

February 28, 2022 | 7:30p.m.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ROADEN UNIVERSITY CENTER

MEETING MINUTES

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

## 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.

A motion was made to approve the minutes dated February 21<sup>st</sup>. The motion was seconded and approved.

SOLO Applications were brought forth by Treasurer Savannah Griffin.

Application 1: Best Buddies

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 2: Computer Science Grad Student Club

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 3: Data Science League

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 4: Student Members of American Chemical Society

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Guest Speaker: Sharon Holderman, Library Coordinator of Public Services.  
Associate Professor

<https://www.tntech.edu/library/textbooks/oer.php>

Received a TBR Grant – 30,000 to encourage OER's for faculty.

Students are learning more, reading more, and testing higher when faculty uses an OER.

Plans to bring OER's to upper classman and graduate school.

#### UNIVERSITY STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jackson Lelle reported from Chapter 606 Committee – approved all student organizations.

There was no unfinished business.

#### Committee Meeting

- An Act to Add to the Duties of the Public Relations Director relative to Informing the Student Body on the Status of Proposed Legislation
- An Act to Amend the Constitution and By-laws of SGA relative to Adding a Position for a Senator-at-Large for the purpose of Retaining Senators
- An Act to Circulate Materials and Signage to Promote Proper Recycling Procedures
- An Act to Hire Mental Health Counselor Specialized in Eating Disorders for the Counseling Center
- An Act to Add an Honors Program Student Representative to the Student Government Association Senate
- An Act to Commission the SGA Constitutional Reform Committee to Review the Grammar and Formatting of the SGA By-laws

Elijah Tidwell moved to suspend the rules to review a resolution and allow a vote on the legislation to be added to the agenda. Senator Tidwell submitted a petition with ten signatures before making the motion.

With no objection, the item was added to the agenda.

Senator Tidwell put forth a resolution to show support for Ukraine and ensure students from the Ukraine have proper resources during this time.

The bill passed unanimously.

#### EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS

Secretary of Internal Affairs – Reminder to submit committee meeting minutes to google drive. All bills passed the committee's and good job.

Secretary of External Affairs – Last week's tabling went very well. SGA was on the plaza with other organizations and departments, so students were very

engaged. Still exploring ideas for tabling, so if you have any ideas, let Kayla Sorenson know.

Director of Public Relations – no report.

Secretary of State – Voter registration drive coming up, March 9th and 22. The event will require help from senators during tabling, so be on the lookout for information on that. If you have any ideas for guest speakers who should speak to the Senate, let Jax Lelle know. Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> tech is hosting a “Window on the World” event. This event exposes students to different cultures around the world that are present on our campus. They need volunteers for the event on Saturday and to help set up on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Executive Legislative Advisor – no report.

Chief of Staff – Eagle points forms. As soon as the awards are approved, Addison will let the Senate know what they are.

Secretary of Environmental Affairs – Wings Upcycle WRF from 12-3 pm. Final clean up date on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-7. This will be located around Spankies, meeting at NHS. There are several organizations wanting to take part in this event so if you want to bring friends or anything, please do. It is not just for SGA.

Executive Judicial Liaison – no report.

#### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

Secretary – Next week's meeting will be in the Tech Pride Room. Please email [sgasecretary@tntech.edu](mailto:sgasecretary@tntech.edu).

Treasurer – <https://www.tntech.edu/sga/index.php>

The website has a calendar, constitution, by-laws and any other information you need for SGA.

Vice President – no report

President – no report.

Meeting was Adjourned by Speaker Cannon Johnson at 8:57