



The SGA Senate

Spring 2025 Session

Regular Meeting on January 27th, 2025

The Senate of the Student Government Association of Tennessee Technological University met on January 27th, 2025, at 7:35 PM in Room 130 of the Ashraf Islam Engineering Building. Speaker of the Senate Harrison Simpson was present and presiding. Speaker Simpson led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and in observing a Moment of Silence. Subsequently, the roll was called, and a quorum was established. The minutes from the previous meeting were then declared read and approved. The agenda attached as Appendix A was adopted as the orders of the day.

As no guest speakers or individuals appearing for public comment were present, Speaker Simpson opened the floor to hear items from the report of the S.O.L.O. Funding Committee whose requested funds were in excess of \$1,000.

Treasurer Bare presented the S.O.L.O. Funding Committee's recommendation of \$1,000 (reduced from \$1,500 by the Committee) for the Trumpet Guild application. Thomas Warren, President of the Trumpet Guild, was invited to speak on his organization's application. After a period of discussion, the motion to approve the Trumpet Guild application for \$1,000 passed with a vote of 24 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 2 members abstaining.

Treasurer Bare presented the S.O.L.O. Funding Committee's recommendation of \$1,700 (reduced from \$2,200 by the Committee) for the United Voices of Praise application. John Gran, a representative from the United Voices of Praise, was invited to speak on his organization's application. After a period of discussion, the motion to approve the United Voices of Praise application for \$1,700 passed with a vote of 24 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 2 members abstaining.

As there were no other S.O.L.O. Applications to be considered, the Chairs of the Academic Affairs, Campus Outreach, and S.O.L.O. Funding committees delivered a summary of their respective reports. The Chair of the Commission for Nominations also delivered a summary of their report. All reports were placed on file.

Secretary Westbrook reported on behalf of Senator Fidan concerning the report by the Commission for the Status of Women, covering period product expansion, Women's Center events, and the Center Stage proposal.

Chief of Staff Skelton, Advisor Long, Secretary Goins, and Secretary Owens delivered a summary of their respective reports.

Treasurer Bare, Secretary Westbrook, Vice President Simpson, and President Hewitt delivered a summary of their respective reports.

All reports were placed on file by Secretary Westbrook.

As there were no unfinished business or general orders to consider, the Senate considered the Confirmation of Michele Niec for the College of Graduate Studies Senate seat. After a period of discussion, Michelle Nice was confirmed with a vote of 26 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

Sean Linneman was sworn in as ROTC Senator by Justice Lee.

As there was a vacancy in the office of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, Speaker Simpson asked for nominations from the floor to fill the position. Sen. Williams was nominated for the position and, by voice, was appointed as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Seeing as there were no items of new business remaining, Speaker Simpson opened the floor for announcements. President Hewitt announced dress code for Spring Showcase volunteers. Attorney General Tidwell announced Deputy Attorney General applications, praised Treasurer Bare and Secretary Goins' work on Day on the Hill, and encouraged applications. Speaker Simpson announced Coffee with SGA and recognized new officers. Attorney General Tidwell announced a special session in state government.

In accordance with the orders of the day, Speaker Simpson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM until Monday, February 10th, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Braxton S. Westbrook
Secretary, Student Government Association

Appendix A

The Agenda

The SGA Senate

Spring 2025 Session

7:30 PM on Monday, January 27th, 2025,
in Room 130 of the Ashraf Islam Engineering Building

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Moment of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Reading and Approval of the Previous Minutes
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
- VI. Guest Speakers
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. S.O.L.O. Applications
 - a. Trumpet Guild
 - b. United Voices of Praise
- IX. Reading of Reports
 - a. Standing Committees
 - b. Special Committees
 - c. University Committees
 - d. Executive Cabinet
 - e. Executive Council
- X. Unfinished Business and General Orders
- XI. New Business
 - a. Confirmation of Michele Niec
 - b. Swearing-in of Sean Linneman
 - c. Other Such Matters
 - i. Election of Sergeant-at-Arms for Spring 2025
 - ii. SGA Budget for Spring 2025
- XII. Announcements
- XIII. Adjournment