

November 15, 2021, | 7:30p.m.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

VIA TEAMS

MEETING MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS

Speaker Cannon Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

SOLO Applications were brought forth by Treasurer Savannah Griffin.

Application 1: TTU Gymnastics

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 2: TTU Gymnastics

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 3: Women in Cybersecurity

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

University Standing Committee Reports

Secretary of State, Lelle reported on the Center Stage committee, stating the committee had plans to host more world culture and fine art events. The committee is also overseeing the implementation of new by-laws as the committee is absorbed by the College of Fine Arts.

Senator Hall reported from the College of Engineering Academic Misconduct Committee on recent allegations.

There was no Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

Confirmation of Senate Appointees.

Alise Clark – Senator, College of Education

Sara Marrero – Senator, Graduate Studies

Lindsey Taylor – Senator, Interdisciplinary Studies

Jessica Grossman – Senator, Interdisciplinary Studies

Diana Popa – Senator, Freshman Senate

Marc Hardin – Senator, Freshman Senate

Hunter Storey, Senator, ROTC

A motion was made to accept the nominations for Senate appointment.

Confirmation of Executive Cabinet Appointees

Addison Dorris, Chief of Staff

Kayla Sorenson, Secretary of External Affairs

A motion was made to accept the nominations for Executive Cabinet appointment

Confirmation of Supreme Court Appointee:

Kaden Tackett, Associate Chief Justice

A motion was made to accept the nominations for Supreme Court appointment.

Chief Justice, Ryan Griffeth performed the Oath of Office.

The Senate hosted an open discussion lead by President Lay.

A time capsule from the Centennial celebration of Tennessee Tech is being moved from Sherlock Park. Various ideas were brought up from the Senate on a new placement of the time capsule. The Senate was asked to rank the following locations; Centennial Plaza, Backyard of the UC, Main Quad, Front lawn of the LSC, and the Sign located in front of the new Fitness Center.

The Senate also discussed the University's response to COVID-19 during the Spring semester as case counts are changing. The following concerns were raised and President Lay plans to address these concerns with upper administration:

- Professors refusing to record lectures for students who have tested Positive.
- Professors expecting students to obtain class lecture notes and assignments from fellow classmates for their excused amount of time.
- Health Services is not open on the weekends for students.
- Concerns about the guidance professors received from upper administration on how to address COVID concerns.
- Residential Life and other services on campus are given various information.
- Lack of advice for students on where to receive tests on or off campus.
- Misinformation about vaccines at Health Services

- Professors asking for test results as a violation of student privacy
- Lack of social distancing on campus in the event a student wanted to take those precautions
- Lack of guidance in situations of close contact or exposure

EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS

Secretary of Internal Affairs -

Secretary of External Affairs - Introduction of herself and welcoming the Senate.

Chief of Staff – Introduction and information about Eagle Points coming up.

Secretary of Environmental Affairs -

Executive Judicial Liaison - Invitation to join the Constitutional Reform committee.

Executive Legislative Liaison – Reported to the Senate on the position of Legislative Liaison and offered any new bill ideas.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

Secretary – Welcome back! Agenda items will be accepted until Friday at 11:59 before the meeting. The status of the meeting is virtual, or in-person will be determined and sent to the Senate on a weekly basis.

Treasurer – Welcomed students back to SGA. Upcoming student organization changes and promised to update the Senate as more information is available.

Vice President – Welcomed back to SGA.

President – Reminder of 606 Committee meeting upcoming and asked for attendance. Requested Senators notify him if you are unable to meet your committee assignments. Composite photos will be rescheduled for new SGA members.

Meeting was Adjourned by Speaker Cannon Johnson at 9:12 p.m.