



Senate Agenda  
February 21st, 2023  
Grad Ed Auditorium, 6:30 PM

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

- a. 39 Present
- b. 9 Absent
- c. 2 Proxies

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

**IV. Special Orders**

- a. Reports (5 minutes each)
  - i. Special Reports
    - 1. Becky Todd, Director of University Recreation (25 minutes)
      - a. Sports injury clinic: rehab and physical therapy can be done at no cost to students
      - b. Breakdown of revenue and expenses (wellness center revenue not included so total budget is higher than in the handout)
      - c. Progress in 2022: awarded outdoor industries grant, opened UREC tennis center, acquired uark wellness, and opened Tsa La Gi bike park.
      - d. About to launch a lounge for UARK wellness; a place to do homework, work on group projects, or just relax (should open before spring break in Pat Walker)
      - e. UREC users are 1.9x more likely to retain to year two and have higher fall, spring, and cumulative GPA's
      - f. Goals in progress: right sizing spaces within UREC facilities (multipurpose fitness room), wayfinding to and within UREC facilities (wayfinding signs)
      - g. Academic spaces in the UREC would be left untouched during a renovation
      - h. Renovation was planned for 2020ish but funding reallocated with COVID-19 needs
    - ii. Advisor, JD DiLoreto-Hill
      - 1. Girl scout cookies
    - iii. Graduate Assistants, Camille Gilmore and Abby Patty
    - iv. President, Lauren Loften
      - 1. Student poll becoming an official study

2. If you want to see student poll data, Lauren will show it to you anytime, but it cannot be shared publicly for legal reasons
3. She is working on possibly getting a summary put on the website
- v. Vice President, Tyler Merreighn
- vi. Treasurer, Grady Schmidt
  1. Funding session Thursday at 3
- vii. Secretary, Kara Grace Mirando
  1. Continue sharing graphics
- viii. Chief Justice, Anna Roach
  1. You should be hearing about Senate if you're running for reelection
- ix. GPSC President, Dana McGee
- x. Cabinet Reports
  1. Chief of Staff, Mackenzie Mollner
    - a. Blood drive next week for national blood crisis
      - i. It's so important that this is successful because it's going to become an annual blood drive
      - ii. Text gary with any questions
- xi. Membership Development Coordinator, Alex Alvarez
- xii. Chair of the Senate, Gabi Gies
  1. Office of sustainability is coming next week
  2. Research committee stuff in teams
  3. Nominations for chair of senate this week and next
  4. Chair elections March 7<sup>th</sup>
  5. Student Poll presentation March 14<sup>th</sup>

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

- a. Nominations for Chair of Senate
  - i. Bryson Austin (Beau Stuckey)
  - ii. Jackson Terrell (Natalie Collins)
  - iii. Stephanie Escobar (Jenna Thomas)

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

**VII. Old Business**

- a. ASG Senate Bill 8 – The Senate Research Committee Reform Act of 2023
  - i. Authors: Parliamentarian Jackson Terrell, Senator TJ Collins
  - ii. Sponsors: Senator Natalie Collins, Senator Mary Eichenberger, Senator Brandon Gibbins, Senator Alex Kennington, Senator Logan Martin, Senator Ky Mengler, Senator James Morningstar
    1. Internal Affairs Committee Report – Chair Logan Martin
      - a. Recommended to pass as written
    2. Authorship Report:
      - a. Recommended to pass as written

3. Period of Voting:

a. 36 pass, 0 fail, 3 abstain

**VIII. New Business**

a. ASG Senate Bill 9 – A Bill to Establish a University Recreation Facility Fee Referendum

i. Authors: Campus Life Chair Cade Cantrell, Senator Bryson Austin

ii. Sponsor: Senator Beau Stucky

1. Authorship Report:

a. Works to campaign for a renovation of the UREC with limited cost to students

b. Referred to campus life and internal affairs committees

**IX. Announcements**

**X. Adjournment**