



Student Government Association

Student Government Association Senate Minutes Monday, March 8, 2021

Open Forum

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a. Coleman Turnipseed

- i. 2021 Women's Leadership Conference: Tuesday, March 23.
- ii. Online option and in-person option at the Auburn University Hotel, 11:00 am.
- iii. Theme: Wonder Women, A New Age of Empowered Leadership.
- iv. Includes strategies for transition from college to professional life, engaging with alumni, etc.
- v. Free to students.
- vi. More information can be found on the Office of Inclusion and Diversity Instagram.

Roll Call 7:40

1. Approval of Minutes

- a) Correction to dates of past PSSB on last week's minutes.
- b) Approved.

2. Executive Officer Reports

a) Rett Waggoner — President

- a. Assistant Vice President selections made.
- b. Directors to be selected next; applications out now.
- c. Starting to build executive goals.
 - a. If anyone has a goal send it to Rett, this is a good way to get more input.

b) Stephen Sadie — Treasurer

- a. Email from Dr. Gogue regarding merit-based and need-based scholarships; how to expand and use them.
- b. Commending Wellness Day feedback; looking toward narrowing down of future feedback.

c) Molly Boudreaux — EVP, Outreach

a. Research Bootcamp

- i. Collaboration with Jordan Fluker (pending confirmation as Assistant Vice President of Feedback and Assessment).
- ii. Why Research Bootcamp?
 1. In order to get everyone on the same page regarding research, to be better advocates for the students, and to streamline the process of research.

iii. Types of Research:

1. Surveys (main focus of the presentation tonight): Baseline, Qualtrics, Google Form (try to avoid these due to lack of authentication of responses).

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iv. How to Design a Survey:

1. Fill out the “SGA Research and Benchmarking Request Form”, which is under the Student Government Association Page on AUInvolve.
2. Attach a draft of your questions and fill out the survey 3 weeks before results are needed.

v. Let’s Design a Question:

1. Example: “Do you wish the Student Center Chick-Fil-A line was shorter?”
 - a. Feedback from Senator Locke: this question inclines people to vote yes.
 - b. Feedback from Senator Sullivan: this question implies a negative response.
2. Break down questions:
 - a. What time do you usually visit the Student Center Chick-Fil-A?
 - b. How do you usually order from the Student Center Chick-Fil-A? (Be consistent with abbreviations)
 - c. How long do you typically wait between placing your order and completion of the order?
 - d. What is the biggest deterrent to eating at the Student Center Chick-Fil-A? (Open-ended)
3. PowerPoint presentation will be sent out to Senate.

d) Tyler Ward – EVP, Cabinet Administration

- a. First onboarding recently held.
- b. Assistant Vice Presidents oversee team of directors, and directors oversee individual positions.
- c. Familiarize yourself with whoever will be your Assistant Vice President within your committee and who you will be in contact with.

e) Claudia Hubbard — EVP, Communications and Marketing

- a. More photographers and videographers needed.
 - i. If you know any people with these skills, send applications to them; they are essential for publicity.

f) Michael Thomas — EVP, Initiatives

- a. No report.

3. College Reports

a) At Large

- a. Office hours will be held in the Melton Student Center on Tuesdays from 2-3pm, and on Wednesdays from 12-1pm.
 - i. Different this week due to the Wellness Day: additional office hour on Tuesday from 1-2pm.
 - ii. Working on tables and signs.
 - iii. Feedback from students indicates that they do not understand Wellness Days, and multiple class modalities are frustrating.

b) College of Agriculture

- a. Wellness Day feedback: students are happy and very few students had an assignment due or an exam the next day; felt as though they could rest.
- b. Student feedback on class modalities: no major issues.



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- c) College of Business
 - a. Feedback on food in library: frustration with not being able to eat and getting asked to leave, which is resulting in students not going to the library to study.
 - b. Longer dining hours and late-night dining options requested.
 - c. Student feedback indicates that there is a lack of understanding for the role of the Student Government Association.
 - d. Asking for tips on how to better distribute QR codes.
 - e. Feedback from a student on class modality: wishes that classes were either all in-person or all online and she feels as though it is hard to effectively switch back and forth and learn.
 - f. Proposed an idea for a student newsletter for every college.
- d) College of Architecture, Design & Construction
 - a. In contact with new school council; working on transition forward.
 - b. Office hours are held on Thursdays and Fridays from 1-2pm.
- e) College of Sciences and Mathematics
 - a. Successful meeting with school council.
 - b. Brainstorming interactive events for the College of Sciences and Mathematics to encourage connections between students.
 - c. Effort to form relationships between domestic and international students.
- f) College of Education
 - a. Office hours are held in the Haley Center on Thursdays from 11-12.
 - b. Scheduling meeting with school council president and vice president this week.
- g) Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
 - a. Congratulations to new War Eagle Girl/Plainsmen members on Senate.
 - b. Created a link tree for office hours, which will be posted in Brown-Kopel.
 - c. Met with school council on Thursday.
 - d. Professor feedback: having problems with getting students to attend classes in-person that are also offered online.
 - e. Wellness Day Poll:
 - i. 2700+ responses (data is from first 1966 responses).
 - ii. 90% did schoolwork on Wellness Day.
 - iii. Over 90% used the time to catch up on assignments.
 - iv. Majority of students indicated they did not have assignments due on the Wellness Day or an exam the next day.
 - v. Average rating of the Wellness Day: ~ 4/10
 - vi. Freshmen had the highest amount with assignments.
 - vii. Good feedback: refreshing, relaxing.
 - 1. Input from Vice President Callahan: On the next survey, begin collecting data on why students felt as though they had to do work if they did not have assignments due or upcoming exams.



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- h) School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
 - a. Celebrating 75th anniversary.
 - b. Thursday at 4pm: school council meeting over Zoom.
 - c. Office hours: Thursday from 11:15-1:15 outside of Student Services in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences.
 - i. Some do not know where this is, so a map of the school building as well as office hours location is being sent out.
 - d. Feedback on bird awareness: a group chat has been formed to raise awareness and numbers, and a list of professors has been created and contacted in order to gain new ideas.
- i) College of Human Sciences
 - a. Office hour will be held in Spidle Hall on Thursdays from 2-3pm, starting on March 11.
 - b. Reserved a space in the Wellness Suite on Mondays from 9-10.
 - c. Next feedback to be gathered will include a focus on student thoughts on transitioning from online to in-person classes.
 - d. Complaint from student about a professor that switched abruptly to online class this week as a result of taking a spring break.
- j) College of Liberal Arts
 - a. Met with school council and set up monthly meetings.
 - b. Working on gathering faculty feedback, especially from department heads.
 - c. Working with Public Relations chair on school council to promote office hours.
 - d. Office hours will be held on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm in Haley Center by the Auburn University Bookstore.
- k) School of Nursing
 - a. Met about possible ideas for activities on the Wellness Day.
 - i. Student feedback: majority would be willing to come to these events.
 - b. Plans are in place to meet with faculty and discuss new ideas.
- l) Harrison School of Pharmacy
 - a. Office hours are currently being set and are planned to be announced soon.
 - b. Student feedback indicated that the first Wellness Day seemed to be successful.
- m) College of Veterinary Medicine
 - a. Office hours are held on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30pm over Zoom.
 - b. Met with school council president and vice president to plan events centered around wellness and mental health.
 - c. Survey recently sent out to faculty.
 - d. Many students within the college do not understand the role of the Student Government Association.

4. Committee Reports

- a) Gavin McElroy – Academic Affairs
 - a. Weekly meeting time has been set at 7:30pm on Tuesdays.
 - b. Currently collecting feedback on face-to-face classes, wellness days, faculty communication, and online classes.
 - c. Currently deciding which projects are most relevant, and information will be sent out soon.



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- b) Reese Lisenby – Budget and Finance
 - a. Weekly meeting time has been set at 6pm on Tuesdays.
 - b. Student Activity Portfolio: consists of 7 organizations which are each represented by a member of the committee.
- c) Kyla Mathner – Code of Laws and Rules
 - a. First meeting held this past Thursday, but future meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 11:00am in the Melton Student Center Conference Room B.
 - b. Reviewed transition materials at the meeting.
 - c. If you are on a different committee, do not hesitate to attend other committee meetings.
- d) Brandan Belser – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - a. Finishing working on transition this week; working with legislation model and including liaisons.
 - b. Commending members of the committee for active and enthusiastic participation.
 - c. Meetings are held on Fridays at 12pm.
- e) John David Mathews – Student Affairs
 - a. Meetings are on Wednesdays, but this week due to Wellness Day, the meeting is on Tuesday at 7am in Melton Student Center Conference Room B.
 - b. Setting up subcommittees this week.
 - c. Meeting with Dining weekly.
 - d. March 25: Free dinner from Tiger Dining; will discuss feedback.
 - i. Poll will be sent in GroupMe for availability.
 - e. Late night dining option will likely be a food truck open from 10pm-1am, starting in April.
 - f. The Edge Dining Hall opens on August 9th, and it will offer 9 different zones/restaurants.
 - g. New meal plans released that offer more flexibility and variety.
 - i. Visit auburn.campusdish.com for more information.
- f) Graf Sullivan – Executive Committee
 - a. Be prepared to answer questions regarding dining.
 - b. Submit office hours this week if you have not already done so.
 - c. Involvement office hours: looking at setting up a table in a public location.
 - d. Senate Executive Committee Meetings will be at 7:45am on Fridays; required that senators attend one per semester.
 - e. Continuing to meet with small groups.
 - f. Be creative with ways to gather feedback and build connections.
 - g. Encouragement when writing bills: ask why you are writing it, and go into the process open to change and with a purpose.

5. Liaisons

- a) Honors College
 - a. Honors College Formal on March 20, tickets are \$20, and there is a 100 person limit.
 - b. Next meeting will be on March 17.
 - c. Diversity Panel will be held on Zoom next Monday at 6pm.
- b) BSU
 - a. Introduction: excited to meet and work with everyone.
- c) Freshman Committee
 - a. Overheard feedback on Wellness Day: desire for professors to change due dates.



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- b. March 22-25: Feedback and Information Week.
 - i. 10am-2pm on the concourse each day; broken up into parking and transportation, academics, mental health, and campus resources.
 - ii. Four committees: feedback, outreach, marketing, and operations.

6. Current Orders

- a. PSSB: 21-0308-01 College of Education Schools Council Confirmation
 - a. Graf Sullivan
 - b. Approval of Anne Marie Doxtader, *College of Education Schools Council President.*
 - c. Approval of Macey Payton, *College of Education Schools Council Vice President.*
 - d. Vote
 - i. Motion carries
- b. PSSB: 21-0308-02 College of Human Sciences School's Council Confirmation
 - a. Graf Sullivan
 - b. Approval of Lucile Duncan, *College of Human Sciences Schools Council Vice President.*
 - c. Motion to table
 - i. Motion carries.

7. Future Orders

- a. PSSB: 21-03015-01 Harrison School of Pharmacy Senator Confirmation
 - i. Confirmation of Ashleigh Neese.
 - ii. Vote next week.
- b. PSSB: 21-03015-02 Definition of EVP of Cabinet Administration
 - i. Defining the role of EVP of Cabinet Administration.
 - ii. Vote next week.
- c. PSSB: 21-0315-03 Change of Executive Secretary Role to EVP of Cabinet Administration
 - i. Further definition of the role of EVP of Cabinet Administration; transferring part of Executive Secretary role.
 - ii. Vote next week.

Announcements

- a) Cole Callahan, Vice President
 - i. Thanks for being here; continually impressed every week.
 - ii. Reach out with questions.
 - iii. Come up with 3 questions and run them by committee chairs in order to be presented in the executive meeting.
 - iv. Thank you for confirming college office hours.
- b) Pearson Brown
 - a. No formal presentation.
 - b. Great job tonight; exciting to hear different feedback.
 - c. Continue with this level of feedback; speak with the people that elected you.
 - d. Keep committee chairs, Jamie Calvert, and Pearson Brown informed so they can support you.

Adjournment 8:46