



Senate Meeting Agenda  
April 22nd, 2024

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| I. Call to Order             | Matt Matthews   |
| <b>Call to Order at 5:04</b> |                 |
| II. Pledge of Allegiance     | Brooke Richards |
| III. Moment of Reflection    | Madison Davis   |
| IV. Roll Call                | Kyle Hidalgo    |
| <b>A. Senator K. Hidalgo</b> |                 |
| <b>B. Senator Savario</b>    |                 |
| <b>C. Senator DiMartino</b>  |                 |
| <b>D. Senator Fender</b>     |                 |
| <b>E. Senator McGehee</b>    |                 |
| <b>F. Senator Soule</b>      |                 |
| <b>G. Senator Day</b>        |                 |
| <b>H. Senator Richards</b>   |                 |
| <b>I. Senator Smedley</b>    |                 |
| <b>J. Senator Sawyer</b>     |                 |
| <b>K. Senator Cloud</b>      |                 |
| <b>L. Senator Gaudin</b>     |                 |
| <b>M. Senator A. Hidalgo</b> |                 |
| <b>N. Senator Spiers</b>     |                 |
| <b>O. Senator Cockerham</b>  |                 |
| <b>P. Senator Gibson</b>     |                 |
| <b>Q. Senator Becnel</b>     |                 |
| <b>R. Senator Davis</b>      |                 |
| <b>S. Emma Murphy</b>        |                 |

**The Senate is fully present.**

V. Approval of Minutes

Matt Matthews

**The minutes stand approved.**

VI. Reports

SGA President:

Lacey Johnson

**Lacey praises the Senate for being the best she has ever seen. This senate took massive initiative like no other, Lacey is very thankful to have served as president under this senate. She wants to thank Estelle and Student Life for their help on Big Event and everyone else who helped out. Lacey reported to the Senate for the final time.**

SGA Chief Justice:

Bailey Milburn

**Bailey thanks the senate and is honored to have served in his role, the parking portal has been cleared.**

SGA Advisor

Dr. Taneshia Drake

**Big Event was a massive success, Swipe out Hunger is coming to an end as the semester closes and the meal swipes are being handed out. PWP products have arrived, and the 29th is the SGA banquet. If you are graduating make sure to reach out for your chords.**

Internal Affairs Chair

Levi Spiers

**Levi thanks the senate for their work and is grateful to have served as internal affairs chair. He is very excited and honored to serve as our next VP, the committee last week confirmed the branch head's monthly report.**

Appropriations Chair

Aidan Hidalgo

**6 bills were discussed last week.**

**Bill SP24-28 for the honors program was referred favorably with no amendments for the following reasons: it will foster community, appeal to new students, and keep the activities up to date.**

**Bill SP24-29 has been withdrawn as the applicants did not meet with appropriations in the allotted time.**

**Bill SP24-30 a finance bill to send Thais Lindemayer Gomes to NOLA was referred favorably with no amendments for the following reasons: it will help SLU students learn more to improve Southeastern, help international students, and would educate Thais on how to serve students better. SP24-31 and SP24-32 were held back due to being out of year. This will be discussed during the Summer session.**

**SP24-33 has been withdrawn due to timing issues.**

Student Life Chair

Estelle Savario

Student Life reviewed Bill SP24-23 and was referred favorably and the number of signatures was met, which sets us apart from other schools as SLU now has a standing DEI resolution. May 6th - 7th is Stress Less Breakfast will be tabled by the Hurricane Memorial and a sign-up sheet will be going out.

Senate Chair

Matt Matthews

When Lacey says that this is the best senate she means it and faculty know that. None of the standing committees have done what this group did. As the Senate is brought out of session today, the Senate is asked to reflect on the last year and all of the hard work.

The Senate was recessed for five minutes to wait for the applicants to join.

The applicants returned early and the senate moved to leave recess early.

The Senate suspended the standing rules to hear and discuss bill SP24-30 first as the applicant was online.

#### VII. Programs

There were no programs.

#### VIII. Old Business

##### A. SP24-28 A Departmental Grant To Sponsor Events For The Honors Program

The applicant showed the need for new Honors recruitment material by allowing the senate to look at the old makeshift HSA material. The program expects 900 students next Fall and needs recruitment material to make that happen. Students requested the program to get chess boards to teach people the game and for tournaments. At the request of students, Xbox and other board games were added to the bill.

During the discussion, the senate discussed where the games and Xbox will be stored and found that they will be left in the honors office, the chess team will for the time be just for honors students.

The bill was passed with nine senators abstaining due to being honors students.

- B. SP24-30 A Finance Bill To Send Thais Lindemayer Goes To New Orleans For The NASFA  
2024 Annual Conference & Expo

**The applicant explains their academic background, and the conference's goal touches on international exchange and DEI. This opportunity will allow Thais to serve SLU better, network for their own professional need, and see what other schools do.**

**No debate was had and the Senate passed Bill 24-30 unanimously.**

- C. SP24-34 A Resolution For The Student Government Association's Commitment To Diversity,  
Equity, And Inclusion

**The resolution was made in accordance with the ULS commitment to DEI. The resolution comes as a proactive measure, as many schools outside the ULS system have rolled back the DEI initiatives of the last recent history. This resolution protects fair treatment for all people. The executive staff is not the first lien of defense for DEI rollback, that falls to the student body. This resolution as it stands, will be referred to the Vice President of Student Affairs.**

**No debate was had and the Senate passed the bill unanimously.**

- IX. New Business

**No new business.**

- X. Announcements and Remarks

**Matt reminds the Senate of its importance in his life and expresses his gratitude to everyone.**

**“Yippie” - Senator Richards**

- XI. Adjournment

**Senate adjourned at 5:32 PM for the final time this term.**