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Student Government Association

Student Government Association Senate Minutes Monday, May 18, 2020

Open Forum

a. No Report.

Roll Call 7:30

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Executive Officer Reports

a) Ada Ruth Huntley — President

a. Activities to resume in the Fall as normal.

b. The Judicial Branch has been selected.

c. Auburn will be participating in a competition with other SEC schools to send thank you letters to healthcare workers.

i. The competition will be through an organization called *Six Feet Closer* that works to send personalized thank you letters to healthcare workers on the front line.

ii. Competition based on participation and nominations.

iii. Website to launch May 25th.

d. Executive goals:

i. Assess the current state of mental health resources for students.

1. Reinstatement of a Mental Health Task Force

2. Provide recommendations to administration.

ii. Food insecurity: increase awareness and provide additional resource regarding food insecurity on campus through programming and advocacy efforts.

1. Creation of a Hunger Committee within cabinet.

2. Implement a hunger awareness week.

3. Implement and advocate for a nutrition resource center on campus.

iii. Foreign language exchange program: provide students taking Auburn foreign language courses with an innovative academic experience by connecting them with native speakers.

iv. Cultural competency: Establish and engaging cultural competency program for student organizations to learn best practices for finding common ground.

v. Civic engagement: promoting civically active students on Auburn's campus while maintaining a culture of unity.

vi. City Partnership: work with the City of Auburn to enhance community partnerships effectively.

vii. Late Night Ride Share Program: advocate for the continued use of a subsidized late-night ride share program.

viii. Auburn Answers: launch and promote the improved Auburn Answers Website, while enhancing personal contact with SGA.



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- b) Caroline Willoughby — Treasurer
 - a. No report.
- c) Landon McNellage— EVP of Communications
 - a. Class of 2024 promotion tomorrow.
 - i. Post of “first Auburn experience.”
 - ii. Directions to google form link.
 - b. SGA apparel for the fall.
- d) Sarah Jane Levine— EVP, Initiatives
 - a. No report.
- e) Michael Bennett — EVP, Outreach
 - a. Freshman Forum Applications will open May 24th.
 - b. Lobby board applications will open soon.
 - c. Fill out 202 census with Auburn address.
 - d. Committee chairs as you have meetings, please send feedback.

3. College Reports

- a) At Large
 - a. Working on obtaining feedback from constituents regarding Coronavirus.
- b) Agriculture
 - a. School council president and vice president to host a session at Camp War Eagle virtually.
 - b. Virtual tours online of facilities including the poultry center and the fisheries center.
- c) Harbert College of Business
 - a. Speaker series on Instagram.
- d) College of Architecture, Design & Construction
 - a. Tested list serve by sending out memorial note for the late Roger Rice.
 - b. Revamping marketing for technology rentals.
- e) College of Sciences and Mathematics
 - a. Working with Advisors to connect with incoming students.
 - b. Re-registering as an organization though AU involve.
- f) College of Education
 - a. No report.
- g) Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
 - a. Not feasible to waive Engineering fee for all students this summer.
 - b. Researching possibility of only paying fee when an engineering course is being taken.
- h) School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
 - a. No report
- i) College of Human Sciences
 - a. No report
- j) College of Liberal Arts
 - a. Working on a new constitution.
 - b. American Sign Language as a foreign language option. Plan on gathering feedback within the College of Liberal Arts.
- k) School of Nursing
 - a. No report.



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- l) Harrison School of Pharmacy
 - a. School Council will be meeting next Tuesday with a plan for the coming year as well as a new honor code.
 - b. New student orientation list for people who did not attend Auburn for their undergraduate degree.
- m) College of Veterinary Medicine
 - a. New application cycle begins this summer for students applying to the vet. Med. Program. Please reach out to the school's council if you or your constituents have questions regarding applications.

4. Committee Reports

- a) Mary Cate Saville – Academic Affairs
 - a. Cultural competency course
 - b. Grade Forgiveness Program—Reese Lisenby
 - i. Study of twelve peer institutions regarding grade forgiveness programs.
 - ii. Most other peer institutions allow a course in which a grade of C, D, or F was earned to be repeated without permission from the dean.
 - iii. Some peer universities displayed the grades from both the first attempt and second attempt on students' transcripts.
 - iv. Proposal of a similar program for Auburn:
 - 1. Students may repeat two undergraduate courses, that add to no greater than eight credit hours.
 - 2. Only the grade from the second course attempt would be factored into GPA, although grades from both course attempts would appear on transcripts.
 - v. Questions and further action:
 - 1. Should this apply to all undergraduate students or just freshmen?
 - 2. Should this be available for less than 8 credit hours?
 - 3. Should this apply to grades of a C, D, or F or just D and F.
 - 4. Next step is to talk to advisors and faculty.
 - 5. The University of Alabama's policy is similar to the current policy at Auburn.
- b) Rett Waggoner – Budget and Finance
 - a. Initial budgets due June 1st.
 - b. Feedback from different Budget and Finance representatives issued July 1st.
 - c. Final budgets due July 24th.
- c) Molly Sullivan – Code of Laws and Rules
 - a. Working on the analysis of the previous elections.
 - i. Survey to be sent out to all those who declared candidacy.
 - ii. Senate expansion meeting.
 - 1. Restructuring of senate before adding more seats.
 - 2. Change of party system.
 - 3. Would like feedback regarding what senators think about changing the ticket system. Please direct feedback to Landon Kramer.



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- d) Tyler Ward– Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - a. ALS foreign language program.
 - b. Information for freshmen about what SGA is and how to get involved.
 - c. Working on relationships with other organizations.
 - d. Two new members added to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee.
- e) James Sadie – Student Affairs
 - a. Working with *Beat Bama Food Drive* to raise funds.
 - b. Working on an All-encompassing app.
- f) Andrew Dismukes – Executive Committee
 - a. Encourage everyone to stay on top of committee work.
 - b. Thank you for the work you are doing during the summer.

5. Liaisons

- a) BSU
 - a. No report.
- b) Honors College
 - a. No report.

6. Future Orders

- a) PSSB: 20-0518-01 Judicial Branch Appointment Confirmations
- b) PSSB: 20-0518-02 School of Forestry and Wildlife Senator Appointment Confirmation

Announcements

- a) Hays Kassen, Vice President
 - a. Thank you to everyone for attending and working during the summer.
- b) Pearson Brown
 - a. Three question baseline survey focusing on professional development and student involvement.

Adjournment 8:23