

# **Student Senate Meeting Minutes for**

# October 1, 2024

Date: 1, October, 2024 Time: 7:00 PM Location: Chem & Nat Science BLDG 100

Preparation:
No preparation needed at this time.

Please review:
Nothing to review at this time.

- 1. Call to Order by Vice President Hannah Habisreitinger on October 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Moment of Silence
- 3. Roll Call: 35 Seats (35 Senators present, 0 absent, 0 excused absence, 14 seats vacant), 4 Officers, and 1 Advisor.

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- 1. Kelly Lohman
- 2. Emily Horton
- 3. Lydia Dang
- 4. Anna Clare Lavergne
- 5. Hailey Poydras
- 6. Sanish Adhikari
- 7. Blake Guerrero
- 8. Brayden Timmer
- 9. Kiersten Dixon
- 10. Johnathan Fee
- 11. Bishwo Dahal
- 12. Kaylin Williams
- 13. Elizabeth Moon
- 14. Abi Clifton
- 15. Steven Moon
- 16. Amelia Thomas
- 17. Laura Lee Mayfield
- 18. Abby Barton

- 19. Lakayja Dupree
- 20. Arielle Magee
- 21. Drake Prunty
- 22. Hutson Hearron
- 23. Saru Tamang
- 24. Brook West
- 25. Kaitlyn Apperly
- 26. Autumn Meadors
- 27. Kathryn Kamlade
- 28. Gabrielle Thomas
- 29. Lawson Marchand
- 30. Alison McDowell
- 31. Landon Deshotel
- 32. Amira Morales
- 33. Gabriel Stephan

- 34. David Payne
- 35. Kyle Wasguespack

- 1. Cassidy Walton
- 2. Samaria Spears
- 3. Hannah Habisreitinger
- 4. Jadyn Maloney
- 5. Adv. Chris Williams

Absence	Excused Absence

- a. Moved by Senator Keirsten Dixon and seconded by Senator Elizabeth Moon.
  - There being no correction to the minutes, the minutes were approved.

## 5. Guest Speaker(s)

- a. ULM Women's Basketball Coach, Missy Bilderback informed the senate that they are trying to improve the athletics facilities by fundraising and student fees. She added the athletics department is very excited and looks forward to the improvements to come.
- b. ULM Head Football Coach, Bryant Vincent let the senate know that we have the opportunity to make the university better than what it is and make a difference. He said that the student body should come together as a whole for the next four years and make history for the university in college athletics. Coach Vincent encouraged the senate to come out and support at the Football Game this Saturday against James Madison.
- c. Senator Elizabeth Moon asked if Coach Vincent plans to involve athletics and the student body. It is in the works to have different organizations come out and meet the football players after practice and even fellowship with the team to build up those relationships.
- d. Senator Kamlade said that the athletes bring so much life to the classroom and engage a lot with the students.
- e. Senator Thomas feels that there should be a better bridge of communication when it comes to ULM Athletics and different organizations so we can support one another. Also, Senator Dixon added to what Senator Thomas said and she feels that another way to bridge the gap between athletics and the student body/ crowd is to get more crowd interaction. She suggested that the ULM Cheer Team should do more crowd cheers to boost morale.
- f. ULM Athletics Director, John Hartwell let the senate know that the biggest need is for improved athletic facilities not just for ULM Athletics but this would be for the student body as well. This facility would be configured to a football field that would include netting for multiple events to occur. The facility would be located on the Eastside, behind the football stadium. He added that another critical need to improve fan experience would be video boards for ULM Basketball, Softball, Volleyball, Graduation, etc. This would give more significant inventory to grow revenue in other capacities. They are looking at \$10 per credit hour as the student fee.
- g. Senator West asked if students would have full access to this facility. Students will have full access when the athletic teams are not occupying the facility.
- h. Senator Thomas asked if there was a certain reason that the student fee would be \$10 per credit out instead of setting a flat fee since some students take more than full-time credit hours. The \$10 per credit hour is just a proposal that is still being researched further, it was based on in-person students rather than online/ hybrid students. Senator Moon agreed with Senator Thomas and said that she feels that the fee should be lowered first before being brought to the student body to be more appealing.

## 6. Speakers of the House Reports

- a. College of Arts, Education, and Sciences
  - i. Speaker Lohman informed the senate that she met with Dean Pratte about a Meet the Deans event and more information will be coming on a date for Meet the Senators.
- b. College of Business and Social Sciences

- i. Speaker Dixon let the senate know that she met with Dean McEacharn about a Meet the Deans and Meet the Senators Event. She said that Dean McEacharn wants to hold this event once a semester.
- ii. Dixon added that herself and Dean McEacharn discussed different ways to connect the Construction Management Building and Strauss to Hemphill Hall. Also, they discussed possibly getting my MyPrint in the lobby of Hemphill Hall.

## c. College of Health Sciences

Speaker Dupree said that she has a meeting scheduled for this Thursday at 3:30 p.m. with her Dean to discuss Meet the Senators. She asked the senators of her college to send her any ideas that they made for the event or in general so she can discuss them at the meeting.

#### d. College of Pharmacy

i. Speaker Kamlade let the senate know that she reached out to Dean Anderson and is waiting for a response back.

## e. College of Graduate School

i. No Report

# 7. Department Head Updates

- a. Student Life and Welfare
  - i. Senator Moon informed the senate that Homecoming Lunch Social will be next Wednesday. She said that she will be sending a Sign-Up Genius out soon for the event . She added that shifts will be between 11:00a.m. -3:00p.m.
  - ii. Moon let the senate know that Brunch with Berry went very well. She added that there was a great turn out and all of the students there got to talk to Dr. Berry. The next Brunch with Berry will be October 14th. She said that she will be sending out more information later.
  - iii. Moon added that she drafted up an email for the RSO Outreach Initiative. She said that she will be sending out the emails next week and she will let the senate know when she will meet with the RSOs.
  - iv. Promotions
  - v. Senator Mayfield let the senate know sometime after Homecoming Week she will be taking pictures of each College to post on Instagram. She added that she will reach out to the Speakers of the House from each college for more information.

#### b. Research and Judicial Affairs

- i. Senator Thomas thanked the senate for volunteering at Polling Stations for Homecoming Elections and the Election Commission.
- ii. Thomas let the senate know that there won't be two polling stations for the Homecoming Run-Off Elections. The only Polling Station will be at the HUB and she encouraged the senate to be more involved and engaged with the students to motivate them to vote. She added to be on the lookout for Homecoming Week festivities and the Homecoming Parade next Week.
- iii. Thomas informed the Associate Senate and Senators at Large that once they are added to their preferred department. Her department will be going over the Bylaws and

- Election Code. She let them know that if they had any suggestions or concerns then to use the link that Vice President Habisreitinger made on the SGA Website.
- iv. Thomas concluded by thanking their senate for their opinions on the Associate Senate and informed them that she took everything that was discussed into account for future decision- making.

#### c. Academic Enhancement

i. Senator Lavergne updated the senate that she had a department meeting today. She added that they were thinking of doing the Meet the Deans event at Homecoming Lunch Social next week. She said that more information will come on this subject.

#### 8. Executive Board Reports

#### a. Treasurer

- i. Treasurer Walton informed the senate that she got the updated budget sheet from upstairs and she will be working on incorporating those values into the SGA excel sheet. She added that at the next meeting she will be presenting the budget to the senate.
- ii. Walton let the senate know that the Donut Haze event she attended for Hazing Prevention week had a great turn out and it was very cost efficient as the After Action Report.
- iii. Walton said that if the scholarships that are being voted at the meeting tonight were to pass, then all of the September RSO Scholarships would be passed. Any other scholarships that are presented after this meeting will be for the month of October.

#### b. Secretary

- i. Secretary Spears informed the senate that she just sent out the October Service Hour Calendar in the GroupMe and to be on the lookout for any upcoming events.
- ii. Spears reminded the senate that Midterm Check-Ins are next week on the 8th and encouraged the senate to submit all of their service hours through the service hours link.
- iii. Secretary Spears added that the Associate Senate and Senators at Large started their office hours this week. She let them know about clocking-in and clocking- out so they can be counted as being present for their office hours that week.

#### c. Vice President

- i. Vice President Habisreitinger let the senate know that the HAWKS Committee will be meeting on Fridays at 8:00 a.m.
- ii. Habisreitinger informed the senate that there will be a QR Code to the Suggestion Link for the student body to scan on the HUB TVs so they can make any suggestions or concerns they may have. She encouraged the senate to push this link out through their friends and student body.

#### d. President

- i. President Maloney informed the senate that she sent out the SIgn-Up Genius for Mental Health Day on October 10th. She added that the Sign-Up Genius will be the only way that senators can sign-up for service hour opportunities to be more organized.
- ii. Maloney let the senate know that she just sent a Google Form in the GroupMe with Mentor Ranking for the Mentorship Program. She added that this form needs to be done

- by midnight tomorrow and the reveal will take place on October 15th in Bayou Park at 6:00 p.m. before the senate meeting.
- iii. Maloney concluded by reminding the senate to complete their office hours for this week. She added that she will be sending out a Sign-Up Genius for Browse on the Bayou for this Saturday, October 5th.

#### e. Advisor(s)

i. Advisor Williams let the senate know that Composites will be this Friday, October 4th from 4:00p.m.-7:00 p.m.

#### 9. Old Business

a. Bylaw Amendments

#### 10. New Business

- a. SR. 092424 (a)- Alpha Kappa Alpha RSO Scholarship-"I move to allocate the full \$500 scholarship to their event. This scholarship will cover the venue, decorations, awards, sashes, crowns, and/or plaques for their Mr. Ivy League Pageant for scholarship outreach." Motioned by Senator Arielle Magee, seconded by Senator Lakayja Dupree.
  - By monetary vote, the motion carries.
- b. SR. 092424 (b)- BCM RSO Scholarship- "I move to allocate the full \$500 scholarship to their Hoedown Event. This scholarship will cover their food, decorations, and supplies which is open to all students and free for them to get in". Motioned by Senator Anna Clare Lavergne, seconded by Senator Kaylin Williams.
  - By monetary vote, the motion carries.

#### 11. General Discussion

- a. Senator Thomas got a general consensus of how senators felt on giving Associate Senators and Senators at Large monetary voting rights.
- b. Advisor Williams advised the senate to take their time and think about what the Guest Speakers discussed with us today before voting on it.
- **12. Meeting Adjourned** by Vice Hannah Habisreitinger at 8:39 p.m., by way of motion by Senator Elizabeth Moon and seconded by Senator Laura Lee Mayfield.