



The SGA Senate

Fall 2024 Session

Called to order at 7:05 PM on Monday, November 18th, 2024,
in the RUC Multipurpose Room

Harrison Simpson – Presiding
Braxton Westbrook – Taking Minutes

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Moment of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Reading and Approval of the Previous Minutes
 - a. Speaker Simpson asked for unanimous consent that the minutes be deemed read without objection. The previous meeting's minutes stand approved.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Sen. Dye moved that the agenda as proposed be adopted as the orders of the day, which was seconded. Without objection, the agenda was adopted.
- VI. Guest Speakers
 - a. There were no guest speakers scheduled or present for this session.
- VII. Public Comment
 - a. A Tennessee Tech student gave comment concerning traffic safety on campus during the public comment period.
- VIII. S.O.L.O. Applications
 - a. Phi Epsilon Kappa
 - i. Sen. Guadalupe moved that the Senate adopt the recommendation of the S.O.L.O. Funding Committee concerning the event proposed by Phi Epsilon Kappa, which was seconded.
 - ii. A representative from the organization addressed the Senate concerning their event proposal. After finishing their address, they answered questions from members of the Senate.
 - iii. Seeing as there was no further debate, Speaker Simpson closed the period of debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the recommendation.
 - iv. The recommendation concerning the event proposed by the EDM Club was adopted with 33 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.

IX. Reading of Reports

a. Standing Committees

- i. Sen. Fidan delivered a summary of the report by the Academic Affairs Committee. The report was placed on file.
- ii. Sen Stevens delivered a summary of the report by the Campus Outreach Committee. The report was placed on file.
- iii. Treasurer Bare delivered a summary of the report by the S.O.L.O. Funding Committee. The report was placed on file.
- iv. Sen. Cox delivered a summary of the report by the University Infrastructure. The report was placed on file.
- v. Sen. Rainey delivered a summary of the report by the Student Life Committee. The report was placed on file.
- vi. Sen. Dye delivered a summary of the report by the Commission for Nominations. The report was placed on file.

b. Special Committees

- i. There were no special committees at the time of the meeting.

c. University Committees

- i. Vice President Simpson delivered their report regarding the most recent meeting of the Academic Council. The report was placed on file.
- ii. Vice President Simpson delivered their report regarding the most recent meeting of the ITC TAF Subcommittee. The report was placed on file.
- iii. Sen. Boynton delivered their report regarding the most recent meeting of the Chapter 606 Student Monies Allocation Committee. The report was placed on file.
- iv. Sen. Fidan delivered their report regarding the most recent meeting of the Administrative Council. The report was placed on file.

d. Executive Cabinet

- i. Chief of Staff Skelton delivered a summary of their report. The report was placed on file.
- ii. Advisor Long delivered a summary of their report. The report was placed on file.
- iii. Sec. Seitz delivered a summary of their report. The report was placed on file.

e. Executive Council

- i. Treasurer Bare delivered a summary of their report. The report was placed on file.
- ii. Secretary Westbrook delivered a summary of their report. The report was placed on file.
- iii. Vice President Simpson delivered a summary of their report. The report was placed on file.
- iv. President Hewitt delivered a summary of their report. The report was placed on file.

X. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- a. There were no items of unfinished business or general orders presented for discussion or action at this meeting.

XI. New Business

- a. Confirmations

- i. Samantha Bates – College of Fine Arts
 1. Sen. Underwood moved that the Senate approve the recommendation of the Commission for Nominations that Samantha Bates be appointed to the Senate, which was seconded.
 2. Seeing as there was no debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the nominee.
 3. The nominee was confirmed.
- b. Swearing In of Senators
 - i. Samantha Bates – College of Fine Arts
 1. Samantha Bates was sworn in as a Senator representing the College of Fine Arts.
 - ii. Nicole Rizane – Intercultural Affairs
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 - iii. Sujal Gohil – International Education
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- c. Legislation with Favorable Recommendation
 - i. S.R. F24-002 - Honoring Barry “Butch” Wilmore Resolution of 2024 – Sen. McCulley
 1. Sen. McCulley gave opening remarks on S.R. F24-002. Subsequently, Sen. McCulley moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned resolution, which was seconded.
 2. After a brief period of debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the resolution.
 3. The resolution passed with 33 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.
 - ii. S.R. F24-003 - Congratulating Robert Lakatosh Resolution of 2024 – Sen. McCulley
 1. Sen. McCulley gave opening remarks on S.R. F24-003. Subsequently, Sen. McCulley moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned resolution, which was seconded.
 2. Seeing as there was no debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the resolution.
 3. The resolution passed with 33 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.
 4. Subsequently, Sen. Strickland moved that the Senate recess for a period of five (5) minutes, which was seconded. Without objection, the motion was adopted.
 - iii. S.R. F24-004 - Student Access to Online Course Resources Resolution of 2024 – Sen. Gillis
 1. Sen. Gillis gave opening remarks on S.R. F24-004. Subsequently, Sen. Gillis moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned resolution, which was seconded.
 2. After a brief period of debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the resolution.

3. The resolution passed with 33 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.
- iv. S.B. F24-006 - Optional Cabinet Officers (Duties) Act of 2024 - Sen. Gillis
 1. Sen. Gillis gave opening remarks on S.B. F24-006. Subsequently, Sen. Gillis moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned resolution, which was seconded.
 2. After a brief period of debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the resolution.
 3. The resolution passed with 33 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.
- v. S.B. F24-007 - Archivist Act of 2024 - Sen. Apple
 1. Sen. Apple gave opening remarks on S.B. F24-007. Subsequently, Sen. Apple moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned resolution, which was seconded.
 2. Sen. Stevens moved that S.B. F24-007 be postponed until the next Senate meeting, which was seconded.
 3. Seeing as there was no debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the motion.
 4. The motion passed with 25 members voting Aye, 9 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.
- vi. S.R. F24-005 - Participation of Faculty and Staff in Student-Led Organizations Resolution of 2024 - Sen. Moore
 1. Sen. Moore moved that S.R. F24-005 be postponed to the next Senate meeting, which was seconded.
 2. Seeing as there was no debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the motion.
 3. The motion passed with 33 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.
- d. Legislation with Disfavorable Recommendation
 - i. S.R. F24-006 - Student Bill of Rights Resolution of 2024 - Sen. Cox
 1. Sen. Cox gave opening remarks on S.R. F24-006. Subsequently, Sen. Cox moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned resolution, which was seconded.
 2. After a period of lengthy debate, Sen. Heineman moved “to refer this resolution to a special committee of five members to be appointed by the Speaker for the purpose of investigating the impact of this resolution and recommending amendments to the Senate to properly address its proposed subject matter,” which was seconded.
 3. After a period of debate on the motion to refer, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the motion.
 4. The motion passed with 28 members voting Aye, 3 members voting No, and 2 members abstaining.
 - ii. S.R. F24-007 - Student Works Program Resolution of 2024 - Sen. Cox

1. Sen. Cox gave opening remarks on S.R. F24-007. Subsequently, Sen. Cox moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned resolution, which was seconded.
2. After a period of debate, the question was ordered as directed by the body. Speaker Simpson moved the chamber into a period of voting on the resolution.
3. The resolution passed with 14 members voting Aye, 10 members voting No, and 8 members abstaining.

XII. Announcements

- a. President Hewitt, Vice President Simpson, Attorney General Tidwell, and Sec. Seitz all made announcements at this meeting.
- b. Pursuant to the order to create a special committee, Speaker Simpson announced the committee's membership would be as follows:
 - i. Sen. Heineman
 - ii. Sen. Gillis
 - iii. Sen. Casebier
 - iv. Sen. LeSar
 - v. Sen. Dye

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Speaker Simpson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM.