

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

TEAMS

MEETING MINUTES

Voting Members Present			
Sahara Abumariam	Benjamin Ask	Samantha Bugter	Aisha Bukhari
Caleb Cashion	Alisa Clark	Alannah Davis	Cesar Espinosa
Zenayda Garcia	Jessican Grossman	Brynn Hagar	Katie Hall
Tyce Henderson	Logan Hester	Callie Johnson	Robert Lee
Amber Lovell	Katherine Malone	Sara Marrero	Jessica Massey
Josh Maupin	Hannah McAllister	Ally Perry	Macey Pickle
Diana Popa	JD Rankin	Melody Roth	Aaron Stewart
Hunter Storey	Lindsey Taylor	McKinley Thomas	Elijah Tidwell
Maggie Tweel	Austin Wattenbarger	Lauren Wegner	Megan Wharton
Catherine White	Maelybeth Young		
Voting Members Absent			
Marc Hardin	Mark Stubblefield		
Executive Cabinet Members Present			
Mariam Abbas	Dawson Davidson	Claire Myers	Jackson Lelle
Braxton Westbrook	Kayla Sorenson	Jacob Cherry	Addison Dorris

SUMMARY

- i. Approval of Chi Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity SOLO Application
- ii. Approval of Tennessee Tech Esports Club SOLO Application
- iii. Approval of a joint SOLO application from Interfraternity Council and National Panhellenic.

PROCEEDINGS

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

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

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from January 24, 2022. The motion was seconded and approved.

SOLO Applications were brought forth by Treasurer Savannah Griffin.

Application 1: Tennessee Tech Esports Club

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 2: National Greek Life and

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 3: Chi Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

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University Standing Committee Reports

President Lay reported on Administrative Council stated the committee reviewed revised policies and the committee was updated on the policies approved out of cycle.

Senator Roth reported on Chapter 606 committee stating several student applications were approved including the IEE application which was tabled last meeting. The committee reviewed a research application, ASCE, BAHA and others which were approved.

Amber Lovell reported on the Commission on the Status of Women. Lovell updated the Senate on the practices of the committee with additional information on Women's Center. Upcoming events are posted on the website at <https://www.tntech.edu/women/>. The committee has several subcommittees working on faculty policies regarding students and faculty's chosen name. The committee is reviewing the sick leave bank policy to see how improvements can be made. The Safety subcommittee does a safety walk to make sure everywhere is well lit and safe for campus.

Secretary Abbas reported on the Building and Grounds Committee. Several updates on construction projects that are happening on campus. The four-way stop sign panels on the LSC need to be improved. Landscaping voiced plans for landscaping around BFA and Maddux, McCord, Walton Park, and Bell Hall. The committee stated President Oldham wants new yard games on the west side of the backyard, including ping pong, corn hole. The new Engineering building started late. Due to this, the trees are gone, but going to use for furniture for the new building and alumni gifts. The renovation to the top of Derryberry has been experiencing several delays but should be finished soon. Henderson Hall has been flooding on the first floor due to the pipes on Centennial Plaza. Johnson hall had a pipe burst causing the humidity and heat in the building and the committee believes it has been restored. They are adding safety around hall. The state provided recommendations on improved safety. The state is putting money aside for Tennessee Tech and they hope to receive it in July. The fence is blocking the engineering and is a safety hazard due to the lack of sidewalk.

There was no unfinished business.

SGA Committee's met and will report at the next meeting.

Executive Cabinet Reports

Internal Affairs – Reminder to submit your committee minutes from today. Within the TEAMS, there is a link to a google doc where you can submit them. If you have trouble, email Secretary Abbas.

External Affairs – Tabling will begin this week and information has been posted in the chat. The spreadsheet was changed over to this semester, so please sign up for tabling this semester. When you are tabling, please look respectable and wear Tech attire if you can. If you will not be able to attend your tabling time, please let someone know. Tabling is planned to be revamped this semester, if you have any ideas or input, please mail Secretary Sorenson.

Public Relations Director – For new members, please follow SGA on Instagram!! If you are at an event that is related to SGA or an event you think should be on the SGA Instagram. Please, send it to me or post it on your own social and tag SGA.

Secretary of State – There are state and local elections coming up, so if you are interested in registering to vote here or in your hometown, please do so. If you have questions, please reach out to Secretary Lelle. April 4th is the last day to register to vote. We are planning on having some guest speakers come speak to SGA, if you have any recommendations, please reach out to Secretary Lelle. SGA is also planning a Day on the Hill for members of SGA, so more information to come.

Executive Legislative Advisor – Upcoming availability forms for senators to fill out. This is for a meeting with the Dean of your college. At the meeting you will discuss students interests and what you can do as a senator.

Chief of Staff – Eagle Points are a way for you to stay motivated and engaged as a member of SGA. Anything you do that is SGA related, you can receive points for. These points add up for different rewards. There is a PDF in the team to explain everything and a form for you to fill out when you do something. There are parts of the form requesting proof, that is not a necessary step only suggested. If you have any ideas about the Eagle Points system, then please fill out the survey sent on Jan. 31.

Secretary of Environmental Affairs – The Office of Sustainability has a Wings Upcycle, which is a free thrift store for students. The hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from Noon to 3. SGA has the opportunity for two clean ups this semester, one on campus in February and one possible off campus on April 4th for Earth Day.

Executive Judicial Liaison – Recently elected for the Exec of TISL. TISL gets together each November for a Mock legislature. At a recent retreat, the Executive Council went over deficiencies in the previous TISL conferences. The control panel is going to be revamped for a better experience. Many changes with the bill process, rules, AMC3, and late bills.

Executive Council Reports

Secretary – Reach out to sgasecretary@tnitech.edu in the event you will be absent or need to leave early. A notice will be given via email to you all if we are going to be virtual again

Treasurer – The SOLO committee has been discussing new bill ideas, so hopefully you will see some of those bills come through soon. Also, more information will be coming soon about some updates for Student Organizations on campus.

Vice President – Make sure you are going over events coming up and attending them as you can. The next event is the Build A Bear event.

President – After the conversation last week about COVID guidelines, the Senate’s concerns were sent to the proper administration. Recently, website updates have been in place from the concerns you all voiced. The Provost laid out the expectation and guidelines she has for professors via email before the semester started. If a student needs guidance about accommodations, reach out the Associate Provost Mark Stephens or the chairperson of the department you are needing.

Dr. Polk Johnson heard concerns about Student Affairs and particularly Health Services. Health Services issues comes down to concerns regarding staffing. Dr. Polk Johnson also discussed the practices of other universities considering removing the absence notice all together.

Secretary Sorenson stated that there is a benefit to a college that does excused absences. It protects students from professors who are less considerate,

Pickle stated that health services will only test if the student is having symptoms, so she was unable to get an appointment.

Tweel stated she has benefited from the absence notice many times for clinical and class settings.

Meeting was Adjourned by Speaker Cannon Johnson at 9:17