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Student Government Association

**Student Government Association Senate**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday, March 29, 2021**

*Open Forum*

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- a. Ms. Meadows – Auburn for Change
  - i. Desire to propose a resolution.
    - a. Found that this resolution has been shared and is in the process already.

*Roll Call 7:40*

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a) Approved.
2. Executive Officer Reports
  - a) Rett Waggoner — President
    - a. First Cabinet meeting with new members on Monday.
    - b. Would love to see if anyone wants to meet and discuss how the year is going to go (get coffee, etc).
    - c. Trying to move forward with Bird Scooters on campus.
    - d. Wellness Day coming up on Thursday; be mindful of collecting feedback.
  - b) Stephen Sadie — Treasurer
    - a. The financial literacy coach will be attending soon.
      - i. Asking for senators, specifically the Budget and Finance Committee, to submit questions that students want to be addressed.
  - c) Molly Boudreaux — EVP, Outreach
    - a. Jordan Fluker will start picking up Research Bootcamps next week.
    - b. Volunteer opportunity on Wednesday.
    - c. If you submitted a research request this past week, the form has been fixed, and this request might need to be resubmitted.
  - d) Tyler Ward – EVP, Cabinet Administration
    - a. First Cabinet Retreat was held this past Sunday, focusing on the organization of the Student Government Association.
    - b. Make sure to communicate effectively and hold the executive team accountable.
    - c. Let the executive team know what they can do to best serve you.
  - e) Claudia Hubbard — EVP, Communications and Marketing
    - a. No report.
  - f) Michael Thomas — EVP, Initiatives
    - a. Meeting with a member of the Provost Office who oversees the Biggio Center.
      - i. He works with the Classroom Innovation Project, where they are looking for new ways to make online and in-class learning more communal so students can get better experience out of their learning classroom.
      - ii. Will bring students into this meeting to provide feedback.

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### 3. College Reports

- a) At Large
  - a. Office hours are moving locations.
    - i. March 30 and 31: Haley Concourse
    - ii. April 6 and 7: Ralph Brown Draughon Library
    - iii. April 13 and 14: Recreation and Wellness Center
    - iv. April 20 and 21: Melton Student Center
- b) College of Agriculture
  - a. In contact with School's Council to address transportation issues expressed by students.
- c) College of Business
  - a. Student feedback collected on study rooms; irritated with hours on the weekends.
    - i. Many requested DIBS for study rooms in Horton-Hardgrave Hall.
  - b. Feedback on mid-semester reviews showed that many students think that end of semester reviews are pointless and mid semester reviews would be more beneficial.
    - i. Marketing and culture behind reviews needs to be improved.
- d) College of Architecture, Design, and Construction
  - a. Working with School's Council President and Vice President to coordinate an end-of-semester event: passing out food, talking with students.
  - b. A student looking for an internship was informed of the Career Office and had never heard of this resource previously.
- e) College of Sciences and Mathematics
  - a. Meeting with School's Council and Dr. Boyd on March 30 to discuss how the semester went, and ways to improve for next year.
- f) College of Education
  - a. Focused on spreading the word for the new late-night dining option; many people seemed excited.
  - b. Office hours have been moved to Wednesday, 12:30-1:30, due to the Wellness Day on Thursday.
- g) Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
  - a. Town Hall meeting on Friday at 3:00 with the Dean, Engineering Senators, and Student Council Officers.
  - b. Some students have complained about the lack of food options in the engineering area.
- h) School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
  - a. School's Council meeting last week was cancelled.
  - b. April 8: meeting with Student Services Director to coordinate the end-of-year event.
  - c. No students utilized office hours this past week, but was able to help a student that walked past.
  - d. Offering encouragement to other senators on doing a good job and having a good attitude.
- i) Graduate School
  - a. Annual food drive: partnering with other organizations to collect 500 pounds of infant and childcare items.
  - b. Hosting a COVID-19 Vaccination Town Hall on Tuesday.
  - c. Graduate School Senate meeting on Wednesday: electing Graduate School Council members.



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- j) College of Human Sciences
  - a. Informal feedback gathered on how students within the college do not feel prepared going into the real world; wanting to know if other students feel the same.
  - b. Working on updating the mentoring handbook so that incoming freshmen have a resource to lean on.
- k) College of Liberal Arts
  - a. Continued dialogue with School's Council to ensure that they are working toward goals.
    - i. Discussed internships.
- l) School of Nursing
  - a. Established a QR code for feedback.
  - b. Feedback from students that the Supply Store in the Nursing building is not open during many class hours.
- m) Harrison School of Pharmacy
  - a. Attended Town Hall last week for second-year class.
    - i. Found that students have mixed feelings about full-time in-person classes starting back up next semester.
  - b. Town Hall on April 14 to hear further thoughts regarding in-person class.
- n) College of Veterinary Medicine
  - a. Many students enjoy online classes and there is hesitation about restarting in-person classes.
  - b. Office of Academic Affairs has 3 vacancies that are trying to be filled.

### 4. Committee Reports

- a) Gavin McElroy – Academic Affairs
  - a. Drafting Consistency, Accountability, and Modality Resolution.
    - i. Aiming to be done by the end of the week.
  - b. Setting up a meeting regarding the rentable laptops project.
  - c. Making a survey for the mid-semester reviews project.
  - d. Found out which lockdown browsers are used by Auburn and which are required to pay for; looking for solution to this.
- b) Reese Lisenby – Budget and Finance
  - a. Finished Budget and Finance timeline today.
  - b. Reaching out to SAPs in the next few days.
- c) Kyla Mathner – Code of Laws and Rules
  - a. Refining the Code of Laws timeline: Senator Turnipseed is doing a great job with this.
  - b. Met with Assistant Vice President of Elections and had a good conversation on what to change and revise.
  - c. Met with Executive Director of School's Council this year; was excited about the changes.
- d) Brandan Belser – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - a. Working on six projects.
  - b. Brought benchmarking to last meeting.
  - c. Aiming for two pieces of legislature before the end of the semester.
    - i. Study Spaces Resolution hopefully before the Fall.
  - d. Looking closely at the Auburn for Change letter.



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- e) John David Mathews – Student Affairs
  - a. Meeting moved to Wednesday at 7am this week due to the Wellness Day.
  - b. Some current ideas include adding entertainment to basketball lines to make them more entertaining, concert after a football game, bringing GrubHub into the football stadium during games.
  - c. The late-night dining option will be opening in two weeks.
    - i. Going to be focusing on usage, safety, and cleanliness.
  - d. Dining dollars roll over into the summer semester.
  - e. Looking into security systems in residence hall laundry rooms.
  - f. Benchmarking the feasibility of pop-up testing in vaccination zones and incentivizing vaccination.
- f) Graf Sullivan – Executive Committee
  - a. Office hours will be sent out tonight or tomorrow morning.
  - b. Senate Executive Meeting this week will take place on Tuesday, March 30 at 8:30pm due to Good Friday.
  - c. Make sure to still do both office hours this week.
  - d. Dr. Martin wants students to fill out post-semester reviews.
    - i. Encourage others to answer questions on these so that feedback can be given to him.
  - e. Late-night dining option is important because it shows students that the Student Government Association is listening to them.
  - f. Only 3 Senate meetings left this semester; make sure to be punctual with timing of bills.

### 5. Liaisons

- a) Honors College – Luke Owens
  - a. Honors College was unable to host the Freshman Frenzy in the Fall due to COVID-19, so they will be hosting Freshman Ignite on April 14 in order to encourage students to connect with each other and celebrate accomplishments.
  - b. Filling Easter Eggs for the Esperanza House Easter Egg Hunt.
    - i. Esperanza House promotes the youth of Opelika.
  - c. Honors Ambassador callouts were held today.
  - d. Meeting on Wednesday via Zoom.
- b) Black Student Union – Donovan Evins
  - a. Great General Assembly meeting this past week.
  - b. Dropbox and Google Forms have been sent out in order for the Black Student Union to give feedback.
- c) Freshman Committee – Megan Watkins
  - a. Freshman Forum wrapped up their spring project last week.
    - i. Thanks to Senate and the Student Government Association for their support to promote the freshman voice.
    - ii. More interaction than expected.
    - iii. Feedback will be presented to administration within a week or two.
    - iv. Going to look not only at trends, but what can be changed.
- d) Student Veterans Association – Liyah Stewart
  - a. Meeting this week with new President and Vice President.
  - b. Golf Classic is coming up on April 13.

### 6. Current Orders

- a. None.



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### 7. Future Orders

- a) PSSB: 21-0405-01 College of Education Schools Council Confirmation
  - a. Graf Sullivan, College of Engineering
  - b. Approval of Anne Marie Doxtader, *College of Education Schools Council President*
  - c. Approval of Emily Anne Beauchaine, *College of Education Schools Council Vice President*
  - d. Vote next week.

### *Announcements*

- a) Cole Callahan, Vice President
  - a. April 5: Senate will be held in the Student Activity Center.
    - i. Presentation will be given; be early.
  - b. April 12: Senate will be held in Foy Hall and will start at 8:00pm due to the Safety Walk.
  - c. Interest expressed by Riley Locke and John David Jones for the Chaplain position.
    - i. Suggestion for an alternating role; vote passes.
    - ii. Both Senator Jones and Senator Locke will serve as Chaplain.
- b) Pearson Brown
  - a. Advisor's Three Pointers: Time Management
    - i. Map Out the Rest of the Semester.
      1. When is your next exam?
      2. What obligations do you have leading up to this next exam?
    - ii. Find Underutilized Time to Study.
      1. How can you repurpose your free time to study?
    - iii. Multitask without Multitasking.
      1. For example, studying while doing laundry can be very productive.

*Adjournment 8:23*