



Student Government Association

Student Government Association Senate

Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2020

Open Forum

Survey Design Tips:

- a. Survey: Asking open and closed ended questions to receive self-reported responses.
 - i. Responses can be opinions, actions, and observations.
- b. Use baseline cross project reporting demographics to shorten surveys.
- c. When wording questions make sure to ask one question at a time. Use clear terminology that students can understand and that does not elicit a specific desired response (leading questions).
- d. Make sure that your answer choices include all answers possible.
- e. Group related questions together and employ skip logic when possible.
- f. Include a cover letter or email invitation with your survey that informs students of confidentiality/ identification associated with the survey.
- g. To keep students motivated do not allow surveys to exceed ten minutes, send out reminder emails, offer incentives when appropriate, and provide feedback to participants about findings once the survey is complete.
- h. Make sure to keep your sample in mind when determining your approach.
 - i. Refer to baseline support site for questions.
 - j. Include a date/timeframe with your survey title.
- k. Take the U.S. 2020 census.
 - i. This is the first-time college students are asked to complete the census at their college residence rather than their parent's residence.

Katherine Factaeu, Director of Elections:

- a. A main goal this year is to make the elections process as fair and equitable as possible.
 - i. Research has shown that one of the biggest gaps in this goal is senate ticket sizes.
- b. Feedback has indicated the need for change in election policy to make SGA more accessible to all students.

Roll Call 7:42

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Executive Officer Reports
 - a) Ada Ruth Huntley — President
 - a. COVID numbers are expected to continue to decrease this week.
 - b. The COVID-19 resource center is available for questions/concerns.
 - i. Self-report forms if you are not tested at the Med Clinic.
 - c. Next weekend is the first ever Black Alumni Weekend.
 - i. All welcome to join.
 - ii. All information can be found online.

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- b) Caroline Willoughby — Treasurer
 - a. Last week was ring week.
 - i. Rings are available to be ordered until next Friday.
 - ii. Still working on holding a ring ceremony for students.
 - b. Thank you to Budget and Finance committee for holding final hearings last week.
 - c. Working on financial literacy projects.
- c) Sarah Jane Levine— EVP, Initiatives
 - a. Biggio Center is sending out a survey to students regarding the academic experience this fall.
 - b. Gameday this Saturday.
 - i. Mobile tickets will be sent out later this week.
 - ii. Ignited Card still required.
 - iii. Green Screen required for entrance.
 - iv. Shaker distribution this Friday at 3pm.
- d) Michael Bennett — EVP, Outreach
 - a. Freshman Forum and Lobby Board have been selected.
 - b. Hey Day will be collaborating with colleges. Be on the lookout for an email.
 - i. T-shirts on sale now at aub.ie/heyday and use code Students250 to get \$5 off.
 - c. Auburn Answers week will be next week virtually to promote the platform.
 - d. Please submit research requests to Molly Boudreaux three weeks prior to when you need them done.
 - e. Voter registration drives on Haley Concourse October 1st and October 5th - 7th.
- e) Landon McNellage— EVP of Communications
 - a. Posts on SGA social media weekly. Please repost to your Instagram stories.
 - b. Submit marketing requests to let the student body know how you are representing them.

3. College Reports

- a) At Large
 - a. Auburn Answer reports on academic affairs and safety.
- b) Agriculture
 - a. Future event scheduled for October on campus on Ag. Hill for students to become familiar with clubs available.
- c) Harbert College of Business
 - a. Executive Society tours are currently available.
 - b. Business school virtual career fair.
 - c. First Business Council meeting tonight.
 - i. Refresh social media.
 - d. Mentoring program for freshmen in the business school.
- d) College of Architecture, Design & Construction
 - a. Working on CADC annual pumpkin carving event.
 - b. CADC merchandise
- e) College of Sciences and Mathematics
 - a. COVID Research Report has been presented to academic affairs.
 - b. Emailing each COSAM student to relay information and gather feedback.



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- f) College of Education
 - a. Fundraising ideas for the community service project called the Big house.
 - b. Planning new events for students to meet the dean.
 - g) Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
 - a. Office of Career and Corporate Relations and Academic Excellence Program have included an equity panel this week.
 - b. This semester the café in Brown-Kopel will be closed.
 - h) School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
 - a. Friday, September 25th at 1:00 pm a seminar will be hosted with information about how to be academically successful.
 - i) Grad School
 - a. No report.
 - j) College of Human Sciences
 - a. School Council partnerships
 - b. Planning COVID friendly social events for the future.
 - k) College of Liberal Arts
 - a. Upcoming week there will be a career fair.
 - i. Sign up for one-on-one interviews.
 - b. Philanthropy month in February.
 - c. Potential event with associate dean in October.
 - l) School of Nursing
 - a. Health and Wellness competition between College of Nursing, VCOM, and Harrison School of Pharmacy.
 - m) Harrison School of Pharmacy
 - a. No report.
 - n) College of Veterinary Medicine
 - a. Changed office hour from Friday morning to Friday at noon.
 - b. College wide survey to gather student input.
4. Committee Reports
- a) Mary Cate Saville – Academic Affairs
 - a. Meeting tomorrow at 8 am to begin finalizing questions regarding academic experience this fall.
 - i. Will address issues such as library hours, tests scheduled outside of class time.
 - b. Update on poll encouraging professors to include a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement on their syllabi.
 - c. Updates on grade forgiveness program reflecting feedback from Dr. Godwin.
 - i. Report on this coming next senate meeting.
 - b) Rett Waggoner – Budget and Finance
 - a. Final budget hearings last were last Wednesday.
 - b. Seven future orders tonight to approve the budget.
 - c. Carryover hearings in late October.
 - c) Molly Sullivan – Code of Laws and Rules
 - a. Just received audit for Code of Laws.
 - b. Working on Code of Laws timeline.
 - c. Two thirds ticket legislation will be presented tonight.



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- d) Tyler Ward– Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - a. Met with OID about a DEI week.
 - b. EAGLES and WINGS Programs
 - i. EAGLES: Education to Accomplish Growth in Life Experiences for Success.
 - ii. WINGS: Warmhearted Individuals Nurturing Great Success
 - iii. Accomplishments include a 100% retention rate, student involvement in seven campus organizations, student employment, and an independent living certificate.
 - iv. Involvement opportunities available.
- e) James Sadie – Student Affairs
 - a. Responses from COVID 19 Auburn Answers poll.
 - i. Purpose was to better understand students’ needs and concerns financially and emotionally as related to COVID 19.
 - ii. Students report that they have been financially impacted by COVID-19.
 - iii. Students have expressed concern regarding their inability to get in touch with the Auburn Med Clinic, testing costs, the lack of testing, and full tuition costs for online classes.
 - b. Possibility of creating a 15-minute parking spot in the village to pick up food.
 - c. What restaurants/food options would students like to see on campus.
- f) Andrew Dismukes – Executive Committee
 - a. Office hours are due at 7:30 next week.
 - b. There is a Senate Executive Meeting at 4 pm this Thursday. Senators are required to attend one of these meetings per semester.
 - c. Box folder update under your committee with SGA roster that will include emails and phone numbers of SGA members.

5. 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 March 4th

6. Current Orders

- a) PSSB: 20-0921-01 College of Engineering Senator Confirmation
 - a. Andrew Dismukes, College of Business
 - b. Vote
 - i. Motion carries
- b) PSSB: 20-0921-02 Two Thirds Election Ticket Change
 - a. Gavin McElroy, College of Liberal Arts
 - b. Molly Sullivan, At-Large
 - c. Amendments:



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1. 1007.1.2.2 Total number of available positions will be determined by adding the number of senators allotted and the ~~two~~ Schools Council President and Vice President officers.
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 3. 1007.1.2.3 In the case that two thirds of the available positions within a college or school does not produce a whole number, the number shall be rounded down to a whole number.
- d. Vote on Amendment 1
 - i. Motion carries
 - e. Vote on Amendment 2
 - i. Motion carries
 - f. Vote on Amendment 3
 - i. Motion carries
 - g. Debate: The ticket system is not the only aspect of election law that needs reform. Senate is dominated by students involved in Greek organizations and there is also a monetary aspect that inhibits some students from participating in campaigns.
 - h. Refutation: There are many aspects to SGA campaigns that need to be reformed. This bill is a starting point. This bill is not intended or expected to fix or solve all problems at hand.
 - i. Vote on bill
 - i. Motion carries.
- c) PSSR: 20-0921-01 Commendation for the EAGLES Program
- a. Robert C. Bush, College of Architecture, Design, & Construction
 - b. Amendments:
 1. cc. Anna Penland, Panhellenic Liaison to the EAGLES program
 - i. Vote
 - ii. Motion carries
 2. “**WHEREAS**, of the six women EAGLES students, all **are have** participated **ed ing** in this year’s inaugural EAGLES Panhellenic Recruitment **thenceforth** becoming **a part** of Auburn’s **sisterhoods**; and,”
 - i. Vote
 - ii. Motion carries
 3. Capitalization of WINGS acronym.
 - i. Vote
 - ii. Motion carries
 - c. Vote
 - i. Motion carries
7. Future Orders
- a) PSSB: 20-0928-01 COVID-19 Election Policy
 - c. Molly Sullivan, At-Large
 - d. Vote
 - ii. Motion carries
 - b) PSSB: 20-0928-02 School’s Council Budget Change
 - j. Kyla Mathner, College of Education
 - k. Vote



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- c) PSSR: 20-0928-03 Student Governance Final Budget Request
 - a. Will Beattie, College of Engineering
 - b. Kadin Christian, Harbert College of Business
 - c. Vote
 - i. Motion carries
- d) PSSR: 20-0928-04 Student Media Final Budget Request
 - a. Lance Levine, College of Education
 - b. Vote
 - i. Motion carries
- e) PSSR: 20-0928-05 Service Programs Final Budget Request
 - a. Sage O'Brien, College of Engineering
 - b. Vote
 - i. Motion carries
- f) PSSR: 20-0928-06 Emerge Final Budget Request
 - a. Cole Callahan, College of Science and Mathematics
 - b. Vote
 - i. Motion carries
- g) PSSR: 20-0928-07 Programming Final Budget Request
 - a. Luke Hess, At-Large
 - b. Vote
 - i. Motion carries
- h) PSSR: 20-0928-08 Student Organizations Final Budget Request
 - c. Kate Nobles, School of Nursing
 - d. Vote
 - i. Motion carries
- i) PSSR: 20-0928-09 Student Involvement Administrative Final Budget Request
 - e. Rett Waggoner, College of Business
 - f. Vote
 - i. Motion carries

Announcements

- a) Hays Kassen, Vice President
 - a. Code of Laws allows the Vice President to appoint a chaplain.
 - i. Invocation at the start of senate meetings, similar to cabinet meetings.
 - b. Please avoid cell phone usage during senate meetings.
- b) Pearson Brown, Advisor
 - a. No additional report.
- c) Brad Smith, Advisor
 - a. No report.

Adjournment 9:35