill FA23-19

Referred to the Senate for the following reasons:

- i. Abigail is very passionate about bringing beneficial change to students.
- ii. Abigail has leadership experience within other SLU organizations.
- iii. Abigail wants to advocate for students and their rights on campus.

Bill FA23-17

Referred to the Senate favorably in its original form.

Bill FA23-18

Referred to the Senate favorably in its original form.

E. Appropriations Chair Levi Spiers (Given by Senator Hidalgo)

No report.

F. Student Life Chair Lucien Nasset

This past week, student life made progress on the resolution and signatures. We've gotten 113 signatures so far. If you have any interest in taking a page to get signatures, feel free but please be sure to bring them back. We are also getting students on board for the resolution for the student of lights. We need to meet quorum to go over this bill. The investiture

Financial Affairs Report

I am still working on collecting receipts for Homecoming. We have not spent any funds from capital outlay. We have \$73,000 to spend in the assistantship budget.

G. Celebration of the Lights Khamri Alexander (Given by Vice President Matthews)

Dr. Summers and Dr. Wainwright were both at this meeting. It is looking like we will have snow and skating. We will also have options for this that cannot skate. We will also have fireworks. The student committee will go well. This is on Tuesdays at 2 PM and anyone who joins will get a sweater.

Senator Wilson: How long do these meetings last?

Vice President Matthews: Around 30 minutes.

Senator Savario: Are the sign up sheets posted?

Vice President Matthews: Not yet, but they will be hopefully sometime this week.

H. Senate Chair Matt Matthews

Internal Affairs will be long today due to freshman senator applicants. If these bills are passed, we will have a full freshmen senate and full senator at large positions. Capital outlay has its first meeting on Friday. If you have any ideas for this, please get to me by the end of the night.

VII. Programs

A. Question of the day Victoria Verberne

We currently have 16 senators. How many senators do we need to meet quorum? (9 senators)

Senator 9 correctly answers the question of the day.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. FA23-16 A finance bill to sponsor International Night for the Department of World Languages and Culture.

Bill is still being reviewed by Appropriations.

B. FA23-17 A bill to amend the Student Government Association Bylaws Title V: Impeachments Clause 2: Executive and Legislative Impeachment Trials Section 2 and Subsection 2.4

Applicant: This currently reads "Trials of impeachment for members of the Executive branch". I believe that this is meant to say "legislative and executive branch". I also noticed that section 2.4 states the word "impeach" but I believe that this is meant to say "removed" and would like to change it. Impeachment is different from actually being removed and here what is meant is someone being removed.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

Senate chair calls for motion to close discussion.

Motion made by senator Milburn.

13/13 Senators vote aye, 1 abstain, bill is adopted.

C. FA23-18 A bill to amend the Student Government Association Bylaws Title IV: Judicial Branch Clause 3: Justice Duties Subsection 1.5, Add Subsection 1.6

Applicant: This bill would add organizational visits to the Judicial Branch. We already lowered the amount that the Senate had to perform to 1, so this would just take its place. This gives more representation of SGA as a whole instead of just one branch.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

Senator Matthews: I like this and feel that it gives representation to all of SGA instead of only the Legislative branch.

13/13 Senators vote aye, 1 abstain, bill is adopted.

D. FA23-19 A bill to appoint Abigail Cloud to the Student Government Association as a Senator at Large.

Applicant: I am a History major and in the Honors program. I know what I want to accomplish and have prior leadership experience. I was a co-committee chair for the theater club here on campus but I am not anymore. Moving forward, I'd like student workers to be unionized which will hopefully lead to all of campus to being unionized.

Senator Smedley: Do you have any other leadership experience?

Applicant: Not currently.

Senator Matthews: What is your classification?

Applicant: I am a sophomore.

President Johnson: How would you voice your opinion if there was conflict in SGA?

Applicant: I am able to have a calm and collected conversation while disagreeing with someone.

14/14 senators vote aye, bill is adopted.

IX. New Business

A. FA23-20 A financial bill to fund the Latin American Business Development Initiative: Enhance Cross-Cultural Business Communication- Phase 2.

Referred to Appropriations committee.

B. FA23-21 A bill to appoint Edward Gaudin to the Student Government Association as Senator at Large

Referred to Internal Affairs committee.

C. FA23-22 A bill to appoint Rayya West to the Student Government Association as Senator at Large

Referred to Internal Affairs committee.

D. FA23-23 A bill to appoint Brooke Richards to the Student Government Association as Freshman Senator

Referred to Internal Affairs committee.

E. FA23-24 A bill to appoint Aidan Hidalgo to the Student Government Association as Freshman Senator

Referred to Internal Affairs committee.

F. FA23-25 A bill to appoint Kamryn LeBourgeois to the Student Government Association as Senator at Large

Referred to Internal Affairs committee.

X. Announcements and Remarks

President Johnson: There is a candlelight vigil for Israel on October 19th at 7:30 led by the international student location. I would love for us to have SGA representation to show our respect.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 P.M.