



Student Government Association

Student Government Association Senate Minutes Monday, March 1, 2021

Open Forum

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- a. Heather Mann (she/her) – President of Spectrum
 - a. Weekly meetings in Ralph Brown Draughon Library 3035 on Wednesdays at 6pm.
 - b. Meeting on gender roles in society this week.
 - c. No meeting on the Wellness Day, March 10.
 - d. March 17 – National Coming Out Day.
 - i. Good way to support students at Auburn.
 - e. Concourse table (last Friday, February 26) observations:
 - i. In 3 hours, counted 157 people with incorrect mask wearing and 655 people wearing no mask.
 - ii. Encouraging Senate to find a way to enforce the mask rule.

Roll Call 7:40

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a) No minutes from last meeting.
2. Executive Officer Reports
 - a) Rett Waggoner — President-Elect
 - a. Reminder for confirmations for future officers: ask good questions; make sure that you believe that these are the best officers.
 - b) Stephen Sadie — Treasurer-Elect
 - a. No report
 - c) Molly Boudreaux — EVP, Outreach
 - a. Pending confirmation.
 - b. Looking forward to reports throughout the year.
 - d) Tyler Ward – EVP, Cabinet Administration
 - a. Pending confirmation; will speak later regarding this.
 - b. This week: holding interviews on Thursday and Friday for assistant positions.
 - e) Claudia Hubbard — EVP, Communications and Marketing
 - a. Pending confirmation.
 - b. Working to include and promote the freshman class in the midst of pandemic circumstances.
 - i. Help disperse google form for freshmen.
 - f) Michael Thomas — EVP, Initiatives
 - a. Pending confirmation.
 - b. Going through feedback and assessment for different areas, relating to administrators.

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- g) Megan Watkins – Freshman Committee
- a. Freshman Forum feedback for spring event:
 - i. Covered different areas: Academics, Campus Resources, Parking and Transportation, Mental Health.
 - ii. Academics Feedback:
 1. Online class allows for flexibility, but makes time management more difficult; would choose in-person classes over online.
 2. Suggestions to be careful with transition to fall semester (not overlook risk of COVID-19).
 3. Felt that teachers aren't clear on feedback to students; hard to find information on Canvas.
 4. Want to know where updates from administration are located (example: many were unaware of events being raised to 100 people capacity).
 - iii. Campus Resources Feedback:
 1. Instagram is a popular mode of communication; not many students read flyers.
 2. UPC (University Program Council) is the most well-known organization.
 3. More emphasis is needed on Auburn Answers.
 4. Suggestion to restructure AU Involve to be more user-friendly.
 5. Need to spread the word regarding academic resources, such as the Miller Writing Center.
 - iv. Parking and Transportation Feedback:
 1. Parking signs are not very obvious.
 2. Better lighting is needed in parking lots and crosswalks.
 3. Students are frustrated with not being able to get on the Security Shuttle if they are not at an exact location.
 4. Many do not know how to use Tiger Transit.
 - v. Mental Health Feedback:
 1. Many do know of the mental health resources, which is promising.
 2. Some do not know how to sign up for counseling, or did not get a response from a counselor.
 3. Many students' Wellness Day was spent doing school work.
 4. Some students are worried about lack of privacy in residence halls when seeking virtual counseling.
3. College Reports
- a) At Large
 - a. Freshman Committee did a phenomenal job; excited to work with other senators this semester.
 - b) College of Agriculture
 - a. Google Form sent out in weekly email for feedback.
 - i. Major feedback from professors.
 - ii. Issues getting food from Grubhub before lecture.

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- c) College of Business
 - a. Link-tree form sent out for feedback.
 - b. Suggestions for improvements to meeting rooms in Horton-Hardgrave Hall.
 - c. Setting location for office hours.
- d) College of Architecture, Design & Construction
 - a. Meeting with old school council president, vice president, and senators to discuss transitions.
 - b. Released a google poll last week; received feedback desiring more food on their side of campus, tutoring, t-shirts.
- e) College of Sciences and Mathematics
 - a. Scheduling to meet with school council president and vice president.
 - b. Recurrent complaint: assignments due on multiple sites at once (example: Pack back and Canvas).
- f) College of Education
 - a. Confirmations going through tonight.
 - b. Feedback from village dining: Au Bon Pain does not have full menu available, but only pre-made food.
 - c. Recurring issue with people stealing clothes from laundry rooms in residence halls; consider surveillance cameras.
- g) Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
 - a. Met with school's council to stay in touch; creating new ways to promote the connection between senate and school council.
 - b. Wellness Day Feedback from Google Form, almost 300 responses:
 - i. 90% felt they had to do schoolwork.
 - ii. 60% felt they could not take time for themselves.
 - iii. 40% had a test the next day.
 - iv. Feedback from student with learning disability: hard to stop schoolwork and start back up in the middle of the week.
- h) School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
 - a. Scheduling meeting with incoming and outgoing members of executive team whose term does not end until May.
 - b. Feedback from office hours: students brought forth concern with number of birds flying into windows on campus and dying.
 - i. Reaching out to professors to get data on this and looking for ways to make student voices heard with this concern.
 - c. Scheduling tour of the school with a senior member.
 - d. Has a sign during office hours that reads: "Hi! I'm your senator, please share with me ways to improve our school."
 - e. Made a graphic to attach as e-mail signature; willing to help others do the same.
- i) College of Human Sciences
 - a. Survey regarding Wellness Days:
 - i. Many had work due from classes, not happy with placement in middle of the week, or had exams the next day.
 - ii. Misconception that needs to be communicated: placed in middle of the week to balance classes missed.
 - b. First school council meeting with all officers; working on transitions.



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- c. Setting a consistent office hour, possibly in Spidle Hall.
- j) College of Liberal Arts
 - a. Looking for best place to host in-person office hours: most likely the bottom floor of the Haley Center.
 - b. Professional Headshots on Wednesday, March 3, in front of Cater Hall.
 - c. Frustration from faculty member offering in-person class, but low attendance (only 4-5 students) when online is also offered.
- k) School of Nursing
 - a. Met with outgoing school council president, vice president, and senator to discuss collaboration.
 - b. Establishing new office hours.
- l) Harrison School of Pharmacy
 - a. No report
- m) College of Veterinary Medicine
 - a. No report

4. Committee Reports

- a) Gavin McElroy – Academic Affairs
 - a. Excited to work with those on his committee and help others with projects.
 - b. Working to keep schoolwork off of Wellness Days and dealing with exams the day after.
 - c. Better definition for face to face flexible classes is needed.
- b) Reese Lisenby – Budget and Finance
 - a. Excited to be working with other senators.
 - b. Looking to use future report time to speak about various timelines and updates.
- c) Kyla Mathner – Code of Laws and Rules
 - a. Excited to be serving alongside other senators.
 - b. Currently looking at election and voting-based survey.
 - c. Picking up with transition materials from last year.
- d) Brandan Belser – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - a. Excited to work with other senators.
 - b. Working with Senator Mathner on Code of Laws before next elections.
 - c. Working to better incorporate liaisons into processes.
- e) John David Mathews – Student Affairs
 - a. Thanking Vice President Callahan and Senator Sullivan for appointment to this position.
 - b. Main areas of focus: parking, athletics, safety, initiatives, facilities, dining.
 - c. Will contact administration to fix various situations in these areas and receive feedback.
- f) Graf Sullivan – Executive Committee
 - a. Committee Selections sent out, currently setting meeting times.
 - b. College office hours start this week.
 - c. Meeting with groups of 3 or 4 senators each week.
 - d. Movement to move 21-0308-01 through 21-0308-07 from future to current orders.
 - e. Vote
 - i. Motion carries

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5. Liaisons

- a) Honors College
 - a. About 4-5 applicants for vacant positions.
 - b. Honors Formal: March 20, ticket prices being determined, open forum for feedback on Honors Forum.
 - c. Considering Easter egg hunt on April 10.
- b) BSU
 - a. Looking for appointment for new liason.
- c) Student Veterans
 - a. Veterans Classic Golf Tournament in April: option to donate and sponsor a tee.
 - i. Questions can be emailed to lds0024@auburn.edu.

6. Current Orders

- a) PSSB: 21-0308-01 College of Agriculture Senator Confirmation
 - a. Lucy Brown (College of Business), Graf Sullivan
 - b. Approval of Brooke Morgan.
 - c. Vote
 - i. Motion carries
- b) PSSB: 21-0308-02 College of Veterinary Medicine Senator Confirmation
 - a. Nick Seward (College of Business), Graf Sullivan
 - b. Approval of Victoria Warren.
 - c. Vote
 - i. Motion carries
- c) PSSB: 21-0308-03 Graduate School Senator Confirmation
 - a. Hayden McDonald (College of Business), Graf Sullivan
 - b. Approval of Brian Barrontine.
 - c. Vote
 - i. Motion carries
- d) PSSB 21-0308-04 EVP of Cabinet Administration Confirmation
 - a. Sam Hinson (College of Architecture, Design, and Construction), Graf Sullivan
 - b. Approval of Tyler Ward.
 - c. Vote
 - i. Motion carries
- e) PSSB: 21-0308-05 EVP of Communication and Marketing Confirmation
 - a. Madeline Dodd (College of Education), Graf Sullivan
 - b. Approval of Claudia Hubbard.
 - c. Vote
 - i. Motion carries
- f) PSSB: 21-0308-06 EVP of Initiatives Confirmation
 - a. Ashton Dickinson (College of Business), Graf Sullivan
 - b. Approval for Michael Thomas.
 - c. Vote
 - i. Motion carries
- g) PSSB: 21-0308-07 EVP of Outreach Confirmation
 - a. Ashleigh Harris (College of Architecture, Design, and Construction), Graf Sullivan
 - b. Approval of Molly Boudreaux.
 - c. Vote
 - i. Motion carries



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7. Future Orders

- a. PSSB: 21-0308-08 College of Education Schools Council Confirmation
 - i. Approval of Anne Marie Doxtader President.
 - ii. Approval of Macey Peyton, Vice President.
 - iii. Vote next week.
- b. PSSB: 21-0308-09 College of Human Sciences Schools Council Confirmation
 - i. Approval of Lucile Duncan, Vice President.
 - ii. Vote next week.

Announcements

- a) Cole Callahan, Vice President
 - i. Thanking senators for work and reports this week.
- b) Pearson Brown
 - i. Commending on great job with reports tonight.
 1. Encouragement for further ideas, begin thinking of future ideas and keep Pearson and Cole familiar with these ideas.
 - ii. Advisors' Three Pointers: Campus Resources
 1. Auburn Cares
 - a. Assist students during crises.
 - b. Campus Food Pantry, Feed the Family fund.
 - c. Can access online or refer other students.
 2. Safe Harbor
 - a. Sexual harassment, family violence counseling.
 - b. Creating a caring community, point those in need to this
 3. Student Counseling and Psychological Services
 - a. Offices in Medical Clinic and Haley Center.
 - b. Free and confidential.
 - iii. Bring any questions regarding resources, academics, involvement to Pearson Brown or Jamie Calvert.
 - iv. Brad Smith – Interim Director of Student Involvement
 1. Excited to see the room of new and returning senators.
 2. Taking position after Corey Edwards, who is now directly reporting to Dr. Woodard.
 3. Serving until permanent director is found.
 4. Interested in what students want to work on.
 5. Acknowledging Pearson Brown and Jamie Calvert as the best advisors in the Southeastern Conference: pushing everyone to get more feedback and grow.
 6. You do not have to be a returner to be a leader.
 7. Encourage new senators to step up from the beginning; do not be afraid to be vocal.
 8. Moved to new office.

Adjournment 8:43