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Student Government Association

Student Government Association Senate Minutes Monday, August 31, 2020

Open Forum

- a. No report.

Roll Call 7:35

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Executive Officer Reports

- a) Ada Ruth Huntley — President
 - a. No report.
- b) Caroline Willoughby — Treasurer
 - a. No report.
- c) Landon McNellage— EVP of Communications
 - a. No report.
- d) Sarah Jane Levine— EVP, Initiatives
 - a. No report.
- e) Michael Bennett — EVP, Outreach
 - a. Auburn Answers has a new polling feature that is a great way to receive feedback from students.
 - b. Please Email Molly Boudreaux and cc Michael Bennett if you would like to look at a polling option for a project that you are working on.
 - c. SGA is working with housing and the Foy Information Desk to distribute information about voter registration in the form of an FAQ page.
 - d. Freshman Forum Applications close on Friday.
 - e. Lobby board applications close on Tuesday.
 - f. Post any graphics that come across your Instagram feeds.

3. College Reports

- a) At Large
 - a. Reached out to Molly Boudreaux regarding Auburn Answers reports.
- b) Agriculture
 - a. Ag ambassadors have resumed tours of Ag Hill and four Ag research facilities.
 - b. Clubs and organizations have resumed meetings.
- c) Harbert College of Business
 - a. Business Schools Council and Executive Society selected this past week.
- d) College of Architecture, Design & Construction
 - a. First Schools Council meeting last Tuesday.
 - b. CADC trivia night on Thursday.
 - c. Architecture working on a mentorship program called “quarenteams.”
 - d. Working on Pumpkin Carving Competition Event.



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- e) College of Sciences and Mathematics
 - a. Meeting time with Schools Council.
 - b. Results regarding the survey sent out to students last week.
 - i. Students needed more guidance with uncharted territories within COSAM.
 - ii. Video sent out to COSAM students to keep working hard during this uncertain time.
- f) College of Education
 - a. New Schools Council advisor.
- g) Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
 - a. The recommendation for the empty seat has been sent to Ada Ruth for confirmation.
 - b. AEP had a fall kickoff event last night.
- h) School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
 - a. Tips and tricks for learning online.
- i) Grad School
 - a. Annual fall meet and greet occurred over zoom this past week.
 - b. Will launch a graduate student survey next week to find out what graduate students are struggling with during COVID.
- j) College of Human Sciences
 - a. Ambassadors have resumed tours.
 - b. The Schools Council has started meeting again to plan for future events.
 - c. Virtual O-week today for organizations within the college of human sciences.
- k) College of Liberal Arts
 - a. Started Art from the Pandemic exhibit in Biggins Hall.
 - b. Started promoting virtual career day which will occur September 24th.
- l) School of Nursing
 - a. School Council's welcome week event was a success.
- m) Harrison School of Pharmacy
 - a. Schools Council met for the first time this fall this past week.
 - i. Planning of events for the coming year.
 - b. First general assembly meeting tomorrow.
 - i. Voting on new clubs, constitution, and bylaws.
- n) College of Veterinary Medicine
 - a. Feedback regarding online handshake meeting was very positive and students are utilizing that information.

4. Committee Reports

- a) Mary Cate Saville – Academic Affairs
 - a. Poll going out to students regarding their academic experience this semester to gain feedback about what changes they would like to see.
 - b. Possible resolutions based on responses to the poll that will be sent out.
 - c. Continuing to pursue a grade forgiveness program.
 - i. Comparing to other peer institutions with GAP programs.
 - d. Possible commendation for Auburn faculty.
 - e. Resolution for faculty to write diversity, equity, and inclusion statement on their syllabi.
- b) Rett Waggoner – Budget and Finance
 - a. Preliminary hearings September 2-3 from 5-7 pm over zoom.
 - b. Wednesday, September 16th will be the last night for budget approval.



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- c) Molly Sullivan – Code of Laws and Rules
 - a. No senate expansion in the past 35 years.
 - b. Auburn has the largest senator to student ratio when compared with peer institutions.
 - c. Auburn had a higher voter turnout compared with peer institutions.
 - d. The Greatest number of Schools Council positions remain unfilled.
 - e. Senate has only been completely filled one time in the past six years.
- d) Tyler Ward– Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - a. Reaching out one organization each week.
 - i. Baby steps is an organization provides housing, support, and community for women with unplanned pregnancies while pursuing a college degree.
 - b. Working on encouraging and reaching out to freshmen.
 - i. What is the best mode of contact?
 - c. Commendation for the Eagle Program.
 - d. Possibility of hosting a DEI week similar to other peer institutions.
- e) James Sadie – Student Affairs
 - a. Feedback related to student dining.
 - i. Freshmen are uncertain about how they can use all of their dining dollars with restaurant closures and Grub hub problems.
 - ii. Grub hub TVs are working well.
 - iii. There have been some Grub hub problems.
 - b. Draft for COVID poll.
 - i. What are the main issues you are dealing with on campus due to COVID?
 - ii. Has a lack of insurance prevented you from being tested for COVID?
 - iii. The poll is through Auburn Answers and can therefore be anonymous.
- f) Andrew Dismukes – Executive Committee
 - a. Attendance for senate meetings and committee meetings has resumed.
 - i. Please email excuses.
 - 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. No report.
- c) Student Veterans
 - a. Working on following A Healthier U guidelines for events this coming year.

6. Current Orders

- a) None

7. Future Orders

- a) None



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Announcements

- a) Hays Kassen, Vice President
 - a. Molly's report was a great example of research.
 - b. Need to make use of this time to pass productive legislation.
 - i. Committees should be actively working on legislation.
 - c. Thank you for flexibility regarding senate location and method of meeting.
 - i. Senate will be on Tuesday next week due to the Labor Day on Monday.
 - a. Reports are a great time to gather feedback for your colleges.
- b) Pearson Brown, Advisor
 - a. Using your platform to advocate for all students.
- c) Brad Smith, Advisor
 - a. Please register to vote.
- d) Jamie Calvert, Graduate Advisor
 - a. Please encourage the incoming class to apply to Lobby Board and Freshman Forum Applications.
 - b. Please reach out if you need anything.

Adjournment 8:22