



Senate Minutes
December 1st, 2020
Union Ballroom, 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

- a. Present: 45
- b. Absent: 1
- c. Proxy: 4

III. Approval of the Minutes

IV. Special Orders

- a. Reports (5 minutes each)
 - i. Special Reports
 - ii. Advisor, Mary Skinner
 - 1. Take care of yourself during the end of the semester.
 - 2. Have a great winter break!
 - iii. Graduate Assistants, Ian O'Rourke and Katie Mahar
 - 1. No report.
 - iv. President, Julia Nall
 - 1. State of the Students Address
 - v. Vice-President, Ben Cameron
 - 1. The MLK Vigil will be entirely virtual, but they are still going to make it special.
 - 2. Take care of yourself during finals.
 - vi. Treasurer, Jissel Esparza
 - 1. We have already had all 5 funding sessions this semester, but you can find recordings of the last two funding sessions on the OFA HogSync.
 - 2. We have allocated a little over \$10,000 this semester.
 - vii. Secretary, Emma Kate Dillon
 - 1. Don't forget to fill out the HogSync form if you need marketing.
 - 2. Fill out the link in the group me so they can get your bio on the website.
 - 3. There will be one more makeup for headshots if you haven't taken one.
 - 4. We are transitioning everything in the office to the new logo.
 - 5. If you have any ideas for social media giveaways for next semester, let Emma Kate know.
 - viii. Chief Justice, Adam Hagler

1. The General Election is approaching, and ASGJ has completed the timeline and is working on the finishing touches of the elections packet.
- ix. GPSC President, JD DiLoreto-Hill
1. Good luck on your finals.
 2. He is thankful for the collaboration between ASG and GPSC this year.
- x. Cabinet Reports
1. Chief of Staff, William Motazed
 - a. Thank you for a great semester.
 - b. Please submit your bios and headshots for the ASG website.
 - c. The meal donation drive is ongoing and has been extended until next Friday.
 - d. Coffee and cookies will be the Thursday before dead day around meal trade time by the fireplace in the union.
- xi. Membership Development Coordinator, Lexi Robertson
1. Next Tuesday is the end of semester ASG celebration. There will be food!
 2. Be on the lookout for a form to fill out superlatives for your ASG friends.
 3. If you have friends that are interested in ASG, send the AMP application to them because it is a rolling application.
- xii. Chair of the Senate, Caleb Parker
1. Thank you for a great semester.

V. Appointments, Nominations, and Elections

VI. Public Comment (3 at 2 minutes each)

VII. Old Business

- a. ASG Senate Resolution No. 7- A Resolution to Advocate for CAPS Information on Syllabi
 - i. Author(s): Senate Campus Life Committee and CAPS Ambassadors
President Ryan Harra
 - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Hunter Simmons
 1. Academics Committee Report – Senator Switzer
 - a. Recommended to pass as written.
 2. Period of Authorship
 - a. They have written out a clause that would be added to syllabi as a way to have more accessibility to CAPS resources.
 3. Period of Voting
 - a. Vote passes: 46 pass, 1 fail, 2 abstain

- b. ASG Senate Bill No. 5- A Bill to Expand Senator Outreach to Their Constituents
 - i. Author(s): Senator Mary Eichenberger, Senator Abigail Lindsey
 - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Lily Jones, Senator Terah Bryson, Senator Maddie Jones, Senator Will Lauritzen
 - 1. Internal Affairs Committee Report – Senator Davenport
 - a. Motion to amend line 33 to add “compiled by the caucus chair to be sent out.”
 - b. Motion passes.
 - 2. Period of Authorship
 - a. The email would have a survey and short bio of each senator in the college, and the goal is to get the students to complete the survey so we can use that information to see what issues students are concerned about.
 - b. Bumpers and Fulbright like the idea, and Nate Martinez said that the marketing team would help with formatting the emails.
 - 3. Period of Voting
 - a. Vote passes: 47 pass, 1 fail, 2 abstain

VIII. New 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. Period of Authorship
 - a. This would show that we are urging the UP director to decide on standard curriculum concerning diversity, inclusion, and equity and the equivalent classes in colleges that don’t have UP courses.
 - b. Referred to academics committee.
- b. ASG Senate Resolution No. 10- A Resolution to Support a Retroactive Withdrawal Policy
 - i. Author(s): Senate Academics Committee
 - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Kathleen Bridgforth
 - 1. Period of Authorship
 - a. The provost rejected the idea of pass fail because it would be unfair to students who have already dropped courses. This would be the next best thing for students.

- b. The University has not made any grade changing policies yet. The university of Tennessee has already enacted this, allowing students to apply to potentially receive a W on their transcript.
 - c. Students would be able to start to appeal on December 7th and it would end a week after finals. This would alleviate stress of students.
 - d. Question of how it wasn't unfair that we went to pass/fail last semester, but it is this semester.
 - e. Answer that the drop deadline had not passed last semester, but it has this semester.
 - f. Referred to campus life committee.
 2. Motion to Recess for Campus Life Committee Meeting
 3. Motion to suspend the rules to move this legislation to a second reading.
 - a. Motion carries.
 4. Campus Life Committee Report – Senator Jones
 - a. Recommended to pass as written.
 5. Period of Authorship
 - a. Pass/Fail is definitely not going to happen, so this is the next best thing we can recommend to faculty.
 - b. Question to clarify appealing process.
 - c. Answer that the supporting documentation for your appeal could be anything from a positive COVID test or previous email conversations you had with a professor.
 6. Period of Voting
 - a. Vote passes: 48 pass, 0 fail, 1 abstain

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment