

Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, December 10, 8:00 pm

Southern Shoppe, Bietz 1st Floor

- I. Worship – Naomi Ann Martinez
- II. Birthdays
 - a. Isabella Fernandes
 - b. Jacob Koh
 - c. Nyah Jackson
 - d. Lukas Castillo
- III. Committee Updates
- IV. Bylaws Proposal Presentation

Article III, Section 2, Add International Student Committee

Section 3 – ~~The SA Directorate~~ (SA Advisors)

“I move to approve the following change made to the bylaws and the constitution.”

Article III, Section 2, Part 2 addition: Senator Duties

Initiation of Removal Process

Any leader of the Student Association may submit a written complaint stating the reasons for a senator’s removal.

The executive Vice President shall review the request

If deemed valid, the Removal Task Force shall convene to review the matter.

Removal Task Force Composition

The Removal Task Force shall consist of the SA Sponsor, President, Executive Vice President, Parliamentarian, Secretary, and Committee Chairs.

The Task Force shall review the complaint, gather relevant information, and provide the senator in question an opportunity to respond.

The senator shall be invited to appear before the Task Force to address the concerns raised.

Decision and Voting

After deliberation, the Removal Task Force shall vote on whether to recommend removal.

A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Task Force is required to recommend removal.

The recommendation shall then be presented to the Senate for a final vote.

A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate shall constitute removal from office.

Vacancy and Replacement

Should a senator be removed, the vacant seat shall be filled according to the procedures outlined for Senate vacancies in Article

DISCUSSION

Houston: Wasn't there already something in the bylaws to remove senators?

Priscille: There is one for the SA Cabinet, but not that many details for the senators

Call to Question

Motion for Senator removal process - In favor: 24 Opposed:0

Article III, Section 2, Part 3

All heads of committees on SA Senate are to make up Bylaws committee

DISCUSSION

1. Will they have to have their own meetings? How often and what will that look like?

Priscille: It would be made up of the chairs. The reason for this is that we want to take care of the first year senators who are not familiar with new documents, this process could be streamlined where the chairs could be the more experienced. And we save time where we can

2. Rebecca Mercado: Will this be put into place the next semester or next year?

Havin: Next year.

3. Arriane: I understand the logic, You want to take the bulk of the work. Would it be the type of thing that once a month to meet where we focus on this. What are you envisioning?

Priscille: They are going to meet once a month if there is a lot to cover. The bigger changes are on the parliamentarian and they would call the meeting if there would be a drastic need.

The ideal would be only meeting once a year.

call to question In favor:24 Opposed: 0

Motion: "I move to approve the following change made to the bylaws and the constitution."

In favor: 20 Opposed:4

Article III, Section 2, Part 4 - Finance committee

d. Manage the distribution of club appropriations to student organizations per semester based on eligibility requirements.

e. Distribute the SA Senate Leadership/Merit Endowed Scholarship & SA International Scholarship to deserving members of the student body.

f. Audit the SA Vice President of Finance and the expenditures of Student Association.

DISCUSSION

Jacob (Finance Committee Chair) : I move to amend the working to "as need" In audit the SA Vice . Just because that changes and has not been a priority according to the SA Finance VP

Amended motion: move to change the working in Audit the SA Vice president and expenditure of Student Association as needed.

In favor:24 Opposed:0

Article III, Section 2, Part 5 – Scholarship Committee

merge with finance committee

Point of information: Previously it was two different committees, but The scholarship committee only entailed a few weeks of work, and so this year we made a single one!

Call To question: In favor:24 Opposed:0

Projects committee

The duties of the SA Senate Projects Committee shall be to:

- ~~a. Research worthwhile projects for the SA Senate to sponsor.~~
- ~~b. Allow project committee to endorse a specific project based on its merit.~~
- ~~c. Review proposals prior to presentation at SA Senate.~~

We are removing the Projects committee to the bylaws

Call to Question: In favor 24 Opposed:1

“I move to approve the following change made to the bylaws and the constitution.”

Article III, Section 2, Part 7 Remove Agora committee

~~“TheAgora” Committee:~~

- ~~a. Coordinate with the Agora team in order to create healthydialogue on campus.~~
- ~~b. Assist with finding speakersand organizing the event.~~

Call to Question:23 Opposed:0

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In favor:24 Opposed:0

Article IV, Section 4, Part 1 add:

Student Accent Editor

- a.Propose a budget to the SA Financial Vice President due by the second week of the semester.

Add the text in quotation marks

“I move to approve the following change made to the bylaws and the constitution.”

Southern Memories Editor

- a. Propose a budget to the SA Financial Vice President due by the second week of the semester.

Add the text in quotation marks

“I move to approve the following change made to the bylaws and the constitution.” (In favor:21 Opposed: 3)

Article VI, Section 4, Part 2 add:

Strawberry Festival Director

- a. Submit a budget to the SA Financial Vice President due by the second week of the semester.

Add the text in quotation marks

DISCUSSION:

Point of information (Vice President Jeni Bautista): Usually as the VP of finance talks to the director of memories, it is their part to know what has been done before and what will be done.

“I Move to approve the following changes made to the bylaws” (In favor: 23 Opposed Motion passed)

DISCUSSION

1. Houston: I worked there two years ago. You don't know going into it just how much you actually need. And that would be more explanation on the Finance VP.

Havin: What was the process, did you submit something to him?

2. Houston: it was basically SA it incrementally goes up, and that is reflected on the strawberry festival budget. And not only for the strawberry festival, but to all the proposed positions. That is we don't have meetings on proposed budgets

Point of information: There is a time during training where the VP tries to figure out a budget. And while the budget is nice, it can be placed during the retreat

3. Houston: Do you personally think that the deadline would be better on the finance VP or the director.

Jeni: It would be part of the finance VP, and from my understanding that the budget was usually presented towards the end of the second semester of the school year. AND that would be reported again with new numbers to the new senators.

Call to Question In Favor: 23 Opposed:1

Motion: “I move to approve the following changes to the bylaws”

In favor: 21 Opposed: 3'

Elections Manual:

~~Have a cumulative GPA of 2.25 or GPA of 2.50 for the previous semester.~~

Have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or GPA of 3.25 for the previous semester. Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the SA advisors and the student development committee.

DISCUSSION

1. That is for the running members for the elected cabinet?

Yes!

2. Heidi: Has GPA been a significant limiting factor for people who are running?

Dennis Negrón: There has been people eliminate people from a list of 30 to just 3

3. Summer: If they are already struggling with classes, then I understand the concern. From my standpoint as a student however, some may be willing to sacrifice their GPA in order to experience a leadership position. Should we say that their GPA is low, who are we to take that from them. That just not might be priority.

4. Havin: we also put *extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the SA advisor and the student development committee.*

5. Nyah: GPA is a reflection is a how hard you are working as a student. At the base level GPA shows your work ethic.

Priscille: It is difference between having a job somewhere and leadership on campus

I move to extend discussion to three minutes: In favor: 15 Opposed:9

6. Houston: I am not sure if the advisors are already as a criteria, you wont be able to know these extenuating circumstances. I don't know how they would fully reflected and a significant contribution when they already as 3.0 or 3.25
Priscille: It would not show consistency
7. Josh: It is good for a reason, because by eliminating this, you only receive the top half of Southern as leaders.
8. Arriane: It might sound a little mean, it yes you may be very much capable, but there is something so busy, I don't know that I would want them as my president. You just don't have the time to care for my needs as a student. I also agree what Heidi in the details of the wording, you are saying that unless they are exactly those GPAs, you are cooked.
Houston: I move to extend this to three more minutes
In favor: 13 Opposed: 11
9. Heidi: Just to I move to amend the current proposal "Of at least 3.0"our classes

Discussion

1. Derek: It is a good idea to add a filter, I would disagree as well. We might not know the quality of their work, and. Sometimes the GPA does not matter for you reflect your work ethics, but yes to your study ethic.
Priscille: It is taking your time and your schedule.
2. Andrew: It is not an issue that would take out of applicants.It is also possible that they are not passionate of school related things, on a nationwide scale it is not a bad thing. It is possible that you eliminate well-meaning people, and those that have those leadership skills.
Priscille: SA is more professional, if you don't have the leadership to apply.
3. Brandon: We are students, and it is our jobs. If you GPA is a 2.25 and your passionate about your school, you can do something better. And terms of the point of engineering majors who already have exterme cases with test average scores how are you going to keep your 2.5 if it is going lower? Over the average GPA is a 3.0, it was already pointed that we are not excluding the vast majority of people.
4. Negron: For those of you who have been applying to internships and stuff like that, you will never present your transcripts in the position. The person who graduates at the bottom of med school is still called Doctor.
Discussion time: Addition of 1 minute. In favor:6 Opposed: 18

Ammended motion " I move to ammend the current ammended motion to say" Have a cummlative GPA of least 3.0

In favor: 15 Opposed:9

Ammended motion has been passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Constituent Emails! Please include the Leadership Scholarship. Take the link in the post in Teams.