

Senate Minutes March 9th, 2021 Union Ballroom, 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

a. Present: 42b. Absent: 4c. Proxy: 4

III. Approval of the Minutes

IV. Special Orders

- a. Reports (5 minutes each)
 - i. Special Reports
 - ii. Advisor, Mary Skinner
 - 1. Nothing has changed with the University's COVID guidelines.
 - 2. If you ever need any help on who to reach out to for legislation, reach out to Mary. It's always good to reach out to the faculty that will be affected by legislation.
 - iii. Graduate Assistants, Ian O'Rourke and Katie Mahar
 - 1. No report.
 - iv. President, Julia Nall
 - 1. Faculty senate still hasn't made a decision on the ban of assignments over breaks, but the Provost has been very supportive.
 - 2. The Black Student Caucus is hosting a protest this weekend.
 - v. Vice-President, Ben Cameron
 - 1. Nominations for faculty of the year are now open. Please nominate outstanding faculty.
 - 2. If you are interested in being on the selection committee for faculty of the year, reach out to Ben.
 - vi. Treasurer, Jissel Esparza
 - 1. OFA is going to have a lot of leftover money when this semester ends. Talk to Jissel if you think you could fund something with leftover OFA money.
 - 2. Thank you to Sophie and Colton for help with the multilingual resources.
 - 3. There is a funding session tomorrow at 3pm. There will only be two left after this one.
 - 4. The last day to submit a budget this semester is March 25th.
 - vii. Secretary, Emma Kate Dillon

- 1. If you still need a shirt, reach out to Emma Kate.
- 2. ASG hoodies should be in soon. She will let you know when they are in.

viii. Chief Justice, Adam Hagler

- 1. We had a voter turnout of about 4,400.
- 2. Thank you for your help with election season.
- ix. GPSC President, JD DiLoreto-Hill
 - 1. The nominations honoring graduate student mentors will open tomorrow. Please spread the word about this!
- x. Cabinet Reports
 - 1. Chief of Staff, William Motazedi
 - a. There are three pieces of collaborative legislation tonight.
 - b. There are three cabinet meetings left. If you want to come watch, you are more than welcome to attend.
 - c. Chief of Staff applications will be out within the next week or so. If you are interested, talk to Will.
- xi. Membership Development Coordinator, Lexi Robertson
 - 1. There is an All Call next week about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- xii. Chair of the Senate, Caleb Parker
 - 1. After this meeting, we have six meetings left.
 - 2. The Ethics Committee will meet after Senate to verify the Chair of Senate elections results.

V. Appointments, Nominations, and Elections

- a. Chair of Senate Candidate Speeches and Election
 - i. Jack Switzer (Swears)
 - ii. Matthew Pollard (Apperson)
- b. Period of Voting.

VI. Public Comment (3 at 2 minutes each)

VII. Old Business

- a. ASG Senate Resolution No. 15 A Resolution to Implement GivePulse Training in First-Year Programs
 - i. Author(s): Senator Gabi Gies, Director of OSA Outreach Sani Tripathi, Deputy Director of Athletics Zach Clonch
 - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Jack Switzer, Senator Grace Wood, Senator Sarah Dallas, Senator Mary Eichenberger, Senator Lana Dranow
 - 1. Academics Committee Report Senator Switzer
 - a. Recommended to pass as written.
 - 2. Period of Authorship
 - a. This would implement GivePulse Training into first year programs.

- 3. Period of Voting
 - a. Vote Carries: 41 Pass, 3 Fail, 2 Abstain

VIII. New Business

- a. ASG Senate Resolution No. 16- A Resolution to Support the Moving of Fall Break for The Fall 2021 Semester
 - i. Author(s): ASG Vice-President Ben Cameron, Senator Agustin Reichhardt, Senator Will Lauritzen, Director of Athletics Amy Truitt, Freshman Leadership Forum Member Nabiha Khetani
 - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Carson Doss, Senator Lana Dranow
 - 1. Period of Authorship
 - a. Currently Fall Break is the Monday and Tuesday after the proposed Homecoming date. Typically, engagement with homecoming events will drop significantly if it is scheduled during Fall Break.
 - b. They would like to move Fall Break back a week to October 25-26. This would also provide the opportunity for students to attend the War Memorial game on October 23rd.
 - c. Question of if it is easier to move fall break than it would be to move Homecoming.
 - d. Answer that Homecoming has to occur during the month of October, and the date it is scheduled is the latest date in October when the Razorbacks play in Fayetteville.
 - 2. Referred to Academics Committee.
 - 3. Moved to second reading.
 - 4. Academics Committee Report Senator Switzer
 - a. Recommended to pass as written.
 - 5. Period of Authorship
 - a. The reason they wanted to push this through is so they can give faculty and the calendar committee as much notice as possible.
 - 6. Period of Voting
 - a. Vote Carries: 43 Pass, o Fail, 3 Abstain
- b. ASG Senate Resolution No. 17- A Resolution to Support the Re-Opening of Professional Photo Sessions by the Career Development Center
 - i. Author(s): Gerson Fajardo AMP, Senator Mary Eichenberger
 - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Abigail Lindsey, Senator Grant Smith, Senator Maddie Jones, Senator Holland Harvat, Senator Gabi Gies
 - 1. Period of Authorship
 - a. The career development center closed photo sessions to students about a year ago due to COVID.

- b. Now is a good time to reopen this service to allow students to get professional photos. Many students need professional photos to pursue internships and jobs.
- 2. Referred to the Campus Life Committee.
- c. ASG Senate Resolution No. 18- A Resolution to Implement Gender Inclusive Housing
 - i. Author(s): Senator Hope Davenport, Lavender Society President Toby Klein, Deputy Director of Diversity and Inclusion Alex Alvarez, Director of Residential Outreach Kirstin Ryan
 - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Colton Simpson
 - 1. Period of Authorship
 - a. Last month, RIC passed an identical version of this resolution to provide gender inclusive housing to incoming students.
 - b. Admin and housing are trying to gage student support. Passing this would show senate's support on behalf of the students we represent.
 - c. This would make sure that everyone has a safe space to call home here. It would create an option for students to opt in to gender inclusive housing. It could potentially just be a certain floor of a dorm.
 - d. Question of if this would affect peoples' roommates or the floor they are living on.
 - e. Answer that it would affect the individual's roommate, but that would be up to housing to decide. It is simply giving students the option to opt in to gender inclusive housing.
 - f. Question of if this would be an option on the housing contract.
 - g. Answer that it most likely would be on the housing contract.
 - h. Question of if this would be available in all dorms or just specific ones.
 - i. Answer that this would be up to housing to decide. The language of what it will actually look like has not been drafted yet. This is just to show student support.
 - 2. Referred to Campus Life Committee.
 - iii. Motion to extend the rules to allow the Academics Committee to meet.
 - 1. Motion passed.

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment