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## Student Government Association

### Student Government Association Senate

#### Minutes

Monday, August 24, 2020

#### *Open Forum*

##### Polling Location on Auburn's Campus:

- a. Alleviate administrative pressure on other polling locations in the Auburn area.
- b. Further Auburn University's commitment to civic learning and engagement.
- c. Students have a constitutional right to vote in their place of University residence.
- d. Students show overwhelming support of an Auburn University polling location.
- e. Aspirant Institutions have polling locations on campus.
  - a) University of Florida, Clemson, Virginia Tech.
- f. Peer institutions have polling locations on campus.
  - a) University of Alabama, University of Georgia, Georgia Tech., Texas A&M University.
- g. Auburn University administrators will create a logistical plan for the polling location with the Lee County Commission.
  - a) Parking decisions will be made by Auburn administrators.
  - b) The university has the infrastructure to accommodate this polling location.
  - c) The coliseum has been deemed the best location for a polling location.
  - d) The Lee County Commission will absorb all costs.
  - e) The first utilization will likely begin the next election cycle.

#### *Roll Call 7:32*

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Executive Officer Reports
  - a) Ada Ruth Huntley — President
    - a. Thank you for all the work you have done over the past couple of months.
    - b. Thank you all for your attendance at the SGA retreat this past Saturday.
  - b) Caroline Willoughby — Treasurer
    - a. Planning ring week for mid-September.
    - b. Preliminary hearing for budget and Finance.
  - c) Landon McNellage— EVP of Communications
    - a. Please reshare SGA materials to your stories on social media.
    - b. Submit a marketing request to let the student body know how you are representing them.
  - d) Sarah Jane Levine— EVP, Initiatives
    - a. Safety week is next week.
      - a) Volunteers needed for safety walk to check the blue lights
    - b. Athletics has announced their plan for how they will give out tickets.
      - i. Please send ideas and feedback regarding gameday to [sjl0023@auburn.edu](mailto:sjl0023@auburn.edu).
    - c. Meeting with dining on Wednesday.
      - i. Please send feedback

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- e) Michael Bennett — EVP, Outreach
  - a. Please push the new Auburn Answers website.
  - b. Inclusion and Diversity Initiative Team is working on conducting listening tours throughout identity-based organizations.
  - c. Participate in the census and register to vote.
  - d. Freshman Forum and Lobby board applications are open.
  - e. Hey day is working on encouraging community partnership this year.

### 3. College Reports

- a) At Large
  - a. Remind constituents to fill out their guide safe app.
- b) Agriculture
  - a. Met with Agriculture School Counsel to discuss guidelines for Ag. clubs and organizations to keep meeting this semester.
- c) Harbert College of Business
  - a. Business counsel interviews this Friday.
  - b. Executive society interview this Friday.
  - c. Business Bash is September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Families of prospective students will be able to tour the College of Business starting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- d) College of Architecture, Design & Construction
  - a. A formal introduction to constituents will take place accompanying Student Counsel as a part of welcome week.
  - b. Working to set academic goals for this coming year.
- e) College of Sciences and Mathematics
  - a. Senators partnered with student council to welcome students.
  - b. Announcement detailing the possible effects of COVID on the student experience.
- f) College of Education
  - a. Welcome week event, Home Sweet Haley, has been moved online.
- g) Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
  - a. Socially distanced welcome week BBQ event successful.
  - b. Brown Kopel has reopened.
  - c. Tutoring has resumed both in person and online.
  - d. Working on filling vacant seat.
- h) School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
  - a. Successful welcome week event.
- i) Grad School
  - a. Executive council met last week and changed popsicle social online to a virtual meet and greet.
  - b. Established dates for all monthly colloquiums.
  - c. Established that senate meeting will be held Wednesday nights.
- j) College of Human Sciences
  - a. No report.
- k) College of Liberal Arts
  - a. Ice cream with the Dean welcome week event successful.
  - b. School counsel is finalizing changes to their constitution.



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- l) School of Nursing
  - a. Wellness committee is being created.
  - b. New grub hub delivery option for nursing students to allow students to use dining dollars.
- m) Harrison School of Pharmacy
  - a. School council will meet tomorrow for the first time this semester.
  - b. Normal welcome week activities canceled due to the virus.
- n) College of Veterinary Medicine
  - a. Online handshake meeting in leu of welcome week event.

### 4. Committee Reports

- a) Mary Cate Saville – Academic Affairs
  - a. Committee meeting at 12 pm on Friday.
  - b. Please bring feedback regarding academics.
- b) Rett Waggoner – Budget and Finance
  - a. A COVID budget details tab has been established.
    - i. Allows SAPs to alter budget requests for events that have changed as a result of COVID.
    - b. Preliminary hearings September 2-3 from 5-7 pm over zoom.
- c) Molly Sullivan – Code of Laws and Rules
  - a. Election survey results will be presented next week.
  - b. Working on a timeline of action items for Code of Laws.
- d) Tyler Ward– Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - a. Testing for students who do not have insurance.
  - b. Collaboration with SACC to help student athletes
  - c. Reviewing syllabi from the College of Liberal Arts that include diversity statements.
- e) James Sadie – Student Affairs
  - a. Polling location on campus.
  - b. Still working on a commendation for facilities.
- f) Andrew Dismukes – Executive Committee
  - a. Attendance for senate meetings and committee meetings has resumed.
  - b. Office hours have resumed for the fall.
    - i. Two office hours required each week.
    - ii. Virtual office hours recommended.
    - iii. Please fill out the two separate google documents.
  - c. Must attend one Senate Executive Meeting this semester.

### 5. Liaisons

- a) BSU
  - a. No report.
- b) Honors College
  - a. Virtual Events to welcome honors students.
  - b. Over 500 freshmen inducted into the honors college this fall.
    - i. Working on easing their transitions.
- c) Student Veterans
  - a. Working on orienting new students.
  - b. Working on determining the fate of future events.



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### 6. Current Orders

- a) PSSB: 20-0824-01 Haley Concourse Zone Code Change
  - a. Molly Sullivan, At-Large
  - b. Vote
    - i. Motion carries
- b) PSSB: 20-0824-02 Consequences for Turning Election Materials in Late
  - a. Molly Sullivan, At-Large
  - b. Vote
    - i. Motion carries
- c) PSSB: 20-0824-03 Auburn University Polling Location
  - a. Stephen Sadie, Harbert College of Business
  - b. Answers to questions and comments:
    - i. Passing of this legislation would show student support and would not result in the immediate action of implementing a polling location.
    - ii. Out of state students are currently able to participate in voting. This polling location would not change that.
    - iii. Addition of a polling location would make voting more accessible, alleviate pressure on other polling locations, and bring awareness to Auburn students.
    - iv. This polling location would exist for state and federal elections.
  - c. Vote
    - i. Motion carries

### *Announcements*

- a) Hays Kassen, Vice President
  - a. Thank you for flexibility regarding senate location and method of meeting.
  - b. Discussion within senate is very important. Your participation is appreciated.
- b) Pearson Brown, Advisor
  - a. Supplemental Instructions are weekly online review sessions that begin this week.
  - b. Study partners is free peer tutoring program.
  - c. Academic coaching is personalized help to assist you in developing a study schedule/ good study habits.
- c) Brad Smith, Advisor
  - a. Please let us know how we can support you during this time.
  - b. If you are changing your major to a different college outside the college or school you represent you must notify us.
  - c. Please register to vote.
  - d. Please participate in the census.

*Adjournment 8:52*