



Senate Meeting Agenda

3/07/2022

- I. Call to Order KeRon Jackson
Meeting called to order at 5:05pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance Fajr Fayed
- III. Invocation Edrica Thomas
- IV. Roll Call East Guilbeau
Sen. Ashley Canas
Sen. Fajr Fayed
Sen. Joshua Freeman
Sen. Aliyah Henderson
Sen. Lacey Johnson
Sen. Braxton Laurent
Sen. Farrah Pate
Sen. Kayla Rodgers
Sen. Nicholas Roy
Sen. Brooke Saunier
Sen. Devin Schwaibold
Sen. Edrica Thomas
Sen. Caroline Watson
13/13 Voting Senators present, quorum has been met
- V. Approval of Minutes KeRon Jackson
Minutes stand approved
- VI. Question of the Day East Guilbeau
When is the deadline to submit Big Three Applications?
Friday, March 11th
Sen. Watson gets Outreach point
- VII. Reports
A. SGA President L'Oreal Williams

B. SGA Chief Justice Lucas Laborde

If you know anyone interested in being a Justice please let me know

C. SGA Advisor Brendan Daigle

We are still trying to fill the election board, we need at least one more senator, may need more; we may not even have to meet, just need to be on standby to monitor campaigning; please get in touch if you are interested

D. Internal Affairs Chair Nicholas Roy

Great job with getting points, remember to fulfill requirements; Last week Internal Affairs met to discuss the SGA Constitution and Bylaws, will be reviewing that today

E. Appropriations Chair Caroline Watson

Appropriations met last Thursday to discuss Bill SP22-13 to fund charging ports for the College of Science & Technology's Student Lounge. We referred to the Bill first because it serves over 1000 students, and because there is a new lounge with no charging points in a technology heavy department, this would be useful for them.

F. Student Life Chair Edrica Thomas

Student life had a presentation on Bird Scooters which are new technological transportation devices that would allow students to activate a scooter for a dollar and then 25 cents a mile to ride around a campus. We will discuss these further this week and consider maybe getting student demos. The Senate Social this month will be guess who with baby pictures and fun facts, I will send out a poll for a time we can all agree on.

G. Senate Chair KeRon Jackson

If you're having issues with your position, refer to your governing documents and get to know them, it is exhausting to train everyone over and over again. Continue to get Outreach Points and other requirements, midterms will be at the end of March and we will have one-on-ones to check in; New one-on-ones and buddy system dates are up; Capital outlay has first bill on the agenda, we are planning on starting new projects- East and I walked around the KHS buildings to discuss seating, if you have ideas for campus beautification pitch your ideas to Sen. Pate and Sen. Roy; If there is anything I can do to support you let me know.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. SP22-09 A Finance Bill To Sponsor Lauren Wicker To Attend The Southwest Council Of Latin America Studies

Senate Chair calls on Applicant to speak

I am a Senior, studying International Business with a minor in Spanish; I am a member of the International Student Union and the Latin American Student association. At this conference I would be presenting a study about the effects of education on economic development specifically in Haiti and I would receive criticisms and suggestions. This would help me improve my presentation skills, increase my awareness of other cultures, educate me on what's going on in the world, and it would also be an opportunity to educate myself and prepare for my career; This would also be an opportunity to represent the Spanish Department and I would come back with knowledge for the organizations I am part of.

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Sen. Thomas : Will the applicant be publishing the study?

Applicant: I currently have no plans to, but possibly

Sen. Pate: I Would like to ask the applicant where conference will be located

Applicant: It will be held virtually, although it's usually held in various cities

Senate chair calls for motion to vote on Bill SP22-09

Motion made by Sen. Johnson

Seconded by Sen. Henderson

13/13 Senators vote aye, Bill passes favorably

B. SP22-13 A Capital Outlay Bill To Fund Charging Ports In The College of Science and Technology

Senate Chair: The Science & Technology building is a relatively new, beautiful building and it has a lounge area with no charging ports. SGA would not be funding the entire project, just a portion

Sen. THomas: When will this project be completed?

Senate Chair: The department head stated they are planning to start in Summer

Senate chair calls for motion to vote on Bill SP22-13

Motion made by Sen. Roy

Seconded by Sen. Johnson

13/13 Senators vote aye

IX. New Business

A. SP22-14 A Finance Bill to Fund Student Government Association's Spring Fair 2022

Senate Chair calls for motion to refer bill to Appropriations Committee

Motion made by Sen. Watson

Seconded by Sen. Johnson

13/13 senators vote aye

B. SP22-15 A Finance Bill to Fund the Honors Program for the Southern Region Honors Council Annual Conference

Senate Chair calls for motion to refer bill to Appropriations Committee

Motion made by Sen. Freeman

Seconded by Sen. Saunier

13/13 senators vote aye

C. Review Proposed Changes to the Student Government Association Constitution

Article I: Enactment, Section 2: Composition

Correction: Second 2 should be 4 (typo)

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article I: Enactment, Section 2: Composition

Motion made by Sen. Thomas

Seconded by Sen: Pate

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article II: Officers, Section 1: Qualifications, Part A.

Addition: "Graduating seniors will be considered eligible if the number of hours carried in their last semester needed to complete their degree requirements is less than 12 hours, and all other eligibility requirements are met."

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article II: Officers, Section 1: Qualifications, Part A

Motion made by Sen. Pate

Seconded by Sen. Watson

12/13 Senators vote aye, 1/13 Senators abstain, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article II: Officers, Section 1: Qualifications, Part B.

Removal: “published by the Office of Student Organizations qualifications for officers’ positions.”

Senate Chair Opens floor for discussion

Sen. Pate: Why is it being removed?

Ms. Brendan: The Office of Student Organizations has been absorbed by the Office for Student Engagement.

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article II, Section 1: Qualifications, Part B

Motion made by Sen. Roy

Seconded by Sen: Henderson

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article II: Officers, Section 1: Qualifications, Part C.

Addition: “C. Must maintain the qualifications as noted in Article II, Section 1, Letters A and B of the SGA Constitution.”

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Ms. Brendan: You have to have the qualifications to get in the position and then you must maintain qualifications

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article II: Officers, Section 1: Qualifications, Part C.

Motion made by Sen. Saunier

Seconded by Sen. Thomas

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article II: Officers, Section 1: Qualifications, Part E.

Addition: "E. Must remain free of disciplinary actions, defined here as having an open or unresolved case with the Office for Student Advocacy and Accountability, as well as being free from any pending disciplinary sanctions administered by the Office for Student Advocacy and Accountability."

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

No discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article II: Officers, Section 1: Qualifications, Part E

Motion made by Sen. Rodgers

Seconded by Sen. Fayed

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article II: Officers, Section 2: Removal, Part A.

Addition: "A. Removal will consist of official written notification from the SGA Advisor."

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Sen. Pate: What format will the notification be?

Ms. Brendan: Email

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article II: Officers, Section 2: Removal, Part A

Motion made by Sen. Saunier

Seconded by Sen. Pate

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article II: Officers, Section 2: Removal, Part B.

Addition: "Officers removed from their position will have the opportunity to appeal the removal via email to the SGA President within 7 business days of receipt of notification of removal."

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Sen. Thomas: Does officers mean Big Three, or senators, cabinet members, etc?

Ms. Brendan: Officers typically means anyone, it would have to say SGA officers to mean Big Three

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend wording of amendment for Article II: Officers, Section 2: Removal, Part B to say "SGA Officers"

Motion made by Sen. Thomas

Seconded by Sen. Pate

10/13 Senators vote aye, 2/13 senators vote nay, 1/13 Senators abstain, amendment of amendment proposal passes favorably

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article II: Officers, Section 2: Removal, Part B

Motion made by Sen. Freeman

Seconded by Sen. Thomas

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article II: Officers, Section 2: Removal, Part B.a.

Addition: "a. Should the officer wish to appeal, the highest ranking SGA Executive officer not being removed will appoint an ad-hoc appeal committee, and the officer will present his or her case to the committee for their consideration."

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Sen. Thomas: What does Ad Hoc mean?

Ms. Brendan Daigle: Ad Hoc means temporary, on an as-needed basis

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article II: Officers, Section 2: Removal, Part B.a.

Motion made by Sen. Fayed

Seconded by Sen. Pate

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article II: Officers, Section 2: Removal, Part B.b

Addition: "b. The final decision regarding the removal of the officer will be left to the committee."

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Sen. Thomas: Who will be eligible to make up that committee?

Senate Chair: Students from SGA

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article II: Officers, Section 2: Removal, Part B.b.

Motion made by Sen. Thomas

Seconded by Sen. Freeman

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article III: Executive Branch, Section 3: Qualifications, Eligibility for the office of President, Part A.

Addition: "In the event of a vacancy, these requirements are suspended and the powers and duties of Presidency shall fall upon the line of succession."

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Sen. Saunier: How long will the Line of Succession serve for?

Ms. Brendan: Until the next election, this amendment is removing the requirement of 45 college credit hours, the next in line may have not been in school as long

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article III: Executive Branch, Section 3: Qualifications, Eligibility for the office of President, Part A.

Motion made by Sen. Freeman

Seconded by Sen. Laurent

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article III: Executive Branch, Section 3: Qualifications, Eligibility for the office of President, Part B.

Addition: "B. Must have served in the Student Government Association for at least two consecutive semesters within the last two years."

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Sen. Thomas: Why does it say two instead of one year?

Senate Chair: They must serve two consecutive semesters, back to back

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article III: Executive Branch, Section 3: Qualifications, Eligibility for the office of President, Part B.

Motion made by Sen. Roy

Seconded by Sen. Fayed

12/13 Senators vote aye 1/13 Senators abstain, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article III: Executive Branch, Section 3: Qualifications, Eligibility for the office of President, Part C.

Addition: "C. Must pass an assessment proving proficiency in SGA's Governing Documents and operations."

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Sen. Schwaibold: Who will be overseeing the proficiency assessment?

Sen. Thomas: Would it be a passing percentage?

Ms. Brendan: Specifics will be clarified in Bylaws, do not have to be voted on by student body

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article III: Executive Branch, Section 3: Qualifications, Eligibility for the office of President, Part C.

Motion made by Sen. Rodgers

Seconded by Sen. Henderson

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article III, Section 4: Duties

Addition: "G. The SGA President is the Chief Student Officer of the institution. They have the authority to communicate and resolve issues on behalf of the student body."

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Senate Chair: This is stating that the SGA President is an administrative position at the University

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article III, Section 4: Duties

Motion made by Sen. Thomas

Seconded by Sen. Rodgers

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article IV: Legislative Branch, Section 3: Qualifications, Eligibility for the office of Vice President, Part A.

Addition: "A. Completed at least 30 college credit hours with a minimum of 12 credit hours completed at Southeastern Louisiana University."

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

No discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article IV: Legislative Branch, Section 3:

Qualifications, Eligibility for the office of Vice President, Part A.

Motion made by Sen. Saunier

Seconded by Sen. Thomas

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article IV: Legislative Branch, Section 3: Qualifications, Eligibility for the office of Vice President, Part B.

Addition: B. Must have served in the Student Government Association for at least two consecutive semesters within the last two years.

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

No discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article IV: Legislative Branch, Section 3: Qualifications, Eligibility for the office of Vice President, Part B.

Motion made by Sen. Laurent

Seconded by Sen. Freeman

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article IV: Legislative Branch, Section 3: Qualifications, Eligibility for the office of Vice President, Part C.

Addition: "C. Must pass an assessment proving proficiency in SGA Governing Documents and operations."

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article IV Section 3 Part. C

Motion made by Sen. Fayed

Seconded by Sen. Saunier

12/13 Senators vote aye, 1/13 Senators vote nay, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article IV: Legislative Branch, Section 5: Succession

Addition: "In the event of vacancies in the office of Vice President, the powers and duties of Vice Presidency shall fall upon the line of succession:"

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

No discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article IV: Legislative Branch, Section 5: Succession

Motion made by Sen. Pate

Seconded by Sen. Watson

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article IV: Legislative Branch, Section 5: Succession

Addition: "1. Senate Pro Tempore"

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Sen Thomas: Does Pro Temp have the option to decline?

Senate Chair: Yes, that's why line of succession is there

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article IV: Legislative Branch, Section 5:
Succession

Motion made by Sen. Thomas

Seconded by Sen. Fayed

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article IV: Legislative Branch, Section 5: Succession

Addition: "2. Senator appointed by President to be voted on by Senate"

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

No discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article IV: Legislative Branch, Section 5:
Succession

Motion made by Sen. Watson

Seconded by Sen. Freeman

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article V: Judicial Branch

Addition: "Section 3 : Qualifications, Eligibility for the office of Chief Justice:"

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

No discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article V: Judicial Branch

Motion made by Sen. Saunier

Seconded by Sen. Johnson

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article V: Judicial Branch, Section 3: Qualification, Eligibility for the office of Chief Justice, Part A.

Addition: "A. Completed at least 12 college credit hours at Southeastern Louisiana University."

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Sen. Thomas: So, technically, a second semester freshman could be Chief Justice?

Ms. Brendan: By time they applied and were elected, it would be for their sophomore year

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article V: Judicial Branch, Section 3:

Qualification, Eligibility for the office of Chief Justice, Part A.

Motion made by Sen. Thomas

Seconded by Sen. Johnson

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article V: Judicial Branch, Section 3: Qualification, Eligibility for the office of Chief Justice, Part B.

Addition: "B. Must have served in SGA for at least one semester within the last two years."

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Sen. Pate: Why is this one semester but the others two?

Senate Chair: Chief Justice is not as vigorous as Vice President or President

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article V: Judicial Branch, Section 3: Qualification, Eligibility for the office of Chief Justice, Part B.

Motion made by Sen. Watson

Seconded by Sen. Henderson

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article V: Judicial Branch, Section 3: Qualification, Eligibility for the office of Chief Justice, Part C.

Addition: "C. Must pass an assessment proving proficiency in SGA Governing Documents and operations."

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Sen. Thomas: I feel concern with it being one semester of serving required versus two for someone to pass the assessment

Sen. Johnson: I served one semester and I feel like I can pass an assessment

Sen. Watson: We should expect Big Three to be able to pass an assessment in order to hold their position regardless

Sen. Roy: This is just saying there will be assessment to ensure they have knowledge, details can be clarified without the vote of the student body in bylaws

Sen. Schwaibold: Will the assessments for each position be different?

Senate Chair: Each will be specific to each position, yes

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article V: Judicial Branch, Section 3: Qualification, Eligibility for the office of Chief Justice, Part C.

Motion made by Sen. Thomas

Seconded by Sen. Saunier

11/13 Senators vote aye, 2/13 senators abstain, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article V: Judicial Branch

Addition: "Section 5: Succession, In the event of vacancies in the office of Chief Justice, the powers of Chief Justice shall fall upon the line of succession:"

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

No discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article V: Judicial Branch

Motion made by Sen. Saunier

Seconded by Sen. Johnson

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article V: Judicial Branch, Section 5: Succession, Part 1

Addition: "1. Associate Chief Justice"

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Sen. Thomas: How does Associate Chief Justice get appointed?

Senate Chair: Same process as Senate Pro Temp

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article V: Judicial Branch, Section 5:

Succession, Part 1

Motion made by Sen. Watson

Seconded by Sen. Fayed

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article V: Judicial Branch, Section 5: Succession, Part 2

Addition: "The Justice with the most time served in the position of Justice."

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

Sen. Saunier: Why is this one nominated?

Ms. Brendan: The longer you're there, the more experience and knowledge you have in Judicial Branch, there are different roles than in the senate, everyone does the same thing, so more time served is more experience

Sen. Freeman: Why not just have the President appoint a new Justice?

Senate Chair: Judicial Branch is not as vigorous, they have different set up, the one who was there the longest has the most experience

Sen. Pate: I think it should be based off who is most qualified

Sen. Watson: Judicial branch is not set up as ours is, time is experience for them like it is for the U.S. Supreme Court

Sen. Johnson: All the Justices are qualified, it should be based off experience

No further discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article V: Judicial Branch, Section 5: Succession, Part 2

Motion made by Sen. Thomas

Seconded by Sen. Rodgers

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article V: Judicial Branch, Section 5: Succession, Part 2.a.

Addition: “a. Should there be multiple Justices with the same amount of time served, the Justices will present their reasons for being the most qualified for the office of Chief Justice to the other Justices.”

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

No discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article V: Judicial Branch, Section 5: Succession, Part 2.a.

Motion made by Sen. Watson

Seconded by Sen. Johnson

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

Article V: Judicial Branch, Section 5: Succession, Part 2.b.

Addition: “b. Justices vote, and the nominee will have an appointment bill written. The bill would follow the legislative process.”

Senate Chair opens floor for discussion

No discussion

Senate Chair calls for motion to amend Article V: Judicial Branch, Section 5: Succession, Part 2.b.

Motion made by Sen. Watson

Seconded by Sen. Thomas

13/13 Senators vote aye, amendment proposal passes favorably

X. Announcements and Remarks

Senate Chair: thank you to Internal Affairs for reviewing Internal Documents, thank you to everyone who met last week; remember that all we did was approve to present these amendments to student body for them to vote

Pro Temp Guilbeau: KSA Kickball tournament is Wednesday March 23rd, there is a flyer on VP's office door for more details

Senate Chair: Senator at Large position represents all colleges if you are looking for a step up in position for next semester

Sen. Roy: Internal Affairs is also looking at the bylaws, feel free to bring questions and concerns about specifics to us, all can attend our Internal Affairs meetings

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm