



## **Senate Minutes 11.14.2024**

- i. Call to Order at 11:05 am
- ii. Approve Agenda Alldredge motioned, seconded by Senate Body
- iii. Approve Minutes McGarrah 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: Not present
  - h. Sophomore Senator McGarrah: Present
  - i. Sophomore Senator Manning: 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: 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: Present
- t. SAB Senator Merritt: Present
- u. Advisor Brockman: Present
- v. Advisor Roberts: Present
- v. President's Report
  - a. Harry asks if any committee leaders have reached out to NASNTI, no worries if not, they're keen on being involved in the committee. President Hale is hosting a Friendsgiving free for everyone at noon on Thanksgiving day. There are some thank you cards, so please sign them! In regards to legislation, we will be meeting with President Hale to discuss the legislation that has been passed so far, and whatever we pass today. Next Wednesday evening, is anyone available to help out next Thursday for a Droverthon event? Please reach out!
- vi. Vice President's Report
  - a. We will be sending out more surveys to students, come to our office hours tomorrow at 5 pm! We will be working on pieces of legislation.
- vii. Treasurer's Report
  - a. General Funds: \$4,979.63. Droverthon is hosting a bakesale right now, please go and support them!
- viii. Advisor's Report

- a. Not much to report, but they think SGA is doing an excellent report and they are working on a Freedom of Expression principle based on the University of Chicago's FOE, where freedom of expression goes both ways.
- ix. Secretary's Report
  - a. Not much to report just wanted to plug our website, we have updated resources on there, including the absence form, if you know you are going to be absent, please submit that asap!
- x. Parliamentarian's Report:
  - a. Not much to report, but Supreme Court justices will be appointed today!
- xi. SAB Report – Kaylen Merritt
  - a. We are having a dusty after-dark event, so please go support!
- xii. Committee Reports:
  - a. Accessibility – Senator Guillen: Meeting today at 5 pm on Teams!
  - b. Access and Opportunity – Senator Alldredge: Nothing to report
  - c. Athletics – Senator Pate: Nothing to report
  - d. Health and Wellness – Senator Chatman: We will be discussing our event in our meeting!
  - e. International – Senator Payne: Not here
  - f. Legislative Assistance – Secretary Fryhover: We just passed our first piece of legislation through committee, Senator Vaughn's. We are excited to pass more legislation in the future!
  - g. PR – Brooklin Mathers: Nothing to report
  - h. Club Presidents – VP Cantrell: We might be having a meeting on the senior gift project soon!

xiii. Unfinished Business:

xiv. Agenda Items:

- a. Vice president entertained a motion to move into Discussion and possible action: Confirming Supreme Court Justices – Parliamentarian Alldredge, so moved and seconded by the senate body.
  - i. The Vice president entertained a motion to confirm the selected Supreme Court justices by unanimous consent, so moved and seconded by the Senate Body. The appointees accepted the appointments, and all four appointees are now the justices!
- b. Senator Alldredge motioned to move into Discussion and possible action: Equal Housing Opportunity Resolution – Senators Alldredge and McGarrah, seconded by the senate body.
- c. Questions & Discussion:
  - i. Q Guillen: How will the appropriate numbers be decided?
  - ii. A Authors: It will be decided by the housing coordinators at their discretion.
  - iii. Q Guillen: Are blocks like apartments? Or rooms in the apartments?
  - iv. A Authors: It would be individual housing assignments.
  - v. Q Cracknell to advisors: Is this possible?
  - vi. A Advisors: Yes it is possible, and we like the idea of it.
  - vii. Q Hamburger: With housing already being so competitive, would this not make it more competitive?
  - viii. A Authors: I would say that transfer students are current students, and we feel that students should not be pitted against each other just because they are starting a bit late. Transfer students have high rates of dropping

out, after our meeting with VP McConnell, and housing is one of the biggest reasons for dropping out.

- ix. Q Frailey: Would these assignments be taken into consideration for freshmen who started later?
  - x. A Authors: Yes, absolutely, anyone who is 'starting late,' it says transfer students specifically, but we would entertain an amendment.
  - xi. Q Cracknell to Manning: If you'd like to talk about your suggestions with the Droverden, would you?
  - xii. A Manning: Yes, we will talk about it later
  - xiii. Q Hamburger to body: What's everyone's favorite class right now? Is everyone ready for finals?
  - xiv. A body: Some senators said public finance, others said other classes. No one felt they were ready for finals.
- d. Senator Alldredge motioned to vote on this resolution by placards seconded by the Senate Body:
  - e. 12 Yays 0 Nays 1 Abstentions
  - f. This resolution hereby passes the honorable Senate.
  - g. Senator Alldredge motioned to move into Discussion – Ideas for improving the Drover Den and Station 82. seconded by the senate body.
- xv. Alldredge motioned to move into Open Discussion & Announcements, seconded by the senate body.
  - xvi. Final Roll Call: Senator Guillen motioned to close open discussions and announcements and move into final roll call, seconded by the Senate Body.
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xvii. Vice President entertains a motion to adjourn at 11:55 am, so moved, seconded by the Senate body.