



Senate Meeting Agenda

1/31/2022

- I. Call to Order KeRon Jackson
Meeting called to order at 5:06pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance Caroline Watson
- III. Invocation Joshua Freeman
- IV. Roll Call Easton Guilbeau
Sen. Farrah Pate (Tardy)
Sen. Braxton Laurent
Sen. Nicholas Roy
Sen. Jena Anderson (Absent)
Sen. Josh Freeman
Sen. Lacey Johnson
Sen. Caroline Watson
Sen. Edrica Thomas
Sen. Aliyah Henderson
Sen. Fajr Fayed
Sen. Devin Schwaibold
10/11 Voting Senators present, quorum has been met
- V. Approval of Minutes KeRon Jackson
Minutes stand approved
- VI. Question of the day Easton Guilbeau
In what room of the student union is the Student Leadership and Governmental Affairs Office (SLGA)?
Sen. Freeman: 2302
Correct, Sen. Freeman receives outreach point
- VII. Reports
 - A. SGA President L'Oreal Williams

I went to Washington DC last week for SHIELDS to advocate for rights for students: rights for international students, funding for resources, discuss what government officials can do to help students in LA; information from the week will be going to legislators. Use your voice and Email legislators, your voices are really strong as senators on campus and in communities. We have lots of events planned: SGA Week, Big Event, other traditions events; come stop by the office to help, text or email if you plan to do office hours so we can get a project set up for you; Swipe Out Hunger donations and applications are open now, available through GET app; There will be weekly polls in groupme to get everyone in the mood to advocate, whoever answers the most correct earn 2 outreach points at the end of the semester; we will possibly be attending an SGA conference in March if people are interested. Work on recruiting- refer other students to apply for SGA. If you plan on running for Big 3, the application process is starting soon. We will be hosting the Council of Student Body Presidents on campus, all of the SGA presidents from public institutions will be attending. It will be on April 1st, the sign up genius will be in the group chat, come for a chance to interact with students from other universities and government officials. Send a text or email with any questions, groupme does not always work.

B. SGA Advisor

Brendan Daigle

Thank you all for your productivity in committees and with projects. Always keep in mind a sense of urgency about what is needed from you, get things that are needed done in advance; everyone should have a Robert's Rules of Order book, please read it; please also be looking at SGA Constitution and Bylaws, as well as the senate standing rules; it is your responsibility to be educated on your roles.

C. Internal Affairs Chair

Nicholas Roy

Last week Internal Affairs reviewed Bill SP22-02. We passed the Bill because the appointee has been to several different schools which will add in a diverse perspective to the senate, the appointee is heavily involved in organizations, and the appointee expressed enthusiasm and desire to give SGA her best. Internal Affairs also reviewed Bill SP22-03, we passed the bill because the appointee is a beacon of diversity including in that she is mother. Next, if the bill passes, she would be the only biology major, which makes up a large part of Southeastern, and finally the appointee is driven for positive change in school and community.

D. Appropriations Chair

Caroline Watson

Last week Appropriations reviewed Bill SP22-04, and passed the bill because Study Abroad is one of the most heavily advertised programs at Southeastern, people from other schools come here to participate; Study Abroad benefits degree progression, students earn credit hours; it promotes SGA- when people

apply for the scholarship SGA helps choose the winner, and lastly the experience would be culturally enriching.

E. Student Life Chair Edrica Thomas

Last Friday we had the January senate social. We engaged in creating SMART goals and talking about accountability. I can send the graphic in groupme. Overall, it was a successful social.

F. Senate Chair KeRon Jackson

For any SGA virtual call, cameras must be on and you must be dressed professionally, virtual calls are still a professional meeting, be in a good area to be on a call. I need to know right now if you're not going to be dedicated to your position, our jobs are too important to take it lightly; if you need help, reach out: it's like a ripple effect, if one falls we all fall, we are a team. Be sure to take care of your duties as a senator first, give legislative branch proper time and effort so that the job is taken care of, then branch out and support SGA in other areas; communicate with me- whether its professional, personal, just let me know; please remember that we are under oath, sometimes we have to put students first over our own needs and thoughts. Work with one another, we are a team.

VIII. Unfinished Business KeRon Jackson

A. Bill SP22-01 Senate Appointment - College of Business - Kennedi Lee

Senate Chair: Bill will be tabled and eventually withdrawn

B. Bill SP22-02 Senate Appointment - College of Business - Brooke Saunier

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion:

Sen. Freeman: Would the appointee tell us a little about herself

Appointee: I am a Marketing major, I hold sophomore standing, I have a minor in french, I am starting debate club, am in french club, and I love music

Senate Chair calls for motion to vote on Bill SP22-02

Motion made by Sen. Thomas

Seconded by Sen. Henderson

10/10 senators vote aye, Bill passes favorably

C. Bill SP22-03 Senate Appointment - College of Science and Technology -Taylor Pendergrast

Senate Chair: Bill will be tabled, Appointee absent

D. Bill SP22-04 A Finance Bill To Sponsor Study Abroad In The Department Of Honors And International Initiatives

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Sen. Freeman: Would the applicant give us a summary of what the grant would be for and everyone it would help

Dr. Harrison: SGA has contributed to the Study Abroad Program since 2005. The amount was much larger than it is now, but study abroad was canceled in 2020; The SGA scholarship allows students with limited means to experience study abroad, which is important because we live in a globalized society, it is important to develop a globalized view and a multinational perspective. Study abroad is an important part of graduate school applications, a great chance to experience other cultures, hopefully learn another language, try other foods, make new friendships, and more. The problem is students have limited means, so SGA contributes greatly and is helpful to students who will receive the scholarship.

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to pass Bill SP22-04

Motion made by Sen. Freeman

Seconded by Sen. Johnson

10/10 Senators vote aye, Bill passes favorably

IX. New Business

A. Bill SP22-05 Judicial Branch Appointment - Matthew Hayes

Senate Chair calls for motion to refer Bill SP22-05 to Internal Affairs Committee

Motion made by Sen. Pate

Seconded by Sen. Johnson

10/10 Senators vote aye, Bill is referred to Internal Affairs Committee favorably

B. Bill SP22-06 Executive Branch Appointment - Kendall Adams

Senate Chair calls for motion to refer Bill SP22-06 to Internal Affairs Committee

Motion made by Sen. Watson

Seconded by Sen. Freeman

10/10 senators vote aye, Bill is referred to Internal Affairs Committee favorably

C. Bill SP22-07 Senate Appointment - Ashley Canas

Senate Chair calls for motion to refer Bill SP22-07 to Internal Affairs Committee

Motion made by Sen. Watson

Seconded by Sen. Johnson

10/10 Senators vote aye, Bill is referred to Internal Affairs Committee favorably

D. Bill SP22-08 Senate Appointment - Kayla Rodgers

Senate Chair calls for motion to refer Bill SP22-08 to Internal Affairs Committee

Motion made by Sen. Laurent

Seconded by Sen. Thomas

10/10 Senators vote aye, Bill is referred to Internal Affairs Committee favorably

X. Announcements and Remarks

Sen. Thomas: Southeastern's Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in partnership with MISA will be hosting MLK March tonight at 7:06pm in the Rec center, there will be a short speaker, dance performance, and a Gospel Choir performance

Ms. Brendan: There will also be refreshments

Sen. Watson: Was the SGA bonfire moved to next week?

Madame President: The SGA bonfire was postponed, more information will be sent out soon

Senate Chair: I am planning to establish the buddy system, it will happen soon. Come pick up folders in the office. Brooke, we will get started next week.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:46pm