

Student Senate Meeting Minutes for

September 3, 2024

Date: 3, 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 3, 2024 at 7:02 p.m.
- 2. Moment of Silence
- 3. Roll Call: 35 Seats (14 Senators present, 1 absent, 6 excused absence, 14 seats vacant), 4 Officers, and 1 Advisor.

Present

- 1. Emily Horton
- 2. Anna Clare Lavergne
- 3. Kelly Lohman
- 4. Bishwo Dahal
- 5. Elizabeth Moon
- 6. Laura Lee Mayfield
- 7. Abby Barton
- 8. Lakayja Dupree

- 9. Drake Prunty
- 10. Kaitlyn Apperly
- 11. Autumn Meadors
- 12. Kathryn Kamlade
- 13. Gabrielle Thomas
- 14. Lawson Marchand

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

Absence	Excused Absence
1. Lydia Dang	 Samaria Spears Arielle Magee Hailey Poydras Kaylin Williams Kiersten Dixon Johnathan Fee

4. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

- a. No meeting minutes to approve at this time.
- 5. Guest Speaker(s)
 - a.
- 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 encouraged the senate to send her their RSO involvement for the RSO Outreach Initiative so she can present accurate numbers to the RSOs. She also added that if the senate has any ideas or suggestions for the initiative then to reach out to her.
 - ii. Moon let the senate know Homecoming Pep Rally and Lunch Social decisions will be made more formally once departments are established. She added that if the senate had any ideas for lunch social or suggestions then to reach out to her.
 - iii. Moon informed the senate that for Voters Registration Week she is looking at getting either a snowball machine, popsicles, or simple snacks and drinks.

b. Promotions

- i. Senator Mayfield let the senate know to make sure that they are following all of ulmsga social media pages to keep up with any upcoming events we may have.
- ii. Mayfield informed the senate that she would be sending out the Birthday Google Form in the GroupMe so she can post.

c. Research and Judicial Affairs

- Senator Thomas informed the senate that Associate Senate applications have closed. She also added that Associate Senate elections will take place next week on September 11th-12th from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Cafe/HUB and campaigning will be September 9th-10th. Senators will be allotted one hour shifts and there are two senators required per shift.
- ii. Thomas let the senate know that Homecoming Court Nominations opened on September 2nd and will close on September 22nd. She added that only RSO Presidents are allowed to nominate individuals. Elections will take place September 25th-September 26th and the Candidate Meeting will take place on September 20th.
- iii. Thomas added that she will accept anyone that is interested in serving on the Associate Senate Election Commission. She informed the senate to reach out to her through text/email, in-person, or sign the back of the Polling Station Sign-Up Sheet.

d. Academic Enhancement

i. Senator Lavergne thanked senators that helped with the Meet the Senators event last week and she added that there was a lot of participation from the student body .

ii. Lavergne informed the senate that she will be emailing Andrew Hardee this week about the graduation fee.

8. Executive Board Reports

a. Treasurer

- i. Treasurer Walton informed the senate that she made the RSO Scholarship Form more accessible on the Student Government Suitable Page over the summer.
- ii. Walton let the senate know that she will go more into depth on how RSO scholarships work and the budget at Senate Retreat.

b. Secretary

- i. President Maloney gave Secretary Spears Report. She informed the senate that office hours started this week and let the senate know to fill out the google form for office hours. She added that if she had any questions then to reach out to her, Secretary Spears, or in the GroupMe.
- ii. Maloney let the senate know that Secretary Spears plans to do a Service Hour Competition to encourage the senate to get their service hours done faster and that she will go into more detail at the next meeting.
- iii. Maloney added that Senate Retreat excuses are due by this Friday, September 6th at 11:59 p.m. She let the senate know that they can access the absence form and service hour form by scanning the QR code in the SGA Office on her office door.
- iv. President Maloney stated that since we currently do not have a Canvas page that Secretary Spears will be creating an Event Calendar for the senate to keep up with events throughout the semester.

c. Vice President

- i. Vice President Habisreitinger let the senate know that over the summer she worked on a Suggestion Link for students to submit any comments, concerns, or suggestions through this link and that it will be on the SGA website.
- ii. Habisreitinger informed the senate that she and Senator Thomas had an Associate Senate Candidate meeting today. She added that she and Senator Thomas also have been working on a Roberts Rules of Order Workshop for Senate Retreat.
- iii. Habisreitinger added that the SGA Website has been updated with current officers for the 2024-2025 School Year, A tab has been added for the 2024-2025 Meeting Minutes, and the link to the RSO Scholarship Form through Suitable/ Suggestion Link has been added as well. She also encouraged the senate to reach out to her or the department heads with any questions or suggestions.

d. President

- i. President Maloney informed the Senate to mark their calendars for Senate Retreat which will take place on September 13th in the Hangar from 12 p.m.-3 p.m. She also said that lunch will not be provided and encouraged the senate to be on time for the retreat.
- ii. Maloney let the senate know that she will be sending out the link to the Department Assignments Google Form. She added that everyone would not get their top choice and that department members would be evenly distributed.

- iii. Maloney added that the Speaker of the House elections will take place at the meeting next week. She added that senators must have one year in SGA in order to be qualified for the Speaker of the House position.
- iv. President Maloney let the Senate know that Jeffery Henderson is looking for one student to be a part of the Preferred Names Committee. She added that the role of the committee would be to handle any appeals from students that had their preferred name requests denied by the Registrar's Office and if anyone is interested in joining the committee then to reach out to her.
- v. Maloney concluded her report by leading the senate in their Oath of Office.

e. Advisor(s)

i. Advisor Williams informed the senate that Composite Pictures will be taken Friday, October 4th from 12 p.m.- 3p.m.

9. Old Business

No Old Business

10. New Business

- a. Homecoming Nominations
- b. Homecoming Court Nomination for Freshman Bell was Abigail (Abby) Clifton and Conner Skubic for Freshman Beau
- c. Homecoming Court Nomination for Sophomore Bell was Kathryn Kamlade and Drake Prunty for Sophomore Beau
- d. Homecoming Court Nomination for Junior Bell was Elizabeth Moon and Johnathan Fee for Junior Beau
- e. Homecoming Court Nomination for Senior (Queen) was Jadyn Maloney and Landon Trahan for Senior (King)

11. General Discussion

- a. Senator Thomas let the senate know to look over governing documents because they will be taking a Senate Test within the next couple of weeks and a score of 80% is required to pass. She let the senate know that the documents are available for access on the SGA Suitable page.
- b. Treasurer Walton informed the senate that she and President Jadyn will be doing a video next week to share on the ulmsga instagram that will be explaining the RSO scholarships and the link to access the form for the students.
- **12. Meeting Adjourned** by Vice Hannah Habisreitinger at 7:42 p.m., by way of motion by Senator Gabrielle Thomas and seconded by Senator Anna Clare *Lavergne*