

# Student Government Meeting Minutes

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

*Main motion; All for*

## Clause 1: Call to Order by Presiding Officer

- Present: Senator Mehra, Senator Lorine, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Akil, Senator Ajrami, Senator Pham, Senator Mitra, Senator Vicklund, Senator Syed, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Garcia, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang

## Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

## Clause 3: Reading and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- Minutes from October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

*Motion to approve the Minutes; All for*

## Clause 4: Special Reports

### **II. Students wishing to address the Senate**

*Solicitor general*

- Created a lesson plan to teach constitution and bylaws
- Will have prizes
- Give us any suggestions

### **III. Two-minute speeches by the members of the Senate**

Senator Lorine: Haunted Forest will be next Thursday

Senator White: Met with Senator Lamonte and IT leader. He is willing to open a conversation on what IT can do. If you want something changed regarding IT, please talk to me or Senator Lamonte

Senator Moiz: Will be having post career fair meetings

Senator Mehra: Will be having a Harry Potter yoga class

Senator Garcia: Will be making a survey regarding

Senator Chang: Will be trying to get New York Times access to students

Senator Lamonte: To expand on the meeting with IT, CASA servers are being looked into

### **IV. Emerging Leaders Speeches**

Aylin Rodriguez: Is a Polisci Major. Interested in getting International students more engaged in civic engagement.

Wasiq Javed: Freshman in Polisci. Senators should empathize with their constituents, and it is their responsibility to represent them and their interests.

Erika Melendez: Not everyone is treated fairly, and we should step out of our comfort zones to make sure we can understand others.

Randolph Campbell: Food diversity is very important, and dining halls don't lack diversity. Wants to work on this issue

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## **Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports**

### **I. Report of the President**

Pens and phone backs are coming in. Justice Department is requesting a budget. T-shirts are being ordered. Student regent applications are still open. Grad bill of rights efforts and food security are continuing.

### **II. Report of the Vice President**

Rec sexual harassment signs are up. The library is being looked at next for sexual harassment. Cougar Pack positions have been hired. Weekly self-defense rec classes are being worked on.

### **III. Report of the Speaker**

Talked with Dr. Schwartz about mentorship program. Will be reaching out to Senators regarding attendance.

### **IV. Report of the Chief Justice**

No cases so far. If you have any issues please contact me.

### **V. Report of the Chief Election Commissioner**

Ordering merchandise. Had interviews for potential associate election commissioner.

### **VI. Report of the Attorney General**

Proposing a budget for Department of justice. Budget will be for Constitution Classes and future events. Worked with Graduate School of Social Work for civic engagement. Reaching out to Committees regarding auditing.

### **VII. Report of the Chief of Staff**

First Emerging Leaders committee was last week. Discussed initiatives. Second round of office hours has started. Working on interview workshop for them. Meeting with university services regarding green fund.

### **VIII. Report of the Director of External Affairs**

Final number of registered voters is 777. Busing to the polls is next week. Feel free to come volunteer or vote. TSGC Conference has been rescheduled.

### **IX. Report of the Director of Public Relations**

New merchandise is coming in. Feel free to come to my office to pick some up.

### **X. Report of the Director of Outreach**

Reaching out to RSOs. Main issues are CSI and membership.

## Clause 6: Committee Reports

### **I. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee**

- Dead week language will be finalized Monday.

### **II. Report of the Internal Affairs Committee**

- Discussed multiple bills that will be going up today

### **III. Report of the Student Life Committee**

- Working on Haunted Forest
- Compiled list of student complaints from Student Life Tabling

### **IV. Report of the Administration and Finance Committee**

- Working on increasing Greek Life Presence
- Working on improving website
- Looking into Commuter meal plan
- Working on replacing plastic straws

*Motion to add Transgender Inclusion Act (UB-55013) to the Agenda before Transferal of Clerking Duties Act (SGAB-55008);;; Motion Passes*

*Motion for two minutes of moderated caucus with thirty second speaking times;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion for ten minutes of moderated caucus with thirty second speaking times;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to approve Committee Appointments individually;;; Motion Passes*

*All appointments pass*

## Clause 8: New Business

### **I. Appointment of Aristotle Economon to Engineering Senator**

- Sophomore in engineering
- Wants to improve Engineering teaching evaluations
- Wants to improve residential life and housing
- Wants to work on Parking
- Wants to improve bicycle parking
- Wants to improve on-campus food

*Motion for three minutes of moderated caucus with thirty seconds speaking time;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes*

*Appointment Passes*

### **II. "The Homeless Student Relief Act"; UB-55017 (First Read)**

- Will provide a 70% meal plan discount to fifty homeless students
- Homeless students will be exempt from housing requirements on meal plans
- Homeless students without a mandatory meal plan will be prioritized
- Homeless students will be prioritized from the Cougar Experience Scholarship

*Motion to send back to Administration and Finance Committee for further review;;; Motion Passes*

### **III. “The Election Day Reform Act”; SGAB-55010 (First Read)**

- Changes voting days to third Thursday of February until the following Wednesday
- No physical campaigning will be allowed on Sunday

*Motion to extend Q&A by three minutes;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to send back to Internal Affairs Committee for further review;;; Motion Passes*

### **IV. “Further Bylaw and Constitutional Adjustments”; SGAB-55011 (First Read)**

- Changes statute of limitations to 30 days from 90 class days
- Removes “Journal” from Constitution and Bylaws

*Motion to send back to Internal Affairs Committee for further review;;; Motion Passes*

### **V. “The Transgender Inclusion Act”; UB-55013 (Vote)**

- Will allow students to change their preferred named in the new cougar card system
- This name will show on their cougar card and roll sheets

*Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes*

*Act Passes*

### **VI. “The Transferal of Clerking Duties Act”; SGAB-55008 (Vote)**

- Removes Clerk position
- Transfers clerking duties to Legislative Chief of Staff

*Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes*

*Act Passes*

### **VII. “The Solution to Proxies Act”; SGAB-55009 (Vote)**

- Limits number of proxies that can be held by one person
- Will go back to Committee to limit those who can hold proxies to only Senators

*Motion to table this item;;; Motion Passes*

## **Clause 9: Closing Remarks**

### **I. Comments and Announcements from Officers**

*Senator Lorine*

- Looking for volunteers for Haunted Forest

*Chief Justice Dentler*

- Appointees should leave the room when discussed

### **III. Closing Call of the Roll**

- *Present: Senator Mehra, Senator Lorine, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Seernani, Senator Akil, Senator Pham, Senator Mitra, Senator Vicklund, Senator Marvel, Senator Syed, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Garcia, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang, Senator Economon*

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## Roll Call Votes

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### **“The Transgender Inclusion Act”; UB-55013::: VOTING RESULTS**

**FOR:** 28

**AGAINST:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

**FOR:** Senator Mehra, Senator Lorine, Senator Birhiray, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Seernani, Senator Akil, Senator Ajrami, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Mitra, Senator Vicklund, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Akhtar, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Garcia, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang, Senator Economon

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

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### **“The Transferral of Clerking Duties Act”; SGAB-55008::: VOTING RESULTS**

**FOR:** 27

**AGAINST:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 1

**FOR:** Senator Mehra, Senator Lorine, Senator Birhiray, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Seernani, Senator Akil, Senator Ajrami, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Mitra, Senator Vicklund, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Akhtar, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Garcia, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Senator Economon