

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

- The twenty-sixth meeting of the sixteenth Senate was called to order by Ryan Richardson at 5:00 pm on April 24th, 2018.
- The minutes from the last Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- Voting on awards is conducted.
- **President – Andi Dahmer:** This is her final officer report. She supports Resolution 11-18-S and 10-18-S. She thanks everyone for attending the provost meetings. The presidential transition is underway between Andi and Stephen. They will have 3 total transitional meetings. The 2018-2020 biannual budget is discussed. Both chambers voted to override the governor's veto on the budget and revenue bills. The Budget Council will have a less direct impact on this round of \$16 million cuts. President Caboni still aims to support students throughout these programmatic cuts. If a position is already vacant, it will be cut in lieu of one that is already filled. The newly selected provost will be the ones leading this programmatic revue. He's working to prevent the attrition of students and the decline in international enrollment. She thanks everyone for letting her serve this year.
- **Executive Vice President – Savannah Molyneaux:** They are currently working on the project for the sexual assault awareness with the Talisman. She addresses the awful year they've had as an all-woman executive member of senate. She believes both sexism and racism are alive and well on this campus. The importance of holding others accountable is stressed.
- **Administrative Vice President – Kara Lowry:** No report.
- **Chief of Staff – Connor Hounshell:** Asks everyone to read Andi's article in the Herald.
- **Director of Public Relations – Amy Wyer:** She clarifies some things about Greek life. SGA has no control over taking away funding for Greek organizations. SGA funding should go to other organizations, not Greek life. She emphasizes the power of see something and say something. Both the perpetrators and those who decide not to do anything are in the wrong. She believes everyone owes Andi an apology. Thanks the women of exec for being the strongest women she knows.

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- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA) – Emily Houston:** Thanks everyone who attended the provost forums. She congratulates the MEA campaign for winning but stresses the amount of work the new executive members will have to undertake. Thanks Anna for her genuine apology. Asks everyone to read today's Herald article. This SGA year has been much worse than those in the past. She is willing to stand up for Andi in every way. She is extremely disheartened with everything that has happened this year. She stresses that silence is complicity. She is hopeful that things change next year.
- **Director of Information Technology – Smita Peter:** All of the updates have been done on the website. She wonders why so many students were here last week and not this week. She wishes the best to those who have been elected. She stresses that every person on this campus deserves respect. She begs that you do not judge a person based on their gender.
- **Speaker of the Senate – Ryan Richardson:** Thanks everyone for his experience this year. Elections for Speaker of the Senate are conducted. Asha McWilliams is elected Speaker.
- **Secretary of the Senate – Asha McWilliams:** This is the last week senators are required to get office hours.
- **Academic and Student Affairs – Ashley Cox:** Thanks everyone for helping her committee this year.
- **Campus Improvements – Garrett Edmonds:** The Campus Safety Walk has been rescheduled for next Monday at 7. President Caboni will be in attendance.
- **Legislative Research – Lillian Nellans:** No report.
- **Public Relations – Brigid Stakelum:** Thanks everyone for helping the PR committee this year. Thanks Andi for appointing her and Amy for working with her. Student outreach is discussed.
- **Diversity and Inclusion – Mark Clark:** Their last meeting is tomorrow.
- **Sustainability – Ian Hamilton:** Their Earth Day Festival was a success. Thanks everyone for a great year. Thanks Andi for the nomination and the support from exec on all of the sustainability initiatives this year. Their last meeting is Thursday at 5:30 in DSU 3029.
- **SGA SAVES – Ashlyn Jones:** No report.

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- **University Committee (Emergency Management Committee – Logan Hornback):** Emergency Management Committee. They met four weeks ago and are creating a tasks force of the top emergency responders for any potential emergencies on campus. Some parking changes will be made to increase safety. They are developing strategies to offset risks for buildings open late at night. Thanks Savannah for allowing her to join the committee.
- **Judicial Council Report – Annalicia Carlson:** Election expenditure sheets are due by April 30th. Even if you didn't spend any money, one must be supported. You can either turn in a hard copy or email Annalicia. Annalicia will be serving as an Associate Justice next year. They will have a position open for a new justice in May. Voting to confirm the new Chief Justice is conducted.
- Jacob's McAndrew's nomination to be Chief Justice of the Judicial Council is approved by unanimous consent.
- Chief Justice Annalicia Carlson swears in Jacob McAndrews as the new Chief Justice.
- **Student Speaker – Spencer Wells:** Discusses a list of resources to understand hate speech and hate symbols. Below is the list of resources:
 - Here is the ADL Hate Symbols Database that should be a reference place for any senators to understand hate symbols and identify them.
 - <https://www.adl.org/education-and-resources/resource-knowledge-base/hate-symbols>
 - Here are the two major hate group monitoring agencies:
 - the SPLC and ADL and explaining what they are and what they do:
 - <https://www.adl.org/who-we-are>
 - <https://www.splcenter.org/what-we-do>
 - And here's a link in depth that would explain what the SPLC do and frequently ask question about the SPLC and Hate Groups:
 - <https://www.splcenter.org/20171004/frequently-asked-questions-about-hate-groups#far%20left%20hate%20groups>
 - Here is also a video from PBS that tactically talks about the issues around Pepe as a hate symbol: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uXYIdvV1CU>
- **Student Speaker – Luke Edmunds:** If anyone ever needs anything, he is a phone call away. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." – Martin Luther King Jr. Stresses the importance of service and being motivated by love. Reads First Corinthians Chapter 13.
- **Resolution 7-18-S**

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- Resolution 7-18-S passes.
- **Bill 23-18-S**
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- **Resolution 8-18-S**
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- **Resolution 9-18-S**
- Savannah Molyneaux makes a friendly amendment adding Andrea Anderson as a contact and Amy Wyer as an author.
- Resolution 9-18-S passes.
- **Resolution 10-18-S**
- Resolution 10-18-S passes.
- **Bill 28-18-S**
- Morgan Wysong makes a friendly amendment to correct the spelling of integrate.
- Dillon McCormick makes a friendly amendment to take the funding from the food budget instead of the senate discretionary budget.
- Ian Hamilton makes a friendly amendment to increase the amount from \$100 to \$500.
- Asha McWilliams makes a friendly amendment to return any remaining funds to SGA.
- Bill 28-18-S passes.
- **Resolution 11-18-S**
- Resolution 11-18-S passes
- **Announcement – Dallas McKinney:** This is our final meeting, next week the awards banquet will be at Outback Steakhouse. Take your nametags with you.

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- **Announcement – Asha McWilliams:** Thanks everyone for their votes and looks forward to serving as Speaker next year.
- **Announcement – Brigid Stakelum:** Thanks everyone who nominated her for awards.
- The meeting is adjourned at 6:43 pm.