

Senate Minutes
SGA – November 18th, 2021

Call to Order

Meeting started at 11:05 AM

Approval of Minutes

Fuston motions. Ozee seconds.

Attendance

President O'zee: Present

Vice President Humphrey: Present

Treasurer Fuston: Present

Secretary Brown: Present

Parliamentarian Hixon: Present

Freshman Ward –

Mariah Carnegie: Present

Hailey Sloan: Absent

Sophomore Ward –

Chandler Leamon-Webb: Present

Isabellah Willoughby: Present/Absent

Junior Ward –

Daniel Buster: Present

Kaylee Ragon: Present

Senior Ward –

Ryleigh McDonald: Present

Jamilyn Alexander: Present

Arts & Humanities Ward –

Mike Hixon: Present

Business & Social Science Ward –

Aliyah Payne – Present

Education & Speech Pathology Ward –

Kati Robbins - Present

Cassidy Sturgeon - Present

Science & Physical Education Ward –

Adelina Flores: Present

Off-Campus/Commuter Ward –

Jacob Lumpkin: Present

Advisors –

Advisor Shores: Present

Advisor Bertrand: Absent

Advisor Fuston: Present

Reports

President's – An open letter was sent yesterday by the Executive board to Gov Stitt asking for clemency for Julius Jones. If Julius Jones is executed today, another letter will be drafted asking Stitt to resign.

VP – Nothing to report.

Treasurer's – Current funds.

Advisor's – Nothing to report.

Secretary's – Nothing to report.

Parliamentarian – Has a report.

SAB – Nothing to report.

Main Motions

New Business

A. Swearing In of Senators

- i. Vote: Unanimously passes

B. Senate Resolution #11182021-1 Funding Resolution

- a. Ozee: Not much funds were added to the SGA funds this semester due to low activity planning.
- b. Leamon-Webb: Several clubs need funding to support campus activities. So, funds should be increased to \$5,000 for the Fall-Spring academic year.

- c. Ozee: These funds will also be used for generally helping students and supporting other activities. There will be \$2,500 to be added to the Spring account and then \$5,000 starting next Fall.
- d. Q Alexander: How much did the budget start with at the beginning of the semester?
- e. A Ozee: \$2,500 for both General and Executive accounts.
- f. Q Alexander: Has there been discussion on this topic with Mike Coponiti?
- g. A Treasurer Fuston: No.
- h. Q Treasurer Fuston: Is there a precedent for this?
- i. A Ozee: No.
- j. A Leamon-Webb: Pandemic-caused impediments to student activities have lowered student participation and this would allow for more activities to be planned.
- k. Q Alexander: There is a need for a larger budget as the SGA is taking a more active role in campus involvement and that discussion needs to be had with the Business office and SAB.
- l. A Leamon-Webb: There is a student government fee and student activity fee and this amount is larger than the funds that SGA are allocated. Discussion should occur also.
 - i. Vote on Resolution by hands: Y: 15 N:0 A:0

C. Senate Resolution

Brown: The resolution simply asks for more accessible desks to be added to classrooms to accommodate for students with wheelchairs or handicaps. Presently, there aren't enough handicap desks (points to meeting room as an example). Resolution asks that 14% of desks in classrooms be handicap accessible per recommendations by the CDC.

C Fuston: Legislation is a good idea

C Ragon: current handicap desk in room is new, legislation is necessary.

Q Payne: Is there a good way to prevent able-bodied students from sitting in existing handicap desks?

C Leamon-Webb: One way to solve the issue is to place handicap stickers on desks.

C Alexander: Started the semester in crutches and used a knee scooter and believes that adding more accessible desks would be a good idea

Q Ragon: is there any mention of left-handed desks in the resolution?

A Brown: Not specifically but a lot of the desks are handedness-neutral

Open Discussion & Announcements

- Concert band and Women's soccer game tonight.
- Leamon-Webb tossed a pickle ball racquet at Parliamentarian Hixon's wrist out of brief loss of composure.

- MinervaFest and kickball team status is currently uncertain. Senior Day tours at 1:30PM will interfere with kickball. Leamon-Webb will talk to Robert about rescheduling the kickball.
- Minerva to MinervaFest is Jesus Christ to Christmas.
- MinervaFest seems...uncoordinated...but Leamon-Webb stresses that people attend!

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 AM