



Senate Meeting

04/05/21

Virtual

5:15 PM

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call:
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a) Sarah: I entertain a motion to suspend the rules for approving the agenda and the minutes for this meeting
 - Sierra: So, moved
 - Cora: Seconded
 - Discussion
 - Roll call vote
 1. 7-0-1
 2. Rules are suspended
 - b) Sarah: I entertain a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting
 - Rachael: So moved
 - Riley: Seconded
 - Approved
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - a) Sarah: I entertain a motion to approve the agenda
 - Sophia: So moved



- Rachael: Seconded
- Approved

~~V. Guest Speaker: Brian Merkel~~

VI. Reports

a) President:

- The main thing I have to report is that I did go into the SGA office today and I contacted archives and I sent them an email that they could take a bunch of stuff we have marked for them
 1. I am not sure what they will be using and not using
 2. I did find a couple interesting things
 - a. I found the childcare binder
 - i. This has a lot of information about childcare and the proposed facility, there are a bunch of old minutes from university committee meetings
 - b. I also found information in the GB transit system
 - i. I gave those documents to Frankie in the union
 - ii. So she can see what the purpose it was supposed to be originally
 3. I am also pleased to announce that the SGA office is going to be getting brand new computers this summer
 - a. Our computers now are struggling, and they are barely working.
 - b. So for all you returner, you will have the luxury of new computers



- c. You can't even open two excel documents
 - d. I put in a CD and the computer did not like that
 - e. Someone also left sushi in the fridge so there is mold in there now so we are getting a new fridge
 - f. We are also getting new office supplies
 - i. New whiteboards
 - ii. We put the large whiteboards out in the hallway again to advertise
 - iii. Hopefully we will get some people contacting us that way
- b) Vice President:
- I have been working on the arts and performance transition binder
 - 1. Talking to Kelli Strickland on those logistics
 - 2. I am also looking to reach out to Emma Hitzman who is the main curator for the Lawton Gallery
 - 3. I am trying to put as much information together for the next chair
- c) Speaker of the Senate:
- This past week I have been working on stuff for the student think tank with my co-chair
 - I was also able to attend RHAA meeting last week
 - 1. They have been doing their own constitutional review
 - I went to health and safety committee meeting today
 - As well as helped G clean out the suites



d) RHAA:

- Sierra: They have a program going on called Res Fest that is coming up in May
 1. Res Fest is available for all students
- They have also been doing constitutional review at their meetings

e) Student Court:

- I had a meeting with my fellow justices
 1. We went over bylaws
 2. We discussed Chief Justice selection
- We finalized the debate time which is going to be this Friday from 5:30-7
 1. If you have questions for the candidates, you can email me those or you can ask them during the debate
 2. Please come with questions

f) Advisor:

- Those of you who have been around for a while, know that we have an event called pass the gavel
 1. G: Hype
 2. Mark: provided we find the gavel Guillermo
 3. G: I don't like that you added my name because it has been a search
 4. G: To be fair, there has been random furniture showing up in the office
 - a. I don't know who is coming in the office but there are things that we have not been doing in the office
 5. Mark: So Reese knows where it is



6. G: Yes Reese stole it
 7. Reese: We have our own gavel and we know where it is
 8. G: Brag about it
 9. Mark: Anyways we might need to borrow
- We have been talking about having a pass the gavel event this year
 1. It would include the liaisons and the new execs meeting the old execs
 2. Talking about highlights
 3. Giving all the seniors their certificates and cords for graduation
 - So I am going to ask the question, would you be interested?
 1. Ted: I think we should do it, I think we could do it in person in the Phoenix rooms without a problem
 - a. There was a comedian there without a problem on Wednesday
 - b. The phoenix rooms is definitely a place we could have it and be in compliance with COVID guidelines
 2. G: I say pass the gavel, I would love to pass the gavel
 3. Riley: I have never done one before so I think it would be cool, we should do it
 4. Spock: I also think we should do it
 - a. We can do it while social distancing
 - b. A decent amount of students already have the vaccine as well
 - c. I am all for pass the gavel



- The next question could be how do we want to do it? With a full meal before the program? Do the program followed with some grab and go snacks after the fact? Either way it sounds like people would be seated at their own table in Phoenix B
 1. There won't be the same level of interaction we have had in the past
 2. Sarah: I think the best way is to have the celebration itself and then having to-go bags of cookies and candies instead of doing a full sit down meal like we would typically do
 - a. It would be hard without doing it as a buffet
 - b. I don't want people to feel excluded and I want everyone who wants to come and has the opportunity to enjoy the event
 - c. So the best way would be to keep masks on and social distancing the whole time which would exclude the full meal
 3. Mark: Chartwells would actually serve the meal so the quality of food would be similar to what we have had in the past.
 - a. We could do that part but you make a good point in how comfortable people would be with everyone unmasked while eating
 4. G: I definitely agree with that, as much as I really enjoyed the food from the past pass the gavels I definitely think it is more safe and look better if we just have some type of something after the meeting that people can grab and go with



- a. With our reopening strategy at the beginning of the year, having an in person event would be great and God forbid covid spreads at the event
 - b. I think it is better to be safe
 - c. For the safety and for it to look better on our org, keep it masked and social distanced
5. Mark: We don't want to have an SGA super spreader event
- a. What I am hearing is that we would just do the program then have some grab and go and then it is optional for people if they want to stick around
6. G: I want to point out and ask if roommates could sit next to each other
- a. Mark: WE could arrange for something like that
- Childcare update
 1. Making good progress
 - a. Hoping to do the final application test
 - b. Showed Dr. King
 - i. Hopefully have launch by next week.

VII. New Business

a) Dare to Divest

- Pri: I work for LIT, basically we have this campaign called Dare to Divest where we have a list of demands and we have been meeting administration to try and meet these demands and make the meeting better for students



- Lacy: I am Lacy Ross and I am also part of LIT, some of you might know me I used to be a part of SGA
 1. Pri will share her screen about the demands and what we have made progress with
- Pri: The goal is the divest resources from police to student support services
 1. It goes a lot deeper,
 2. We are getting involved with issues involving policing, prison industrial complex, abolition
- See Dare to Divest demands document
- Questions:
 1. Sarah: If you do have questions, you can raise your virtual hands and I will keep a speakers list if it gets to that point
- Pri: Basically what we have done, is we have a campus student org through student life so we meet a couple times a semester and really brain storm what types of change students want to see on campus, things that would help make life better as a student on this campus
 1. In our last meeting with the chancellor, we have been getting student input and bringing it to him, he said we should try and do things through SGA
 - a. Smaller items that could be taken care of by senators with a resolution
 2. We have some things that different committees might be interested in working on



- a. More garbage cans on campus (parking lots, main walkways, etc.)
 - i. Thankfully our campus isn't bad with littering but more garbage cans would help
- b. A lot of students were talking about the washers and dryers in the building
 - i. Dryers not drying clothes fully
 - ii. There's no one from RHAA here but that one would probably be for RHAA to talk to res life staff about either fixing or getting new washers and dryers
 - iii. Weird stuff coming out of the washers and dryers
 - iv. In the trads, the card swipes don't allow you to add extra minutes
- c. We heard that tenured professors aren't required to have the student evaluations
 - i. It effects un-tenured professors' jobs but tenured professors can't lose their jobs
 - ii. We think they should have the reviews so the professors can get the input
 - iii. Just having the reviews available even if it doesn't effect a performance reviews
 1. G: We have been talking about performance reviews in UC and this is something I can bring to them and



they can bring to faculty senate

- d. Another for RHAA is the difficulty of ESA approval for students
 - i. Sarah: Since RHAA isn't here, and I am in communication with them a decent amount, I can send an email and CC you guys on it with all of this information on it.
 - ii. A lot of people have to go through the process multiple times before getting approved
 - iii. We heard from a student who had to do it four times
 - iv. It can be a very lengthy process
 - 1. I have been denied twice
 - v. We feel there should be more of a priority on mental health as well as physical disabilities
- e. For Union and Dining, having more inclusive dining options
 - i. I know we have had this discussion before
 - 1. The only allergy station is G8
 - 2. If you are eating there, there is only like two options at a time
 - 3. Also, there is limited hours
 - ii. We also had a discussion for halal foods
 - iii. I don't know if Jasmine would know anything about that.
 - iv. Making the dining app better so you can type something in there if you have a request



- v. Jasmine: My wife is cutting in and out and I know you said my name but I can ask Matt next time but can you just repeat what you wanted?
 - 1. Pri: Is all the meat halal since there aren't any signs anymore or anywhere on the dining app.
 - 2. Jasmine: I will talk to Matt as soon as possible about it
- f. Sarah: I think these are really great, would you want to work on a google doc so we have a comprehensive list we can send out to execs and senators?
- g. You can always come to us with ideas and examples on top of writing resolutions
- h. If you have any issues with policing definitely let us know
- i. Cora: I know some other people who have very specific dietary restrictions so maybe it would be nice if we could figure out a way for people who can't eat certain things to either not have a mandatory meal plan or have more transfer meals
- j. Pri: That goes back to the dining app too
 - i. If you have an allergy and you need the grill cleaned off before they cook your food, there is no way to type that in
 - ii. I don't know if the coffee house one has been updated but there was no way to substitute milk to non-dairy milks
 - iii. Jasmine: I will reach out and get you guys an update. It is an



important thing that I don't think anyone really thought of.

- Lit will also be hiring at some point over the summer
 1. We do get paid 16 an hour

b) Constitutional Review

- If you remember from last time, we did table the entire constitution and a specific section so the court justices could get together and discuss that section.
- Today, in the review, we will not be needing a second reading
 1. We will just be talking about this specific part and then approving the constitution itself.
- Section 3.01b
 1. The issue was whether the court selects the chief justice in a vote among themselves or if it is automatic and by seniority and the term limits (lifetime vs. one year term w selection every year)
 2. Jared: In our meeting, we thought it would be a good idea because originally I was in favor of seniority but that wasn't the majority opinion among the justices.
 - a. We should all just get together and determine who the next Chief justice would be which would be a life time term
 - b. A few reasons we did this easy because sometimes seniority would be kind of iffy because a lot of times, especially this year, a lot of justices were the same meeting or a meeting apart so seniority wouldn't really do anything.



- c. We also just thought it would be good so all the justices were in agreement and we thought the best fit person was in the position.

3. Discussion:

- a. Rachael: I think not going by seniority is probably a good idea and just having the court talk about who would be best to serve
 - i. I am not sure about the lifetime just because I don't know if that would take away from someone else's opportunities
- b. Mark: I will just clarify, it is not until death do us part. IF someone is appointed as a justice, that is generally a term for as long as you are enrolled.
 - i. You can resign from that position.
 - 1. Can they be on the exec board the next year? Yes
 - 2. Can they be president? Yes
- c. G: I mean generally it is kind of the same thing with chairs. Usually chairs will stay in the position. If they are doing a good enough job, the president will just keep picking that person.
 - i. A lot of the time they are normally just chosen for each year.
 - ii. The same argument could be had there but I can see what you are saying with that.
- d. Jared: I think a lot of it has to do with the position itself. Being a court justice in general
 - i. There are also methods of removing a chief justice if you



feel they aren't doing a good enough job

- ii. If the court determines they are not fulfilling their duties, they can do a motion of no confidence and that can resolve the situation.

4. Mark: What was the original language?

- a. Ted: I think it might have just been the student court will select one of its members to serve as Chief Justice
- b. Mark: So make an amendment to the constitution
- c. Ted: Reject the added part and then in the court by-laws, the court could give a more in-depth description of the details on selecting a chief justice and the duration of the term.

5. Mark: It sounds like we are comfortable with the justices selecting a chief justice but for how long?

- a. Sarah: We are talking about changing the sentence and I suggested we proposed a friendly but to do that we need to be in a formal discussion so we can continue with this.

6. Sarah: I entertain a motion to vote on section 3.01b

- a. Rachael: So moved
- b. Cora: seconded
- c. Discussion:
 - i. Sarah: Do we want to leave it up to the court? Do we want to leave this second section?



ii. Ted: For me personally, I think that is the point of by-laws.

To more deeply explain different areas of the constitution.

1. Detailing how a chief justice is selected would make more sense to be in the by-laws

iii. Rachael: Could we keep it how it is now and just add according to the bylaws so you know where to look for the more in-depth details.

iv. Riley: Yield to redundancy

v. Sarah: We do have to make a friendly amendment.

1. Rachael made the motion so you can't make the friendly so I need another senators to make the friendly.

vi. Riley: I propose a friendly to amend subsection b to add "in accordance with student court bylaws.

1. Rachael and Cora: Accept

vii. New line: "The Student Court shall select one of its members to serve as Chief Justice in accordance with Student Court by-laws."

viii. Mark: Do we want to know what they say before we vote on this?

1. Jared: we were waiting to see what the senate did before we messed with ours



- Ted: I will go through and accept all these then send it to Mark.

c) Senate Bylaws 2nd Reading

- See Senate Bylaws Document

- Discussion:

1. Sarah: Does anyone have any points they would like to individually discuss?

a. You can also write in the chat if you want

b. I am not hearing anything that wants to be discussed

- Sarah: I entertain a motion to approve senate bylaws in full

1. Rachael: so moved

2. Riley: seconded

3. Discussion:

a. N/A

4. Roll Call Vote

a. Approved

b. 7-0-1

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

a) Academics and Governance:

- Nothing really going on
- I will discuss with G after he talks to UC about the tenure and student feedback stuff

b) Environmental Affairs:



- I haven't been doing too much but on a happier note I get my vaccine on Wednesday
 - Nothing much happening
 1. Just trying to learn my roles a little more
- c) Equity and Diversity:
- A committee meeting tomorrow
 - Continue work on the LIT stuff
 1. Thanks for helping out with that
- d) Health and Safety:
- I had a meeting with Amy Henniges last week
 1. That went well
 2. We talked about some vaccine stuff
 3. One thing she wanted to point out was if you are scheduling your vaccine on the Prevea app and it is super full or not appts available, check back later in the day because more appts will open up with shipments coming in, people moving appts or cancelling as well
 - I have a meeting with my senators today
 1. Cora I will touch base with you via email later
 - I have a meeting next Friday for my advisory boards
- e) Resources and Outreach:
- All I have to do is graphics for the elections



1. Jared emailed me so I am going to talk to him and G about what they want for graphics

f) Rec and Athletics:

- I don't have a lot going on right now
- I have a meeting with my senators this week
 1. We are going to go over the last details for our event
 2. We have to get the prizes from the bookstore a
 3. We are starting that Monday

g) Union and Dining:

- Also not much going on this week
- On Friday I will be meeting with my senators
- On Monday I will meet with Matt
 1. I will bring up the concerns Pri had and update you all Monday night

h) SUFAC:

- Not a whole lot to report
- Last week we went over some more guidelines that we are just going over now
- We are discussing with the union about a special project for orgs
 1. If it doesn't happen I don't want to get your hopes up
 2. There is something cool on the horizon
- Our next meeting is the 15th
 1. Go over the remainder of the guidelines



- Mark is going to come in and talk about childcare
- Just planning to do the chair transition soon
- G: childcare hype

IX. Announcements:

- a) Pri: There are a lot of GTP events coming up
- Check out our Facebook
 - I don't normally program but I am hosting the psychic fair this year
 1. April 21st from 3-7
 2. The sign up is on our Facebook event page
 3. You do have to sign up but we have four psychics
- b) Joy: our craft kits are live this week
- Go into the OSL between 10am and 2pm
 - They are free and really cute
- c) G: I think Reese was going to announce his new kid that he has on the way and was going to use the new childcare fund to take care of his kid.
- d) Sierra: Are you looking for a fun summer job well look no further. Bay Beach amusement park is looking for ride operators like yourself. It is a fun time to be outside. If you are interested check out the website, Facebook page, or Instagram.
- e) Jared: Remind everyone that the debate is this Friday from 5:30-7 so make sure to be there.
- Not sure how the hosting format is going to be since it slipped my mind until just now



- Please come with questions for that.

X. Adjournment:

a) Sarah: Motion to adjourn the meeting

- Riley: So moved
- Cora: seconded
- Adjourned at 6:43pm