

Student Senate Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2024

Open Forum

President Roberts

- We created a new 10-year strategic plan
 - Provide an exceptional student experience
 - Have our work and research advance our society
 - Take the knowledge we generate and carry it out and improve others' lives
 - We will do all of this through a distinct Auburn way

Kelly Shomaker

- \$700m worth of facilities under construction
- 800 acres in Alabama alone, more land in other places
- 12,000 full and part-time employees

Dr. Jared White

- Protectors of the institution and searching for funds
- State appropriations funding with Auburn involved in that process

Provost Vini Nathan

- The goal is to build up people, and students in all areas of Auburn
- Through working alongside the Deans, ensuring a robust and transformative education
- “Opportunity business” in the Provost's office

Dr. Brian Rush, Representing Bobby Woodard

- Almost 3,000 participants in the involvement fair this year, compared to 800 last year
- Student Affairs works with areas outside of the classroom

Questions:

- Senator Zellner: How has it been different going from Dean to President?
 - President Roberts: I wish everyone could see Auburn the way I see Auburn. Visiting every academic apartment last year, I learned to appreciate this complex organization and all that it does for people. The extension work we do for the state is an amazing way to see how many different ways we serve people. I didn't know I could love and appreciate Auburn any more than I did, but I do.
- Senator Inman: How do you incorporate the student voice into your decisions?
 - President Roberts: I try to get out of the office and come see the students and talk to them about a multitude of experiences. I find it very important to do this and get to know students.
 - Vini Nathan: Kelly and I meet with members of the Cater Society and Spade Honaries and the relationships become more comfortable and they get to see what we are doing and how to make things better. We respect the student voices immensely. We are constantly looking for formal and informal ways to hear from students.
 - Brian Rush: We do really well at capturing the top 20% of input and input from those who tell us things we can do better. The 60% in the middle is what we are

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missing and need to target for input. We want to get as broad of a benchmark as we can. SGA can help by capturing opinions from your colleagues.

Jackson Reece, President of CADC Student Council and Executive Student Council

- Minor Candidate positions are open for elections
 - Nov. 14 at 6:00pm - Open House in ACLC 161
 - Senators are required to attend

Roll Call at 7:30 pm

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Approved.
- II. Reports of Officers
 - A. Jack Hilton, President
 1. Board of Trustees next week
 2. Office Hours 8:00-9:30am tomorrow
 3. Core Curriculum
 - B. Will Goodner, Treasurer
 1. BUSI 1040 will be open for registration
 - a) 3 hours, for non-business students
 - b) Not super difficult, but very informative
 2. Ring Night is on Dec. 5
 - C. George Turner, EVP of Outreach
 1. Mayor Anders' State of the City address is November 12th at 5:30 pm at the Gouge
 2. The New Auburn Answers website is up and should be going on AU Access soon
 3. Thanks to the External Affairs team for voter registration drives
 - D. Forrest Ann Watson, Chief of Staff
 1. WBB Cabinet - Nov. 14 at 7:00 pm
 - a) The Maddox Club
 2. Mentorships were sent out last week
 - a) Please reach out to your mentee(s) and invite them to meetings, Cabinet, Senate, etc.
 - E. Thomas Treadwell, EVP of Initiatives
 1. Meeting with Jim Carroll- future of SGA Involvement in Facilities program
 2. Student Center monthly meeting this week
 - Feedback: more plugs for USB-C
 3. Sign up for Safety Walk - QR code in GroupMe
- III. Reports of Standing Committees and Liaisons

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- A. Senator Marino, Academic Affairs
 - 1. Working on Grad School Townhall
 - a) If interested in helping, please reach out
 - 2. Working on AI Statement resolution, coming to the floor in a couple of weeks
 - 3. University Writing Committee Feedback
 - 4. Feedback on Academic Dishonesty Hearings
- B. Senator Inman, Budget and Finance
 - 1. No report.
- C. Senator Laney, Code of Laws
 - 1. Received elections packet for upcoming elections and reviewing that with potential revisions coming soon
 - 2. Continuing to look at constitutions for School of Business and School of Nursing
 - 3. Continuing Academic Honesty Code revision meetings
- D. Senator Peter, Access, Engagement, and Opportunities
 - 1. Looking at minority student representation
 - 2. Putting a halt on the clothing closet because of difficulties with Dillard's.
 - 3. Looking at what we can do to get full financial transparency.
- E. Senator Jones, Student Affairs
 - 1. Meeting with Dining last week
 - a) Inked Tacos opened 3 weeks earlier than it was supposed to so to combat that they made a simpler menu, but if you have dietary restrictions, on GrubHub there's a place to put "Dairy Allergy" or whatever you need in the notes. In January, there should be more customization options. Timing takes 3 months of data, which is why there is some inaccurate timing on GrubHub right now.
 - b) How many of y'all would take advantage of later hours for dining during finals week? Talking through some different options for that.
- F. Senator Zellner, Executive
 - 1. I will be sending each person the number of unexcused absences they have accumulated. The limit is 3.
- G. Ashley, Honors Congress
 - 1. Escape Room in Cater Hall had 40 members in attendance, only one group escaped
 - 2. 38 members joined for a general meeting tonight
 - 3. Academic Branch hosting pickleball
 - 4. Upcoming Fireside Chat centered around "Respect"
 - 5. Honors Games at IM fields on Friday

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- H. Hawkins, BSU
 - 1. Tonight BSU had our weekly general assembly and over 50 people attended.
 - 2. Starting our assignments with our cabinet with freshmen to be mentees.
- I. ISO
 - 1. Native American Social Hour last week
 - 2. ISO Peace Dinner this Thursday at 5:00 pm, the biggest event of the year
 - a) 20 different countries represented
 - b) Opened for all students, faculty, staff, and community
- IV. Current Orders of Business
 - A. No Current Orders of Business
- V. Future Orders of Business
 - A. No Future Orders of Business

Announcements

- *Elections Open House*
 - *Attendance is required*
 - *November 14th*
 - *6:00 pm*
 - *University Approved Excuse by next Monday if you are unable to attend, email to Cara and copy Emma Frances to the email*

Adjourned at 8:24pm