



Senate Minutes  
January 12th, 2021  
Zoom, 6:30 PM

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

- a. Present: 44
- b. Absent: 3
- c. Proxy: 3

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

**IV. Special Orders**

- a. Reports (5 minutes each)
  - i. Special Reports
  - ii. Advisor, Mary Skinner
    - 1. Welcome back and Happy New Year!
    - 2. You still have to fill out the COVID Event Form if you plan on having an event.
    - 3. If you have any legislation ideas or want any help, please reach out to her.
  - iii. Graduate Assistants, Ian O'Rourke and Katie Mahar
    - 1. No report.
  - iv. President, Julia Nall
    - 1. Student Poll Results Presentation.
  - v. Vice-President, Ben Cameron
    - 1. Welcome back! Please go get a COVID test.
    - 2. He is working on the video for MLK day this year. If you would like to be a part of this video, please reach out.
  - vi. Treasurer, Jissel Esparza
    - 1. OFA is working on wrapping up some projects from last semester.
    - 2. The first funding session is January 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. It is in person, but there is also a remote option.
    - 3. There will be goody bags and gift card giveaways at funding sessions.
    - 4. After the first funding session, they would like to have one every week until the last week of school, but that is still in the works.
  - vii. Secretary, Emma Kate Dillon
    - 1. Follow the ASG Instagram if you don't. We have been doing features of ASG agents.
  - viii. Chief Justice, Adam Hagler

1. The General Elections Packet is being posted to the website tomorrow. They are also uploading the executive officer petition form and the senate and executive candidate orientation PowerPoints.
- ix. GPSC President, JD DiLoreto-Hill
  1. If there is anything GPSC can do for y'all, don't hesitate to reach out.
- x. Cabinet Reports
  1. Chief of Staff, William Motazed
    - a. If you ever need anything or want to collaborate with cabinet, please reach out.
- xi. Membership Development Coordinator, Lexi Robertson
  1. The first AMP Meeting is January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Applications are still open. It is rolling admission.
  2. The first FLF meeting is January 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are a mentor and aren't satisfied, reach out to Stephanie Verdaris.
- xii. Chair of the Senate, Caleb Parker
  1. Welcome back! We are online for the first two weeks to keep everyone safe.
  2. Welcome Gage Reed!
  3. Inclusion Liaison Anthony DiNicola

**V. Appointments, Nominations, and Elections**

**VI. Public Comment (3 at 2 minutes each)**

**VII. Old Business**

- a. ASG Senate Resolution No. 9- A Resolution to Require Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Curriculum Within the University Perspectives Course and its' Equivalencies
  - i. Author(s): Senator Hunter Simmons, Cabinet Director of Diversity and Inclusion Jacoby Hurst
  - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Lily Jones, Senator Kathleen Bridgforth
    1. Academics Committee Report – Senator Switzer
      - a. They loved the idea but had two clerical changes.
      - b. Recommends to pass as written.
    2. Period of Authorship
      - a. They are very excited to bring this to faculty in order to be able to enact it.
      - b. Yields to questions.
    3. Period of Voting
      - a. Vote Passes: 39 Pass, 4 Fail, 5 Abstain

**VIII. New Business**

- a. ASG Senate Resolution No. 11- A Resolution to Support the Adoption of the Pass/No Credit Grading System for the Spring 2021 Semester
  - i. Author(s): Chair of Senate Caleb Parker, Senator Hope Davenport, President Julia Nall
  - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Lily Jones, Senator Kathleen Bridgforth, Senator Hunter Simmons, Senator Gabi Gies, Senator Lana Dranow, Senator Matthew Pollard, Senator Josie Edwards
    - 1. Period of Authorship
      - a. We had this in the first semester of the pandemic, but not last semester.
      - b. We are still unsure of exactly when students will get vaccinated. It could perhaps start in April, but this is subject to change. Many students may not be able to be vaccinated before the semester is over.
      - c. Things are worse now than when we had pass/fail the first time around.
      - d. Yields to questions.
      - e. Question of if we know if students' grades went up or down last semester.
      - f. Answer that the data would have to be requested from administration but they would guess that it probably went down.
      - g. Referred to Academics Committee.
    - 2. Academics Committee Report – Senator Switzer
      - a. Recommends to pass as written.
    - 3. Period of Authorship
      - a. This will really help students during this pandemic.
    - 4. Period of Voting
      - a. Vote Passes: 40 Pass, 2 Fail, 6 Abstain
- b. ASG Senate Resolution No. 12- A Resolution Supporting the Prohibition of Assignments on Academic and University Holidays
  - i. Author(s): Senator Gabi Gies, Senator Jack Switzer, Director of Academics Stephanie Verdaris and Director of Policy Coleman Warren
  - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Grace Wood, Senator Sarah Dallas
    - 1. Period of Authorship
      - a. The pandemic has caused students to rely on university breaks for relaxation more. They should be a break from all schoolwork.
      - b. There is no policy right now that prohibits faculty from assigning assignments over breaks. This just defines the holidays and says that if a faculty member does assign

work on a holiday, it must be in the syllabus at the beginning of the semester.

- c. Yields to questions.
- d. Questions on if this could be enacted this semester since professors have already made their schedules.
- e. Answer that they sent this to faculty over break and no concerns were voiced over this, so they hope it could be enforced this semester.
- f. Referred to Academics Committee.
2. Academics Committee Report – Senator Switzer
  - a. Recommends to pass as written.
3. Period of Authorship
  - a. We should be making sure students are able to rest and relax during their breaks from school.
  - b. Yields to questions.
4. Period of Voting
  - a. Vote Passes: 42 Pass, 1 Fail, 5 Abstain
- c. ASG Senate Bill No. 6 – The Old Main Licensing Act of 2021
  - i. Author(s): Chief Justice Adam Hagler, Senate Pro Tempore Colton Simpson
  - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Hope Davenport, Senator Brooklynn Warren
    1. Period of Authorship
      - a. They are wanting to change the code after getting explicit permission from licensing that allows candidates to use Old Main.
      - b. In the past, they couldn't use it, but now it is available to use as long as they are not using it for commercial gain.
      - c. The elections packet comes out tomorrow, so it is important for us to pass this tonight so it can be included in the packet.
      - d. Yields to questions.
      - e. Referred to Internal Affairs Committee.
    2. Internal Affairs Committee Report – Senator Davenport
      - a. Recommends to pass as written.
    3. Period of Authorship
      - a. Yields to questions.
    4. Period of Voting
      - a. Vote Passes: 38 Pass, 1 Fail, 9 Abstain
  - iii. Motion to move pieces of legislation to second reading.
    1. Motion passes.
  - iv. Motion for 10-minute recess for committees to meet.

1. Motion passes.

**IX. Announcements**

**X. Adjournment**