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Student Government Association

**Student Government Association Senate  
Minutes  
Monday, March 22, 2021**

*Open Forum*

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- a. Heather Mann (she/her) – President of Spectrum
  - i. Working on initiative to get in touch with legislators regarding House and Senate bills dealing with transgender rights for minors in Alabama.
    - a. Letters to legislators: working on sending these out at the meeting on Wednesday.
    - b. Going to have concourse tables set up for students to stop by and write letters.
  - ii. Meetings are on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in Ralph Brown Draughton Library 3035.
  - iii. Contact information can be found on Spectrum’s AUInvolve page.

*Roll Call 7:40*

- 1. Approval of Minutes
  - a) Approved.
- 2. Executive Officer Reports
  - a) Rett Waggoner — President
    - a. Selected all directors for Cabinet.
    - b. Cabinet retreat: this Sunday from 1-5 for new Directors to know roles, meet Assistant Vice Presidents and Executive Vice Presidents.
    - c. Explanation of veto of PSSB: 21-0308-01.
      - i. Wrote the confirmation bill before the student had applied formally to the Education School’s Council, and later confirmed this student who had not applied for the role.
  - b) Stephen Sadie — Treasurer
    - a. Update on scholarships: increased two of the endowments.
      - i. Focused on minority and under-represented communities, as well as retention of these minority students.
      - ii. This money does not come from tuition.
  - c) Molly Boudreaux — EVP, Outreach
    - a. Keep submitting research requests.
    - b. Adding an option to request previous submission results for research.
    - c. Research Bootcamp 3: Informal Research
      - i. What is Informal Research? Research that does not involve a formal survey or benchmarking.
      - ii. When is Informal Research Used? Figuring out what students care about, trying to narrow down ideas, conversations with a purpose.
      - iii. Benefits: engages students, gives ideas of interests of students.
      - iv. Limitations: not statistically significant, cannot prove a point.
      - v. What do we do with Informal Research? Take it to conversations and meetings, understand how to effectively serve the student body.
      - vi. Internship example: informal research done when researching and selecting an internship.

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- d) Tyler Ward – EVP, Cabinet Administration
  - a. As you are thinking of new projects, make sure you are reaching out to Assistant Vice Presidents, not Directors yet.
- e) Claudia Hubbard — EVP, Communications and Marketing
  - a. No report.
- f) Michael Thomas — EVP, Initiatives
  - a. Goal to open late night dining option on April 9.
  - b. Safety Walk: if anyone has participated in this before, it would be great to have them as a site leader.

### 3. College Reports

- a) At Large
  - a. Moving office hours around to different locations on Tuesday and Wednesday in order to get more feedback from a wider range of students.
    - i. New locations include Ralph Brown Draughon Library, Recreation and Wellness Center, and Dining Halls.
- b) College of Agriculture
  - a. Biggest student feedback concern is parking.
    - i. Hard to make it from off-campus to on-campus classes on time due to parking.
    - ii. At least 10 students had to have an extension from professors because they could not make it to class on time.
- c) College of Business
  - a. Students requesting reopening of Tiger Bread Company.
  - b. Students requesting 15 minute parking to be more accessible.
  - c. Compared Auburn's Student Government Association Website to those of similar schools.
    - i. Found that Auburn's website is easy to navigate.
- d) College of Architecture, Design, and Construction
  - a. During finals week, trying to host an event with the School's Council President and Vice President.
    - i. Free breakfast for students in Dudley Hall.
  - b. Trying to establish a meeting with the Dean to establish a relationship with administration.
  - c. Working to get poll distributed to students to get feedback and names more well known, as well as distribute email addresses.
  - d. Benchmarking with COVID-19 testing at other institutions.
    - i. Compared with University of Georgia, University of Alabama, University of South Carolina, and others.
    - ii. Offer incentives to those who test for COVID-19.
      - 1. Free basketball and football tickets.
      - 2. Parking ticket forgiveness.
      - 3. Lottery for small scholarship for those who get tested.
    - iii. Suggestion to move testing to a more centralized location on campus.
- e) College of Sciences and Mathematics
  - a. Clarification on last week's email.
    - i. Purpose was to bring attention to issues, but was unacceptable in the way it was presented.
    - ii. Originated from third party hired by the college.
    - iii. Dean takes full responsibility.



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- b. Set up meetings with multiple figures within the college on different mornings in order to ask questions and get a wider overview of the college.
- c. College of Sciences and Mathematics Connect Initiative: connecting international students with current students.
- d. Meeting set up regarding parking.
  - i. Comparison to University of Georgia and Clemson, who offer monthly passes for parking in busy zones.
- f) College of Education
  - a. Complaints from students about bike cops sitting in Quad Loop and giving out \$200 tickets to students dropping off and picking up others in this road.
- g) Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
  - a. Sending out office hours in an email.
  - b. 3 mentoring programs: doing a competition between them to raise money and promote the programs.
  - c. Town Hall on Friday, April 2.
- h) School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
  - a. Office hours are from 11:15-1:15 outside of the Student Services Office.
  - b. Update on bird awareness:
    - i. Dean of the college was carbon-copied on an email thread and responded.
    - ii. Agreed to set aside a portion of the school's budget to address the issue.
    - iii. Talking with professors who have done similar research before.
- i) Graduate School
  - a. Executive Board meeting was held this past Wednesday.
  - b. Interested in feedback regarding financial issues.
  - c. Deadline extended to March 26 for Graduate School Council Board Nominations for all graduate students.
  - d. Awards ceremony April 16 to recognize outstanding graduate students that have distinguished themselves.
- j) College of Human Sciences
  - a. Working on filling School's Council vacant seat.
  - b. Awards show will include a scholarship this year, awarded to students who have a passion for improving the lives of others.
  - c. Thursday, March 25 at 2:30pm: scholarship announcement.
  - d. Office hours are held in Spidle Hall on Thursdays.
- k) College of Liberal Arts
  - a. Working with scholarships available for students and required internships.
  - b. Meeting on March 23 with staff on need-based scholarships.
- l) School of Nursing
  - a. Feedback with freshman and sophomore involvement with school; trying to get them more involved.
- m) Harrison School of pharmacy
  - a. Feedback on future gatherings on Wellness Days.
  - b. Working on putting together informational packet for students on how Auburn Student Government Association works.
- n) College of Veterinary Medicine
  - a. Trying to get more vaccines.
  - b. Feedback from students frustrated with difficulty of different modalities, some due to lack of vaccines.



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### 4. Committee Reports

- a) Gavin McElroy – Academic Affairs
  - a. Decided on 5 projects to focus on and assigned senators to each project:
    - i. Modalities
    - ii. Issues with payments for different lockdown browsers
    - iii. Assignments from different websites to be posted to Canvas
    - iv. Mid-semester reviews for professors
    - v. Rentable laptops for students
  - b. Working on in-person classes legislature.
- b) Reese Lisenby – Budget and Finance
  - a. Met with advisors to go over Budget and Finance timeline and covered everything through the end of July.
- c) Kyla Mathner – Code of Laws and Rules
  - a. Working on finishing touches to Code of Laws timeline.
  - b. Meeting on March 23 regarding research on other schools that have already defined special committees in Student Senate and seeing what has worked.
- d) Brandan Belser – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - a. Dividing into projects.
  - b. Response to Auburn for Change letter.
  - c. Feedback on study spaces and their methods of reservation.
- e) John David Mathews – Student Affairs
  - a. Thursday, 6:00pm: free dinner provided by Tiger Dining.
  - b. Benchmarking other schools looking at security cameras for residence halls' laundry rooms.
  - c. Asking for feedback on late night dining option and how to make it a safe and enjoyable experience.
  - d. Two questions to ask about new meal plans:
    - i. Do you know about the new meal plans?
    - ii. What questions do you have about the new meal plans/ do you know what the new meal swipes are?
- f) Graf Sullivan – Executive Committee
  - a. Office hours will be sent out tonight or tomorrow morning.
  - b. Senate Executive Meetings on Friday mornings at 7:45 am in Melton Student Center 2222-2223.
  - c. Ask more questions in reports, and take the next steps or seeing if it is university-wide feedback.
  - d. President Waggoner has vetoed a bill.
    - i. Regarding bills, he has 10 days to sign or veto them, and if no action is taken after 10 days, the bill passes automatically.
    - ii. Takes 2/3 of the Senate to overturn a veto.

### 5. Liaisons

- a) Honors College – Luke Owens
  - a. Honors Formal was held on Saturday and had a great turnout.
  - b. Unable to host meeting last Wednesday due to weather.
  - c. Working on establishing a Diversity committee.
  - d. Extending media chair deadlines.
  - e. Planning a philanthropy event.



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- b) Black Student Union – Donovan Evins
  - a. Great progress with Black Student Union General Assembly.
    - i. Had a meeting with the College of Sciences and Mathematics regarding last week’s email; apology was issued.
- c) Student Veterans Association – Liyah Stewart
  - a. New incoming President and Vice President soon.
  - b. Opened the organization so that any student can join.
  - c. If you wish to partner event, reach out via email at lds0024@auburn.edu.
  - d. Golf Classic coming up; good way to get to know veterans.
    - i. Sponsor a Tee: raising money.
    - ii. Volunteers needed to be caddies, golf cart drivers.
- d) Freshman Committee – Julianne Lozano
  - a. Concourse presence today and throughout the week from 10-2.
  - b. Today’s topic was academics.
  - c. This week’s other topics: parking, mental health, campus resources.
  - d. Will be moved inside Haley Center in the case of bad weather.
  - e. Maximum number of people in a room moved up to 150.
  - f. Air conditioning in the Quad is turning on and off.

### 6. Current Orders

- a) Veto of PSSB 21-0308-01
  - a. Rett Waggoner
  - b. Debate: Senator Locke
    - i. Wanted to ensure that a formal apology was issued to affected students, as well as address the importance of vetoing a bill.
  - c. Vote
    - i. The veto is upheld.
- b) PSSB: 21-0322-01 Support Staff Confirmation
  - a. Hope Johnson (College of Business), Graf Sullivan
  - b. Approval of Taylor Edwards, *Executive Secretary*.
  - c. Approval of Jett Davis, *Technician*.
  - d. Approval of Kaylie Ward, *Parliamentarian*.
  - e. Vote.
    - i. Motion carries
- c) PSSB: 21-0322-02 Honors College Liaison Confirmation
  - a. Graf Sullivan
  - b. Approval of Luke Owens, *Honors College Student Senate Liaison*.
  - c. Vote.
    - i. Motion carries.
- d) PSSB: 21-0322-03 Black Student Union Liaison Confirmation
  - a. Graf Sullivan
  - b. Approval of Donovan Evins, *Black Student Union Student Senate Liaison*.
  - c. Vote.
    - i. Motion carries.

### 7. Future Orders

- a) None.



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### *Announcements*

- a) Cole Callahan, Vice President
  - i. Apology for blunder leading to veto.
    - 1. Formal apology was given directly to affected students last week.
  - ii. Continually impressed with participation.
  - iii. Working with EVP of Communications and Marketing, Claudia Hubbard, on signs for office hours.
- b) Jamie Calvert
  - i. Even though Creed Day was postponed, we should care about the Auburn Creed every day.
  - ii. What does the Auburn Creed mean to our community?
    - a. George Petrie wrote the creed in 1943 with what he believed to be the ideals of the Auburn family.
  - iii. What does the Auburn Creed mean to you?
    - a. What is your favorite line of the Auburn Creed and how do you live by it each day?
      - i. Response: line regarding clean sports.
    - b. What do you hope the Auburn Creed will mean for Auburn Students 80 years from now?
      - i. Response: Underlying message of love and community.
  - iv. Beyond Creed Day, the Auburn Creed has withstood the test of time.
    - a. Hard work, trustworthiness.
    - b. How do we uphold this year-round in our projects?

*Adjournment 8:42*

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