

Senate Minutes 10-15

President's Report:

The executive board met yesterday to go over the survey results from the counseling services survey.

- There were 25 responses, most of which were negative.
- 14 responses named Cate Perry directly, 13 were negative.
- 18 total mentioned Cate Perry negatively
- General patterns were inadequate resources, religious slants, dismissive and sometimes critical over serious student concerns, students felt worse after receiving counseling services, some advice that was given in counseling sessions were counterproductive. Students that haven't seen our counselors are aware of their negative reputation and won't seek counseling here. Another serious accusation made was that a counselor breached confidentiality.

Vice President's Report:

It is recommended that senators sign up to join committees.

Secretary's Report:

Join the Historian Committee.

SAB Report:

It is recommended that students attend SAB Movie Night and bring a blanket and wear a mask.

Senate Resolution 10082020: Author Brown

Brown: Last week, the body decided to take a survey over the week. There are three general ideas expressed within the survey, the first being that this is a good piece of legislation, the second being that there are better uses of our money, the third being outright objection. Most of the responses were positive.

Peebles: Does the chair have data to share with the body?

Brooks: 66% were in favor of the resolution, 34% opposed.

Melendez: (to the chair) Is there a way to share the screen to visually show the results?

Brooks: shared it to the Zoom call

Peebles: Since a majority of respondents favor, it is good to pass the resolution.

Alexander: Would we be paying for the changing of the restroom signage?

Brown: No.

Malendez: Is there a label that the author would prefer?

Brown: would prefer "Restroom" as opposed to any alternative.

Alexander: Would the university have to pay for the signage change?

Melendez: (to the body) believes that we should keep the label at "Restroom."

Alexander: (to the body) The resolution is a recommendation to the university and would not pull from our own SGA funds. This is a good resolution and should be passed.

Peebles: (to the body) please speak up about any objections to the resolution so that they may be heard.

(extension to questioning period by 3 minutes)

Alexander: Is it in the author's opinion that we should table this resolution for another week to gauge more student opinion?

Brown: We have enough information to discuss this resolution in an informed way and it would be best to vote on it as soon as possible.

Unsell: (to the body) We have enough information to vote today.

Melendez: (to the body) We should vote on this given the amount of responses.

(Questions extended by 2 minutes)

O'zee: (to the body) We have enough information to vote on the resolution and the discussion should now be centered around how to label the restrooms.

Peebles: (to the body) "Restroom" would be best since it removes any notion of gender at all.

Vote on the Resolution by voice:

Resolution passes by unanimous consent.

Senate Bill 10092020:

Brooks: This bill allows us to pay for our OSGA dues. OSGA is a diverse body of students from all universities and is a good organization for our SGA chapter to contribute to.

Brown: Would membership allow us to attend events that OSGA hosts?

Brooks: Yes.

Peebles: What kinds of events are hosted?

Brooks: They have legislative meetings that we attend.

Peebles: Is the fall session online?

Brooks: Yes

Alexander: (on information) is the OSGA Treasurer and it is required to pay in order to be active in OSGA.

Peebles: (to the body) OSGA is basically like our SGA but statewide and it is important that we go to build partnerships with other chapters.

Melendez: (to the body) It is a great opportunity to make change statewide.

O'zee: (to the body) OSGA is a good place to solidify Robert's Rules knowledge.

Vote on Bill by show of hands:

Bill passes by unanimous consent