

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

- The fourth meeting of the sixteenth Senate was called to order by Ryan Richardson at 5:00 pm on September 19th, 2017.
- The minutes from the last Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- **President – Andi Dahmer:** President Dahmer welcomes all of the new senators. Committee assignments should be released. Senators are expected to abide by the SGA Constitution and understand that they represent SGA both inside and outside the SGA chambers. Senators are expected to attend senate meetings every Tuesday, weekly committee meetings, and complete weekly office hours. Those who did not get elected can still join a committee and apply to be appointed later. The strategic planning initiatives will be divided into six working groups with two members each. Any student on campus can be involved in the strategic planning for the next five years of our university. Applications will be posted within the next week. Be sure to get you officers, their doors are always open if you need to talk to anyone on the executive cabinet.
- Ashlyn Jones appointment as the chair of the SGA SAVES committee is approved by unanimous consent.
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- Garret Edmonds appointment as the chair of the Campus Improvements committee is approved by unanimous consent.
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- Chief Justice Annalicia Carlson swears in the new committee chairs.
- Caroline Simpson's nomination as an associate justice is approved.
- Chief Justice Annalicia Carlson swears in Caroline Simpson and the Senators elected in fall 2017.
- **Executive Vice President – Savannah Molyneaux:** There is one more university committee (The University Athletic Committee) that still needs two representatives. Two senators volunteer to join the committee. Savannah is on the Budget Council,

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which meets weekly in coordination with President Caboni. Let her know if there is anything she should advise the council to continue funding.

- **Administrative Vice President – Kara Lowry:** Organizational aid applications are out, student organizations looking for funding can apply on the SGA website. The bill to be discussed today is coming from scholarship funds and not SGA discretionary funds. Any bills regarding money need to be discussed with Kara.
- **Chief of Staff – Connor Hounshell:** The executive cabinet would like to have one-on-one meetings with each senator to discuss their ideas for the year. The meetings will begin this week.
- **Director of Public Relations – Amy Wyer:** Polo orders will be submitted within the next week. PR Committee tabling will begin next week. Tabling will be Tuesday 12-2 and Wednesday 1-3. If you have a bill coming up, it would be nice to come and table and present it to the student body. The “meet your senators” social media campaign will begin Monday. You will need to send her campus issues you are passionate about, the committee you are in, your year, major, minor, and any study abroad you may have done.
- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA) – Emily Houston:** The earn a computer program gives refurbished Apple brand computers to students who complete 40 service hours and fill out an application. The application is on the SGA website. They are expecting to give out 5-10 computers this year, on a rolling basis, meaning they are awarded as applications are submitted. This is less than normal because there is a new student refurbishing the computers and therefore still learning the process of doing so. The Academic Quality Committee will meet at 3:15 in the faculty house on Thursday.
- **Director of Information Technology – Smita Peter:** The organizational aid application, senate attendance, senate minutes, and excuse forms are on the SGA website.
- **Speaker of the Senate – Ryan Richardson:** Congratulations to the new committee chairs. The senate retreat went really well. Committee chairs need to submit meeting times to Ryan by the end of the night. Meeting times will then be posted online for all students to see. Everyone will be added to an SGA email group tonight, if you have not been receiving emails, contact Ryan. Dress code is business casual. Absences are going to be strictly enforced this year. Senators are only given two unexcused absences, after three unexcused absences, you will be sent to judicial council. Absence excuses must be submitted through the absence excuse form on the SGA

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website. Office hour absences will not be counted against anyone from last week, office hours will be officially started this week.

- **Secretary of the Senate – Asha McWilliams:** Senators need to start getting 1 office hour each week. The week will be from Monday-Friday. Senators must sign in to the binder at the front in order to log their hour. If, you do not get an office hour, it will count as an unexcused absence, and if you have three, your case will be sent to the judicial council for review. If you are going to be absent and have an excuse, you must fill out an excuse form.
- **Academic and Student Affairs – Ashley Cox:** You can be on more than one committee so if you want to join this committee, they can always use help grading scholarships.
- **Campus Improvements – Garrett Edmonds:** If you are on this committee, stay after to talk with him after the meeting.
- **Legislative Research – Lillian Nellans:** This committee will work a little differently this year to make sure they are meeting their constitutional responsibilities. Their meetings will be right after the senate meeting concludes every Tuesday, so if you have a bill under new business, you will need to stay for that meeting. They will then research it and make sure there are no problems with the legislation. The committee will start meeting next week.
- **Public Relations – William Hurst:** The committee will be meeting directly after tonight's meeting. If anyone wants to join another committee, they can join this one.
- **Diversity and Inclusion – Divya Gangavelli:** There will be a meeting tomorrow from 7:15-8:15 in DSU 3003.
- **Sustainability – Ian Hamilton:** The no shave November legislation will be out next Tuesday. A professor on campus has conducted them about an interphase workshop on sustainability and social justice February 18. Their next meeting is Thursday at 5:30 in SGA Chambers.
- **SGA SAVES – Ashlyn Jones:** Meet with Ashlyn after the meeting in you are in this committee.
- **University Committee Report (Zach Debord – Student Research Council, Savannah Molyneaux – Student Life Foundation) –** Student research council discussed the student research council to be held March 24. They are working to find more performance-based research projects and speakers to attend the event. Student Life Foundation helps decide how to plan the new residential halls on

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campus. They discussed what students are looking for in residential life in dorms. If you have any input, contact Savannah.

- **Judicial Council Report – Annalicia Carlson:** If you are a newly elected senator be sure to turn in your campaign finance sheet. If you still have chalk or anything posted around campus, it needs to be down tonight. Some names were blacked out on the election results because one candidate stepped down and another violated the election codes so their campaign had to be terminated. Senate excuses from the senate retreat will be reviewed at their next meeting on Monday.
- **Unfinished Business**
- **Bill 8-17-F**
- Bill 8-17-F is passed with unanimous consent.
- The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:45 pm.