

Student Senate Meeting Minutes for

September 24, 2024

Date: 24, September, 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 September 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Moment of Silence
- 3. Roll Call: 35 Seats (34 Senators present, 0 absent, 1 excused absence, 14 seats vacant), 4 Officers, and 1 Advisor.

Present	

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

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

- 33. David Payne
- 34. Kyle Wasguespack

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

Absence	Excused Absence
	1. Sanish Adhikari

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. Jaci Hobbs (Mr. Ivy League Reporter/ Committee Head of Event) and Elizabeth Poydras (Parliamentary/ Committee Member of Event) came as representatives from Theta Zeta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc to request the full \$500 scholarship in support of their Mr. Ivy League Pageant.
- b. They informed the senate that this is their second year hosting the Mr. Ivy League Pageant, which gives contestants the opportunity to represent their organization. Jaci added that this event is similar to Mr. and Miss. ULM Pageant where they will have a 1st Place Winner who will receive a \$500 scholarship, 2nd Place Winner who will receive a \$250 scholarship, a 3rd Place Winner who will receive a \$150 scholarship, People's Choice Award, Ad Sales, and Best Best Interview who receive plagues.
- c. If scholarship is allocated, it will be used to cover venues and decorations. If money is left over then that money will be used for sashes, crowns, and plaques. SGA members will be allowed to attend the pageant for free and be recognized on their Mr.Ivy League Flyer as a Sponsor. Event is set to be held on November 6, 2024 in Bayou Pointe @7:08 p.m.
- d. Senator Magee asked how many people are currently signed up to participate in the event.

 There are currently 8 people signed up to participate in the event.
- e. Senator Moon asked how many people normally come to the pageant to watch. Last year it was postponed due to weather so only about 25 people attended the event but they plan for a bigger crowd this year.
- f. Senator Lavergne asked how much does it normally cost for students to attend the event. The cost for students is \$8 and the cost for Greeks is \$3.
- g. Senator McDowell asked how the Mr. Ivy League Pageant benefits the sorority. Mr. Ivy League benefits the sorority because having a male representative to represent the sorority serves as a alot to show that both genders can contribute to their principles of Service and Scholarship.
- h. Two Members from BCM requested the full \$500 scholarship in support of their BCM Hoedown.
- i. The BCM Hoedown is Western Themed Event that will have food and games where students get to dress up and come interact with BCM to learn about Southern Culture. They added that the event will take place October 10th from 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
- j. If scholarship is allocated, it will cover the cost of food and decorations.
- k. Senator Dixon asked how this event would benefit SGA. Student entry is free to the event and SGA will be on the Instagram Flyer, Informational Boards, and Ads.

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 her and President Maloney met with Dr. Berry to discuss "Brunches with Berry". This event is an opportunity for students to sit and talk to Dr.Berry and voice their concerns. Dr. Berry agreed to 'Brunches with Berry" and will be providing Chicken Minis on the 2nd Floor of the HUB next Tuesday from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
- ii. Moon let the senate know that she will be drafting up the email for the RSO Outreach Initiative. She added that the goal is to contact every RSO and see how SGA can help them.
- iii. Moon let the senate know she contacted Iron Cactus about Homecoming Lunch Social and she didn't get an answer so she will try getting in touch with them next week.

b. Promotions

- i. Senator Mayfield let the senate know that the Homecoming Elections Post will be going out today at 8:00 p.m. She added that Weekly Meeting Recaps will start tonight and if anyone is interested then to reach out to her.
- ii. Mayfield told the senate that there was a lot of engagement on the previous instagram post and encouraged the senate to continue to repost/ share on their instagram story.

c. Research and Judicial Affairs

- Senator Thomas informed the senate that Polling Stations will start tomorrow and Thursday for Homecoming Elections. She added that she will be sending out a list of shifts that are still open and encouraged the senate to sign-up for the shifts.
- ii. Thomas let the senate know that they will be voting on Bylaw Amendments tonight.
- iii. Thomas clarified that the two amendments to the Constitution will be on the Homecoming Ballot. She added that she would be sending out the Amendments in the GroupMe in case anyone needed further clarification to explain to the student body.
- iv. Thomas concluded by telling the senate that the P-Law Test has been moved from October 1st to October 22nd.

d. Academic Enhancement

- Senator Lavergne updated the senate that her department had their first meeting today.
 They discussed Let's Talk Warhawks and decided that they want to have one before the semester ends.
- ii. Lavergne let the senate know that she and the department are looking for questions to ask, so if anyone has any suggestions for questions to ask then reach out to her. Also, she informed the senate that the Speakers of the House will be reaching out to their dean to form a line of communication so they can start to plan for Meet the Senators.

8. Executive Board Reports

a. Treasurer

 Treasurer Walton informed the senate that there are two scholarships left in September to give out.

- ii. Walton let the senate know that last week she had a meeting with OSAA. She added that this week is Hazing prevention week so they wanted to do a collaboration with SGA. Treasurer Walton and President Maloney passed out donuts at their "Donut Haze" event.
- iii. Walton encouraged the senate to go in the Quad to place their handprint on the "Warhawks Don't Haze" board to support Hazing Prevention Week.
- iv. Walton concluded that Senator Moon completed the first After Action Report. She added that after each event held then the prospective department head will fill out this form. She congratulated Senator Moon on making sure the catering for the event didn't go over budget and everyone was successful.

b. Secretary

- Secretary Spears informed the senate that she just sent out the Office Hour Sign-Up in the GroupMe for the Associate Senate and Senators at Large. The deadline to submit Office Hour time is this Friday.
- ii. Spears told the Associate Senate and Senators at Large that service hour opportunities will be sent out via GroupMe and that the service hour form is available in the SGA office on her office door as well as a pinned message in the GroupMe.
- iii. Secretary Spears added that Midterm Check-In will be two weeks from today which is October 8th. She reiterated that Associate Senate/ Senators at Large have to have 3 service hours by midterms and the Regular Senate has to have 5 service hours.

c. Vice President

- Vice President Habisreitinger let the senate know that the Appointed Senators should have received their Appointed Senator Doc that was given to the senate during Retreat from President Maloney before meeting which included their expectations for the year as well as information on Roberts Rules to help with P-Law Test.
- ii. Habisreitinger informed the senate that she was looking for one more senator to join the Homecoming Election Commission for this Thursday from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. so she would have an odd number.
- iii. Vice President Habisreitinger added that HAWKS Committee meetings will start next week. Current members of the HAWKS Committee are Senator Kathryn Kamlade, Senator Lydia Dang, Senator Abby Barton, Senator Drake Prunty, Senator Keirsten Dlxon, Senator Bishwo Dahal, and Senator Kaitlyn Apperley. She told them that she will be starting a GroupMe and that starting next week they no longer have to do their office hours.
- iv. Habisreitinger acknowledged that she made a Sign-Up Genius account for SGA so senators sign-up for events can be more smoother. She also encouraged the Senate to Sign-Up for Polling Stations for Homecoming Elections.

d. President

i. President Maloney informed the senate that October 10th is World Mental Health Day. She added that since the event will count as a part of Midterm check-in if senators are already signed up for the event although it is after the deadline. The event link will send the Sign-Up genius out in the GroupMe after her report.

- ii. Maloney let the senate know that Tim Colley reached out to her about starting a Food Service Committee within SGA and that this committee would meet once a month to discuss students' wants/concerns. Current members are Senator Elizabeth Moon, Senator Anna Clare Lavergne, Senator Alison McDowell, Senator Kaylin Williams, Senator Brooke West, Senator Keirsten Dixon, Senator Steven Moon, and Senator Abi Clifton.
- iii. Maloney led the newly elected Associate Senate and Senators at Large in the Oath of Office.
- e. Advisor(s)
 - i. No Report

9. Old Business

- a. SR.091024- Phi Mu Fraternity Scholarship
- b. Homecoming Nomination

10. New Business

- a. Voting on Bylaw Amendment 1-"I move to amend Article VI: Associate Senate; Section 1:Composition by striking out Part C" Motioned by Senator Lawson Marchand, seconded by Senator Keirsten Dixon.
 - Senator Marchand believes that the Bylaws are supposed to be as clear as possible. He said that this change to the Bylaw will help with any confusion senators may have as well as help to avoid any confusion in the future.
 - Senator Dixon said that if you have two things contradicting each other in the document then the best thing is to do is limit any confusion.
 - There being no debate to come before the group, the senate moved into a roll-call vote.
 - By majority majority vote, the motion passed.
- b. Voting on Bylaw Amendment 2- "I move to amend Article VI: Association Senate; Section 2: Duties by striking out subsection B so that Part B states, "Shall vote on monetary money matters in general senate meetings" and A "Associate Senate shall have debate privileges in general senate meetings". Motioned by Senator Kathryn Kamlade, seconded by Senator Drake Prunty.
 - Senator Kamlade believes that Associate Senate should have a say in scholarship voting since they were elected in the position to do that.
 - Senator Prunty said that he feels the same way as Senator Kamlade. He feels that the Associate Senate should have the right to vote as early as possible once elected.
 - There being no debate to come before the group, the senate moved into a roll-call vote.
 - By majority majority vote, the motion passed.

11. General Discussion

- a. Senator Thomas informed the senate that if they are unsure about anything that is discussed during the meeting then to ask for a Parliamentary Inquiry for more information on the subject at hand. She added that her and Advisor Williams decided to give Homecoming Candidates the opportunity to include 5 RSOs on the ballot.
- b. Senator Magee encouraged the senate to attend Hazing Prevention events Monday-Thursday in the Quad from 11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. She added that tomorrow in the Activity Center there will be a "Hoops and Haze" blindfolded basketball game at 4:00 p.m. and that she will be at the Cafe from 11:30- 1:30 passing out popsicles as a gift from Dr. Fields

- c. President Maloney let the Senators at Large know that she will be sending out a Google Form in the GroupMe so they can choose their Department Preferences.
- d. Vice President Habireitinger let the Associate Senate know that at the next meeting they will have their voting rights since the amendment passed today. She also reminded the senate that if they wanted to complete a motion form for the RSOs that came presented today then see Treasurer Walton after the meeting.
- **12. Meeting Adjourned** by Vice Hannah Habisreitinger at *7:45 p.m.*, by way of motion by Senator Elizabeth Moon and seconded by Senator Johnathan Fee.