

Senate Special Session Minutes

Thursday, June 1 2017

I. Call to Order: Richard Davis Jr.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Richard Davis at 10:31AM in Fayard, Room 107.

II. Pledge: Ali Leblanc

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Justice, Ali LeBlanc.

III. Invocation Seth Leto

Invocation was led by President, Seth Leto.

IV. Roll Call: Richard Davis

Roll Call was conducted. Quorum was met with 1 of 1 voting senators present.

V. Approval of Minutes: N/A

VI. Reports:

i. President: Seth Leto

Welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed:

- o Purpose of the reports is to maintain transparency.
- o Vacancies within the Cabinet:
 - o Social Media Coordinator
 - o MISA Coordinator
 - o Leadership Advancement Coordinator
 - o Asst. Director of Traditions
 - o Homecoming Coordinator
 - o Asst. Homecoming Coordinator
 - o Big Event Coordinator
- o Please review and take governing documents seriously.
- o Looking for senators to serve on Student Tech Fee and Budget Oversight Committees. Please email me if you're interested.

ii. SGA Advisor: Dr. Pam Rault

Dr. Rault was absent but SGA Co-Advisor, Kyle Gallagher spoke in her place:

- The Big 3 have really hit the ground running, so make sure to catch on with their enthusiasm.
- There will be a lot of positive change and it is awesome to be a part of.
- Dr. Rault generally oversees the operations of the Senate. I usually focus on the Justice Branch and parking appeals and we both tag team the Executive Branch.
- It is going to be an exciting year and I am excited to have you all on board.

SGA Graduate Assistant. Tara Forsythe also spoke:

- I generally deal with grant information, so if you are working on appropriations bill, you'll most likely be dealing with me.

iii. Chief Justice: Ali LeBlanc

- Please do your research on the proposed Constitution and Bylaws because the changes will affect you.
- Also, please familiarize yourself because once they are passed, we will be strictly enforcing them.
- When bills come up, don't be afraid to ask questions.
- Elections for Homecoming Court and Freshmen Senators are September 11-13.
- Be ready to hit the ground running in the fall because there is a lot to accomplish.

iv. Internal Affairs Chairman: N/A

v. Student Life Chairman: N/A

vi. Appropriations Chairman: N/A



vii. Senate Chairman: Richard Davis Jr.

- I'm excited to have everyone on board.
- There will be a few things that will seem confusing but don't be afraid to ask questions.
- We are only working with one eligible voting senator, so he will vote the first person in, we will pause for a recess to get them sworn in, and then we will have 2 senators voting on the rest of the senate appointments. After that, we will take another recess, swear in all senate appointments, and vote on the rest of the judicial and executive appointments.

Motion by Sen. Dent to "suspend rules and procedures in order for us to conduct business without requiring a second by unanimous consent."

No objections.

Motion passes.

Motion by Sen. Dent "to move bills SU17-01 to SU17-24 from new business to unfinished business in order for us to vote on those bills today by unanimous consent."

No objections.

Motion passes.

Motion by Sen. Dent "to open unfinished business by unanimous consent."

No objections.

Motion passes.

VII. Unfinished Business:

a. **SU17-01 – Senate Appointment – Sydnie McClinton – At Large**

Sydnie McClinton spoke on her plans for SGA. Wants to create a suggestion box in each college

Motion by Sen Dent "to go into voting by unanimous consent."

No objections

Vote Count: 1:0:0

PASSED.

Motion by Sen. Dent "to go into a recess of no more than 5 minutes to swear Sydnie McClinton in as a senator by unanimous consent."

No objections.

Recess called at 10:49AM.

Meeting was called back to order at 10:51AM.

A Quorum call was requested by Sen. Dent.

SGA Vice President, Richard conducted a roll call.

Quorum was met with 2 of 2 voting senators present.

b. **SU17-02 – Senate Appointment – Alva Allen – At Large**

Appointee not present but running late.

Motion by Sen. McClinton to table SU-17-02 until after SU17-22.

Seconded by Sen. Dent

Vote Count: 2:0:0

Motion passes.



c. SU17-03 – Senate Appointment – Cassie Thomas – At Large
Cassie Thomas spoke on her plans for SGA. Looking to get more involved on campus.

Motion by Sen. McClinton “to go into voting”

Seconded by Sen. Dent.

Vote Count: 2:0:0

PASSED.

d. SU17-04 – Senate Appointment – Eugene Davis Jr. – At Large
Eugene Davis spoke on his plans for SGA. Involved with Pre-Law Association and thinks this will be a great way to gain skills for his career.

Sen. Dent asks “What do you want to improve on campus.”

Eugene responds “To get students involved in all areas of campus from SGA to Greek Life, etc.”

Motion by Sen. Dent to go into voting.

Seconded by Sen. McClinton.

Vote Count: 2:0:0

PASSED

e. SU17-05 – Senate Appointment – Baylee Smith – Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences
Baylee Smith spoke on her plans for SGA. Wants to rush in the fall and compete in Miss Southeastern pageant. Wants to make freshmen feel welcomed on campus.

Motion by Sen. McClinton “to go into voting”

Seconded by Sen. Dent.

Vote Count: 2:0:0

PASSED

f. SU17-06 – Senate Appointment – Danita Winfrey - Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences
SGA Vice President, Richard Davis formally withdrew SU17-06 because the appointee could not make it.

g. SU17-07 – Senate Appointment – Jordan Rheams – Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences
Jordan Rheams spoke on his plans for SGA. Wants to see more people involved in Greek Life and to see the campus better as a whole.

Motion by Sen. Dent to go into voting.

Seconded by Sen. McClinton.

Vote Count: 2:0:0

PASSED

h. SU17-08 – Senate Appointment – Jazelle Harris – Business
Jazelle Harris spoke on her plans for SGA. Just getting involved on campus and looks to grow as a person.

Motion by Sen. McClinton “to go into voting”

Seconded by Sen. Dent.

Vote Count: 2:0:0

PASSED



i. SU17-09 – Senate Appointment – Joshua Madere – Business

Joshua Madere spoke on his plans for SGA. Wants to help students who are afraid to get involved, get involved. Very interested in politics.

Motion by Sen. Dent to go into voting.

Seconded by Sen. McClinton.

Vote Count: 2:0:0

PASSED

j. SU17-10 – Senate Appointment – Zack Corzo – Business

Zack Corzo spoke on his plans for SGA. Wants to get more people involved with SGA and to get our name out there.

Motion by Sen. Dent to go into voting.

Seconded by Sen. McClinton.

Vote Count: 2:0:0

PASSED

k. SU17-11 – Senate Appointment – Alyssa Larose – Education

Alyssa Larose spoke on her plans for SGA. Recently selected as a DSA Ambassador and works in Student Publications and she believes that she will be able to merge the two with SGA.

Motion by Sen. McClinton “to go into voting”

Seconded by Sen. Dent.

Vote Count: 2:0:0

PASSED

l. SU 17-12 – Senate Appointment – Rayven Watson – Education

Rayven Watson spoke on her plans for SGA. Would like to increase the network of Student Observations for education majors.

Motion by Sen. Dent “to go into voting.”

Seconded by Sen. McClinton.

Vote Count: 2:0:0

PASSED

m. SU 17-13 – Senate Appointment – Cydney Menina – Nursing & Health Sciences

Cydney Menina spoke on her plans for SGA. Would like to adjust dining facilities to account for student food allergies.

Motion by Sen. McClinton “to go into voting”

Seconded by Sen. Dent.

Vote Count: 2:0:0

PASSED

n. SU17-14 – Senate Appointment – Jasmine Washington – Nursing & Health Sciences

Jasmine Washington spoke on her plans for SGA. Wants to be a part of change and thinks this is a great way to start.



Motion by Sen. McClinton “to go into voting”

Seconded by Sen. Dent.

Vote Count: 2:0:0

PASSED

o. SU17-15 – Senate Appointment – Bryce Carpenter – Nursing & Health Sciences

Bryce Carpenter spoke on his plans for SGA. Sat on the Student Tech Fee committee last year and saw what it takes to enact change on campus.

Motion by Sen. McClinton “to go into voting”

Seconded by Sen. Dent.

Vote Count: 2:0:0

PASSED

p. SU17-16 – Senate Appointment – Kirstyn George – Science & Technology

Kirstyn George spoke on her plans for SGA. Wants to see more students involved because a lot of students don’t know what the campus has to offer.

Motion by Sen. McClinton “to go into voting”

Seconded by Sen. Dent.

Vote Count: 2:0:0

PASSED

Motion by Sen. Dent “to go into a recess of no more than 30 minutes to swear in the newly appointed senators by unanimous consent.”

No objections.

Recess called at 10:49AM.

Meeting was called back to order at 10:50AM.

A Quorum call was requested by Sen. McClinton.

SGA Vice President, Richard conducted a roll call.

Quorum was met with 13 of 16 voting senators present.

q. SU17-17 – Judicial Appointment – Peyton Blackwell – Justice

Peyton Blackwell spoke about her plans for SGA. Inspired by Ali and her growth as a leader.

Motion by Sen. Corzo to amend “Associate Justice” to “Justice”.

Seconded by Sen. McClinton

Vote Count: 13:0:0

AMENDED.

Motion by Sen. Menina “to go into voting.”

Seconded by Sen. Corzo

Vote Count: 13:0:0

PASSED.

r. SU17-18 – Judicial Appointment – Caleb Kerstens – Justice

SGA Vice President, Richard Davis formally withdrew SU17-18 because the appointee could not make it.

s. SU17-19 – Judicial Appointment – Marissa LeCompte – Justice

Marissa LeCompte spoke about her plans for SGA. Wants to grow as a person.

Motion by Sen. Corzo to amend “Associate Justice” to “Justice”.



Seconded by Sen. McClinton
Vote Count: 13:0:0
AMENDED.

Motion by Sen. Carpenter “to go into voting.”
Seconded by Sen. Corzo
Vote Count: 13:0:0
PASSED.

t. SU17-20 – Executive Appointment – Garrett Buras – Director of Financial Affairs

Garrett Buras spoke about his plans for SGA. Has been involved with the business department and wants to branch out.

Motion by Sen. Carpenter “to go into voting.”
Seconded by Sen. Thomas
Vote Count: 13:0:0
PASSED.

u. SU17-21 – Executive Appointment – Hannah Fork – Director of Traditions

SGA Vice President, Richard Davis formally withdrew SU17-21 because the appointee could not make it.

v. SU17-22 – Executive Appointment - Freddranique King – Director of Communications

Freddranique King spoke about her plans for SGA. Has served as a senator and justice in the past. Wants to see SGA grow through effective communication and use of technology.

Motion by Sen. Carpenter “to go into voting.”
Seconded by Sen. McClinton
Vote Count: 13:0:0
PASSED.

w. SU17-02 – Senate Appointment – Alva Allen – At Large

Alva Allen spoke about her plans for SGA. Wants more freshmen to get involved.

Motion by Sen. Corzo “to go into voting.”
Seconded by Sen. George
Vote Count: 13:0:0
PASSED.

Motion by Sen. McClinton “to go into a recess of no more than 1 hour to swear in the newly appointed officers and to have lunch.”
Seconded by Sen. Dent.
Recess called at 11:46AM.

Meeting was called back to order at 12:25PM.

x. SU17-23 – Executive Appointment – Raven Price – Web Design Coordinator

SGA Vice President, Richard Davis formally withdrew SU17-23 because the appointee could not make it.

y. SU17-24 – SGA Retreat Finance Bill – Seth Leto

Seth Leto spoke about the benefits of the retreat and how the money will be allocated. This retreat would be free to all SGA Officers and advisors and will be held August 18-19.

Motion by Sen. McClinton “to go into voting.”
Seconded by Sen. Menina.

Vote Count: 12:0:1
PASSED.

VIII. New Business:

- a. ~~SU17-01 Senate Appointment Sydnie McClinton At Large~~
- b. ~~SU17-02 Senate Appointment Alva Allen At Large~~
- c. ~~SU17-03 Senate Appointment Cassie Thomas At Large~~
- d. ~~SU17-04 Senate Appointment Eugene Davis Jr. At Large~~
- e. ~~SU17-05 Senate Appointment Baylee Smith Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences~~
- f. ~~SU17-06 Senate Appointment Danita Winfrey Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences~~
- g. ~~SU17-07 Senate Appointment Jordan Rheams Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences~~
- h. ~~SU17-08 Senate Appointment Jazelle Harris Business~~
- i. ~~SU17-09 Senate Appointment Joshua Madere Business~~
- j. ~~SU17-10 Senate Appointment Zack Corzo Business~~
- k. ~~SU17-11 Senate Appointment Alyssa Larose Education~~
- l. ~~SU 17-12 Senate Appointment Rayven Watson Education~~
- m. ~~SU 17-13 Senate Appointment Cydney Menina Nursing & Health Sciences~~
- n. ~~SU17-14 Senate Appointment Jasmine Washington Nursing & Health Sciences~~
- o. ~~SU17-15 Senate Appointment Bryce Carpenter Nursing & Health Sciences~~
- p. ~~SU17-16 Senate Appointment Kirstyn George Science & Technology~~
- q. ~~SU17-17 Judicial Appointment Peyton Blackwell Justice~~
- r. ~~SU17-18 Judicial Appointment Caleb Kerstens Justice~~
- s. ~~SU17-19 Judicial Appointment Marissa LeCompte Justice~~
- t. ~~SU17-20 Executive Appointment Garrett Buras Director of Financial Affairs~~
- u. ~~SU17-21 Executive Appointment Hannah Fork Director of Traditions~~
- v. ~~SU17-22 Executive Appointment Freddranique King Director of Communications~~
- w. ~~SU17-23 Executive Appointment Raven Price Web Design Coordinator~~
- x. SU17-24 – SGA Retreat Finance Bill – Seth Leto
- y. SU17-25 - Bylaw Revision Adoption - Seth Leto

President, Seth Leto reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws before the Senate and explained that the senate wouldn't be required to vote on the bill until the fall.

There were a few questions:

- Sen. McClinton asked “Will you receive more than 1 Student Outreach Point if you stay more than 30 minutes.
 - Vice President Richard Davis responded “That’s something that I will be looking at but there may be a cap of say 2-3 points per event max.
- Sen. Menina asked “Can you sit on more than one standing committee.
 - Vice President Richard Davis responded “You may audit another committee (which means you will be a non-voting member but can voice your opinion) but you must serve only on one standing committee.”

Motion by Sen. Carpenter “to table SU17-25 until the fall”

Seconded by Sen. Rheams.

Vote Count: 13:0:0



z. SU17-26 - Constitutional Adoption - Seth Leto

President, Seth Leto reviewed the proposed changes to the Constitution before the Senate and also reiterated that the senate wouldn't be required to vote on it until the fall. Once the Senate approves, the document will go onto the Homecoming election.

Motion by Sen. Carpenter "to table SU17-25 until the fall"

Seconded by Sen. Larose.

Vote Count: 13:0:0

IX. Announcements and Remarks

SGA Co-Advisor, Kyle Gallagher spoke:

- I know there were a lot of things discussed and my head hurts too, but make sure to be paying attention to these bills because you all have the final say
- Overall, everyone did a great job.

SGA President spoke:

- Wants to reiterate with Kyle said. Take time to review the governing documents and let me know if you have any proposed changes.
- It's going to be a great year.

SGA Chief Justice, Ali LeBlanc spoke:

- Make sure to vote on the bills with your conscience and study the documents over the summer.

SGA Vice President, Richard Davis spoke:

- I picked you all for a reason (because I know you have the power to enact change)
- Don't let your vote be persuaded by the presenter because I am behind you 100%, whether you agree with the person or not.
- Make sure to ask questions about questionable budget items and table the bill if you have to because you have the power of the purse.
- I know it's going to be a great year.
- Explained the Remind system to the Senate.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Sen. Menina "to adjourn the meeting."

Seconded by Sen. Carpenter.

Vote Count: 13:0:0

Meeting adjourned at 1:31PM.