



Senate Minutes  
April 13th, 2021  
Union Ballroom, 6:30 PM

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

- a. Present: 39
- b. Absent: 11
- c. Proxy: 0

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

**IV. Special Orders**

- a. Reports (5 minutes each)
  - i. Special Reports
  - ii. Advisor, Mary Skinner
    - 1. Headliners released the line up for a virtual Springtime of Youth on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
    - 2. UP is also putting on a spring carnival next week.
  - iii. Graduate Assistants, Ian O'Rourke and Katie Mahar
    - 1. No report.
  - iv. President, Julia Nall
    - 1. PAB met last night and allocated next years' student activity fee.
    - 2. There is an event on the 19<sup>th</sup> for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
  - 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. No report.
  - ix. GPSC President, JD DiLoreto-Hill
    - 1. They are currently in the process of electing the next GPSC president.
  - x. Cabinet Reports
    - 1. Chief of Staff, William Motazedi
      - a. Next Monday from 11-2 in the Union there will be tabling to promote Sexual Assault Awareness month. That night there will be an event with a panel.
      - b. If you need any help with Cabinet prep, reach out to Will.

- xi. Membership Development Coordinator, Lexi Robertson
  - 1. FLF and AMP staff applications are open until Friday at noon. You can apply even if you haven't been in the programs in the past.
  - 2. Lexi is here for you as a resource during application season. Reach out to her if you want help!
- xii. Chair of the Senate, Caleb Parker
  - 1. Senate picks a UAPD officer of the year each year. Caleb will be sending out a form for making nominations over the next week.
  - 2. We will also be doing superlatives within Senate, and they will be announced next week!
  - 3. Jack Switzer was awarded Senator of the Year, Caleb Swears was awarded Outstanding Senator, the Academics Committee won policy of the year for Retroactive withdrawal, and Harrison Davis won initiative of the year for asynchronous class on election day.

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

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

**VII. Old Business**

**VIII. New Business**

- a. ASG Senate Resolution No. 19- A Resolution of Support for the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community Impacted by Heightened Hate Crimes During the Covid-19 Pandemic and Recent Mass Shooting
  - i. Author(s): Senator Hope Davenport, Deputy Director of Diversity and Inclusion Alex Alvarez
  - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Colton Simpson
    - 1. Period of Authorship
      - a. This is almost identical to the resolution GPSC passed. This is standing in solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community. This would show Senate taking a definitive stance on where we stand.
    - 2. Referred to Campus Life Committee.
- b. ASG Senate Resolution No. 20- A Resolution in Support of Transgender Students and Transgender Healthcare and in Opposition to HB1570 and Other Transphobic Legislation
  - i. Author(s): Senator Hope Davenport, Deputy Director of Diversity and Inclusion Alex Alvarez
  - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Colton Simpson
    - 1. Period of Authorship

- a. This is almost identical to the resolution GPSC passed. This would show that we stand with Transgender students and support their right to healthcare.
    - 2. Referred to Campus Life Committee.
  - c. ASG Senate Bill No. 11- A Funding Bill to Provide Solar Lighting to Campus Bus Shelters
    - i. Author(s): Senator Terah Bryson, Senator Kaitlyn Smythe
    - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Maddie Jones, Senator Sophie Hill, Senator Will Plunkett, Senator Triston Apperson
      - 1. Period of Authorship
        - a. Many bus shelters around campus do not have much lighting. Since buses run until 10 p.m., the shelters often get very dark.
        - b. The city of Fayetteville has already put lighting in 3 that the city of Fayetteville also uses.
        - c. Parking and Transit has wanted to do this for a while, but has not been able to find the funding.
      - 2. Referred to Allocations Committee.
- d. ASG Senate Resolution No. 21- A Resolution to Remove Racist Affiliated Legacies at the University of Arkansas on School Property
  - i. Author(s): Senator Sophie Hill, Senator Jack Switzer
  - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Gabi Gies, Senator Maddie Jones, Senator Matthew Pollard, Senator Colton Simpson, Senator Hope Davenport, Senator Max Sutton, Senator Hunter Simmons, Senator Kaitlyn Smythe, Senator Triston Apperson, Senator Terah Bryson
    - 1. Period of Authorship
      - a. This resolution is asking to have the Fulbright statue removed from campus, and the new location can be decided by the Board of Trustees. It is also asking to change the name of the Fulbright College of Arts & Sciences to a name decided by the Board of Trustees. Finally, it asks to change the name of Brough Dining Hall to Willie A. Branton Senior Commons.
      - b. Question of if the Fulbright committee is still meeting.
      - c. Answer of yes.
      - d. Question of why it asks to change the name of Fulbright dining hall since it is not named after William J Fulbright.
      - e. Answer that this was a mistake and they will amend that.
    - 2. Referred to Infrastructure Committee.

- e. ASG Senate Resolution No. 22- A Resolution to Support Requiring the COVID-19 Vaccine for the Fall 2021 Semester
  - i. Author(s): Senator Sophia Gomez
  - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Harrison Davis
    - 1. Period of Authorship
      - a. The Board of Trustees plans on having a 100% capacity return to campus in the fall. For the safest return to campus, she believes everyone should be required to receive one form of the COVID vaccine.
      - b. Question of who you are sending the resolution to.
      - c. Answer of the project program director at Pat Walker, the Office of the Provost, and the Vice Chancellor.
      - d. Question of if you feel like it is okay to move forward with this after the recent recall of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.
      - e. Answer that there are still two other vaccines available and the recall of one shouldn't stop people from getting vaccinated.
      - f. Question of how this will affect people who can't get vaccines for health reasons.
      - g. Answer that this would be talked about later on down the line.
      - h. Question of if any other universities have done this already.
      - i. Answer that there are already 8 universities doing this (6 private and 2 public).
      - j. Question of what would happen to a student living in a dorm that refused to get the vaccine.
      - k. Answer that if it were university policy, you would be required to get it to continue attending the university.
    - 2. Referred to the Academics Committee.
- f. ASG Senate Resolution No. 23- A Resolution to Immediately Put Title IX Filers in Contact with U of A Cares and to Allow for Two-Week Academic Deadline Extensions
  - i. Author(s): Senator Sophie Hill
  - ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Colton Simpson, Senator Jack Switzer
    - 1. Period of Authorship
      - a. This would have the Title IX office put filers in contact with U of A cares and explain to them the accommodations they can receive. This would also have U of A Cares create a specific accommodation that would

allow students who file a report to have a two-week academic deadline extension. This does not include group projects or tests which would be left up to the professor.

2. Referred to Academics Committee.

g. ASG Senate Resolution No. 24 – A Resolution to Encourage the Elimination of Union Technology Charges for Registered Student Organizations

i. Author(s): Senate Pro Tempore Colton Simpson, Chief of Staff William Motazed

ii. Sponsor(s): Senator Hope Davenport, Senator Sophie Hill, Senator Max Sutton, Senator Lana Dranow, Senator Holland Harvat, Senator Emily Heidemann, Senator Cael Losenegger, Senator Jack Switzer

1. Period of Authorship

a. Many RSOs that don't charge membership fees may have more trouble utilizing the Union and its technology. This would make it where they couldn't have a meeting where members of the club could utilize zoom.

b. We shouldn't be putting a burden on our student groups by making them pay to use this technology. This will be sent to the Director of the Union and the incoming ASG Executive team. Even if it isn't possible to eliminate the fees, we would like to encourage them to reduce them.

c. Question of why the union charges students right now – is it for profit or to keep the union running?

d. Answer of they don't know what the financials are, but that a lot of things that students utilize in the union are actually free.

2. Referred to Campus Life Committee.

3. Motion to move to a second reading.

4. Campus Life Committee Report – Senator Gregg

a. Recommended to pass as written.

5. Period of Authorship

a. Yield their time to the chair.

6. Period of Voting

a. Motion to vote by acclamation.

b. Vote carries.

**IX. Announcements**

**X. Adjournment**