



Senate Meeting Minutes
November 20th, 2023

I. Call to Order Matt Matthews

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance Alex Soule

III. Moment of Reflection Abigail Wilson

IV. Roll Call Victoria Verberne

Senator Alexis McGehee

Senator Alejandra Weir

~~Senator Autumn Smedley~~

Senator Ethan Savario

Senator Victoria Verberne

Senator Alex Soule

Senator Abigail Wilson

Senator Adam Sawyer

Senator Abigail Cloud

Senator Brooke Richards

~~Senator David Fender~~

Senator Jade Dimartino

Senator Kamryn Lebourgeois

Senator Aidan Hidalgo

~~Senator Edward Gaudin~~

~~Senator Rosemary Matthews~~

Senator Zachary Poche

Senator Levi Spiers

~~Senator Lucien Nasset~~

Senator Kyle Hidalgo

~~Senator Zoe Jackson~~

Senator Bailey Milburn

16/22 Senators present, quorum has been met.

V. Guest speaker Chief Beckner

Things happen out of the blue, and this is what happened at LA tech. The person was not on anyone's radar at all. Something that many experience are mental health issues, especially such as schizophrenia. If you notice a drastic change in someone, make sure to say something. We typically have 3 officers on patrol and 14,000 students, so it is important for faculty and staff to report anything out of the ordinary. You can do this anonymously. It is stressful for those not going home for the holidays, so stick together and do things together rather than being alone. Make sure those on medication stay on it. They are given these for a reason. Go to the web pages so that you know if something happens on campus. We have had bad things happen on campus, especially in 2021. Both were random acts and could not have been prevented. If we are proactive we can stop a lot before it happens. Our campus is very safe. We have been down 30-40% on crime this semester, highly due to things being called in. Let's finish out the semester well!

VI. Approval of Minutes Matt Matthews

Minutes stand approved.

VII. Reports

A. SGA President: Lacey Johnson

Congratulations! We are on the home stretch. This is the best senate I have seen. Also congrats to Matt for being an awesome Vice President. If you are a graduating senior, email me by 12 on Monday so that I can get you a cord. Celebration of the lights is a mandatory event. We will have polos by then so we will wear those with slacks or jeans with no rips. This is a really special event, so we need you all there. We will send an email with a QR code for participation in invest week. I would like everyone to sign up at least once. This will be to get students involved, passing out stuffed roomies and getting posters signed. This will count as tabling points. The hardship scholarship is something that SGA sponsors, and we are going to begin awarding it in the spring. We have a special guest today, here to do a project for her communications class after senate. Also a huge thank you to Lion's Roar for coming today!

B. SGA Chief Justice: Christian Jones

No report.

C. SGA Advisor Dr. Taneshia Drake

The gingerbread contest is open to all, so encourage people to participate. All purchase forms should be in for the end of semester events. Any last minute events you may have need to get a purchase form signed. Shirts should be in soon. I attended Lion Pride Preview day this week with my nephew, and so many people in SGA were there. The representation was great! Please share our graphics for the investiture on social media.

D. Internal Affairs Chair Matt Matthews

There was deliberation for the impeachment of the chief justice. All of the committee that was present the first meeting was there except for one. After deliberation, internal affairs still voted to take it to trial. The charge was brought to Alyiah, and she resigned this morning. Please do not harass her. She is still a student. At no point did this reflect her character. Big 3 is a big responsibility, and she made mistakes. She is a student and friend, so please remember this.

E. Appropriations Chair Levi Spiers

No report.

F. Student Life Chair Lucien Nasset (Given by Senator Savario)

Last week we talked about people with periods initiative. We have approval for both floors of the union. Other than that, we have been approved for our items for stress less breakfast.

G. Celebration of the Lights Khamri Alexander

We are really in need of volunteers for this right now. Please sign up if you can and encourage others to as well.

H. Senate Chair Matt Matthews

I spoke with Lucian after the capital outlay meeting. We were approved for dispensers and acrylic stands. We will put these up next semester in the women's bathrooms in the union and go from there. Capital outlay met for the last time. We voted on legislation for the columbia theater for speakers, blackout curtains, and a keyboard. All other projects are in the research stage. We have several appointee bills today. Two will be for the start of next spring. We passed our proclamation for the celebration of lights and student involvement in the investiture. If you have not signed, you are welcome to come forward to sign it after Senate.

VIII. Programs

A. No programs

IX. Old Business

A. No Old Business

X. New Business

A. FA23-31 A bill to appoint Cameron Cockerham to the Student Government Association as Senator for the College of Business
Referred to Internal Affairs.

B. FA23-32 A bill to appoint Trent Krummel to the Student Government Association as Senator at Large
Referred to Internal Affairs.

C. FA23-33 A bill to appoint Emma Day to the Student Government Association as Senator for the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Referred to Internal Affairs.

D. FA23-34 A bill to appoint Maria Nechaeva to the Student Government Association as Executive Assistant
Referred to Internal Affairs.

XI. Announcements and Remarks

President Johnson: Many people do not like groupme. I am looking for a new messaging app, and I have found something called Slack. We will move forward with it in the spring, so go ahead and download it and play around with it to get familiar. We are going to do a hype video for the celebration of lights. If you are available at 1 PM tomorrow, meet in the office and we are going to do it.

For everyone that sat on Internal Affairs last week, thank you for your patience, effort, and grace. I appreciate you guys and make being Vice President worth it every day. It is trans day remembrance. Please take a moment today to think of everyone in your life (even those who are not trans). We lose people quickly and unexpectedly sometimes and we need to take a moment to appreciate them.

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 P.M.