

September 13, 2021 | 7:30p.m.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ROADEN UNIVERSITY CENTER
MEETING MINUTES

Voting Members Present			
Stephen Johnson	Benjamin Ask	Aisha Bukhari	Callie Johnson
Taylor Cadenhead	Caleb Cashion	Alannah Davis	Svetlana Earls
Cesar Espinosa	Sammi Bugter	Katie Hall	Catherine White
Reed Hester	Seth Jones	Amber Lovell	Katherine Malone
Jessica Massey	Joshua Maupin	Hannah McAllister	Ally Perry
Macey Pickle	JD Rankin	Melody Roth	Kayla Sorenson
Aaron Stewart	Mark Stubblefield	McKinley Thomas	Elijah Tidwell
Maggie Tweel	Austin Wattenbarger	Megan Wharton	
Maelybeth Young	Anya Wegner	Tyce Henderson	
Voting Members Absent			
Mary -Grayson Hamrick	Sahara Abumariam	Brynn Hagar	
Executive Members Present			
Brent Drexler	Addison Dorris	Claire Myers	Jackson Lelle
Braxton Westbrook	Mariam Abbas	Jacob Cherry	
Executive Members Absent			
Dawson Davidson			
Others Present			
Sec. of State Tre Hargett			

SUMMARY

- i. Guest Speaker Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett
- ii. Committee Elections
- iii. Discussion regarding the Academic Calendar

PROCEEDINGS

Speaker Cannon Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:31p.m. A motion was made to approve the agenda, seconded and motion was approved.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from August 30, 2021, seconded and motion was approved.

Hosted Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett to discuss upcoming Voter Registration initiatives, Tennessee's dedication to higher education, and the importance of being an active citizen.

SOLO Applications were brought forth by Treasurer Savannah Griffin.

Application 1: Interfraternity Council & Panhellenic Council

Requesting \$3,500.00 for “We don’t haze,” they said – an event taking place on September 21 to educate students on the problematic effects of hazing.

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 2: LARP Club

Requesting \$1,139.00 for a LARP Tournament – an event open to all students on campus to participate in tournament style duals with the winner receiving an award.

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 3: Society of Hispanic and Professional Engineers

Requesting \$90.00 for Mexican Independence event – an event to promote Mexico Independence

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 4: Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Organization

Requesting \$145.00 for a faculty speaking event – an event hosted on campus by MEGSO to promote career readiness.

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

University Committee Reports

Academic Council report from Ejl Braxton Westbrook – Policy 209, Policy 210, Policy 211, Policy 269, Policy 270, Policy 272 all passed.

Chapter 606 Committee report from Senator Roth – informed the senate of the student organizations that applied and received funding

College of Engineering Misconduct Committee report from Senator Hall – Student failed to attend. Committee voted for the student to fail the course and receive suspension for one year.

President Aaron Lay presented about the upcoming Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL). Representatives are chosen from each public and private institute in the state of Tennessee to participate in a mock legislature. The deadline to register is November 4, 2021. An interest form has been uploaded into TEAMS.

Current Important Dates for TISL –

October 9, 2021 – Workshop at Belmont College of Law

November 18-21, 2021 – TISL in Nashville, TN

Committee Assignments are located in the TEAMS file.

The seven standing committees within SGA convened for policy brainstorming and elections took place amongst the individual committees.

Executive Cabinet Reports

Chief of Staff – Reminder to be polite when we are hosting a guest speaker, refrain from using your cellphone, etc. Eagle Points System will be rewarding gift cards, more information to come.

Secretary of State – Voter Registration Drive on September 11, 2021, went well, estimated 20 registered voters. More information about TISL will be passed along as it is available. interest form is available in TEAMS.

Internal Affairs – Requesting a Proxy for Building & Grounds Committee in September

External Affairs – Tabling begins on September 14, 2021. The sign-up sheet is in the TEAMS channel. Each senator must complete 3 hours of tabling each semester.

Secretary of Environmental Affairs – Putnam County wide clean up taking place September 18-25, 2021. Tennessee Tech is planning a campus wide clean-up during this event. The Senate is encouraged to participate.

Executive Legislative Advisor – Communication is recommended for bills, ideas, and any other question through email or Teams chat.

Executive Judicial Liaison – Supreme Court successful meeting on Monday, September 6, 2021.

Executive Council Reports

Secretary – Encouragement to bring laptop and supplemental items to meetings. The library has laptops available for check out, more information here. If you need to be excused from a meeting, email sgasecretary@tntech.edu to get that taken care of. SGA Headshots will take place September 20, 2021.

Treasurer – Upcoming Event: Sarah Lowry for Mental Health Matters talk.

Vice President – Sarah Lowry event taking place September 14, 2021, at 7:00p.m. There will be two UT – Tennessee Tech tickets given at the end of the show.

President – The Disney Exchange Program deadline is September 19, 2021 | [more information](#)

If you have a Mental Health Awareness t-shirt, wear it to the Sarah Lowry show. Jerry Keeton will be with us next week to discuss event ideas.

Announcement from Senator Elijah Tidwell – upcoming general RHA meeting

Announcement from Senator Melody Roth – Requesting proxy for University Assembly on September 24, 2021

President Aaron Lay opened discussion on the recent changes made to the academic calendar.

Senator Wharton voiced concern of the short duration of winter break not being enough time for international students to travel home for the holiday.

Senator Maupin stated some countries have a 14-day waiting period before students are able to travel into their home country making it more difficult for students to travel home.

Senator Tweel and Roth voiced the difficulty of completing paperwork for clinical experiences in the Whitson- Hester School of Nursing during the shortened break.

Secretary Abbas brought up concerns from Residential Life about RA's having to leave even later in December and return earlier in January.

Senator Sorenson commented on the lack of transparency and current student voice in the changes.

Senator Lovell voiced mental health concerns for students having longer semesters and shorter breaks.

Senator Pickle commented on the increased assignments, exams, and essays being required from courses.

Meeting was Adjourned by Speaker Cannon Johnson at 9:37