



# **The SGA Senate**

## **Spring 2025 Session**

### **Regular Meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The Senate of the Student Government Association of Tennessee Technological University met on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:34 PM in the RUC Multipurpose Room. Speaker of the Senate Harrison Simpson was present and presiding. Secretary Braxton Westbrook was present and taking minutes.

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 then adopted as the orders of the day.

Ms. Jessica Davis of the Crawford Alumni Center presented to the Senate about I Heart Tech Students week, including how it impacts the financial wellbeing of the student body and the incentives one receives for donating.

Ms. Claire Myers, Student Trustee on the Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees, presented to the Senate concerning the work of the Board of Trustees at their last meeting.

As there were no S.O.L.O. Applications to be considered, nor reports from SGA Senate committees, Secretary Westbrook, Treasurer Bare, and Sen. Heineman delivered their reports on the activities of their appointed university committees.

Chief of Staff Skelton and Secretary Seitz 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 S.R. S25-003 - Happy Birthday Resolution of 2025. Senator McCulley gave opening remarks on S.R. S25-003 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned resolution, which was seconded.

Senator Heineman moved to amend the resolution, which was adopted *viva voce*. After a brief period of debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the resolution. The resolution, as once amended, passed with 21 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 3 members abstaining.

The Senate considered S.B. S25-006 – Canned Goods Forgiveness Act of 2025. Senator McCulley gave opening remarks on S.B. S25-006 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned bill, which was seconded. After a brief period of debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the bill. The bill, as once amended, passed with 23 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.

After a period of introductory remarks by Chair of the Commission for Elections, Speaker Simpson moved that the SGA Election Rules for the Spring 2025 Elections be adopted, which was seconded. As there was no debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the rules. The rules were adopted with 22 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.

Speaker Simpson introduced the process of how the Student Member of the Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees would be selected for the upcoming school year. Speaker Simpson opened the floor for speeches by the candidates and questions from Senators. Senator Jimmy Guadalupe moved to suspend the rules to allow members of the Executive Cabinet to ask questions, which was adopted *viva voce*. Speaker Simpson closed the period of questions. A vote by secret ballot was ordered, with the teller's committee consisting of President Hewitt, Senator Cecil, and Senator Niec. The report of the tellers was as follows:

Cheyenne Bare: 8  
Braxton Westbrook: 15  
Spoiled: 0

Thus, Braxton Westbrook was duly nominated to be the next Student Member of the Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees.

Seeing as there were no items of new business remaining, Speaker Simpson opened the floor for announcements. President Hewitt, Treasurer Bare, Trustee Myers, Attorney General Tidwell, Senator Gibbs, Senator Faulkner, and Senator Heineman all made announcements.

In accordance with the orders of the day, Speaker Simpson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:06 PM until Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 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, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025,  
in the RUC Multipurpose Room

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Moment of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Reading and Approval of the Previous Minutes dated Mar 10, 2025
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
- VI. Guest Speakers
  - a. Ms. Claire Myers, Student Trustee, Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. S.O.L.O. Applications
- 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. Bills and Resolutions
    - i. S.R. S25-003 - Happy Birthday Resolution of 2025
  - b. Other Such Matters
    - i. Selection of the Student Member of the Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees for SY 2025-2026
    - ii. Adoption of SGA Election Rules for Spring 2025 Elections
- XII. Announcements
- XIII. Adjournment

# Appendix B

## Electronic Device Votes

**1) Roll Call**

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	92%	22	1) Yes
	8%	2	2) No
	0%	0	3) Abs
<b>Totals</b>	100%	24	<b>Comments:</b>

**2) S.R. S25-003 Happy Birthday Resolution of 2025**

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	95%	21	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	5%	1	3) Abs
<b>Totals</b>	100%	22	<b>Comments:</b>

**3) S.B. S25-006 Canned Goods Forgiveness Act of 2025**

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	100%	23	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	0%	0	3) Abs
<b>Totals</b>	100%	23	<b>Comments:</b>

**4) Adoption of SGA Election Rules for Spring 2025 Elections**

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	100%	22	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	0%	0	3) Abs
<b>Totals</b>	100%	22	<b>Comments:</b>