

Senate Minutes
SGA – October 7th, 2021

Call to Order

Meeting started at 11:05 AM

Approval of Minutes

Fuston moves to approve agenda and minutes.

Attendance

President O’zee: Present

Vice President Humphrey: Present

Treasurer Fuston: Present

Secretary Brown: Present

Parliamentarian Hixon: Absent

Freshman Ward –

Mariah Carnegie: Present

Hailey Sloan: Absent

Sophomore Ward –

Chandler Leamon-Webb: Present

Isabellah Willoughby: Present

Junior Ward –

Daniel Buster: Present

Kaylee Ragon: Present/Absent

Senior Ward –

Ryleigh McDonald: Present

Alyssa Unsell: Absent

Arts & Humanities Ward –

Mike Hixon: Present

Business & Social Science Ward –

Aliyah Payne – Present

Education & Speech Pathology Ward –

Allison Murray - Absent

Science & Physical Education Ward –

Adelina Flores: Present

Off-Campus/Commuter Ward –

Jacob Lumpkin: Present

Advisor Shores: Present

Advisor Bertrand: Present

Reports

President's –

- OSGA on November 6th and 7th.

Vice President's –

- None

Treasurer's –

- There is money available in funds.

Main Motions

- New Business
 - a. Senate Bill #10072021 Identification Act presented by Senators Willoughby and Carnegie
 - o Bill would provide general funds of no more than \$180 to purchase name badges for members of executive and senate.
 - o Q: Leamon-Web: are the badges to be funded from the general funds? Follow up; would identification of each other be necessary? Would this bill make the paper name tags obsolete?
 - o Q: Treasurer Fuston: Would we be wearing these badges all the time? Comments: Does not see the necessity of wearing the badges.
 - o A: Willoughby: No. Just on Thursday or whenever.
 - o Q: Senator Flores: Would there be events that SGA hosts that SGA would wear these badges?
 - o A: Willoughby: Yes.
 - o Q: President O'zee: What company were badges previously purchased? Using plastic name badges. Follow up: Plan for when positions change?
 - o A: Plastic badges are not as sturdy.
 - o A: VP Humphrey: Yes.

- Q: Senator Buster: Reasons students do not attend SGA is through apathy or unawareness.
- Q: Senator Flores: Name tags would be useful for events instead of paper and looks more professional.
- Questions and discussion extended by 5 minutes.
- Q: Senator Leamon-Webb: Understands the main reason students do not attend is through apathy but sympathizes with the idea of the badges. Does not believe that badges are sufficient and take up a substantial amount of the funds.
- Q: President O'zee:
- Q: Senator Ragon: Visually and cost-wise, the plastic badges are better.
- Q: Senator Flores: How much money was left over?
- A: Vice President Humphrey: There was about \$1,000 left.
- Q: Senator Leamon-Webb: Plans to use funds for other purposes that this bill would take up money for.
- Q: Treasurer Fuston: OSGA provides name badges so ours would not be needed.
- Q: Senator Payne: Why were funds left over? COVID?
- A: President O'zee: There were a couple reasons.
- Questions and discussion extended by 5 minutes.
- Q: President O'zee: The bill is nice but there are more efficient ways to have name badges. The plastic badges are cheaper and easier to have modified.
- Q: Vice President Humphrey: Would you be open to an amendment?
- A: Senator Willoughby: Yes.
- Q: President O'zee: Recommends tabling bill to make proper adjustments.
- Q: Senator Leamon-Webb: Walmart does not provide badges.
- Question and discussion extended by 2 minutes.
- Q: Senator Carnegie: The \$180 funds would be going to a local business which could help build rapport
- Q: Senator Ragon: We have plastic badges left over from Freshman Orientation.
- Q: Senator Leamon-Webb: Agrees with not giving large businesses funds but still believes that this bill is too costly.
- Q: Senator Buster: Table bill until next meeting.
- Bill tabled until next meeting.
- OSGA Fall Congress
 - President O'zee: Board director was impressed with USAO. USAO could bid to host OSGA.
 - OSGA occurs on Homecoming.
 - Q: Senator Payne: What does hosting look like?
 - A: President O'zee: Amphitheater would hold the congress and committees would be held in individual rooms.
 - A: Senator Willoughby: President's Retreat was to be held here and USAO has the proper facilities to host.
 - A: Treasurer Fuston: OSGA is time expensive and could make it difficult to participate in Homecoming.

- Q: Senator Payne: What if a person needs to leave for homecoming?
A: President O'zee: someone can vote for you.
- Q: Senator Buster: Is there a cost to us?
A: President O'zee: No.
- Q: Senator Buster: What are the cons?
A: Treasurer Fuston: We would just have to fill out facility requests.
- Q: Senator Carnegie: What if parking facilities are full?
A: Treasurer Fuston: That could happen.
- Q: Senator Payne: Could we tell the other colleges to limit parking through carpooling and have reserved parking.
A: Willoughby: Yes.
- Q: Senator Ragon: Parking is already crowded.
A: President O'zee: Parking is empty on weekends.
- Q: Senator Buster: Is this parking debate worth having?
A: President O'zee: Not really.
- Q: Senator Leamon-Webb: Are the dates for Homecoming and OSGA the same?
I am not willing to attend OSGA over Homecoming.
- Q: President O'zee: Are any other schools bidding?
A: Senator Willoughby: Yes.
- Q: Senator Payne: Are we in the running for hosting?
A: Senator Willoughby: Yes.
- Q: President O'zee: Do we still need to pay dues?
A: Willoughby: Yes. Dues need to be paid but not registration if we host.
- Q: Senator Carnegie: Can we have a system to account for those who want to leave for Homecoming.
A: President O'zee: Yes. Voting by proxy is possible.
- Q: Senator Payne: Do we have enough people for proxy voting?
A: President O'zee: Depends on amount of people who register.
- Q: Treasurer Fuston to body: How many are generally interested?
Q: Senator Payne: How many are interested if it is not on campus?
Q: Treasurer Fuston: We should bid.
- A: President O'zee: Parking has not been an issue for desire to attend other, more busier events.
- Q: Senator Willoughby: OSGA official pricing for membership and registration dues.

Open Discussion & Announcements

- Parliamentarian Hixon: Proper order procedures.
- Senator Payne: Is Open Discussion open?
- Yes.

- President O'zee: Have to write Student Report for Board of Regent's. Let me know what achievements have been made.
- Allison Murray is not willing to continue being in Senate.

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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM.