



Senate Minutes
October 6th, 2020
Union Ballroom, 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order

- a. Moment of silence for Chase Reel.

II. Roll Call

- a. Present: 46
- b. Absent: 3
- c. Proxy: 1

III. Approval of the Minutes

IV. Special Orders

- a. Reports (5 minutes each)
 - i. Special Reports
 - ii. Advisor, Mary Skinner
 1. Next week is the 8th week of classes. Take care of yourself during midterms.
 2. If you need to talk to anyone, she is available. You can also reach out to CAPS.
 - iii. Graduate Assistants, Ian O'Rourke and Katie Mahar
 1. No report.
 - iv. President, Julia Nall
 1. If you have been going out, get a COVID test.
 2. If you need to change where you are registered to vote, you have until October 30th.
 3. Canvas outside of the union this week where people can express their feelings about Senator Fulbright.
 - v. Vice-President, Ben Cameron
 1. Please take care of yourselves even though the semester is getting more difficult.
 2. Homecoming court has been finalized and will be announced soon.
 - vi. Treasurer, Jissel Esparza
 1. We had a great turnout at last week's funding session.
 2. This upcoming Monday at 3pm is the next funding session. Info will be in the newsletter.
 3. We have allocated a little over \$3,000 in RSO funding so far.
 - vii. Secretary, Emma Kate Dillon
 1. Either tonight or tomorrow the Homecoming court will be posted.

2. ASG as an organization cannot promote a candidate.
 3. Either Margret or EK will be sending out a poll to sign up for headshots. Location is TBD. There will be some make up dates.
- viii. Chief Justice, Adam Hagler
1. Tomorrow is candidate orientation session at 7pm.
 2. Election begins at 11pm this Friday October 9th.
 3. October 16th is the Homecoming Pep Rally where king and queen will be announced.
 4. On asg.uark.edu/elections there will be a voter profile page where you can read about the candidates.
- ix. GSC President, JD. D' Loreto-Hill
1. He attended the Chancellor's Executive meeting yesterday.
 2. They are searching for a new dean of the graduate school and GPSC will be helping with that process.
 3. Graduate Life committee is posting a women's empowerment series over 4 zoom sessions.
- x. Cabinet Reports
1. Chief of Staff, William Motazed
 - a. Stephanie Verdaris collaborated with senate on legislation concerning an asynchronous class day on election day.
 - b. Nutrition week is coming up.
 - c. Campus Resource event and title IX update are also coming up.
 - d. Next week, the Associated Dean of Students is speaking at cabinet and you are welcome to attend.
- xi. Membership Development Coordinator, Lexi Robertson
1. Thank you to everyone who attended the all-call.
 2. Be looking for a form asking for feedback from the all-call.
 3. Stephanie Verdaris is working with ASL currently. If you are interested in helping her, reach out.
 4. If a mentee hasn't reached out to you yet, they should be reaching out soon.
- xii. Chair of the Senate, Caleb Parker
1. If you have any ideas for themed senates, let him know.

V. Appointments, Nominations, and Elections

VI. Public Comment (3 at 2 minutes each)

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- a. ASG Senate Bill No. 3- A Funding Bill to Support the Bud Walton Voting Center

- i. Author(s): Chair of Senate Caleb Parker, ASG President Julia Nall
 - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Lily Jones, Senator Hope Davenport
 - 1. Period of authorship
 - a. Bud Walton has been approved as a voting center, ASG stated that we would help fund it.
 - b. Multiple branches of ASG are helping fund it.
 - c. We are paying a little over \$2,000 just for the cleaning costs.
 - d. GPSC is contributing \$500, \$150 from judicial, \$500 from presidents' budget.
 - e. Referred to allocations committee and campus life committee.
- b. ASG Senate Bill. No. 4- The Campaign Ticket Reform Act of 2020
 - i. Author(s): Senator Colton Simpson, Senator Hope Davenport
 - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Brooklynn Warren, Senator Lana Dranow, Senator Emily Heidemann, Senator Max Sutton, Senator Jack Switzer, Senator Sophie Hill, Senator Lily Jones
 - 1. Period of Authorship
 - a. Currently the president and vice president run together while the secretary and treasurer run separately.
 - b. This can lead to split tickets.
 - c. The thought process is to make the election process as democratic as possible.
 - d. They talked to judicial and there are no constitutional issues.
 - e. Question of if this passes through senate does it go through immediately.
 - i. Answer that since it is a code change it doesn't have to go through referendum.
 - f. Question of if the president resigns who takes their place.
 - i. Answer that it would be the Vice President and this bill would not change the succession.
 - g. Referred to internal affairs committee and campus life committee.
- c. ASG Senate Resolution No. 1- A Resolution To Expand Students and Faculty the Opportunity To Vote
 - i. Author(s): Senator Harrison Davis, Director of Academics Stephanie Verdaris
 - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Kaitlyn Smythe, Senator Maddie Jones, Senator Lauren Meltzer, Senator Sarkis Kalajyan, Senator Colton Simpson, Senator Terah Bryson, Senator Jack Switzer

1. Period of authorship.
 - a. The U of A has already expressed their commitment to allow students to vote.
 - b. An asynchronous class day would be a day that you can do at your own pace, allowing students to have more time to vote.
 - c. This also gives faculty and staff the opportunity to vote.
 - d. Question of if faculty has been reached out to.
 - i. Answer that he heard from two department heads and both answers were positive. If passed in senate it would move to the interim provost and vice provost.
 - e. Referred to academics committee.
- d. ASG Senate Resolution No. 2- A Resolution to Request that the Arkansas State Legislature Remove All References to the Confederate States of America on the Arkansas State Flag by Redefining the Confederate Star to the United States Star and that It Do So by Adopting Arkansas House Bill 1736
 - i. Author(s): Senator Sophie Hill, GPSC Research Council Chair Will Teague
 - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Colton Simpson
 1. Period of Authorship
 - a. The fourth star on the top of the Arkansas flag represents the confederacy.
 - b. This bill is asking to have the star at the top commemorate the United States as well as make a bottom star represent the Native Americans who lived on this land.
 - c. In March of 2019, Charles Blake proposed a bill to do what is outlined.
 - d. They are asking ASG to adopt this resolution just to show support for this resolution.
 - e. Question on why we are asking the athletics department to comment on this issue.
 - i. Answer that when Mississippi changed their flag this last summer, they were unable to do it until the athletic departments in Mississippi supported this change.
 - f. Question regarding why to entirely remove the mention of the confederacy, because the intent of having the stars is to symbolize who has ruled over Arkansas in the past and because the native Americans never ruled over Arkansas as a territory.

- i. Answer that the indigenous people who were here are the original stakeholders and having the name Arkansas on the flag doesn't represent that. The original flag didn't have four stars, just the three bottom ones. In 1923, the fourth star was added by someone who participated in the KKK.
- g. Question about if we are going off good moral character why we are not also removing Spain and France.
 - i. Answer that this original bill does not acknowledge that, but it is a legitimate point and they would like this to go much further, but they are trying to find compromise. Spain and France were also included on the original design of the flag.
- h. Point of Order: Opinions should be brought up in debate not in the form of questions.
- i. Question about what this is supporting, and would it be able to be brought back up when the legislation period starts again in January.
 - i. Answer that even if it isn't the same bill, it can be rewritten and portray the same idea. This original bill was bipartisan. It was an educational bill, not a political bill.
- j. Referred to campus life committee.

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment