



Senate Meeting Minutes  
November 13th, 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 Matt Matthews

IV. Roll Call Victoria Verberne

Senator Bailey Milburn

Senator Brooke Richards

~~Senator Alejandra Weir~~

Senator Alexis McGehee

Senator Adam Sawyer

Senator Abigail Cloud

Senator Aidan Hidalgo

Senator Autumn Smedley

Senator David Fender

Senator Ethan Savario

Senator Kamryn Lebourgeois

Senator Jade Dimartino

Senator Alex Soule

Senator Abigail Wilson

**Senator Kyle Hidalgo Tardy**

Senator Levi Spiers

Senator Sabrae Nasset

Senator Victoria Verberne

Senator Edward Gaudin

~~Senator Zoe Jackson~~

Senator Zachary Poche

19/21 Senators present, quorum has been met.

#### V. Approval of Minutes Matt Matthews

Minutes stand approved.

#### VI. Reports

##### A. SGA President: Lacey Johnson

The retreat will be unable to happen this weekend due to unforeseen circumstances. We will be reviewing the applications for dean soon. The investiture is mandatory so do not forget about it. We will be out and about that week spreading the word, handing things out, and getting signatures.

##### B. SGA Associate Chief Justice: Christian Jones

Wednesday the 29th is the last appeal meeting. November 17th will be another meeting. We now have 14 parking appeals in the system which we will go over at our next meeting.

##### C. SGA Advisor Dr. Taneshia Drake

I attended a conference last week where we went over student affairs and I learned a lot. The celebration of lights event will have a gingerbread contest that will be open to all students. Also, women's basketball will be this week and it will be a white out game.

##### D. Internal Affairs Chair Matt Matthews

I sat in last week due to those involved not being able to be present. We are still in deliberation on the impeachment process.

##### E. Appropriations Chair Levi Spiers

Bill FA23-28:

Referred to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

1. Court has already been painted, this is necessary for it to open.
2. Students already use the existing tennis courts.
3. Pickleball is an incredibly popular sport.

Bill FA23-29:

Referred to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

1. There is precedent for this since 2010.
2. The opening of study rooms will increase demand for library resources.
3. The library is perhaps one of the most used resources on campus.

Financial affairs report Austin O'brien

Third capital outlay friday.

Spent about \$17,000 on homecoming, leaving us about \$12,000 leftover. I also had a meeting this past week

F. Student Life Chair Lucien Nasset

We went over stress less breakfast. We are waiting on approval on purchase forms. We have approval for people with periods initiative in the student union. We will be working with AMWA to help in the thelma ryan building and will get more details sometime this week.

G. Celebration of the Lights Khamri Alexander

We just need to decide on all of the items.

H. Senate Chair Matt Matthews

I have interviewed everyone that has applied to the senate. We will have lots of new business next week, pretty much filling the seats of those graduating. We are trying to support the columbia theater, who will be meeting with capital outlay on how we can support them.

## VII. Programs

A. No programs

## VIII. Old Business

A. FA23-28 A finance bill to sponsor the restoration and conservation of the old kinesiology tennis courts into pickleball and tennis courts

Applicant: We would like to have these new courts. These courts have already been

painted, and it was funded by you. We now just need new nets because they are out of date. People do utilize these, and they are in high demand by the Hammond population as well as the students.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

Senate chair calls for vote.

18/18 vote aye, bill is adopted.

B. FA23-29 A finance bill to sponsor student supplies for SIMS Memorial Library

Applicant: I work in the circulation department. We are trying to fund more office supplies.

These are thoroughly used, and we would like to continue to be the central place for students to study and have resources. We are also trying to get new calculators as they are in high demand. The study rooms recently opened back up, so we are trying to provide the needed resources.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

Senate chair calls for vote.

18/18 vote aye, bill is adopted.

IX. New Business

A. No new business

X. Announcements and Remarks

Vice President Matthews: If you were here for Internal Affairs last week, please come this week as well. Also, next Monday, there is an event for trans day remembrance and Lavender Lions

put in a lot of work so if you can stop by please do!

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 P.M.