



Senate Minutes  
November 8th, 2022  
Grad Ed Auditorium, 6:30 PM

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

- a. 39 Present
- b. 4 Proxies
- c. 7 Absent

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

**IV. Special Orders**

- a. Reports (5 minutes each)
  - i. Special Reports
    - 1. Director of Transit and Parking, Gary Smith (20 minutes)
      - a. Razorback Transit (Federally Funded): 17 buses Mon-Sat in academic year and 7 buses Mon-Sat in summer
      - b. Complementary Paratransit Service: within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of regular route and buses are ramp and lift accessible
      - c. Safe Ride: Takes you back to your residence
      - d. Research and Technology Park shuttle
      - e. Articulated Bus: Can transport about 120 people, looking at the possibility of buying more of them for bigger routes
      - f. 36 bus driver positions, 20 are currently vacant
      - g. Parking and Transit receive no money from the University and a garage can cost up to \$28,000-\$30,000 per space
      - h. Looking to move to e-citations
      - i. Looking at how they can better inform students including emails, text messages, linked outlook calendars, and a virtual student orientation just on transit and parking
      - j. Payment plans were tried but 75-80% of students never followed through, which led to Parking and Transit having to turn accounts over to a collection agency
    - ii. Advisor, JD DiLoreto-Hill
    - iii. Graduate Assistants, Camille Gilmore
    - iv. President, Lauren Loften
      - 1. Take the Student Poll and share it
    - v. Vice-President, Tyler Merreighn
    - vi. Treasurer, Grady Schmidt
      - 1. Funding Session Friday 1-2

- 2. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> OFA standing rules meeting
- vii. Secretary, Kara Grace Mirando
  - 1. Big pushes for all other events and campaigns (Press the Button, Student Poll, Meal Swipe Donation Drive, etc.)
- viii. Chief Justice, Anna Roach
- ix. GPSC President, Dana McGee
- x. Cabinet Reports
  - 1. Chief of Staff, Mackenzie Mollner
    - a. Meal Swipe Donation Drive: Can donate unused meal swipes to those in need
    - b. Sign up for Come As You Are Internship Fair
    - c. Reach out to people in Cabinet when writing bills that relate to their positions
- xi. Membership Development Coordinator, Alex Alvarez
  - 1. All-Call next Tuesday at 5:30 (will be food!) about RAG
  - 2. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party
- xii. Chair of the Senate, Gabi Gies
  - 1. Senator of the Month: Mary Eichenberger
  - 2. Donate to food can drive
  - 3. November Research Committee will table next week
  - 4. Only 3 Senate meetings left
  - 5. Get headshot done at 4:30 tomorrow at Old Main if you haven't
  - 6. Full funding for large scantron purchase and some research tabling items
  - 7. Set up an appointment with Gabi if you're thinking of running for Chair of Senate

**V. Committee Activity**

- a. CAPS: 8-week maximum, staff seems overloaded,
- b. Lighting on campus: Specifically on Old Main lawn

**VI. Appointments, Nominations, and Elections**

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

**VIII. Old Business**

**IX. New Business**

- a. ASG Senate Bill 5– A Bill Establishing a Line of Succession for the Chair of Senate
  - i. Authors: Internal Affairs Chair Logan Martin, Allocations Chair Beau Stuckey
  - ii. Sponsors: Chair of Senate Gabrielle Gies, Senator Abigail Lindsey, Senator Cade Cantrell, Senator Stephanie Escobar, Senator Jenna Thomas, Senator Cade Smiley, Senator Mary Eichenberger
- b. Authorship report:

- i. Creates a line of succession in the case of the permanent vacancy of the Chair of Senate
- ii. Any office that is vacated to become Chair of Senate will be filled via special election
- iii. Currently, an opening would be filled via special election
- iv. Referred to Academics Committee
  1. Question Grace Wood – what if the Pro Temp is not qualified as Chair/not Senate’s preferred candidate?
    - a. Logan – elect a qualified pro temp
  2. Question Paavan – would you be open to removing the clause about graduating early and study abroad, because those are preplanned obligations and Chair should be a year-long position?
    - a. Logan – emphasized financial uncertainty and said would be open to amending

**X. Announcements**

- a. Email Gabi to work on a bill regarding test grades
- b. Parly Pro simple guide coming soon

**XI. Adjournment**