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## Student Government Association

### Student Government Association Senate Minutes Monday, April 12, 2021

John David Jones – Chaplain

- a. The time on this Earth that we all have is limited.
- b. The things that this world wants us to choose are not fulfilling.
- c. What are you chasing? In 30 years, nobody will remember your status.
- d. Don't be more concerned with your own name rather than the change you are making.

#### *Open Forum*

- a. Heather Mann (she/her) – Former President of Spectrum
  - a. Elected a new president and advocacy chair.
  - b. New officers could not attend.
  - c. Graduation ceremony on Wednesday celebrating any present and past graduates.
  - d. Next week's meeting will be more of a relaxing meeting at 6pm on Wednesday in Ralph Brown Draughon Library 3035.
  - e. Choices made in Student Government Association (SGA) have a lasting effect and can benefit all students, not just the ones that look like the majority.

#### *Roll Call 8:07*

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a) Approved.
2. Executive Officer Reports
  - a) Rett Waggoner — President
    - a. Presidential Task Force on Opportunity and Equity: diversity statement developed by two subcommittees; embodies Auburn stance on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts.
      - i. Will be used on webpages and news articles.
    - b. Four governance groups: Student Senate, Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Administration Senate.
    - c. Started breakfast with the Mayor of Auburn and other representatives of the city: once a month on the second Friday of the month.
      - i. Auburn 2040 plan: What will Auburn look like in 2040?
    - d. Office of Sustainability has developed a report: an overview of what the office does, as well as a timeline.
    - e. 32% increase in scholarships offered to underrepresented students in the past year.
    - f. One additional (optional) Everfi course will be added for incoming freshmen on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
  - b) Stephen Sadie — Treasurer
    - a. No report.
  - c) Molly Boudreaux — EVP, Outreach
    - a. No report.



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- d) Tyler Ward – EVP, Cabinet Administration
  - a. Working with Cabinet on communicating which Directors and administration will be working with everyone.
    - i. Trying to build relationships now so that during the summer, more progress can be made.
  - b. Utilize Camp War Eagle counselors to get feedback on the incoming class.
  - c. Headshots will be next week for the website.
- e) Claudia Hubbard — EVP, Communications and Marketing
  - a. No report.
- f) Michael Thomas — EVP, Initiatives
  - a. No report.

### 3. College Reports

- a) At Large
  - a. Safety Walk event was successful.
  - b. Finalizing a Qualtrics survey on study rooms and DIBS reservations.
  - c. Office hours this week will be held in the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center.
- b) College of Agriculture
  - a. Students are hoping to see face-to-face classes in the fall.
  - b. End of School Bash on April 20 from 1-3pm.
    - i. Free succulents will be given out.
- c) College of Business
  - a. DIBS is expected to be implemented in Horton-Hardgrave Hall before finals.
  - b. Attended Business Schools Council meeting and introduced themselves and their goals, as well as things to partner on.
- d) College of Architecture, Design, and Construction
  - a. Letter to Administration in McWhorter School of Building Science.
    - i. Accessibility to Gorrie Center was too limited.
    - ii. Took a Google poll and 100% of the respondents thought that the hours should be extended.
    - iii. Took the letter to administration, who agreed to extend the hours of the building.
    - iv. Students have been very appreciative of this change.
- e) College of Sciences and Mathematics
  - a. Took time during office hours to speak to Schools Council President, who is making final AU involve changes to communicate the school's platform.
  - b. College of Sciences and Mathematics is encouraging students to use academic resources leading up to finals.
- f) College of Education
  - a. No report.
- g) Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
  - a. This week is Engineering Spirit Week.
  - b. Gathered feedback on desired café food items.
  - c. Working to draft a resolution.
  - d. Would like to collaborate with senators that work with parking.
- h) School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
  - a. Met with Schools Council last Thursday regarding summer plans and an end of semester event.
  - b. Reporter from the Plainsman reached out for information on the bird initiative.



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- j) Graduate School
  - a. New Senator: Elizabeth Devore
    - i. Joined Academic Affairs committee.
  - b. Spoke to graduate students that are looking forward to having classes back on campus.
- k) College of Human Sciences
  - a. Fashion show was a success.
  - b. During office hours, spoke about plans for the fall.
  - c. New Schools Council Vice President selected.
- k) College of Liberal Arts
  - a. Added additional time for office hours in Tichenor.
  - b. Talking with Schools Council on how to implement initiatives.
  - c. Late night dining was spectacular.
- l) School of Nursing
  - a. Collecting feedback from Dropbox link.
  - b. Feedback on uniforms and not being able to wear jogger scrubs.
- m) Harrison School of Pharmacy
  - a. Collecting names of students that are helping with COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.
  - b. Working with Schools Council to make goodie bags for students for finals week.
- n) College of Veterinary Medicine
  - a. Put bags of Skittles in students' mailboxes to spread awareness of Student Government Association.
  - b. Met and discussed goals for upcoming semester and events.

### 4. Committee Reports

- a) Gavin McElroy – Academic Affairs
  - a. Working on survey for Canvas calendar initiative.
  - b. Met with Cabinet for feedback on rentable laptops project.
  - c. Meeting with Dr. Martin on Tuesday to discuss end of semester reviews.
  - d. Consistency and Accountability Resolution for Fall 2021 coming through today.
- b) Jabin Justin – Budget and Finance
  - a. Worked on initial budgets last week.
  - b. Committee meeting at 2pm in the Student Involvement Suite on Friday.
- c) Megan Starling – Code of Laws
  - a. Working on timeline which will be reviewed by all committee members before the committee meeting.
  - b. Reformatting Schools Council; 3 chapters.
  - c. Split up some of election law code changes and drafting those bills.
  - d. Reached out to respective Schools Council and got feedback on how they feel about attending several Senate meetings per semester.



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- d) Brandan Belser – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - a. Submitted research request for study spaces survey before the end of the semester.
  - b. Submitted research request on Muslim student prayer.
  - c. Meeting with administrators on bridging the gap between administrators, professors, and students.
  - d. Working with low income students and mandatory internships.
  - e. Want to benchmark the military insurance information.
- e) John David Mathews – Student Affairs
  - a. Athletics: working on partnering with University Program Council on a concert after a football game in the fall.
  - b. Facilities: possibly adding menstrual products in restrooms across campus as part of an Executive goal.
  - c. Looking into the lack of female statues on campus.
  - d. Housing: met with director of housing and discussed possible ice machines and laundry room security cameras in residence halls.
  - e. Want to partner with housing to push donation of items that you do not want to take when moving out.
  - f. Will find out each week on Tuesday what the late night dining food truck will be for that week.
- f) Graf Sullivan – Executive Committee
  - a. Last Senate Executive meeting this Friday at 7:45am.
    - i. Every senator is required to attend one per semester.
  - b. First Summer Senate meeting on May 10.
    - i. Committee meeting the week before each Senate meeting.
  - c. Motion to move PSSB 21-0419-01 from a future order to a current order.
    - i. Motion carries.

### 5. Liaisons

- a) Honors College – Luke Owens
  - a. Freshman Ignite is on Wednesday from 4-6pm.
    - i. Want to give freshmen the chance to celebrate their accomplishments.
  - b. Encourage freshmen constituents to participate in freshmen shoutouts.
  - c. Hosting Media and Spirit Chair interviews this week.
  - d. First philanthropy event last week with Esperanza House was very successful.
- b) Black Student Union – Donovan Evins
  - a. Had Cabinet and General Assembly meetings.
  - b. This Cabinet meeting was a transition for new cabinet members.
- c) Student Veterans Association – Liyah Stewart
  - a. New President and Vice President introduced at officer meeting last week.
  - b. Golf Classic is tomorrow, April 13.
    - i. Setup begins at 10am; tournament begins around 12pm.
- d) Freshman Committee – Megan Watkins
  - a. No report.

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### 6. Current Orders

- a) PSSB: 21-0412-01 Removal of Printer Name from Campaign Material
  - a. Megan Starling, School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
  - b. Motion to amend: add a period to end of "candidate".
    - i. Vote.
      1. Motion carries.
  - c. Vote.
    - i. Passed.
- b) PSSB: 21-0412-02 School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences Schools Council President Confirmation
  - a. Megan Starling, School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
  - b. Vote.
    - i. Passed.
- c) PSSB: 21-0412-03 Assistant Vice President Confirmations
  - a. Graf Sullivan, College of Engineering
  - b. Vote.
    - i. Passed.
- d) PSSB: 21-0412-04 Director Confirmations
  - a. Graf Sullivan, College of Engineering
  - b. Vote.
    - i. Passed.
- e) PSSB: 21-0412-05 Graduate Schools Council and Senator Confirmation
  - a. Graf Sullivan, College of Engineering
  - b. Vote.
    - i. Passed.
- f) PSSB: 21-0412-06 Organizations Board Confirmations
  - a. Graf Sullivan, College of Engineering
  - b. Vote.
    - i. Passed.

### 7. Future Orders

- a) PSSR: 21-0419-01 Consistency and Accountability for Fall 2021 Academics
  - a. Gavin McElroy, College of Liberal Arts
  - b. Vote next week.
- b) PSSC: 21-0419-02 Commendation of Auburn University School of Nursing
  - a. Mary Logan Sefton, School of Nursing
  - b. Vote next week.



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### *Announcements*

- a) Cole Callahan, Vice President
  - a. Thankful for everyone being able to adjust to the location and time.
  - b. Safety Walk was successful.
  - c. Proud of the work everyone is doing so far.
  - d. Moving into the last few weeks of the semester: remember that school comes first.
- b) Pearson Brown
  - a. Remember that grades and classes come first; finish strong.
  - b. To serve in Student Senate, you need to represent the college you are a part of.
    - i. If you plan to change your major, let him know.
  - c. Find time in office hours to distribute plaques to constituents.
  - d. Gather feedback on the first resolution of the term this week and vote based on what the people that elected you are telling you.
- c) Jamie Calvert
  - a. Advisor's Three Pointers: Things I wish I knew as an Undergrad.
  - b. Everyone has the same 24 hours.
    - i. Respect other people's time: prepare for meetings and presentations, be present with loved ones.
  - c. Accept growing opportunities.
    - i. Take feedback for what it is: someone who cares about you and your growth and is trying to help you be successful.
  - d. Everything ends.
    - i. Take the time to feel the disappointments but learn from them.
    - ii. Celebrate victories and cherish them with loved ones.
    - iii. Conduct meaningful work, foster good relationships, and make the most of your time.
  - e. Excited to see the great work so far and what everyone will continue to do.

### *Adjournment 9:18*

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