

2025-2026

SENATE

student association



Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, September 10, 8:00 pm

Bietz 3rd floor Testing Room

- I. **Agenda Review–Priscille Mikala**
 - a. Amendment to meeting: Motion to permit Dr. Negron to speak in all senate meetings
 - b. All in favor:24
 - c. Opposed: 0
- II. **Worship – Jacob Koh**
 - a. Matthew 25:14 – Parable of the Talents
 - b. “According to each one’s ability.” He allocates talents according to using them to His glory. To grow and multiply them.
 - c. Legacy for Senate 2025-2026
- III. **Committee Updates**
 - a. Bear committee
 - i. previous freed the schedule for fall and winter schedule highlighting the different events
 - ii. Can be found in Teams excel files.
 - iii. 20 events working with different department
 - b. Bylaws committee
 - i. Meeting with Dr. Negron next week
 - c. Finance scholarship
 - i. Committee has met 4 times to discuss distribution funds to clubs
 - ii. Looking at the budget that will be confirmed next week
 - iii. Treasurers meeting with all the different clubs. Following day another meeting with the presidents. Now all clubs are informed
 - iv. September 19th is the cutoff for club appropriations. Sunday they will discuss with the team
 - d. International Student Committee
 - i. Met with Grace Du Bous and looking at availability for projects and events
 - ii. Learning about the funds and budget with the finance team
 - e. Social Committee
 - i. Candy and Candid event and asked for the student opinions. The goal is to sort through all the comments and give senators to organize a document that will give new ideas for new proposals.
- IV. **Project Proposal – SA President John Hargy (*voting*)**

Move to allow Hargy to speak

- i. In favor – 24
- ii. Against – 0

b. Summary – Installing Amazon lockers

I move to approve installation the installation of an Amazon Locker on campus

Discussion

1. Not going to be dangerous for campus
2. Easier to get packets on campus
3. Have we decided where it will be installed?
 - a. Not up to us, it is up to Amazon and University leadership
4. How many and what size?
 - a. Up to amazon according to our universities needs

Motion has passed!

V. Project Proposal – Heidi Burke Creating An Online Community Option

- a. Summary - As part of the *You Matter* campaign, Senate will add an online, anonymous option for student feedback to the Senate website.
- b. Problem: Currently, the only way students can make suggestions or bring up concerns about Senate is by directly talking to their Senator, or by personally handing in a project proposal to the Senate office. There is no consistent, anonymous platform for students to share ideas or concerns with Senate. With open-mindedness as a core principle, Senate needs a more effective way to facilitate conversation.
- c. Implementation:
 - i. Ms. Teri Reutebuch will add the finalized form to the website.
 - ii. Filled out forms will go to the Executive Vice President, who will send them to the appropriate Senate committee.
 - iii. Collaboration with Social committee and with Teri to be filled out. The Social Committee will finalize what the form and form link will look like. Executive VP will decide if this is a viable option in general, and see where we could distribute

Motion: I move to approve add online feedback form to the Senate website

- d. Discussion
 - i. The load for executive VP to sift through all the appropriate proposals
 1. Answer: The VP expressed high interest and initially looked
 2. Senate committees' information slot so that they could add to.
 - ii. It would be worth it to show this before convo and after convo, not only on the website. As well as printing out a QR form and spreading around campus
 - iii. Making sure a bio is available on the Instagram story.
 - iv. A lot of people mentioned campaigns to make boxes, would that be an addition or replacement to that. If we include the link into the senate minutes would be beneficial
- e. In favor for ending Questions (In favor 23 : Opposed 0)

VI. Project Proposal – Andrew Cornelius Installing Permanent Hampers in Southern's Dorm

- a. Problem: Students put clothes in washers and new students come in and put in a new load.
 - b. Solution – plastic hampers because they are cheap and Dean Sager said that they would get damaged and worn. Metal hampers would be ideal.
 - c. Cost breakdown
 - i. 17 total laundry rooms (space for two hampers per laundry room.
 - ii. Cost would be
 - d. Potential Hurdles
 - i. Hampers could get broken
 - 1. Get the metal hampers
 - ii. Could get stolen
 - 1. Screwed into the wall or install cameras
 - iii. Cloth in hamper getting dirty
 - 1. Can be part of the janitor's duty
 - iv. People not using hampers
 - 1. We can start small and see the response from students
 - v. I move to approve a budget be provided to install permanent hamper room
 - e. DISCUSSION
 - i. Are you putting wall-mount hampers or cabinets
 - 1. Dean would think of lockers. You would need to take into account large lockers
 - 2. With the new lining there is space for the two hampers.
 - ii. Can you consider putting hamper bags or an additional place on the wall
 - 1. Dean proposed open shelving on the wall
 - 2. It would have to have sections. There is more space for clothes to be put and storage cleaning
 - iii. Some girls leave their clothes for multiple days
 - 1. We may be able to install cameras.
 - iv. Question on numbers is the difference for
 - 1. 500 and 800 for both dorms
 - v. Is there enough space for two?
 - 1. Yes
 - vi. What if the clothes are jst there
 - 1. Installing cameras and
 - vii. A better idea is to install cameras
 - 1. Replacing cameras with hampers
 - 2. Answer I think they solve two different issues
 - 3. Storage vs someone intentionally stealing
 - 4. The hampers are temporary and will be a solution for now
 - 5. A camera may be more efficient and will
 - viii. Emphasize the statement that depends on a person's integrity
 - 1. About the cameras would infringe on so many privacy ...
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 - x. Cameras and resident halls that are considered private. Residents often believe there is a certain level of privacy and there. **Cameras is non-starter**
- Move to add five min to discussion (In favor :14 Opposed : 9)
- f. Discussion Continued
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 - About the cameras would infringe on so many privacy rights, and Who would monitor them?
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- iii. Better option would be permanent shelves, three tiers and would be more beneficial if we invested 3,000 instead for that

The motion is for the BUDGET and that is flexible to finalize it. Would you be the one responsible for putting it into someone else's.

- iv. Hampers wouldn't completely solve the problem and wouldn't be a complete picture, in a more efficient way.

Answer: to look into adding it into one room.

- v. Doing a pilot study and looking into installing and checking in a hamper, just like the vacuum.

Answer: is that most people don't have the value to go to the front desk just to place a reservation to hold the clothes for someone else

Security-wise it wouldn't solve anything, but organization-wise it definitely works.

Motion to Postponing discussion to the next senate meeting

VII. Announcements

- a. Emergency meeting next Wednesday 8-9pm to discuss budget. The reason is that without the budget we can't do anything. We have to hold and postpone everything until.
- b. This is an additional not a replacement on next meeting
- c. We will continue with the normal schedule
- d. We will go back downstairs as soon as the fire marshal will change from Southern Shoppe to Assembly Room

VIII. University Committees.

- a. Being the student representative for this university committee and wont replace your senate committee.
- b. There is an opening for Monday's 3:30-5pm Undergraduate Curriculum committee. Let the Vice president knows please
- c. Turn on Teams notifications!

IX. Department proposals

- a. Have to discard the scholarship ones and that or an actual project, you are required to present them. We are able to present them based on the urgency of the proposals. There will be a schedule. There are no presentations next week, but yes in the following meeting.
- b. Send them in before noon on Tuesday

X. Constituent Emails

- a. Make your own email and you can find a template on teams (under meeting under senate minutes.
- b. Work on your signature and information.