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**Student Government Association Senate
Minutes
Monday, April 19, 2021**

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Riley Locke – Chaplain

- a. As final weeks are coming around, make sure that you are taking care of yourself.
- b. As summer rolls around, do not take yourself too seriously.
- c. If you mess up, it is not the end of the world, and things will get better.

Open Forum

- a. Caroline Condon and Emerson Barrett – President and Vice President of Communications of Alternative Student Breaks
 - a. Service organization that goes out to different communities across the United States and the globe.
 - b. Looking for site leaders.
 - c. Learn about social and environmental issues.
 - d. You can bring back experience from this organization to Auburn.
 - e. Provides many opportunities, such as serving in a medical clinic.
 - f. Encourage people in your colleges to apply to be site leaders.
 - g. More information is on the AU Involve page.
 - h. Site Leader applications close April 30th at 5pm.
- b. Jordan Fluker – Assistant Vice President of Research and Assessment
 - a. Announcement from Owen Kilpatrick, Director of Research and Assessment
 - i. Will be doing research benchmark requests.
 - ii. Working currently on prayer spaces for Muslim students request.
 - b. Research Bootcamp 5: Double-Barreled Question
 - i. A double-barreled question is composed of two or more separate issues or topics.
 - ii. To avoid these, ask two separate questions in order to get clearer responses.
 - c. Continue to fill out research request form into the summer and next semester.
- c. Kaylie Ward – Parliamentarian
 - a. Proper Parliamentary Procedure/Robert’s Rules of Order
 - i. Parliamentary Procedure: Set of rules for conducting orderly meetings that accomplish goals fairly.
 - ii. Ensure motions follow order.
 - iii. Explain how to properly obtain the floor.
 - iv. Allow for proper debate and that everyone is heard.
 - v. Encourage courteous behavior.
 - vi. Steps given for proper procedure for introducing legislation and proper procedure for current orders.
 - vii. Example given using Senator Sullivan and Vice President Callahan.

Roll Call 7:47

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a) Approved.



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2. Executive Officer Reports

a) Rett Waggoner — President

- a. Board of Trustees Meeting last Thursday and Friday.
 - i. Welcomed a new trustee, Tim Vines, President and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield Alabama.
- b. 52% increase in applications to Auburn this year.
 - i. Last year: 18,000
 - ii. This year: 27,000
- c. Auburn joined Common Application this year.
- d. 25% of Common Application students were from an underrepresented minority.
- e. Projecting an increase from the current 5% to 25% of total scholarships going to need-based scholarships by 2023.
 - i. Does not take away funding from other types of scholarships.
- f. No increase in tuition this year.
- g. \$5 increase in mental health fee in order to pay the salary of another on-campus full-time psychiatrist.
- h. \$10 increase in transit fee in order to pay for new buses.

b) Stephen Sadie — Treasurer

- a. Ring ceremony Tuesday from 5pm-9pm.
- b. Balfour Ambassador interviews held today.
 - i. One reason why students aren't buying the ring is the price; a payment schedule could be implemented.

c) Molly Boudreaux — EVP, Outreach

- a. Sending out Google Form in recap email for Auburn 2040 plan: city officials are working to make plans for the next 20 years.
- b. Letting us appoint 2-3 students for each committee.
- c. Fill out the Google Form if you will be in Auburn over the summer.
- d. New office hour option starting in the fall: sitting in an international student meeting and getting feedback.

d) Tyler Ward – EVP, Cabinet Administration

- a. Headshots on Tuesday from 4-6pm; business casual.
- b. Up All Night event: Give out donuts and orange juice during finals week.
 - i. Coaches and Aubie will be there.

e) Claudia Hubbard — EVP, Communications and Marketing

- a. No report.

f) Michael Thomas — EVP, Initiatives

- a. Meeting with Dr. Godwin to discuss grade policies.
- b. Meeting with Facilities to discuss student concerns.
- c. Late night dining went well again this past weekend.
- d. 10 hybrid electric Tiger Transit buses will be added.
- e. Safety Walk went well; in the process of compiling the report.

3. College Reports

a) At Large

- a. Office hours held at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center this past week.
 - i. Students want free weights and basketball courts back to full capacity.
 - ii. Group workout classes are free during finals week.
- b. Complaints about grades in Canvas being changed last-minute.
- c. Office hours will be on the concourse this week.



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- b) College of Agriculture
 - a. Free plants and ice cream at the end of year celebration on Tuesday.
- c) College of Business
 - a. Lowder Hall Starbucks closed due to COVID-19.
 - b. Complaints about grades in Canvas being changed during the last days of class.
- d) College of Architecture, Design, and Construction
 - a. Many students are unaware of the purpose of the Building Science student service fee of \$16.
 - i. Meeting with Dean to look at promoting more transparency.
 - b. Looking to plan an event in the Fall that promotes more interaction between majors within the College.
- e) College of Sciences and Mathematics
 - a. No report.
- f) College of Education
 - a. Feedback from students: loved the late night dining option.
 - i. The workers were very nice and the music was fun.
- g) Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
 - a. Last week was Engineering Spirit Week; got lots of feedback.
 - b. Students are in favor of getting more supplies in Brown-Kopel.
- h) School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
 - a. Schools Council met last Thursday to finalize end of year celebration.
 - b. Spent office hours reviewing the Google Form sent out earlier in the semester.
 - c. Looking at projects to look into over the summer.
 - d. Meeting with Schools Council to have ways to bring the school together.
- i) Graduate School
 - a. Graduate School Awards Ceremony was held last week.
 - b. Student Research Awards and presentations are posted.
 - c. During office hours: spoke about advisor roles and expectations, and a graduate student bill of rights.
- j) College of Human Sciences
 - a. Schools Council Vice President Confirmation coming as a future order.
 - b. Possibly moving office hour location to the entrance of Spidle Hall.
- k) College of Liberal Arts
 - a. Students have expressed concerns that applied for mental health help and nobody has responded to them.
 - b. Schools Council President: working with increasing low income students' access to internships and scholarships.
- l) School of Nursing
 - a. Working on QR code feedback.
 - b. Updating students in their newsletter and making sure they know that their feedback is not disappearing.
- m) Harrison School of Pharmacy
 - a. No report.
- n) College of Veterinary Medicine
 - a. Schedule for second-year students released.
 - i. Prevents Wellness Days and weekends from being used for rest.
 - ii. Students are frustrated with this.
 - b. Sending out end of semester survey.



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4. Committee Reports

- a) Gavin McElroy – Academic Affairs
 - a. Working with Cabinet research team for Canvas Calendar initiative.
 - b. Met with Dr. Martin and shared feedback, which was well-received.
 - i. Looking into mid-semester reviews.
 - c. Meeting with Biggio Office to discuss lockdown browsers.
- b) Reese Lisenby – Budget and Finance
 - a. Summer committee meetings set to Tuesdays at 7pm every other week, beginning May 4.
- c) Kyla Mathner – Code of Laws
 - a. Working on restructuring of Schools Council in the code.
 - b. Drafting bills with election law changes
 - c. Send in feedback regarding the discussion on Schools Council members being required to attend some Senate meetings.
- d) Brandan Belser – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - a. Survey on study spaces coming out during finals week.
 - b. Resolution on Presidential Task Force on Inclusion and Equity is complete and in the BOX folder.
 - c. Talking this week about summer Committee meeting plans.
 - d. Transitioning BSU Cabinet.
- e) John David Mathews – Student Affairs
 - a. Lowder Hall Starbucks opened back up today.
 - b. Successful late night dining second weekend.
 - i. Feedback that Grubhub time is not accurate.
 - c. Reaching out to Director of Housing to gather a more specific game plan on move out dates and the donation program.
- f) Graf Sullivan – Executive Committee
 - a. Office hours are not required next week, but still be talking to students.
 - b. Senate Executive Committee not meeting this week.
 - c. Reminder that a Resolution is a powerful ask, but not an immediate change.

5. Liaisons

- a) Honors College – Luke Owens
 - a. Selected a Media Chair, confirming a selection for Spirit Chair.
 - b. Freshman Ignite was a success.
 - c. Encourage incoming Honors Freshmen to attend Honors Congress meetings.
 - d. Holding meetings to plan upcoming events.
 - e. This semester: restructured leadership and engagement, working with committees and philanthropy.
- b) Black Student Union – Donovan Evins
 - a. No report.
- c) Student Veterans Association – Liyah Stewart
 - a. Appreciative of support with Veteran Affairs Insurance and Auburn Health Clinic.
 - b. Reach out at lds0024@auburn.edu with feedback.
- d) Freshman Committee – Megan Watkins
 - a. Freshman Forum applications open May 24.
 - b. Encourage all to speak to administration and Schools Council President and Vice President to become aware of resources currently available.



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6. Current Orders

- a) PSSR: 21-0419-01 Consistency and Accountability for Fall 2021 Academics
 - a. Gavin McElroy, College of Liberal Arts
 - b. Motion to amend: strike “are taught live over Zoom and not prerecorded” and add “provide a ‘live’ Zoom option at the class’s originally scheduled time”
 - i. Graf Sullivan, College of Engineering
 - ii. Vote.
 1. Motion does not carry.
 - c. Motion to amend: Strike “; and, THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we, the Auburn University Student Senate, ask that, in the event a Face to Face/Campus class is moved to a virtual modality, that all classes are taught “live” over Zoom and not prerecorded”
 - i. Brandan Belser, College of Liberal Arts
 - ii. Vote.
 1. Motion does not carry.
 - d. Motion to amend: In the third therefore statement, add “or a teaching method that meets the learning outcomes for the course” and strike “and not prerecorded”
 - i. Elizabeth Devore, Graduate School
 - ii. Vote.
 1. Motion carries.
 - e. Motion to recess for five minutes.
 - i. Brandan Belser, College of Liberal Arts
 - ii. Vote.
 1. Motion carries.
 - f. Motion to end debate on this amendment.
 - i. Vote.
 1. Motion carries.
 - g. Motion to amend: add “best”
 - i. Kyla Mathner, College of Education
 - ii. Vote.
 1. Motion carries.
 - h. Motion to amend: strike “that”, “live over Zoom or” and add “using”
 - i. John David Mathews, At Large
 - ii. Vote.
 1. Motion does not carry.
 - i. Motion to amend: strike “that”
 - i. Graf Sullivan, College of Engineering
 - ii. Vote.
 1. Motion carries.
 - j. Motion to end debate.
 - i. Riley Locke, College of Engineering
 - ii. Vote.
 1. Motion carries.
 - k. Vote to pass the Resolution as written.
 - i. Passed.



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- b) PSSC: 21-0419-01 Commendation of Auburn University School of Nursing
 - a. Mary Logan Sefton, School of Nursing
 - b. Vote.
 - i. Passed.

7. Future Orders

- a) PSSB: 21-0510-01 Student Veterans Association Liaison Confirmation
 - a. Graf Sullivan, College of Engineering
 - b. Approval of Liyah Stewart.
 - c. Vote next week.
- b) PSSB: 21-0510-02 College of Human Sciences Schools Council Confirmation
 - a. Graf Sullivan, College of Engineering
 - b. Approval of Campbell Morgan.
 - c. Vote next week.

Announcements

- a) Cole Callahan, Vice President
 - a. Thanking everyone for conducting themselves professionally.
 - b. Yielded time to Kaylie Ward.
 - i. Make sure to introduce yourself each time you speak.
 - c. Headshot photos are business professional.
 - d. Begin thinking of places to store signs for office hours.
 - i. Thinking of leaving some in the Melton Student Center to be used as needed.
- b) Pearson Brown
 - a. Last Senate meeting in person; moving onto earn his PhD at the University of Georgia.
 - b. Advisor's Three Pointers: Lessons I've Learned at Auburn.
 - i. People over projects.
 - 1. The human resources and the people behind them are what allows projects to operate correctly.
 - 2. Never put the end result over the people.
 - ii. Surround yourself with people who will help you improve because they care.
 - 1. Pouring into the details because they care about you and want you to be successful.
 - 2. Respectfully challenge and push you.
 - iii. If the only lesson I learned was how to do my job, I would have wasted my time at Auburn.
 - 1. Auburn has changed his life and taught him the potential that the students here have to change the world.

Adjournment 10:13