



Student Government Association Senate
Monday April 16th, 2018

- I. Call the meeting to order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 12:03
 - b. Nomination for temporary Pro-Tempore: Hannah Joy Miller
 - c. Nomination for temporary Parliamentarian: Natayveon Howard Williams
- II. Roll Call
 - a. There were 19/25 senators present. We met quorum.
- III. Approval of the Agenda and the Minutes
 - a. The agenda was approved.
 - b. The minutes were approved.
- IV. Communications and Announcements
 - a. Senators- No Announcements
 - b. Non-Senators- No Announcements
- V. President Pro-Tempore and Committee Reports
 - a. President Pro-Tempore
 - i. The governance committee met last week. We should have a constitution out by the last meeting for everyone to review before the retreat. There will be a code per the old constitution. We will highlight things in one color that we wish to delete, things that we want to change, things that we added. That should be available by the last meeting. We meet again today at 3. If anybody has any questions or things that they would like to add to the constitution, please come see us.
 - b. Rules- No Report
 - c. Facility Services- No Report
 - d. Finance- No Report
 - e. Sudexo- No Report
 - f. On Campus Dining and Housing- The committee will be tabling in the dorms this Thursday. We have had a proposition brought to us to either remove cable from the dorms and spend the money on boosting the wifi or leave the wifi/cable situation as it is currently. We will be taking it to students that live in North and South. We also are planning on creating a resolution for the dining facilities on campus. If anybody has any input on that, you can come to our meetings.
- VI. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
 - a. President- No report
 - b. Vice President- If you are in the budget committee, I sent you guys all an email with a form. Please fill that out for me. Right now, we are looking pretty good with the budget committee. Stay posted. Thank you very much, you guys. This

has been a fantastic year. It has been a privilege to see a lot of old faces and a lot of new ones coming in. Thank you for all you do and your commitment to SGA.

- c. VPLA- John Michael White: Amina has been removed. That will be detailed more in the advisor report. She has also sent out an outgoing report talking about the position and how she felt about it over the year. To all of the Senate, if anybody did not get that and would like to see it, I have it, and I can forward it to anybody who wishes to read it. That will be her outgoing report. As Pro-Tempore, I am acting VPLA until the end of the year.
- d. VP of Programming- Joy Ballard: SUCbAUF is next Tuesday. So, make sure that you come out to this event. It is free for students, so come eat all-you-can-eat crawfish. I personally will be in a dunk tank. So, if you have any judgement you want to take out on me, come do it here. Just make sure you come support, because SAC works really hard on this event. It begins at 10:30AM and end at 4PM.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Mariano- Will the leadership ceremony be part of the program report?
- 2. Ballard- No, but it is Monday the 6th.
- e. Judicial- Joy Ballard: Some we last met, the Judicial committee has met on two different matters. I am going to report them. As your advisor, I do not feel comfortable answering any questions about the Judicial process decided. So, if you have any questions on this, please send them to Sam Walker. He is the head of the Judicial committee, the Chief Justice.

Case Report: Judicial Meeting regarding Amina Batiste Charge

“On April 14th, 2018 at 12:33pm, they called their meeting to order. The members present were Adam Garafola, Dominic Traina, and Sam Walker.

Nature of the Case: Charges were brought up on Amina Batiste for not attending one of the SGA retreats in the last year.

Discussion: The Court discussed the interpretation of the UNOSGA constitution in regards to the matter. Evidence was provided that Amina knew about the retreat. However, it was also pointed out that UNOSGA Vice President had not informed Ms. Batiste that if she did not attend, she was at risk of losing her position. As per the constitution, the UNOSGA Vice President is required to do so 14 days prior to the retreat. Finally, this was put to a vote.

Resolution: With a 2/3 hand vote, the Court decided that it was necessary to remove Amina Batiste from office. This removal from office is to be on “good terms”. Making Ms. Batiste eligible to run for office in the upcoming election.” Amina on April 5th filed an appeal to this decision. Per the constitution appeals go to the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students met and decided that an appeal is not necessary, because it was very cut and dry that she did not do the things laid out in the constitution. Amina did run in elections and did receive a seat.

However, in the email she sent to you guys, she has made it clear that she does not plan to accept that seat. Moral of the story, Amina is no longer VPLA and will not be seeking that position in the fall.

- f. Advisor- May 21st-23rd is going to be SGA Retreat. It is going to be a whole lot of fun. We are going to the Rivers Retreat Site. It is a beautiful retreat site. We are going to make smores and do all of the fun bonding stuff. We will also be re-

writing the Constitution and doing some really constructive things. We are going to do a lot of work, but we are going to have a good time while doing it. I am going to be sending out a sign up for that this week to your emails. So, be on the look out for that. Also, during open forum today, we really need to discuss how we are going to run VPLA elections. Yall have already made it clear that you want this Senate to vote on this year's VPLA. Also, we did have elections last week. We do have a new SGA President Elect, Senator Hills. We have a runoff this week between Christine and Maddie. That will be decided on Friday, and everyone will take their new offices on April 30th at end of our Senate meeting. Everyone is still keeping their current roles until April 30th. Thank yall for running a great election process. It was really clean and no complaints.

QUESTIONS:

Person: Is the retreat on a weekend

Ballard: No it is a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

VII. Old Business

- a. No Old Business

VIII. New Business

- a. No New Business

IX. Nominations and Appointments

- a. No Nominations or Appointments

X. Open Forum

- a. Kyser- I just want to discuss how we are going to run the VPLA election. I don't think the candidate for that position should be an interim VPLA at the time because I think that it influences an unfair election.
- b. White- This is something we have been discussing in governance committee, about VPLA elections in general. To run for VPLA, you have to had been a senator for an entire year or the clerk. So, as of right now, we only have two senators that meet that requirement. Another thing that we have been discovering is VPLA being VPLA in meetings where they have business at some point. Usually the VPLA would step down from that section of the meeting. Like if they were presenting a bill, they would just step down from that section of the bill. We have brought up the idea of not allowing that. If you are going to have business, you will not be VPLA for the entire meeting. Unfortunately, everything that we are talking about is not set in place right now. So, we cannot really change that. If I step down from this, do we just go to nominate someone for temporary VP?
- c. Ballard- Yes. If today yall wanted to vote, we can just decide who is going to run the meeting.
- d. White- In governance meeting, we were also talking about having the hierarchy of who takes over VPLA to go further down to parliamentarian. Cody is eligible to run. So, if you were going to run, we could just nominate someone else. That is not in place yet either. We can just nominate anybody to do it. But I will be running, and I would not feel comfortable being acting VPLA at the time.
- e. Kyser- Did we already announce who is running?
- f. Ballard- No
- g. Kyser- Can we discuss that or is there a time window?

- h. Ballard- There is not a time window. Normally, we would just do nominations. I see no reason not to do that right now, especially since we are aware that only two people can run.
- i. White- I will be running and Kyser said that he is not running.
- j. Kyser- We have to review eligibility. If someone the day of qualifies, they very may well step up. It would appear that I would take interim VPLA to run that meeting.
- k. Ballard- Yes. That would be the most logical from what is being said. I will note that Amina has not yet officially resigned. So, she still could have the option, if in the next two weeks she decided to take it.
- l. White- Does anybody have any objections to Cody being interim VPLA for the next meeting?

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Mariano- Who will take your spot as Pro-Tempore?
- 2. Kyser- You will.
- 3. Mariano- Oh, me?
- 4. White- At the beginning of the meeting we will appoint someone.
- m. White- Also, governance committee has also done some type of override so no one can go just unopposed and take the position. So, if someone else wanted to run, we were considering all of the options. We have just agreed on that the majority of the senate will do. If anybody has any opinions on how they would like that handled or would not like anything to be changed, we are meeting again at 3 o'clock in the Greek Life office. Is there anything else for Open Forum?
- n. Kyser- So, if this is the last meeting for this semester, which it seems like it is?
- o. White- No, it is the 30th.
- p. Kyser- We have one more?
- q. Ballard- Yes. We will be doing VPLA and approving the budget.
- r. Mariano- Can people still put up a bill for that Monday?
- s. Ballard- Yes, we will still have a regular meeting ran by this Senate. We will do all of that business before we do VPLA vote.
- t. Mariano- So, it seems like this meeting is going to be really long. I urge everyone to have good communication, but still not be too wordy, because there is going to be a lot on the plate. Also, don't forget to invite your friends! Word of mouth!
- u. Bourgeois- Next meeting will be very detailed. Joining last semester, I don't know how many meeting I have attended. However, from last semester till now, I just want to say thank you for everyone who has taught me about SGA. I think everyone did a fantastic job. Even though it was kind of a rough year, I think it is really awesome on how many people have been involved this year. It has been a good, wholesome year.

XI. Adjournment- 12:25 pm

- a. Kyser- Motion to Adjourn
- b. Mariano- Second