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**Student Government Association Senate  
Minutes  
Monday, April 5, 2021**

*Open Forum*

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- a. Heather Mann (she/her) – President of Spectrum
  - a. New President of Spectrum will be introduced next week.
  - b. The election of the new president is the only thing planned for this week’s meeting; plenty of time for anyone to come and discuss any opinions or feedback.
  - c. Letters to Legislators Initiative is going well.
    - i. More information on the concourse on Wednesdays and Fridays.
    - ii. Happy with how Auburn has been reacting to legislation.

*Roll Call 8:08*

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a) Approved.
2. Executive Officer Reports
  - a) Rett Waggoner — President
    - a. Summary of meetings each week:
      - i. President’s Cabinet on Mondays and Thursdays.
      - ii. Presidential Task Force on Thursdays.
      - iii. Dining Assessment on Wednesdays.
      - iv. One-on-one meetings with Senate Executive Members.
      - v. Monthly meetings with Dr. Gogue.
      - vi. Board of Trustees Meetings every three months.
    - b. Today in President’s Cabinet meeting: Dr. Hardgrave reminded everyone of the three weeks of school left plus finals week.
    - c. Discussed announcement from Governor Kay Ivey regarding change in COVID-19 policy.
    - d. Athletic Director Allen Greene discussed the hiring of the new Women’s Basketball Head Coach.
  - b) Stephen Sadie — Treasurer
    - a. Eric Smith, a financial literacy coach, will be on Zoom tomorrow (Tuesday, 4/6) at 3pm.
      - i. Reach out for the Zoom registration link.
  - c) Molly Boudreaux — EVP, Outreach
    - a. Presented by Jordan Fluker in Molly’s absence.
    - b. Continue to fill out the form on AU Involve regarding research requests.
    - c. Research Bootcamp 4: Leading Questions
      - i. Stay away from leading questions that encourage a certain answer.
      - ii. Different types of leading questions: based on assumption, coercive questions.
      - iii. Let the people decide how they feel; remain impartial and unbiased.
      - iv. Fill out the research request form three weeks before you need the results.



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- d) Tyler Ward – EVP, Cabinet Administration
  - a. Yielded time to Dr. David Martin.
  - b. Dr. David Martin: Chair of Teaching Effectiveness Committee
    - i. Trying to make sure than feedback is being used correctly.
    - ii. Deals with student evaluations of teaching and evaluations at the end of each semester.
    - iii. Big goal in working with the Student Government Association: Trying to drive participation from the student body on evaluations.
    - iv. Evaluations used to have a 97% completion rate when given on paper, but this rate has dropped to below 30% since moved to online.
    - v. Difficult to make improvements if there is not enough data to make decisions off of.
    - vi. Information is compiled at the end of every year, and given to the Department Heads and Deans of each college.
    - vii. It is important to provide constructive feedback in order to give recommendations and improve teaching.
    - viii. Help is needed to work with the student body to communicate that these evaluations are taken very seriously.
    - ix. Encouraging Senators to work with constituents to relay importance in participation and type of information provided.
- e) Claudia Hubbard — EVP, Communications and Marketing
  - a. No report.
- f) Michael Thomas — EVP, Initiatives
  - a. Thanking everyone for feedback compiled for Dr. Martin.
  - b. Village residence halls Eagle and Tiger have been renamed Holloway and Matthews.
  - c. NPHC Legacy Plaza received notice to receive scheduled completion date of August 16, 2021.
  - d. Late night dining option opens this Thursday.
  - e. Received word from staff in the safety department that Auburn is planning on primarily in-person, full classes for the fall.
    - i. With changes to COVID-19 policies in Alabama, masks will still be worn inside and sentinel testing will continue.

### 3. College Reports

- a) At Large
  - a. International Student Organization World Fair is on Tuesday on the Campus Green at 4pm.
  - b. University Program Council is airing Endgame in Jordan-Hare Stadium on Thursday at 7pm.
- b) College of Agriculture
  - a. Gathered feedback on end of semester reviews.
  - b. Many students were unaware of the late night dining option.
- c) College of Business
  - a. Reached out to Assistant Dean regarding placing a vending machine in Horton-Hardgrave Hall and making DIBS for study rooms for business majors.
  - b. Contacted Vice President of Operations regarding feasibility of vending machines.
- d) College of Architecture, Design, and Construction
  - a. Planning a Welcome Week event for the fall semester.



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- e) College of Sciences and Mathematics
  - a. In contact with counselors regarding the upcoming registration season.
  - b. Started consistent office hours; have gotten inquiries and participation.
  - c. Some students are confused on where and how to find their peer advisor.
  - d. Spoke with Student Affairs regarding parking and improvements to the parking app in order to provide a nice interface for students to use.
- f) College of Education
  - a. Focused on spreading the word regarding late-night dining.
  - b. Feedback on issues with professors using lockdown browsers that require payment and mid-semester reviews.
- g) Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
  - a. Town Hall was successful.
  - b. Looking for feedback on dining options.
  - c. New vending machine in Brown-Kopel.
  - d. Many computers are locked in lab buildings.
  - e. Next week is Engineering Spirit Week.
- h) School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
  - a. Meeting Thursday for Schools Council with the school's Student Services Director.
  - b. Office hours last week were cancelled for the Wellness Day.
  - c. Thank you to Senator Sullivan and Vice President Callahan for help with bird feedback project.
- i) Graduate School
  - a. Extended the deadline for awards nominations.
  - b. Lengthy meeting last week to elect all new Executive Committee members of Graduate School's Council.
  - c. New Graduate School senator.
- j) College of Human Sciences
  - a. Feedback on Wellness Day: was better than the previous two.
  - b. Not many have been aware of late night dining option.
  - c. Some classmates have been upset because the professor has not shown up and delegated responsibilities to teaching assistants.
  - d. Fashion Event: Consumer and Design Sciences premiere event on April 9.
    - i. Work and modeling by students.
  - e. Trying to revamp the mentoring program.
- k) College of Liberal Arts
  - a. Registration room will be open for help from April 5<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Professional Headshots offered on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am.
- l) School of Nursing
  - a. Putting established QR code on the screens in the Nursing building.
  - b. Coordinating t-shirts and sweatshirts for newly accepted students.
- m) Harrison School of Pharmacy
  - a. Working with Student Council President and Dean and administration for the best way to adjust back to full in-person classes in the fall.
    - i. Trying to find the best way to gather feedback on this.
  - b. Getting list of pharmacy students that have assisted with COVID-19 testing or vaccinations.
- n) College of Veterinary Medicine
  - a. Encouraging students to visit office hours and provide feedback by putting a fun-size Skittles packet in each student's mailbox.



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### 4. Committee Reports

- a) Gavin McElroy – Academic Affairs
  - a. Building a survey to collect feedback for professors for Canvas.
  - b. Meeting for the rentable laptop initiative.
  - c. Continue to get feedback on mid-semester and end-of-semester reviews.
  - d. Information on Lockdown Browser initiative in GroupMe; would appreciate more feedback.
  - e. Draft of Consistency with Modalities Resolution; will hopefully be introduced to the floor next week.
- b) Reese Lisenby – Budget and Finance
  - a. Initial email sent out to SAPs this morning.
  - b. Started on Nursing Commendation to thank School of Nursing for their help with COVID-19 vaccines and testing.
  - c. Getting list of Pharmacy students that should also be recognized for their work.
- c) Kyla Mathner – Code of Laws and Rules
  - a. Timeline is in the works.
  - b. Another meeting with EVP of Elections.
  - c. Went more in-depth with changes looking to be made with election law to avoid loopholes.
  - d. Began process of reformatting Schools Council within the code.
- d) Brandan Belser – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - a. Working on Diversity Report.
  - b. A few research requests have been put out.
  - c. Some bills are going through Executive Committee introduced as future orders next week.
- e) John David Mathews – Student Affairs
  - a. Thanks to everyone spreading the word about late night dining.
  - b. Graphic coming to post about late night dining.
  - c. Three goals of late night dining: usage, safety, cleanliness.
  - d. Working with menstrual products project in bathrooms throughout campus.
- f) Graf Sullivan – Executive Committee
  - a. Office hours form closing tonight.
  - b. Senate Executive Committee Friday morning at 7:45am.
    - i. Required to attend at least one per semester.
  - c. Summer Senate: Will meet once a month on Tuesday.
    - i. This also calls for three committee meetings: one per month before Senate meetings.
  - d. New Graduate School Senator.

### 5. Liaisons

- a) Honors College – Luke Owens
  - a. Proud to announce the addition of two committees: Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and Mental Health and Wellness Committee
- b) Black Student Union – Donovan Evins
  - a. Dropbox for Black Student Union made to report any problems or feedback; anticipating for this to be a great tool next semester.



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### c) Student Veterans Association – Liyah Stewart

- a. Confirmation Presentation.
- b. Mission: Help student veterans and dependents connect with one another on campus regarding veteran resources and creating a culture within the local community that promotes veteran success.
- c. How? Free printing, Veterans' Library in Foy Hall, supplemental resources, providing technology to veterans that cannot afford laptops and tablets, using programs such as Rucksacks to Backpacks to provide school supplies.
- d. Currently 58 active members.
- e. Resources are available to veterans and dependents even if they are not a part of the organization.
- f. 5 Executive Officers, 5 Appointed Officers, committee chairs.
- g. Accomplishments:
  - i. AWOL Program: Similar to SOS; creates a smaller environment for veterans that are new to campus and transitioning from active duty to student life, giving personalized schedule tours and advice.
  - ii. Student Organization of the Year in 2019.
  - iii. Operation Iron Ruck: Partner with University of Alabama Veteran Resource Center to do a walk from Jordan-Hare Stadium to Tuscaloosa and back to raise awareness for veteran suicide.
- h. Why? Want to maintain communication between the Student Government Association to bring feedback and partner with others.
- i. Barriers for Veterans: non-traditional students, age gap, different mindset, may not have access to as many resources, do not have access under VA Insurance to Medical Clinic.
- j. Goals of getting veterans able to use the Medical Clinic and to be more inclusive of all students, to continue raising awareness for veteran suicide, and to continue to raise funds for Rucksack to Backpack program.
- k. Two meetings each month.
- l. Would be beneficial to have an academic advisor in each college that caters to those coming off of active duty into college at Auburn.

### d) Freshman Committee – Megan Watkins

- a. Last week: finished presentation and met with administration about compiling data.
- b. Reiterate the importance of the research request forms.
- c. Data collected is not only serving freshmen now but also incoming freshmen.
- d. Wherever you go in, leave it better than you found it.
- e. The needs of this incoming class are completely different: how can we support them coming into college?
- f. Make sure that collected data is coming from a diverse pool of people.

## 6. Current 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.
  - i. Motion carries.



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### 7. Future Orders

- a) PSSB: 21-0412-01 Removal of Printer Name from Campaign Material
  - a. Megan Starling, School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
  - b. Removal of part of the campaign requirements regarding printer name.
  - c. Vote next week.
- b) PSSB: 21-0412-02 School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences Schools Council President Confirmation
  - a. Megan Starling, School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
  - b. Approval of James Treadwell, *School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences Schools Council President.*
  - c. Vote next week.
- c) PSSB: 21-0412-03 Assistant Vice President Confirmations
  - a. Graf Sullivan, College of Engineering
  - b. Approval of selected Assistant Vice Presidents.
  - c. Vote next week.
- d) PSSB: 21-0412-04 Director Confirmations
  - a. Graf Sullivan, College of Engineering
  - b. Approval of selected Directors.
  - c. Vote next week.
- e) PSSB: 21-0412-05 Graduate Schools Council and Senator Confirmation
  - a. Graf Sullivan, College of Engineering
  - b. Approval of Oluchi Oyekwe, *Graduate Schools Council President.*
  - c. Approval of Chidinma Odili, *Graduate Schools Council Vice President.*
  - d. Approval of Elizabeth Devore, *Graduate School Senator.*
  - e. Vote next week.

### Announcements

- a) Cole Callahan, Vice President
  - a. Working to finalize Executive Goals.
  - b. Reach out if you need anything.
  - c. Yielded time to Chaplain Locke:
    - i. Realize that change cannot happen overnight; often planting seeds in a garden that you will never get to see.
    - ii. Do not lose motivation; stay encouraged.
    - iii. You get out of this what you put into it.
    - iv. Students will not come to you; you have to go to them.
    - v. Ensure to represent all students.
- b) Pearson Brown
  - a. None.
- c) Jamie Calvert
  - a. Let her know how to be best supporting you.

*Adjournment 9:21*

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