



Senate Meeting Minutes: 19 April 2021

Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President followed by Moment of Silence

Roll Call taken by Secretary:

Absent	Virtual
Callie Johnson, Peters	Roth, Tweel, Freeman, Hawkins, Philippi

Motion to approve previous minutes by Senator Hall, second by Senator Tidwell.
Motion to approve agenda by Senator Hall, second by Senator Myers. No guest speakers.

Presentation of SOLO Applications:

- Residential Hall Association – Senator Tidwell – Requesting \$1,729.24 for goodie bags to hand out to students on Wednesday the 28th to Friday the 30th from 11am to 1pm. Application passes with majority vote.
- National PanHellenic Council requesting \$650 for a performance on “The History of Hip Hop”, held in Wattenbarger Auditorium, April 20th at 3pm. Application passes with majority.
- Swing Dance Club is requesting \$552 for a Pride Dance Lesson event with all LGBTQ written music. Event will be held on the Centennial Plaza from 4-6pm on May 1st. Application passes with majority vote.

Presentation of the Board of Trustees Candidates:

President Lay announces the candidates running for the student representative on the Board of Trustees, the top three candidates will move forward in the nomination process. First is Faith Judkins, no questions asked by the senate. Next is Hannah Willis, no questions. Next is Mary Grace Hamrick, no questions asked. Lastly, Megan Wharton is presented, no further questions. All candidates leave the room, begin voting via Polleverywhere.

Standing Committee Reports

- Governmental Affairs - Senator Dorris – Passed three bills unanimously
- Student Affairs – Senator Hall – Passed all bills
- Environmental and Sustainability – Senator Elliott – Passed all bills that came through

- Student Safety – Senator Abbas – Passed all bills in the committee
- SOLO – Senator Judkins – Passed all bills
- Constitutional- Senator Alley – Passed all 7 bills unanimously with slight changes for wording/grammatical purposes
- Academic Affairs– Madam Secretary – Passed all bills, move to push Bereavement Policy Bill to next semester committee
- Constitutional Reform Committee – Ejl Westbrook – Discussed changes to the constitution coming soon

No University Committee Reports.

Enter Unfinished Business:

Madam Secretary presents the bill “An Act to Add a Pharmabox to the Lab Science Building”. Sponsor Faith Judkins presents and explains the bill. Bill passes.

Enter New Business discussion:

Secretary presents the first bill “An Act to Add a List of Meeting Locations for Student Organizations”. Enter debate on the bill. Senator Fowler is recognized. Fowler questions on competition agreements within Tech and limitation on certain medications. Sponsor says there are no conflicting agreements or limitation. End debate and move to previous question. 2:4:0

Senator Tidwell motions to suspend the rules to present “Constitutional Reform Act” at the end of New Business. Second by Senator Bell. Motion Passes.

Senator Tidwell motions to suspend the rules to present “Office Hours Reform Act” at the end of New Business. Second by Senator Bell. Motion Passes.

Secretary presents “An Act to Add a List of Meeting Locations for Student Organizations”. Sponsor Fowler presents the bill and moves to adopt. Enter debate, Senator Abbas is recognized. Senator Abbas shares concerns about student safety and ADA compliancy. Move to previous question, bill passes 26:5:0.

Secretary presents “An Act to Add Funding for the Counseling Center”. Sponsor Bell explains the bill and the funding concerns. Move to debate on the bill. Senator Alley is recognized, move to previous question. Second by Senator Fowler. Bill passes 25:0:0.

Secretary presents “An Act to Hire Additional Staff for the Counseling Center”. Sponsor Bell presents on the bill, move to discussion. No discussion, enter previous question. Bill passes 28:0:0

Secretary presents “An Act to Add Important Phone Numbers to the Back of Students’ Eagle Cards”. Sponsor Cherry presents on the bill and explains the difference of 24 hour and hourly numbers. Enter debate on the bill. No debate, enter previous question. Bill passes 32:0:0.

Secretary presents “A Resolution to Update the General Parking and Transportation Policies”. Sponsor Willis introduces resolution and explains where the policies are lacking. Move to adopt and enter discussion. Move to Previous question. Bill passes. 28:0:0

Motion to remove “An Act to Add a Senator-at-Large Position to Student Government” from the table by Senator Alley, second by Senator Tidwell. Objection by senator Johnson. Enter vote on motion to remove bill from the table. Motion does not reach constitutional majority with votes of 19:10:5.

Secretary presents “An Act to Hire Medication Control Staff for the Counseling Center”. Sponsor Bell presents on the bill and expresses need in the Counseling center and motions to adopt. No discussion, move to previous question. Bill passes with a vote of 26:2:0.

Secretary presents passed motion item “Constitutional Reform Act”. Sponsor Tidwell presents on the bill, a hand-out of mark ups on the Student Government Association Constitution. Amendment on the floor to strike out all “Senator at Large” due to the failure of the motion. No debate on the amendment, amendment passes. Enter debate on the bill. Senator Wattenbarger recognized and shares his support of the bill. Senator Hall is recognized, yields her time to Madam Secretary. Madam Secretary expresses concerns on the addition of the “Clerk” position. Claire Myers is recognized, mirrors concern of “Clerk” position. Senator McGee recognized, yields time to Secretary of State who expresses many concerns with the bill. Amendment on the floor to strike sections 34, 37.2.3, 37.6 in the Constitution and Article 2, section 7F regarding the “Clerk” position. No debate on the amendment, amendment passes. Continue discussion on the bill as amended twice. Senator Fowler recognized, expresses support on the bill. Senator Alley recognized and yields time to ELA Drexler who expresses concern on the “parliamentarian” position. Senator Tidwell rebuts. Senator Sorenson is recognized and expresses concern on the “Qualifications” and “RHA” categories. Senator Tidwell explains these changes and verifies qualifications are accurate.

Motion by Senator Fowler for 5-minute recess, motion carries. Reconvene at 9:14pm. Amendment is on the table to clarify wording within the qualifications section, amendment passes. Continue to debate on bill as amended three times. Senator Hall recognized, expresses support on the bill as amended. Senator Elliot recognized, move to previous question, second by Senator Fowler. Move to previous question. Bill passes 26:2:0.

Secretary presents passed motion “Office Hours Reform Act”. Sponsor Bell is recognized, presents on reasoning for constitutional update to office hours obligation. Amendment on the floor to strike “Clerk” position due to removal of position in Constitutional Reform Act. No debate on amendment, amendment passes. Continue to debate on the bill as amended.

Executive Cabinet Reports

- Secretary of Internal Affairs – No Report
- Secretary of External Affairs – No Report
- Secretary of Public Relations – No Report
- Secretary of State – No report
- Executive Legislative Advisor – Thank you for bills!
- Chief of Staff – April 22nd is the last day for eagle points, announcement of eagle point winners, let her know if you haven’t picked up any items
- Secretary of Environmental Affairs – No report
- Executive Judicial Liaison – Supreme Court discussed more parking bills, personal thanks from himself and the Constitutional Reform Committee

Executive Council Reports

- Secretary – BIG THANKS! Superlative nominations
- Treasurer – 4 SOLO Events coming up: April 20th 6pm, Paint Night tomorrow at 7pm with supplies, Backyard Bash Tuesday 4-6, Last Live in The Plaza with shirts Thursday at 6pm, THANK YOU!
- Vice President – Senate elections are tomorrow April 20th, return paper copies at the end of the meeting, vote on superlatives ASAP, Thank you!!
- President
 - i. The counseling center bills are related to Mental Health Matter initiative, Thanks to Senator Bell!
 - ii. April 26th at 7pm – SGA Banquet, lots of food and notable guest speakers
 - iii. Interview sessions upcoming for Student Affairs Vice President

Announcements

- EJM Westbrook requests stoles for Supreme Court
- Senator Fowler says big thanks to senate for 4 years
- Secretary of State Baker says big thanks

Meeting adjourns!