

February 7, 2022 | 7:30p.m.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ROADEN UNIVERSITY CENTER

MEETING MINUTES

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

SUMMARY

- i. Approved 7 SOLO Applications.
- ii. Approved a “Resolution Honoring Tennessee Tech Health Services.”
- iii. Induction of Senator for the College of Fine Arts

PROCEEDINGS

Speaker Cannon Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:33p.m.

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Elijah Tidwell put forth a motion to add “A Resolution Honoring Tennessee Tech Health Services” Resolution S22-001 to the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Elijah Tidwell put forth a motion to add the initiation Senator for the College of Fine Arts Induction to the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes dated January 31st. The motion was seconded and approved.

SOLO Applications were brought forth by Treasurer Savannah Griffin.

Application 1: National Society of Black Engineers

Requesting \$103.69 for an event titled "Remembering Black Excellence."

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 2: Cyber Eagles

Requesting \$300.00 for their Cyber Eagles Meeting.

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 3: Ratio Christi

Requestion \$900.00 for an event titled "The Age of AI."

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 4: Alpha Phi Alpha

Requesting \$40.00, \$60.00, \$50.00 for multiple events.

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 5: ACM Student Chapter

Requesting \$105.00 for an event titled "SAIC Guest Speaker."

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 6: Association of Computing Machinery

Requesting \$1,750.00 for an ACM T-Shirt Hangout.

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 7: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

Requesting \$239.00 for an event titled "Itz a Nupe Valentines."

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 8: Lambda Lambda Lambda

Requesting \$900.00 for an event titled "Spring Break Kickoff."

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

University Standing Committee Reports

Secretary of State, Jackson Lelle reported. They approved the addition of five new degree programs and concentrations.

President Lay reported from the Budget Advisory Committee. The governors proposed budget to Tennessee Tech added 3.4 million dollars of finding including partial funding for a 4% salary increase, capital outlay projects; Johnson Hall façade and HVAC; advanced Construction and Manufacturing Engineering.

SGA Committee Meeting

Sorenson reported from the Environmental Affairs Committee two cleanups this semester and some earth month events. Bill ideas: library for textbooks, compost piles, and signs.

Senator Watterbarger reported from Government Affairs – Discussed potential corrections to Tennessee code to allow the Hope Scholarship to cover tuition. Discussed a resolution to support their efforts.

Pickle – academic -

Senator Roth reported for SOLO – Discussed the bill ideas and upcoming event for Student Organizations Lunch.

Senator Wharton reported from Student Affairs — Discussed policy brainstorming session – ideas to push through a bereavement policy for students. Looking into graduate students and pay distributions throughout the colleges for more bill ideas.

Senator Malone –Bill ideas to improve student life; more trees and usable outdoor areas, swipes for the fitness center, SGA website updated with past bills, 25 Cent for female products, Mental health campaign and goat yoga.

There was no unfinished business.

President Lay highlighted some of the past SGA bills that have impacted campus in hopes for Senators to see the change they can enact before going to SGA Committees to write bills.

The black names on each building.

Construction of the Fitness Center

Increased fee for Counseling Services

A course Syllabus Bank

Executive Cabinet Reports

Internal Affairs – Reminder for each SGA Committee to provide a report in the appropriate file in TEAMS.

External Affairs – Tabling happening this week. On Tuesday, the Build – A – Bear event will take place. Tabling this week will be valentine themed. Last week's tabling was super successful and had a lot of interaction.

Public Relations Director – SGA Meeting – posted a reel, go like and share.

Secretary of State – Voter registration drive initiatives coming up. If you have any questions about registering to vote, let me know. The Senate also can have guest speakers, if you would like someone to come, let me know and we can try to get them here.

Executive Legislative Advisor – Each senator is meeting with their respective deans soon. If you have not sent in your availability, please do. This is mandatory for senators. If you did not get the email, let me Jacob Cherry know.

Chief of Staff – Senators will be getting an email for the Eagle Points they receive. There is a survey I need you to fill out about what kind of prizes you would like to see, cannot be gift cards.

Secretary of Environmental Affairs – This Wednesday and Thursday, Wings Up-Cycle. You can also donate to the wings upcycle!

Executive Judicial Liaison – The Judicial Liaison manages any correspondence from the Supreme Court to the Senate.

Executive Council Reports

Secretary – Senate will be meeting in person from now on out unless we see drastic changes. Please notify Madison if you will be absent from a meeting in a timely manner.

Treasurer – Tabling is an important part of being a Senator. The reason for tabling is to meet and connect with your constituents. So, please sign up and take apart. This week is Build – A – Bear, so please come by if you would like to pick one up. SOLO Applications are for review, Senators should be engaging and reviewing the application. They are applying for SOLO money from the Senate. SOLO Concert is coming up and SGA will wear matching shirts, if you would like to help design that, please let me know!

President – Elections have been set for Senate and SGA Executive Members. News from Administration; the parking garage has been put on hold for the time being. Instead, they are electing to design and construct a new University Center for students. The new space will hold more student offices and spaces for student groups to meet. Also, a survey is going out about Parking. Please fill out the survey and share it with your friends.

Meeting was Adjourned by Speaker Cannon Johnson at 9:29

