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# Senate Minutes

September 20, 2023

Senator absent: Rilyn Duarte

## I. WELCOME

## II. WORSHIP

- a. Job 36:15
- b. Wintering - seasonal shift in the environment in which we live. Similar to how things grow through the harsh winter into spring, we grow through suffering and blossom similar to the trees or flowers we see. If we do not go through the rough patches, how will we grow?
- c. Gold is refined through an arduous process, but the end result is beautiful.
- d. There is another in the fire. We are all here going through the tribulation of college, and it is rough. However, it is all for the growth of us, and we don't have to do it alone

## III. VOTING

- a. Basic voting structure: any project will be passed by a majority vote.
- b. Committee representative of the proposed project must briefly step out of room during vote
- c. Any direct changes to the SA Constitution, Bylaws, or any official SA related documents may be changed and overridden by  $\frac{2}{3}$  of Senate vote
- d. Any Veto done by the SA President, can be overridden by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  Senate vote
- e. Any Executive or Cabinet Appointment by SA can be override by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  Senate Vote

## IV. BUDGET PRESENTATION

- f. Presentor: Zach Kirstein - Financial VP
- g. 10% Student Growth - \$408,000! This money is coming out of everyone's tuition
- h. How can we take this money, and invest it back into the students?
- i. Area of Focus for extra money (due to increase of population) –
  - i. VP of Spiritual life
  - ii. Deep Sabbath

- iii. Cash on Hand
- j. Deep Sabbath: Increased budget by \$7k to provide two DEEP weekends
  - i. A weekend on campus with AU, WAU, SWAU where we host these students and have a spiritual revival
- k. Sabbath Chats: Increase by \$3k to provide total of 18 events
- l. Cash on Hand: Increase cash on hand by \$10k. For unexpected needs
- m. Votes approving of the budget: 16 // Not approve: 8

## **V. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a. Social: First Senate Surprise Day 9/29. Theme: “Summer is not over yet” – sweet summer treats! 3 stations along the promenade to increase accessibility. Need your help with set-up and take down.
- b. Community Service: All of them reached out to an organization that spoke to them, and felt like it fit our theme of service leadership. Selected a range of dates. First community service will be tentatively Oct. 16-20, and the second one will be Nov. 17.
- c. Finance: Certain clubs are backed up by their department. First, encourage those clubs that are backed up by a department to encourage them to ask their department. Instead, favor clubs that do not have departments behind them. Fill out reasons for why they should receive the money.
- d. Scholarship: Talking to the head of Scholarship. Planning to meet with her to figure out the logistics such as money, application process, interview process, essay , etc... Second semester, they want to create their own scholarship. Be in charge of requirements, interview process, etc... Focus on publicity!
- e. PR: brainstorming ways to increase digital traffic. Went through the archive of previous years. Wanted to post scholarship, senate surprises, and updates. Continue reposting major events such as vespers, big clubs, and interacting with their social media in hopes that they will repost ours. They would like to introduce all of the Senators on Instagram. Respond to the email before SUNDAY.
- f. Bylaws: Going through the Constitution. Next week, they are going to set up a meeting to adjust the Constitution. As of right now, no major changes. Few things we have not been doing. Ex: Senate meeting agenda is sent 24 hours before
- g. Safety: Communicate with students, and then take the experiences they have had to Campus Safety to see how we can improve safety on campus.
- h. Student Voice: Finding ways to reach out to the students: QR codes, Senate meeting booths, and talk to the departments as well

## **VI. LISTENING SESSION**

- a. What? A non-mandatory meeting organized for the sole purpose of making Senate better for the Senators.
- b. Why? To provide you with an opportunity to share your thoughts and opinions, and to ensure that we are accomplishing our mission
- c. Where? Depending on the number of members who sign-up, but most likely the SA Office
- d. How? Senators will sign-in via the sign-in link that I will send out.
- e. When? October 26 \*Senators who show up will be clocked in for this meeting

## **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. SA Vespers - 9/29 // 5:30 p.m. // Food & Activities // You will be released before OMM Vespers start // Dressed nicely
- b. Sabbath Chats - SA is partnering with LAC and serving Colombian arepas this Saturday! Dr. Snyder will be our Guest Speaker.
- c. Senate Meet and Greet // Oct. 4, 8:00-9:00 p.m. // Bietz Center
- d. First Senate Surprise: 9/29

## **VIII. Senator Announcements**

- a. Reminder: continue to meet with your committees
- b. Do not forget to contact your sponsor for your University Committee. Please stay on top of that!