



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 27, 7:00 pm
Southern Shoppe, Bietz 1st Floor

- I. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Jacob Koh moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was adopted, 21-0.
- II. Worship – Naomi Ann Martinez
 - a. Senate granted Naomi Ann Martinez permission to address the body.
 - b. Naomi Ann Martinez led worship on the theme of using one's voice in leadership. Senators were encouraged to use their positions to advocate for students and constituents whose voices may not otherwise be represented.
- III. Committee Chair Confirmations – Each committee chair nominee stepped out prior to the vote concerning their respective confirmation.
 - a. Jacob Koh – Finance Committee
 - i. A point of order was raised that the motion had not been seconded. The motion was subsequently restated and seconded.
 - ii. Jacob Koh was confirmed as chair of the Finance Committee, 21-0.
 - b. Heaven Robles – Social Committee
 - i. Confirmation approved, 21-0.
 - c. Don Lloyd – International Committee
 - i. Confirmation approved, 21-0.
 - d. Samuel Calvelage – Bear Committee
 - i. Confirmation approved, 21-0.
 - e. Isabella Dixon – Sustainability Committee
 - i. Confirmation approved, 21-0.
- IV. Committee Updates
 - a. Mascot Management Committee – Samuel Calvelage
 - i. The committee reported an updated name intended to better reflect its role. Handouts were distributed outlining anticipated projects and upcoming action items.
 - b. Bylaws Committee – Asher LeVos
 - i. The committee began meeting on Tuesday, August 25.

1. A working document was created to begin the committee's review and work.
- c. Finance and Scholarship Committee – Jacob Koh
 - i. The committee met with Dr. Dennis Negron on Monday, August 24, to discuss financial matters and club appropriations.
 - ii. The tentative deadline for club appropriation applications is September 25 at noon.
 - iii. Scholarship coordination and communication with Accounting are ongoing.
 - iv. Accounting will discuss census information on Monday, after which additional information is expected from Henry.
 - v. A further update will be provided at the next Senate meeting.
 - d. International Committee – Don Lloyd
 - i. The committee met on August 27 to discuss upcoming events and planning.
 - ii. Additional updates will be provided at future Senate meetings.
 - e. Social Committee – Heaven Robles
 - i. The committee is developing a tentative calendar with its senators to present at the next meeting.
 - f. Sustainability Committee – Isabella Dixon
 - i. The committee is continuing to establish its role and identify priorities for the year.
- V. Parking Information from Tiffany Mogaka
- a. Samuel Calvelage raised a point of order regarding parliamentary wording. The chair restated the request for a motion. Caleb Morales moved to permit Tiffany Mogaka to address the Senate. The motion was adopted.
 - b. Tiffany Mogaka presented information regarding student parking concerns and the current campus parking system.
 - c. Key concerns raised by students included parking accessibility for Village and Spalding residents, the availability of spaces near academic buildings, restricted parking designations, travel time to class, winter-weather concerns, and parking enforcement.
 - d. Data presented from Winter 2026 included approximately 3,360 students and 1,553 registered vehicles. Permit categories presented included:
 - i. Commuter permits, including Spalding Cove: 409 vehicles
 - ii. Housing permits for Stateside, Village, and Mountain Cottages: 431 vehicles
 - iii. Talge Hall permits: 275 vehicles
 - iv. Thatcher/Thatcher South permits: 284 vehicles
 - e. The data presented did not include a complete count of campus parking spaces or account for all remaining registered and staff vehicles.
 - f. Information obtained from Shawn Haas, Associate Director of Campus Safety, indicated that the Parking Advisory Committee reviews permit numbers and parking lot designations annually and may adjust lot assignments when necessary.

- g. Overflow parking areas discussed included the WSMC lot, Virginia lot, and Church lot. These lots have not generally been observed to reach full capacity.
- h. The presentation indicated that current parking concerns may involve the distribution and use of existing spaces, unauthorized parking, and class scheduling patterns in addition to questions regarding overall parking capacity.
- i. Potential areas for Senate involvement included:
 - i. Educating constituents about parking designations and available overflow lots.
 - ii. Gathering additional parking and ticketing data.
 - iii. Encouraging continued communication between students and Campus Safety.
 - iv. Requesting that the Parking Advisory Committee review lot designations as enrollment and vehicle numbers change.
 - v. Considering the possibility of a student parking committee to document concerns, gather data, and develop recommendations.
- j. Questions identified for further consideration included parking expectations for Village residents, winter accessibility, the ratio of parking spaces to vehicles, faculty parking utilization, parking enforcement and ticketing trends, and responsibility for continued advocacy on the issue.
- k. Road Repair Update:
 - i. A previously identified road-repair concern was resolved after Campus Safety was contacted. The repair was completed without the use of Senate funding.

VI. Announcements

- a. DEEP Sabbath – September 12th
 - i. Senators were encouraged to participate and assist with DEEP Sabbath.
 - 1. A volunteer sign-up form will be distributed.
- b. University Committees
 - i. Most committee meeting times have been received.
 - ii. Senate leadership is reviewing senator schedules before making committee assignments, and awaiting final committee times.
- c. Senate Worship
 - i. Senators will receive a form to sign up to lead worship at future meetings.
- d. Welcome Party – Saturday, August 29
 - i. Senators will receive a form with opportunities to assist Student Association with the Welcome Party.
- e. Senate Proposals
 - i. Proposal interest sign-ups have been distributed.
 - ii. Senators were encouraged to communicate with relevant university departments when developing proposals.
 - iii. Potential proposal topics discussed included residence-hall laundry facilities, sidewalks and pedestrian access, cottage storage, smart vending machines, Music Building improvements, and improvements to the Southern Shoppe.
- f. Census Information
 - i. Census information will be shared once it becomes available.

- VII. Amendment to the Agenda
 - a. Jacob Koh moved to amend the agenda to add New Senator Introductions.
 - b. The motion was adopted, 21–0.
- VIII. New Senator Introductions
 - a. New senators introduced themselves:
 - i. Isaac Lopez
 - ii. Marisol Garcia-Pineda
 - iii. John-Mark Touchard
 - iv. Camden Montes
 - v. Isabella Fernandes-Hidalgo
- IX. Adjournment
 - a. Jacob Koh moved to adjourn. The motion was adopted, 21–0.
 - b. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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