



Senate Minutes 10.24.2024

- i. Call to Order at 11:05 am
- ii. Approve Agenda M. Alldredge motioned, seconded by Senate Body
- iii. Approve Minutes Jones motioned, Senate Body seconded
- iv. Roll Call:
 - a. President Cracknell: Present
 - b. Vice President Cantrell: Present
 - c. Secretary Fryhover: Present
 - d. Treasurer Albao-Cozad: Present
 - e. Parliamentarian Alldredge: Present
 - f. Freshman Senator Merhib: Present
 - g. Freshman Senator Vaughn: Present
 - h. Sophomore Senator McGarrah: Present
 - i. Sophomore Senator Manning: Not present
 - j. Junior Senator Payne: Not present
 - k. Junior Senator Orgas: Present
 - l. Senior Senator Jones: Present

- m. Senior Senator Pate: Present
- n. IDS Senator Chatman: Present
- o. Business & Social Sciences Senator Frailey: Not present
- p. Visual & Performing Arts Senator Alldredge: Present
- q. Education & Speech-Pathology Senator Guillen: Present
- r. Physical Education & Science Senator Hamburger: Present
- s. Off-Campus/Commuter Senator Wilson: Not present
- t. SAB Senator Merritt: Present
- u. Advisor Brockman: Present
- v. Advisor Roberts: Present
- v. President's Report
 - a. Two things: with the festival of light, we now only have two volunteer spots available. We'll find more volunteering opportunities. Two: really looking forward to getting committees started. It's on us to find people interested and go out and ask people and point them in the right direction.
- vi. Vice President's Report
 - a. We're gonna do these committee reports down the agenda, but we have a lot on the agenda, so please keep the reports short.
- vii. Treasurer's Report
 - a. General Funds: \$5,179.63
- viii. Advisor's Report

- a. For HOCO next week, it would be a great opportunity to bridge the gap between us and athletics. SAB is forced to enter, so if we could “voluntell” a few people to represent SGA.
- ix. Secretary’s Report
 - a. Nothing to report, get ready to lock in everyone!
- x. Parliamentarian’s Report:
 - a. We have two of our people in HOCO, so make sure to vote for them! Fall Congress is soon!
- xi. SAB Report – Kaylen Merritt
 - a. We would appreciate it if everyone would show up to HOCO and dress up!
- xii. Committee Reports:
 - a. Accessibility: So far we’re planning on mirroring Access and Opportunity’s meeting times.
 - b. Access and Opportunity: The first meeting is tonight, not sure if the facility request will go through in time, but excited to meet!
 - c. Health and Wellness: We have our first meeting scheduled for next Thursday as well!
 - d. International: We met on Tuesday, and we’re in the process of recruiting more international students, we plan on hosting an event during finals week via an “international potluck,” where students make and bring food from their culture/country!
 - e. PR: Not much to report, but let me know if you all have any ideas for things to post!
 - f. Presidents: Our focus right now is HOCO, and we have been focusing on that.

xiii. Unfinished Business:

xiv. Agenda Items:

a. Senior Gift Project – President Cracknell to explain and discuss

i. Senators will think of ideas for next week.

b. President's Emergency Fund Merch Table at Homecoming – Sign up!

i. Harry is confirmed to run the table, other SGA members are welcome.

c. Discussion and possible action: An Even Playing Field Resolution – Senators Alldredge and McGarrah

i. Questions & Discussion:

1. Q Cracknell: Do you guys know why athletes get priority?

2. A Authors: Yes, we spoke with VP McConnell, and he gave us a rundown. We understand why athletics use this, but he also stated that this was entirely possible for this to be extended to other departments.

3. Followup: What's the student feedback?

4. A Authors: I think that all students would benefit from guaranteed housing, I haven't surveyed students, but I have spoken with many Deans. This is also optional for departments to partake in. For the music department specifically, a lot of us already live together, so having the ability to foster a sense of community and solidify spots to continue.

5. Followup: He's heard that VP Ross felt blindsighted from this and would've liked to be spoken to about this.

6. A Authors: We did reach out to him and set up a meeting with him, but he did not show up. The legislation present is the revised edition from my meetings.
7. Q Jones: Do you foresee any negative connotations with people who do not do this?
8. A Authors: There's only to benefit from this, especially in the context of the revised legislation compared to the original one, which took away housing blocks from all departments. Furthermore, as a transfer student from UCO, I have seen personal success in the implementation of this, where not only did students compete to get into this housing, but
9. Q Guillen: I have a concern with the larger departments versus the smaller departments. How do we avoid certain departments being chosen over others?
10. A Authors: I could see the implementation of this placing limits on the number of purchased housing places, but I would defer this to administration.
11. Followup: How would this affect scholarships?
12. A Authors: There wouldn't be any additional money from scholarships, the departments purchase the housing blocks themselves.
13. Q Brockman: Did you reach out to housing on physical limitations?
14. A Authors: I did reach out to meet, but I don't think a time was ever figured out.

15. Followup: You've reached out to meet on the original bill, but not the revised one?
16. A Authors: Yes.
17. Q Chatman: How is this decided?
18. A Authors: This is as the department sees fit.
19. Q Cracknell: Could you tell us Shepard's opinion on this?
20. A Authors: Yes, Shepard was originally opposed to the idea, but we found a compromise and he now agrees with it. He has stated that this is definitely possible for departments. The biggest thing to be accomplished from this is letting other departments know that this is a possibility, not a requirement.
21. Followup: I'm just a bit confused, is this not disadvantageous to other departments?
22. A Authors: No, it is not. I was validating Senator Guillen's concerns for smaller departments, but as I see it, it would not be disadvantageous to other departments.
23. Q Guillen: Is it a reasonable concern that some departments would struggle to purchase housing blocks? So, would they be disadvantaged in this way?
24. A Authors: I would argue that all departments besides athletics are disadvantaged for this. I would say that moving towards a point where more departments use this would be more fair than others.

25. Comment Jones: Something that I was thinking about, we don't have to vote on this, and then it's over as soon as it's over. There's still the opportunity to continue to converse about this.

26. Q Cracknell: How would departments raise money for this?

27. A Authors: Charging for performances, different departments can fund this in different ways. I won't claim to know everything about all departments, so I wouldn't want to figure out what's best for them as a god of USAO of sorts. From my time at UCO, there are plenty of ways for departments to fundraise. The problem we are striving to address is not funding. The problem is "Is this equitable?"

ii. Guillen motions to table this resolution indefinitely, objection is heard.

1. President Cracknell: Nay
2. Secretary Fryhover: Abstain
3. Treasurer Albao-Cozad: Nay
4. Freshman Senator Merhib: Yay
5. Freshman Senator Vaughn: Nay
6. Sophomore Senator McGarrah: Yay
7. Sophomore Senator Manning: N/A
8. Junior Senator Payne: N/A
9. Junior Senator Orgas: Yay
10. Senior Senator Jones: Yay
11. Senior Senator Pate: Nay

12. IDS Senator Chatman: Nay
13. Business & Social Sciences Senator Frailey: N/A
14. Visual & Performing Arts Senator Alldredge: Yay
15. Education & Speech-Pathology Senator Guillen: Nay
16. Physical Education & Science Senator Hamburger: Nay
17. Off-Campus/Commuter Senator Wilson: N/A
18. SAB Senator Merrit: Nay
19. 5 Yays 8 Nays 1 Abstentions

iii. The objection does fail, so the Senate will now vote on tabling this resolution indefinitely.

1. President Cracknell: Yay
2. Secretary Fryhover: Nay
3. Treasurer Albao-Cozad: Yay
4. Freshman Senator Merhib: Nay
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17. Off-Campus/Commuter Senator Wilson: N/A

18. SAB Senator Merrit: Yay

19. 8 Yays 6 Nays 0 Abstentions

iv. This resolution is tabled indefinitely until they meet with the housing department.

d. Discussion and possible action: Equal Housing Opportunity Resolution – Senators Alldredge and McGarrah Tabled to next meeting

e. Discussion and possible action: Legislative Communication Act – Senator Alldredge

i. Questions & Discussion:

1. Q Guillen: With this passed, does that mean all legislation has to go through a committee regardless?

2. A M. Alldredge: Yes, this will be in line with other SGAs.

3. Comment to Body Cracknell: Essentially, there will now be an extra set of eyes on legislation. This solves the issue of last year, where we go to admin first, then senate, instead of senate then admin where nothing gets put into motion.

4. A M. Alldredge: It's just to collect insight from those who work in these departments every day so we can make legislation stronger and more likely to be implemented.
 5. Q Guillen to Cracknell: How will this effect how committees are run?
 6. A Cracknell: Yes, so in our constitution it says that only senators can vote on these, not non-senators. Effectively, we are giving you guys the freedom to vote as you see fit, we just want to hear your thoughts on this.
- ii. Senator Jones motioned to vote on this Bill by roll call, seconded by the Senate Body:
1. President Cracknell: Yay
 2. Secretary Fryhover: Yay
 3. Treasurer Albao-Cozad: Yay
 4. Freshman Senator Merhib: Yay
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18. SAB Senator Merrit: Yay
19. 14 Yays 0 Nays 0 Abstentions

iii. This bill hereby passes the honorable Senate.

- f. Committee Town Halls! - Explain and discuss Tabled to next meeting
- g. Confirming the last few standing Committees: Tabled to next meeting
 - i. Legislative Assistance – Secretary Fryhover
 - ii. Athletics – Senator Pate
- xv. Open Discussion & Announcements: Skipped
- xvi. Final Roll Call: Senator Guillen motioned, seconded by the Senate Body.
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 - b. Vice President Cantrell: Present
 - c. Secretary Fryhover: Present
 - d. Treasurer Albao-Cozad: Present
 - e. Parliamentarian Alldredge: Present
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- xvii. Vice President entertains a motion to adjourn at 11:58 am, so moved, seconded by the Senate body.