



Student Government Association

Student Government Association Senate

Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2020

Open Forum

Ada Ruth Huntley
President

- a. No report.

Hays Kassen
Vice President

Roll Call 7:32

Caroline Willoughby
Treasurer

- a. Approval of Minutes

- b. Executive Officer Reports

- a) Ada Ruth Huntley — President

- a. As of last week there are 600 COVID-19 cases.
 - i. Below predicted quota.
- b. COVID-19 Resource center has launched.
- c. Two sub committees working on equity and opportunity.
 - ii. Retention and recruitment of staff.
 - iii. Retention and recruitment of students.
 - iv. Webpage has launched for the task force.
 - v. Together we will campaign supporting Auburn Athletics.
- d. Renaming of the student center after in honor of Melton, who was appointed Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court in 2018.
- e. Update in the next few weeks regarding executive goals for the year.

- b) Caroline Willoughby — Treasurer

- a. Ring week is this week. (Tuesday-Friday) 10 am -3 pm
- b. Final budget hearings on Wednesday.
- c. Student financial concerns poll on Auburn Answers website.

- c) Landon McNellage— EVP of Communications

- a. COVID-19 restrictions apply to taking pictures for marketing campaigns.
 - i. Please wear masks.
- b. There are other marketing methods in addition to graphics.

- d) Sarah Jane Levine— EVP, Initiatives

- a. Thank you to all who participated and helped with safety week.
- b. Academic affairs is now sending weekly reports to the office of the provost.
 - i. Please send any feedback.

- e) Michael Bennett — EVP, Outreach

- a. Lobby Board and Freshmen Forum teams are conducting interviews this week.
- b. Inclusion and diversity initiatives team is conducting listening tours to collect feedback.
- c. Foy information desk is equip with voter registration forms.
- d. Voter registration drive in RBD library, first floor, over the next two weeks.

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c. College Reports

- a) At Large
 - a. Gathering all information from Auburn Answers.
- b) Agriculture
 - a. Worked with Schools Council officers to introduce candidates for cabinet.
- c) Harbert College of Business
 - a. Business Bash was this past week.
 - b. First business council meeting next week.
- d) College of Architecture, Design & Construction
 - a. Trivia night held for students.
 - b. Design professionals coming back to Auburn.
 - c. New merchandise for CADC.
 - d. HGC is meeting with Tommy Tuberville on Wednesday.
- e) College of Sciences and Mathematics
 - a. Commendation for COVID-19 research.
 - i. Recognition of professors who have directly contributed.
 - b. Prepared to speak at AED meeting.
 - c. Working with advisors to increase engagement.
- f) College of Education
 - a. Schools Council will begin office hours next week.
 - b. Adding initiatives to Schools Council.
- g) Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
 - a. Engineering and Technology Career Fair this Wednesday and Thursday.
 - b. New engineering seat has been filled by Darrian Johnson.
- h) School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
 - a. No report.
- i) Grad School
 - a. Restructuring the DSC.
 - b. Working on a survey to gather student feedback.
- j) College of Human Sciences
 - a. Partnering with SGA for hunger awareness week in October.
 - b. Marketing material for college—"Ask an ambassador."
 - c. Ambassador applications open.
- k) College of Liberal Arts
 - a. Working on collaborating with Schools Council.
 - i. Schools Council will give a senate report during their meetings.
- l) School of Nursing
 - a. Zoom event with students and the dean.
- m) Harrison School of Pharmacy
 - a. College-wide college colors week.
 - b. Working on constitution and bylaws.
- n) College of Veterinary Medicine
 - a. Suicide awareness walk this past week.

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d. Committee Reports

a) Mary Cate Saville – Academic Affairs

- a. Poll for students about academic experience with online classes.
 - i. Re-extend library hours.
 - ii. Unlock single room study spaces are locked.
 - iii. Unlock open classrooms for student use in the library.
 - iv. Tests being administered outside of class time.
- b. Continuing research on the grade forgiveness program and comparing it to peer and aspirant institutions.
- c. Starting data collection for professors to have their own statement of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion written on their syllabi.
- d. Commendation for the Auburn faculty that have gone above and beyond to work on COVID relief.

b) Rett Waggoner – Budget and Finance

- a. Final Budget and Finance hearings on Wednesday at 5 pm at the student activities center.

c) Molly Sullivan – Code of Laws and Rules

- a. Working on gathering School's Council feedback to improve SGA and Schools Council's relationship.
- b. Working on new campaign packet due to new policies as a result of COVID-19.
- c. Finished Code of Laws timeline.
- d. Presentation of statistics regarding the revision of the ticketing system.
 - i. Limits the number of candidates in a party.
 - ii. Parties shall not exceed two thirds of the available positions within the college or school's election. If the number of students does not produce an even integer, the number of shall be rounded down to the nearest integer.

d) Tyler Ward– Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- a. Diversity presentation
 - i. Diversity is referring to the presence of differences.
 - ii. Redefining diversity.
 - iii. Equity is promoting justice, impartiality, and fairness.
 - iv. Equality vs. Equity vs. Justice
 - v. Inclusion is involvement and empowerment where the inherent worth and dignity of all members is apparent.
 - vi. Redefining inclusion.
- b. Releasing diversity report in the next couple of weeks.
- c. Discussing the possibility of a “DEI week” with OIT.
- d. Poll on Auburn Answers regarding COVID-19.

e) James Sadie – Student Affairs

- a. COVID-19 Poll for students about how they have been affected.
- b. Dining poll
 - i. Being able to use tiger dining dollars downtown.
 - ii. Re-open the wellness kitchen to the public.
 - iii. Extend dining locations hours.
- c. Feedback: Grub hub has been malfunctioning, Re-open engineering dining options, parking spots not being used.
- d. Commendation for facilities.

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- f) Andrew Dismukes – Executive Committee
 - a. Attendance for senate meetings and committee meetings has resumed. Please email excuses.
 - b. Office hours have resumed for the fall.
 - i. Due Monday
 - c. Please fill out feedback on bottom of office hour form.
 - d. Please review future orders and bring feedback to senate.

e. Liaisons

- a) BSU
 - a. No report.
- b) Honors College
 - a. No report.
- c) Student Veterans
 - a. Working on where to put the POW MIA chair in the stadium.
 - b. Gala that normally occurs during the Fall has been moved to March 4th.
 - i. Possibility of SGA purchasing a table.

f. Future Orders

- a) PSSB: 20-0921-01 College of Engineering Senator Confirmation
 - a. Andrew Dismukes, College of Business
- b) PSSB: 20-0921-02 Two Thirds Election Ticket Change
 - a. Molly Sullivan, At-Large
 - b. Gavin McElroy, College of Liberal Arts
- c) PSSR: 20-0921-01 EAGLES Commendation
 - a. Robert C. Bush, College of Architecture, Design, & Construction

Announcements

- a) Hays Kassen, Vice President
 - a. Thank you for flexibility regarding senate location and method of meeting.
 - b. This is the most important semester for senators to make an impact on Auburn's campus.
 - c. Keep working to make your constituent's voices heard.
- b) Pearson Brown, Advisor
 - a. Student feedback is at the center senates work.
 - b. Thank you for flexibility with hybrid meeting.
- c) Jamie Calvert, Graduate Student Advisor
 - a. No report.
- d) Brad Smith, Advisor
 - a. No report.

Adjournment 8:33