SRSGA Formal Meeting Minutes

November 27th, 2023

Call to order - President Bloom

5:03 pm

Roll Call - VP Bell

Executive Board

- a) Ella Bloom President
- b) Sydney Rezzetano VP of Finance
- c) Braydon Godfrey VP of Student & Academic Affairs
- d) Robbi Austin VP of Outreach
- c) Hunter Bell VP of Internal Affairs
- f) Liz Hood VP of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging
- g) Ezeck Warren Parliamentarian
- h) Emily Steele Speaker of the Senate

College of Business

- a) Senator George
- b) Senator Johnston
- c) Senator Wolfe
- d) Senator Wallace

College of Education

- a) Senator Cessna
- b) Senator Gable
- c) Senator Stiles
- d) Senator Ecklund

College of Health Professions

- a) Senator Bradeis
- b) Senator Krizmanich
- c) Senator Sones
- d) Senator Steele

College of Engineering & Science

- a) Senator Schmidt
- b) Senator Snyder

College of Liberal Arts

- a) Senator Atwood
- b) Senator Mortensen
- c) Senator Isenberg

Commuter

- a) Senator Double
- b) Senator Snyder

Residence Hall

- a) Senator Burchell
- b) Senator Carbone

Transfer

a) Senator Hale

Veteran

a) Senator Snodgrass

International

a)

Athlete

a) Senator Delcoco

First-year

- a) Senator Maharg
- b) Senator Pavlicko
- c) Senator Sennett
- d) Senator Williams

Graduate

At-Large

- a) Senator Buchan
- b) Senator Caroff
- c) Senator Czerniewski
- d) Senator Hervatine
- e) Senator Johnston
- f) Senator Ogoreuc
- g) Senator Fabo
- h) Senator Thrasher

Advisors

- a) Patrick Beswick
- b) Wendy Leitera

APSCUF Representative

a) Dr. Sararose Lynch

Excused: Senator Double, Wendy Leitera

Absent:

Guest Speakers:

Rockstar of the Week: N/A

Officer/Committee Reports:

<u>President Bloom</u> — Meeting with Dallas Cott; Thanks for a Great Semester; BSGP; Office Hours and Contact Information posted below.

<u>VP Godfrey</u> – Committee Report; Mondays at 3:30 in SSC 323; Good luck on finals; thank you for a great semester; Stuff next semester – Campus Crawl pt. 2, SLS, Shuttle Van Project; Office Hours and Contact Information posted.

<u>VP Rezzetano</u> – Congrats on making it through the semester and good luck on finals; finance report; Contact information posted.

<u>VP Austin</u> – Thank you all for a great semester! Good luck on your finals and all things winter break; Ideas/Suggestions – Let me know; Last Committee meeting TOMORROW at 5 pm in SSC 324; Office Hours and Contact Information posted below.

<u>VP Bell</u> – Thank you all for your help with Friendsgiving; Final Committee meeting tonight after formal – we are decorating the SGA Office; Upcoming bonding event – Hot Cocoa finals destress – Wednesday December 6th 5-8 pm; Secret Senator – Next Monday during informal (\$15-25 limit); If you have any ideas for bonding events, please feel free to reach out to me; Office Hours and Contact Information posted.

<u>VP Hood</u> – Make sure you're taking time for yourselves! Your mental health matters!; Committee meeting this week – last SJC meeting of the semester & we will be doing a PowerPoint night!; SJC Committee Meetings for Spring 2024 – Mondays at 12 pm; Office Hours and Contact Information posted below; Congrats VP Bell on your engagement! *applause*

<u>Parliamentarian Warren</u> – I hope everyone is doing well; Rules and Policies is held 1-2 pm on Wednesday in SSC 324; Things in the works; Office Hours and contact information below;

<u>Speaker Steele</u> – Please submit office units by 5 pm on Sundays; Next informal is holiday party – Ugly sweater theme and secret senator; Reach out if you need anything; Have a great week, remember to take care of yourselves! Office hours & contact information posted below.

Commission Reports:

Senator Thrasher: Commission of Veteran and Military Affairs; There have been several global conflicts which means there are SRU students being deployed; we are hoping to make care packages; Streamline the process to get students reinstated once they return from deployment – working with advisors and students.

Rock of the Week: Senator Czerniewski

VP Bell: This senator has been a huge help for me with Friendsgiving and Internal in general. Anytime I need something, she always steps up to help me out and I really appreciate it!

Open Forum:

Senator Stiles: I would like to encourage going through each financial request separately to make sure concerns are addressed.

Senator Thrasher: This is my last formal meeting – student for the board of directors seat opens for the next semester; application is on CORE – please apply if interested; I strongly recommend applying as it is an eye-opening experience; You are making decisions that go beyond what we do in this senate; Your voice and your vote are needed.

President Bloom: I would like to congratulate Senator Thrasher as this is his last formal meeting with us and we are excited for his future.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Motion #1: I move to approve the minutes from the November 13th, 2023 formal meeting.

First – Senator Buchan Second – Senator Sennett

Motion passes

Motion #2: I move to approve Intramural Flag Football's new initiative request of \$7,100.

First – Senator Stiles

Second – Senator Braedis

Senator Stiles – This information came on a zoom call where the connection was spotty; there were a few senators in finace committee that were concerned; The registration should have been a conference grant; the rental cars seem expensive; the \$7,190 covers the cost of the planes and the hotel costs; we are ahead of schedule with our \$75,000 and they have not fundraised for anything at all to our knowledge

Debate and Discussion

VP Rezzetano – I was on a train ride which is why we had a meeting over zoom; I discussed with Wendy and we both agreed that this is a reasonable amount; They are running through a recreational sport, not a club, which is why they have not been fundraising; We have read the finance policy several times and this all falls underneath it.

Senator Snodgrass – I would like to remind people that we pay a fee and this money is for students to give opportunities and

Senator Buchan – Do we know how much they were approved for last time? **VP Rezzetano** – They were approved for \$8000 but costs have been rising Senator Gable – The airfare is pretty reasonable for 12 people with hotels and rental cars. This seems very reasonable.

VP Bell – I just wanted to add that as someone who flies to Oklahoma to visit family, the reason those flights are expensive is because there is no direct flights. **Senator Stiles** – Myself, Senator Braedis, and Senator Carroff all disagree; this is why we adjusted the price; our goal is to limit transportation costs and this aims to do that.

Senator Delcoco – I understand that we have a duty to keep within budget but as we metioned previously, we are given this money to serve students; this is a national competition.

Favor -6 Opposed -33 Abstentions -1

Motion Fails

Motion #4: I move to approve Intramural Flag Football's New Initiative Request of \$9100

First: Senator Pavlicko

Second: Senator Sennett

Debate and Discussion

Senator O. Snyder: If there is a conference grant, why do we not just approve \$8000 **VP Rezzetano:** It is not necessary; if this was a larger conflict, Wendy and

myself would have mentioned this to them. I believe it is fine. **Senator K. Snyder:** What all expenses will you guys be covering

Parl. Warren – Food and gas

Pres. Bloom – when this motion was passed, it was not under a conference grant

Senator Fabo – We are here for the students and this is a great experience for them; Flag football is a serious sport that they put a lot of passion into.

Favor – 36 Opposed – 1

Abstention – 3

Motion Passes

Motion #3: I move to approve Percussion Club's conference grant request of \$500.

First – Senator Carbone Second – Senator Isenberg

Motion Passes

Motion #4: I move to approve the following SRSGA Scholarship recipients, Jaeda Johnston and Sasha Jantsch.

First – Senator Thrasher

Second – Senator Wallace

Senator Thrasher – I do not know Sasha, but I do know Jaeda and she is more than qualified.

President Bloom – Congrats to Jaeda, you are more than qualified!

Abstentions – 1

Motion Passes

APSCUF Report: N/A

Advisor Reports

Patrick Beswick – Thank you to Senator Thrasher for serving on the board of directors and for his commitment. Congrats to those graduating; I would love to stress for the group to think over break that even though we are not in session, your job as an advocate for the student body does not end; really think of what you can do to advocate for the student body

<u>Adjournment</u> – I move to adjourn this meeting at 5:40 p.m.

First – VP Godfrey

Second – Senator Maharg

Oppose-3

Motion Passes