

Senate Minutes March 30th, 2021 Union Ballroom, 6:30 PM

### I. Call to Order

#### II. Roll Call

a. Present: 40b. Absent: 9

c. Proxy: 1

## III. Approval of the Minutes

## IV. Special Orders

- a. Reports (5 minutes each)
  - i. Special Reports
  - ii. Advisor, Mary Skinner
    - 1. There is still time to write legislation and spend more of our budget. Keep working hard!
  - iii. Graduate Assistants, Ian O'Rourke and Katie Mahar
    - 1. No report.
  - iv. President, Julia Nall
    - 1. Vaccines are now open to everyone over the age of 16 in Arkansas. Please go get vaccinated.
    - 2. The statewide mandate was lifted today, but the city of Fayetteville and the University still have a mask mandate.
  - v. Vice-President, Ben Cameron
    - 1. No report.
  - vi. Treasurer, Jissel Esparza
    - 1. No report.
  - vii. Secretary, Emma Kate Dillon
    - 1. No report.
  - viii. Chief Justice, Adam Hagler
    - 1. Judicial applications open on Thursday at 9am on the OFA HogSync page. They will be open for a week. Stay tuned for a graphic with this information.
  - ix. GPSC President, JD DiLoreto-Hill
    - 1. He and Ben are working to finalize the awardees of Faculty of the Year.
  - x. Cabinet Reports
    - 1. Chief of Staff, William Motazedi
      - a. He began transition today with the new Chief of Staff, Nicole.

- b. If you are interested in Cabinet, please reach out to Will or Nicole. Please reach out to people and encourage them to apply for Cabinet.
- c. This is Safety Week. Tomorrow there is in person programming and Thursday is virtual. Please share the graphics.
- xi. Membership Development Coordinator, Lexi Robertson
  - 1. On April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm there will be an end of the year banquet celebrating our graduating seniors and award recipients. There are only 100 spots for the entire banquet.
  - 2. She is also planning another event at the end of April to celebrate the end of the school year.
- xii. Chair of the Senate, Caleb Parker
  - 1. After this meeting, we only have three meetings left. Reach out to Caleb with ideas or if you need any help.

# V. Appointments, Nominations, and Elections

- a. Senator of the Year Nominations
  - i. Senator Simpson (Senator Simmons)
  - ii. Senator Jones (Senator Simmons)
  - iii. Senator Bridgforth (Senator Switzer)
  - iv. Senator Davenport (Senator Harvat)
  - v. Senator Switzer (Senator Simpson)
  - vi. Senator Gies (Senator M. Jones)

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

#### VII. Old Business

#### VIII. New Business

- a. ASG Senate Bill No. 10- The Legislative Reform Act of 2021
  - i. Author(s): Chair of Senate Caleb Parker, Senator Kathleen Bridgforth, Senator Lily Jones, ASG President Julia Nall
  - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Jack Switzer, Senator Colton Simpson, Senator Hunter Simmons, Senator Caleb Swears, Senator Lana Dranow
    - 1. Period of Authorship
      - **a.** The remaining members of the committee that was established last year to tackle this issue have decided that not allowing senators who do not fulfill their legislation requirements to be re-elected is a practical way to increase legislation productivity.
      - **b.** Question about what happens if a senior doesn't fulfill their senator requirements but have fulfilled them in previous years.

- **c.** Answer that it would be up to the current executive team or senate ethics committee to decide if they get a cord.
- **d.** Question about what was proposed last year to solve this issue.
- **e.** Answer that it was proposed to change the requirement to every senator having to write one piece of legislation per semester instead of one per year, but there was nothing that would actually enforce this.
- 2. Referred to Internal Affairs Committee

#### IX. Announcements

- a. Pick up your shirt if you haven't yet.
- b. If you are a college chair, make sure you have turned your information into Nate Martinez.

# X. Adjournment