



Senate Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2023

- I. Call to Order Joshua Freeman
Meeting called to order at 5:07 P.M.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance Victoria Verberne
- III. Moment of Reflection Bailey Milburn
- IV. Roll Call Victoria Verberne

Sen. Alaina Appe

~~Sen. Alex Soule~~

Sen. Aliyah Henderson

Sen. Bailey Milburn

Sen. Bianca Domino

~~Sen. Elizabeth Fontenot~~

Sen. Landen Hinrichs

Sen. Matthew Hayes

~~Sen. Matt Matthews~~

Sen. Nataviya Owens

~~Sen. Sierra Lewis~~

Sen. Kenneth Woods

Sen. Victoria Verberne

9/13 senators present, quorum has been met

- V. Approval of Minutes Joshua Freeman
Pro Temp. Verberne will be sending out the minutes after this meeting.

- VI. Question of the day Victoria Verberne
What are the three senate committees? (Internal Affairs, Appropriations, Student Life)
Sen. Hinrichs earns an outreach point.

- VII. Reports

A. SGA President

Baileigh Picou

DC was a great trip where I got to talk about higher education with the senators. We talked about financial aid, mental health, and how to keep students in college. If you are interested in running for SGA president you will get to attend all of those events and meet the next presidential candidates. We need 40 more sets of travel size shampoo and conditioners before next week so please get those in and ask people to donate them. I will be going to the momentum conference next week in tiger stadium. This is to show how to decline dropout rates and get students through college. The retreat is this weekend; I will send the email out tomorrow with all of the information. SGA week is in about two months (sooner). Work with your branch to get it planned out. We will have a table Monday and Thursday. Sign up on the signup genius that will be sent out in GroupMe. Swipe out hunger is still open (through the semester). Please encourage people to apply and to give up meals if needed. The SGA tabling event happened last week and was very successful from what I heard. The big event is coming up. If you have any questions, ask Zach. Elections for big 3 are coming up. Reach out if you have any questions about these positions; you can shadow us if you'd like.

B. SGA Chief Justice

Michala Torres

This weekend the basketball game is at 11 on Saturday. It will be nationally televised so be sure to go out and support. Reach out if you are interested in running for big 3. There will be interest meetings on the first week of March. ULS service project: bring shampoo and conditioner. Big Event committee meets on Tuesdays at 5:30. Our retreat is this weekend. We do not have many parking appeals right now so we're hoping to keep it like that.

C. SGA Advisor

Brendan Daigle

No report.

D. Internal Affairs Chair

Bailey Milburn

Last week there were 5 appointee bills so I will review each.

Bill SP23-01

Internal affairs referred the bill to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

She has plenty of experience with working with SGA executive branch, is incredibly helpful in helping SGA with events, and has lots of dedication and ambition.

Bill SP23-02

Internal affairs referred the bill to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

She is a graphic design major that would provide vivid designs, wants to engage in the community with the rest of SGA, and is motivated to take the position and would provide excitement and experience with her designing abilities to all of SGA.

Bill SP23-03

Internal affairs referred the bill to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

He has experience in leadership positions because of being an officer in TKE, is highly interested in legislative policies and holds a great deal of knowledge in the government, and wants more experience in the political environment to prepare for his future.

Bill SP23-04

Internal affairs referred the bill to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

She has plenty of leadership as a founder of the lavender lions and in honors program, is a resident assistant, and wants to further SGA goals and initiatives.

Bill SP23-05

Internal affairs referred the bill to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

He is an OSE ambassador so he has experience in leadership, is a history education major and is interested in politics, and wants to provide a voice to students that feel they do not have people representing them.

E. Appropriations Chair

Landen Hinrichs

Bill SP23-06

Appropriations referred the bill to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

This is excellent exposure for SLU, the presentation is great, and it helps them to gain insight on their future careers.

Bill SP23-07

Appropriations referred the bill to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

They have attended this event in the past. This school is a well-known dance program, and it gives SLU an opportunity to expand.

Bill SP23-08

Appropriations referred the bill to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

This is great to bring back after being gone for so long, helps people to be more motivated, and it is awesome for students to showcase their work.

Bill SP23-09

Appropriations referred the bill to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

This would be a major help for people with periods to have available, great capital outlay project if successful, and shows that SGA cares about its students.

F. Student Life Chair Bianca Domino

Discussed Monday tabling for SGA week. We continued discussing our student needs survey. If anyone has any suggestions please let us know.

G. Senate Chair Joshua Freeman

Once we are done with this I will call a motion to suspend the standing rules of the senate so that one of our applicants can make it to class.

Does anyone want to motion to suspend the standing rules of the senate?

Motion made by Sen. Henrichs

Seconded by Sen. Milburn

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. SP23-06 A Travel Grant For Morgan Gordon and Hannah Reck To Attend The Seacsm Annual Meeting

Senate chair opens the floor to applicant.

Applicant: I am a GA for the kines department. I graduated from here in management and am getting my masters in Kinesiology. I work closely with professors and have made a presentation on playing on turf vs. actual grass. We sent some surveys and

also conducted our own experiment. Megan is proposing research in hopes of partnering with other doctors and pursuing her PhD at Auburn. This is wonderful exposure and we are excited to have the opportunity and funds to do so.

Senate chair opens the floor for discussion.

Senate Chair calls for motion to adopt bill SP23-06

Motion made by Sen Henrichs

Seconded by Sen Woods

13/13 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted

B. Amendment to Bill FA22-42

Applicant: Vice president Freeman is the only participant able to attend. He will be participating in the research competition and will present on a baseball topic.

Senate chair opens the floor for discussion.

Senate Chair calls for motion to adopt bill

Sen. Hayes: Is this different from yours on last year?

Applicant: Yes it is a different presentation

Senate Chair calls for motion to adopt bill

Motion made by Sen. Henrichs

Seconded by Sen Woods

13/13 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted

C. SP23-01 A Bill To Appoint Sarah Stroyewski To The Student Government

Association as Executive Assistant

Senate chair opens the floor to applicant.

Applicant: I think I would be a good fit because I am helpful and I have experience with planning and coordinating some events. I am also coachable and adaptable and will be able to help when needed.

Sen. Woods: Sarah would be a great fit.

Senate chair opens the floor for discussion.

President Picou: I need the help so having someone to help while I am away traveling and such will be very helpful. And Sarah is great so she would be a good fit.

Senate Chair calls for motion to adopt bill

Motion made by Sen. Woods

Seconded by Sen. Milburn

13/13 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted

D. SP23-02 A Bill To Appoint Kylie Sutphin To The Student Government Association as Co-Director of Communications and Marketing

Senate chair opens the floor to applicant.

Applicant: I am a freshman graphic design major. I have worked with others before helping with things like blood drives. I enjoy helping the community and think I would be good for SGA because of my skills.

Sen. Woods: Any designs for SGA?

Applicant: I have helped with t-shirts for SGA Week and have been working on Big event week designs.

Sen. Bianco: If you had the opportunity to make a graphic design for any company, where would you choose?

Applicant: I've never thought of it so I'm not sure.

Senate chair opens the floor for discussion.

President Baileigh: Kylie is super hardworking and talented and has helped me several times, even over winter break once which proves dedication.

Senate Chair calls for motion to adopt bill

Motion made by Sen. Henrichs

Seconded by Sen Milburn

13/13 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted

E. SP23-03 A Bill To Appoint Levi Spiers To The Student Government Association as Senator for the College of Business

Senate chair opens the floor to applicant.

Applicant: I am a sophomore business administration major. I want to be a senator because I am invested in American politics and am comfortable with the legislative process. I want to be a US senator in the future so this would help me to practice. I am also comfortable being part of a governing body because I am treasurer in TKE.

Sen. Hayes: What event in American politics have you kept up with?

Applicant: I've kept up with midterm elections and votes for speaker of the house.
Senate chair opens the floor for discussion.

Senate Chair calls for motion to adopt bill

Motion made by Sen. Domino

Seconded by Sen. Hayes

13/13 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted

- F. SP23-04 A Bill To Appoint Rosemary Matthews To The Student Government Association as Senator for the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Senate chair opens the floor to applicant.

Applicant: I am a sophomore in art education. I am active on campus and want to improve it. I am helping to start the art club back up. I am also a founder in lavender lions, in Honors, and am an RA. (Also Matt Matthew's twin :))

Senate chair opens the floor for discussion.

Sen. Henrichs thinks that the twin contribute a lot to the schools and is excited.

Sen. Hayes: what does the applicant want to teach?

Applicant: Middle school art

Senate Chair calls for motion to adopt bill

Motion made by Sen Henrichs

Seconded by Sen Woods

13/13 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted

- G. SP23-05 A Bill To Appoint Micheal Hutchinson To The Student Government Association as Senator for the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Senate chair opens the floor to applicant.

Applicant: I am a sophomore history education major and former OSE ambassador. I have been around SGA and saw care and dedication. I want to get the students involved that may not otherwise be able to. I have interest in American politics as well and am excited to join the team.

Sen. Hayes: What is the applicant's favorite thing about American politics

Applicant: The bureaucratic process. There's so much that goes into it and I find the idea of it interesting.

Senate chair opens the floor for discussion.

Sen. Henrichs: I'm glad he is getting involved because he has always been around and interested.

Senate Chair calls for motion to adopt bill

Motion made by Sen. Henrichs

Seconded by Sen. Milburn

13/13 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted

H. SP23-07 A Travel Grant For Dance Performance Project To Attend The 2023 ACDA Regional Conference

Senate chair opens the floor to applicant.

Applicant: I am a sophomore business admin major with a minor in dance. ACDA has been attending this conference for all 50 years that it has been going. We want to go to learn and bring back everything that we do learn.

Sen. Henrichs: Sam Hosuton is known for their dance program so this is a cool opportunity.

Sen. Hayes: How long has the applicant been a dancer?

Applicant: 15-16 years

Senate chair opens the floor for discussion.

Senate Chair calls for motion to adopt bill

Motion made by Sen. Henrichs

Seconded by Sen. Woods

13/13 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted

I. SP23-08 A Departmental Grant To Sponsor The Southeastern Students' Research, Creative, and Scholarly Activities Showcase

Senate chair opens the floor to applicant.

Applicant: Previously 2013-2019 SGA has sponsored this event. I work in sponsored research where I assist faculty and staff in writing external grants. We were also funded in 2020 before COVID. The date is set for March 7th. The largest cost is for the printing of the posters for the presentations. We like to feature things from every department and sponsor creative ideas that students have. This is pretty informal as

far as the presentations. The rest of the funds are for refreshments because people seem to enjoy them.

Chief Justice Torres: Where is the event taking place?

Applicant: Student union ballroom.

Sen. Woods: Is this strictly presentative or could performances happen as well.

Applicant: The dance team performs every year, and musicians have also performed before so it is definitely open for that. We also have lions connected that come for people to get informed.

Vice President Freeman: When is the deadline for applications.

Applicant: February 24 for application deadlines. And March 1st to get the information to print the posters.

Senate chair opens the floor for discussion.

Senate Chair calls for motion to adopt bill

Motion made by Sen. Henrichs

Seconded by Sen. Woods

13/13 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted

J. SP23-09 A Finance Bill To Sponsor People With Periods Initiatives

Senate chair opens the floor to applicant.

Applicant: Will be a trial in four bathrooms. We will provide tampons and pads for people with periods. If it goes well, the student life committee will find people to track the amount used and another bill will be proposed to continue. These will be in all bathrooms: men, women, and gender neutral.

Sen woods: How long is the trial?

Applicant: Until products are gone

Chief Justice Torres: How long will you wait if they are not taken as quickly as anticipated?

Applicant: if there are still products left after about a month we will know that they are not needed.

Chief Justice Torres: What all bathrooms will these products be provided in?

Applicant: Garret, Cate, Student union, and Fayard.

Senate chair opens the floor for discussion.

Senate Chair calls for motion to adopt bill

Motion made by Sen. Domino

Seconded by Sen. Woods.

13/13 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted

IX. New Business

A. A. Sp23-10 A Bill To Amend The Student Government Association Bylaws To
Remove Title Xi: Election Code, Clauses 1-10

Tabled

B. Sp23-11 A Bill To Amend The Student Government Association Election Code To
Clause 3: Guidelines For Dates And Times Of General Election

Tabled

X. Announcements and Remarks

Vice President Freeman: Thank everyone for hanging around. Applicants please stay for
a minute to be sworn in.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:18.