



Senate Minutes

February 26, 2025

A. WELCOME - Alfredo Trevedan

B. WORSHIP - Isabella Genovez

- a. Midterms are coming (a lot of tests and quizzes)
- b. James 1:1- 3
- c. Stress can feel overwhelming but scripture helps us through it
- d. God's grace is sufficient for us

C. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Bylaws Committee - Amanda Leitao

- i. After voting, changes are being made to document

b. Community Service Committee - Nathalie Jacome

- i. MArch 29, cook lunch for families
- ii. Make sure to register

c. Finance Committee - Marisol Garcia-Pineda

- i. Sent out form for allocations
 1. Waiting to responses

d. Public Relations Committee - Caroline Bridges

- i. No updates

e. Safety Committee - Priscille Mikala

- i. Trail Rescue Project Proposal (give by campus safety)
 1. 30 miles of trails (many visitors)
 2. Have been using landscape services car for rescues
 - a. Extra time
 - b. dirty
 - c. May already be used
 3. Have a small vehicle set up

4. Statistics from campus safety
 - a. 15 medical injuries/responses
 - b. 4 missing persons
 - c. 7 information concerns
 - d. 3 vandalism/ theft
 5. Looking at used options
 - a. Used 2020 Kawasaki UTV/Utility Mule SX - \$6,000
 - b. 2020 Kawasaki MULE SX™ 4x4 FI - \$7,500
 - c. New - \$10,400
 6. Funds
 - a. From project fund (\$5,000)
 - b. Communicate with campus safety
- ii. Discussions
1. Where would this vehicle take people
 - a. To medics
 2. The budget of that Senate has does not cover the least expensive
 - a. Correct
 3. If someone calls 911, who responds to that?
 - a. Needs to be researched
 4. Where would this car be parked?
 - a. Campus safety
 5. What portion of the people who make these calls are students and community members?
 - a. Needs to be researched
- iii. Out of time
1. Motion to add 1 minute
 - a. Second
 - b. 10/22 - yes
 - c. 12/22- no
 2. Will move on

f. Scholarship Committee - Josh Nerona

- i. Met yesterday

1. Creating scholarships with funds from projects committee
 - a. Will have presentation next meeting

g. Social Committee - Isabel Genovez

- i. Had Senate surprise last friday
 1. Went well
- ii. Next senate on March 28

D. VOTING

a. RESIDENTIAL PARKING PRESENTATION

- i. Community members use parking spots in residential parking lot
 1. Proposal to remove guest logging
 2. Add a sign for student only parking
- ii. Motion to discuss 5 minutes
 1. Second
- iii. Discussion
 1. Have there been any communication with the deans because there has been discussion of going back to guest lodging
 - a. Needs to be researched
 2. What will this proposal do?
 - a. Send to administration on behalf of students
 3. Can community members get ticketed?
 - a. They can be towed
- iv. Motion to vote now
 1. Second
- v. Voting
 1. 22/22- yes
 2. 0/22 - no
 - a. Motion has passed
- vi. Clarification
 1. This does not mean that there will be immediate action , but will send his to administrations

E. PROPOSALS

F. PICKLEBALL COURT DISCUSSION - Dr. Negron

- a. Bylaws and Constitution talks about Senior Sponsor of SA having the right to nix any action that Student Senate has proposed
 - i. This will happen for the pickleball court plans
- b. There hasn't been a lot of cooperation for this project
 - i. Senators have done a lot of research
- c. Senate originally proposed on the Pickleball courts because we believed that there was land set aside for Pickleball
 - i. Once it was voted by Senate there was no longer cooperations
- d. Discussion
 - i. Proposal is to cancel pickleball and futsal courts?
 1. Futsal courts are not possible and yes, it is to cancel project
 - ii. What are the results of survey
 1. Of 300+ voters
 - a. 56% voted pickleball
 - i. Only 10% (10% margin of error) of student body voted
 1. But majority would have voted for pickleball
 - iii. This project will not continue because of lack of cooperation?
 1. Dr. Negron has spoken extensively to Senators researching this project
 - a. There has not been a spirit of cooperation
 - iv. Alfredo spoke (proposed) with parties involved
 1. Manner in which they spoke to the student was inappropriate
 - a. Included what Student Senate voted on in years previous
 - i. Did not want to work with Senate
 - v. We does one party control this if it is Southern's property
 1. They control this area
 - vi. Out of time
 1. Motion to add 2 minutes
 - vii. Parties did not want to cooperate
 - viii. Motion to add 3 minutes

1. Second
2. 17/22 - yes
3. 6/22 - no
 - a. 3 minutes added
- ix. Parties involved believed that students wanted futsal over pickleball
- x. Would there be another department to work with?
 1. There is no one land that is wide enough for the courts
- xi. Are our options to choose what project to work on?
 1. Dr. Negrón will be using the power he has as a Senior Sponsor of SA to nix this project

G. CLOVERS PROPOSAL - John Hargy & Josh Nerona

- a. Addition of 2 clover machines
 - i. Clovers are the transactions machines used by clubs for students to pay
 1. Clubs use it a lot and there is often not enough
 - ii. There are 47 clubs that use clovers
 - iii. This proposal is to buy 2 \$700 clovers
 1. Who does this impact
 - a. All clubs and students used to pay
 - iv. Last clover was bought in 2018
- b. Senate meeting ends in 3 minutes
 - i. Motion to end meeting at 9:25 pm
 1. Second
 - a. Voting
 - i. 22/22 - yes
 - ii. 1/22 - no
 1. Motion passed
- c. Senate will not be voting this meeting
- d. Discussion
 - i. Can you use squares?
 1. No (too difficult)
 - ii. Who would keep them?

- 1. Accounting
- iii. Students can check out clovers as well
- iv. Who is responsible for the clovers? Why does Student Senate have to propose more clovers?
 - 1. Senate represents the student body
 - a. Many departments have to work together to find a time to borrow clovers
- v. Is there a time limit on how long a department has a clover?
 - 1. Not currently
- vi. Where would funds come from
 - 1. Project funds
- vii. Can we set a time limit
 - 1. It is recommended that Senate does not propose a time limit

H. CLASS REGISTRATION TIME PRESENTATION - Lauren Ogle

- a. Lauren had a Bio test the day after registration
 - i. Had to stay up until midnight for registration
 - 1. Wanted to study, but also needed to sleep
 - ii. Server crashed and she had to stay up later
 - iii. Felt very tired the following morning
 - iv. Wanted to present it to Senate
 - 1. This is why she is proposing this change
- b. Poll sent out on Instagram
 - i. Of 150 students 80% wanted it earlier
- c. Poll sent to constituent via email
 - i. 78% wanted it to be earlier
- d. What are students saying?
 - i. Change can be confusing
 - ii. Intramurals happen around the same time if we change it to an earlier time
 - iii. Please change it to a earlier time
 - iv. Some students work
- e. Spoke with Karon Powell

- i. Has always been at midnight
 - ii. Could cause more server crashes
 - iii. More students may complain
- f. Staff members should be understanding
- g. Intramurals can end at 9pm
- h. Proposal
 - i. Send statement to Administration
 - 1. “On behalf of the majority of the student body, the SA Senate asks that Administration look into making class registration time earlier and possibly acquiring better software to handle the increase of students”
- i. Need to extend time
 - i. Motion to end Senate at 9:33
 - 1. 20/22 - yes
 - 2. 3/22 - no
 - a. Senate will end at 9:33pm
- j. Discussion
 - i. Please send slides to Dr. Negron
 - 1. There is another committee that is currently working on this proposal
 - ii. Should add a biblical principle
 - iii. Starting at 10pm would be a good time
 - 1. Students should be done by midnight
 - 2. Intra-meals should be done by then
 - iv. Add 10pm to statements
 - v. Senators will vote on this proposal next meeting

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Student Association: Cabinet Applications Open - 2/28
- b. Student Association: Spring Formal - 3/2
- c. Senate Outing - 4/13
- d. Senate birthdays!!!