



Student Senate Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2024

Date: 10, September, 2024	Time: 7:00 PM	Location: Chem & Nat Science BLDG 100
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Preparation: No preparation needed at this time.	Please review: Nothing to review at this time.
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1. **Call to Order** by Vice President Hannah Habisreitinger on *September 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.*
2. **Moment of Silence**
3. **Roll Call: 35 Seats (19 Senators present, 1 absent, 0 excused absence, 14 seats vacant), 4 Officers, and 1 Advisor.**

Present

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lydia Dang 2. Anna Clare Lavergne 3. Kelly Lohman 4. Hailey Poydras 5. Kiersten Dixon 6. Johnathan Fee 7. Bishwo Dahal 8. Kaylin Williams 9. Elizabeth Moon 10. Laura Lee Mayfield 11. Abby Barton | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Lakayja Dupree 13. Arielle Magee 14. Drake Prunty 15. Kaitlyn Apperly 16. Autumn Meadors 17. Kathryn Kamlade 18. Gabrielle Thomas 19. Lawson Marchand | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cassidy Walton 2. Samaria Spears 3. Hannah Habisreitinger 4. Jady Maloney 5. Adv. Chris Williams |
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Absence	Excused Absence
1. Emily Horton	

4. **Approval of Last Meetings Minutes**
 - a. Moved by Senator Johnathan Fee and seconded by Senator Keirsten Dixon.
 - There being no correction to the minutes, the minutes were approved.
5. **Guest Speaker(s)**
 - a. Two members of Phi Mu Fraternity requested the full \$500 scholarship in support of their Miracle Man Scholarship.

- Miracle Man is a men's pageant put in place to raise money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Men dress to their theme, display their talent, and do a tabling event. All proceeds go straight to the Children's Miracle Network.
- Children's Miracle Network Hospital is their philanthropy and they support children and their families through the hard times they may currently be facing. Phi Mu supports their local hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas where they tour.
- If scholarship is allocated, during the Miracle Man Scholarship Pageant SGA will be shouted out as a Sponsor and will be named on a poster board for display.
- Senator Kelly Lohman thanked Phi Mu for coming to present and asked how much money has been raised in the previous years from the pageant. Phi Mu stated that \$10,000 was raised last year.
- Senator Elizabeth "Lizzy" Moon asked how many people typically come to the event. Extra seating had to be added during previous events, so there was a good amount of participation.
- Senator Lydia Dang asked what date the event was scheduled for. Event is scheduled tentatively for October 2nd at 6:00 p.m.
- Senator Laura Lee Mayfield asked how they would go about advertising this event. There is a Miracle Man's Instagram where candidates would be announced as well as where sponsors will be shouted out as well.
- Senator Johnathan Fee asked if there was a link on their instagram to sign up for the pageant. They will make the link this week.

6. Speakers of the House Reports

- a. College of Arts, Education, and Sciences
 - i. *No Report*
- b. College of Business and Social Sciences
 - i. *No Report*
- c. College of Health Sciences
 - i. *No Report*
- d. College of Pharmacy
 - i. *No Report*
- e. College of Graduate School
 - i. *No Report*

7. Department Head Updates

- a. Student Life and Welfare
 - i. *Senator Moon informed the senate that Voter's Registration Week is next Week. She added that SGA will be partnering with other RSO's on campus to talk about voting on next Wednesday and Thursday handing out popsicles at the HUB and Cafe from 11:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.*
 - ii. *Moon let the senate know that her and President Maloney will be moderating for the Ties with ULM Guys next week and encouraged the senate to come by and support.*
 - iii. *Moon added that once departments are finalized then she will order the nachos from Iron Cactus for Homecoming Lunch Social.*
- b. Promotions

- i. *Senator Mayfield let the senate know that there will be a post going out tonight about election polling stations as well as election information. She asked the senate to make sure they reshare the post to their stories.*
 - ii. *Mayfield told the senate if they have any questions or concerns then to reach out to her.*
- c. **Research and Judicial Affairs**
 - i. *Senator Thomas informed the senate that the Associate Senate will take place tomorrow and Thursday. She encouraged senators to sign up for the polling station at the cafe.*
 - ii. *Thomas let the senate know that she is looking for senators to serve on the election commission Thursday between 5:00 -8:00 p.m. She let the senate know that if they already posted a candidates flyer then they cannot be on election commission because they must remain unbiased. Senators that will serve on the Election Commission for Associate Senate Elections are Senator Gabrielle Thomas, Senator Drake Prunty, Senator Keirsten Dixon, Senator Hailey Poydras, and Senator Kaylin Williams.*
 - iii. *Thomas added that Homecoming Nominations are out and that the senate should encourage any RSOs they may be a part of to go ahead and nominate their candidates. Nominations will close September 20th and an email will be sent out when the closing date. She clarified that for Homecoming elections will be open to everyone so it will not go by classification this year and information about the candidate will not be underneath the name this year.*
- d. **Academic Enhancement**
 - i. *Senator Lavergne updated the senate that she is still waiting to hear back from Andrew Hardee about the graduation fee and said that when she does they will set up a meeting.*

8. Executive Board Reports

- a. **Treasurer**
 - i. *Treasurer Walton informed the senate that they would be voting to approve the budget this meeting. She added that she will go into more detail on the budget overview and RSO scholarship during the Senate Retreat this Friday.*
 - ii. *Walton let the senate know that she will stay for 5 minutes after meeting to help 2 senators fill out the main motion form for the Phi Mu Scholarship.*
- b. **Secretary**
 - i. *Secretary Spears informed the senate that they did great on getting their office hours for the first week of school. She added that the Upunch machine is up so everyone can clock in during their office hours.*
 - ii. *Spears let the senate know that she will be doing a Service Hour Competition to encourage the senate to get their service hours done before midterms and the first 2 senators to complete the task will receive a prize TBD.*
 - iii. *Secretary Spears added that she will be working with Vice President Habisreitingger to create an Event Calendar each month for the senate to keep up with events throughout the semester and the calendars will be uploaded to the SGA website for the student body.*
 - iv. *Spears concluded by reminding the senate to log their service hours and that the QR codes to access the form are on her office window as well in the GroupMe.*

c. Vice President

- i. *Vice President Habisreitinger let the senate know that polling stations start tomorrow and that she will be helping with the setup for the stations. She encouraged the senate to sign up for the service hour opportunity.*
- ii. *Habisreitinger informed the senate that she started Department Head Forms which includes an SGA Event CheckList, Financial After-Action Report, and a Monthly Assessment.*
- iii. *Vice President Habisreitinger added that there will be a few more updates to the SGA website which includes the SGA Event Calendar, The Election Link, and The Campaigning Violations Form.*
- iv. *Habisreitinger acknowledged that she wants to start an SGA Hawks Committee which will serve to assess any concerns/ project ideas from the student body through the suggestion link. She added this committee will meet once a week which will take the place of office hours and that if anyone is interested to sign up on the form that she sent in the GroupMe.*
- v. *Habisreitinger concluded by letting the senate know that she has been working on the senator's expectations for the Robert's Rules Workshop for retreat and to reach out to her with any questions or concerns.*

d. President

- i. *President Maloney informed the senate that September is Hunger Action Month. She added that today was Hunger Action day and she got to volunteer at the food bank today. She said that she is looking at September 27th to reserve a spot for the senate as a whole to volunteer @1:00 p.m. for an hour and that this event is mandatory.*
- ii. *Maloney let the senate know that the request form Swipe Out Hunger will open up the week of September 23rd and close on September 27th.*
- iii. *Maloney added that Aramark will be coming to the next meeting to speak. She added that she would like to start a Food Service Committee to help improve dining services on campus.*
- iv. *President Maloney let the Senate know that next week is Voter's Registration week and encouraged the senate to stop by Ties with ULM Guys to watch her and Senator Moon moderate the panel.*
- v. *Maloney concluded her report by acknowledging that "Harvest Under The Stars) starts at 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. on September 14th Downtown Monroe at 117 Hall Street. She let the senate know that departments will be announced at Senate Retreat Friday and she led the Oath of Office for senators that missed the last meeting.*

e. Advisor(s)

- i. *Advisor Williams informed the senate that Composite Pictures will be taken Friday, October 4th from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the SGA Office.*

9. Old Business

No Old Business

10. New Business

- a. Speaker of the House Elections

- College of Health Science Speaker of the House is Senator Lakayja Dupree
- College of Arts, Education, and Sciences Speaker of the House is Senator Kelly Lohman
- College of Pharmacy Speaker of the House is Senator Kathryn Kamlade
- College of Business and Social Sciences Speaker of the House Senator Keirsten Dixon
- b. Budget Approval- "I motion to approve the budget."
 - Motioned by Senator Moon and seconded by Senator Lavergne
 - There being no further debate, the senate moved into a roll-call vote.
 - By majority vote, the motion passed.
- c. Office Hours
 - President Maloney: Mondays (12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.), Tuesdays (11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.), Wednesdays (10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.), and Fridays (10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)
 - Vice President Habisreiting: Mondays (8:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.), Tuesdays (9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.), Wednesdays (12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m.), and Thursdays (9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.)
 - Secretary Spears: Tuesdays (2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.) and Thursdays (2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.)
 - Treasurer Walton: Tuesdays (11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) & (3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.) and Thursdays (11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.) & (3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.)

11. General Discussion

- a. President Maloney reminded the senate to limit talking during meetings and pay attention to when department heads and executive hours are giving their reports.
- b. Senator Thomas let the senate know that for the Homecoming Ballot will include the two amendments for the Constitution and that there will be an educational video that the senate can use to share with students. She added that the senate test is scheduled for October 1st which will include information from the Constitution & Bylaws and the senate must score a minimum of 80% to pass.
- c. Senator Lohman shouted out Senator Drake Prunty for getting his service hours and volunteering to be a part of the Preferred Names Committee.
- d. Senator Magee encouraged the senate to come out to events hosted by Student Affairs to increase engagement.
- e. Senator Fee asked if there would be a Canvas Page to access the documents. All of the documents are available through Sutable and the SGA Website.
- f. Vice President Habisreiting let the senate know that she made a Linktree that is available now on Instagram to access all of the documents and forms.

12. Meeting Adjourned by Vice Hannah Habisreiting at 7:45 p.m., by way of motion by Senator Johnathan Fee and seconded by Senator Elizabeth "Lizzy" Moon.