



Senate Meeting Minutes  
October 2nd, 2023

I. Call to Order Matt Matthews

Meeting called to order at 5:02 P.M.

- II. Pledge of Allegiance Ethan Savario
- III. Moment of Reflection Alexis Mcgehee
- IV. Roll Call Victoria Verberne

Senator Victoria Verberne

Senator Alex Soule

Senator Alejandra Weir

~~Senator Alexis Mcgehee~~

Senator Oluwateniola Adenuga

~~Senator Autumn Smedley~~

Senator Abigail Wilson

Senator Bailey Milburn

~~Senator Rosemary Matthews~~

Senator Jade Dimartino

Senator Zachary Poche

Senator Levi Spiers

Senator Kyle Hidalgo

Senator Ethan Savario

Senator Sabrae Nasset

Senator Adam Sawyer

13/16 Senators present, quorum has been met.

V. Approval of Minutes Matt Matthews

Minutes stand approved.

## VI. Reports

### A. SGA President: Lacey Johnson (Given by VP Matthews)

#### ■ COSBP

Just went to this past weekend. Potential resolutions and cross collaboration between schools. Other SGA leadership is wanting to come to the investiture/ celebration of the lights. Lacey wants to host refreshments when they are on campus

#### ■ Homecoming week

Everyone in homecoming needs to be at these. Executive branch needs to be at all. Spreadsheet will be made for this. Will be distributed at the branch meetings for people to sign up. All hand on deck needed.

Homecoming t shirt order form is in and will be in early.

#### ■ Scooters

Spoke with Wainwright about the scooters. Police tried to bar because it is against policy but did not enforce. Lacey pushed back about it not being fair to just barr them.

#### ■ Alumni Homecoming Hype video

Filmed yesterday.

#### ■ Lion to Lion meeting on Tuesday

Lion 2 lion meetings every other Tuesday. Some members have concerns feeling out of the loop and with meetings especially regarding homecoming.

#### ■ Town Hall

Payton sent an email to Dr. Wainwright and he will be there. Dates: Oct. 3rd and November 7th from 5-7pm. In the Student Union ballroom A. Everything is going well with this.

#### ■ Celebration of Lights

Responded to email from Kham to set up the student committee time moving forward. It was confirmed.

- ULS resolution

Will get with Bruce Craft, head of the Faculty Senate, to give him a heads up and talk to him formally. The resolution will be about getting an excuse to go vote. Nichols and McNeese will be writing the formal resolution.

- SGA moral education day: title IX, safe space training, mental health awareness

Three things that SGA needs to learn about. Will probably be moved to retreat.

#### B. SGA Chief Justice: Aaliyah Muhammad

The last voter registration drive date is Monday October the 16th inside of the union. Free speech alley is from 6-8. Tabling for it is on October 17th and 18th inside the union. The signup genius has been sent out. Please encourage other members to be a panelist of free speech alley. Topics: agree with affirmative action. State book bans.

Homecoming:

Monday: kickoff

Tuesday: No SGA event:

Wednesday: Gumbo ya ya and minute to win it.

Thursday: Lip sync

Friday: Roar rally and bonfire

Saturday: Parade and tailgating

#### C. SGA Advisor Dr. Taneshia Drake (given by GA Cam)

Shoutout to the helpers of homecoming. Thank you to those that helped with voter registration drive. Celebration of lights is being planned, so please let us know if you have any ideas to bring forward.

#### D. Internal Affairs Chair Bailey Milburn

The following bills were reviewed last week:

FA23-11

This bill was referred to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

- i. Zoe has leadership experience in other orgs

- ii. Zoe has experience serving SLU students
- iii. Zoe has event planning experience

FA23-15

This bill was referred to the senate favorably in its original form for the following reasons:

- i. David has experience in planning and organizing events
- ii. David has experience in team leading, bonding, and management.
- iii. David can fill a vacant seat in the Senate for his college

#### E. Appropriations Chair Levi Spiers

No report.

#### F. Student Life Chair Lucien Nasset

Student life worked on the people with periods initiative in order to get permission to disperse these items. We also talked about the resolution to protect student rights. I also now have a co chair: Ethan Savario.

#### G. Senate Chair Matt Matthews

Decorum is important: on campus and in the office. You are a reflection of your peers, friends, and the university itself. I do not enjoy hearing about poor behavior in the Senate. I have heard of some poor decorum. I need to be able to trust you, and I need you to trust us. If you have issues, please discuss them in the proper way. I care about you, and this will be my only warning about decorum. After this, impeachment is the next step if I am unsure if you can properly

Capital outlay is going. Lucien and Kyle are on this committee and Ethan is an alternate if needed. These meetings will be held on October 20, November 3, and November 17. The following topics have been brought forward:

- Additional bus coverings
- Restore tennis courts
- Restoration of locations in columbia theater.
- Maps on campus.

Celebration of the lights. You all said that you wanted more student representation. I brought these concerns forward, and the committee has now been split into a faculty and student committee. You can now sit on this. These meetings are Mondays at 2 P.M. You can participate or just sit in. A report from this committee will not be given until the end of the semester. Colleges of business, honors, arts humanities and social sciences, and are full. Colleges of science and technology, nursing and health sciences, freshman senator, and education still have seats open.

Senator Spiers: What exactly is the celebration of lights?

Vice President Matthews: This is a transfer of power from one president to the next. This has always happened, but Dr. Wainwright wants students to really be involved this year. This is his way of doing so. He would like to do it every year to celebrate, but he is wanting this year to be huge. For the student committee, we are over marketing and merchandise.

## VII. Programs

### A. Question of the day Victoria Verberne

What is a motion? (a formal proposal by a member to do something)

Answered by Senator Savario.

### B. Legislative Language Matt Matthews

Vice president Matthews reviewed an information sheet on legislative language.

## VIII. Unfinished Business

### A. FA23-11 A bill to appoint Zoe Jackson to the Student Government Association as a Senator at Large

Applicant: I am a sophomore psychology major. I feel that I exhibit leadership behavior by working with project pull. I want to be a senator as I want to be a lawyer and want to be more involved on the campus. I have done lots of volunteering.

Senator Nasset: Is there anything you'd like to accomplish while in the senate?

Applicant: I think that all accomplishments are good, so any that I can get.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

Senate chair calls for vote on this bill.

13/13 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted.

B. FA23-15 A bill to Appoint David Fender to the Student Government Association as a Senator for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Applicant: I really want to be a part of something bigger than myself and SGA has tons of diversity which I love. We can make the world a better place because of it. This is something that I strive towards.

Vice President Matthews: During our meeting, you mentioned a legacy. Will you please talk about that now?

Applicant: I am a senior. It took me a while to decide exactly what I wanted to do. Taking a large role in my frat helped me to mature and find myself. I want to leave a legacy. We have lacked as far as getting our members into SGA and I would like to start this back up and lead greek life back to SGA.

Senator Hidalgo: What is something you want to accomplish in this year?

Applicant: Getting greek life into SGA to get more representation and diversity in SGA.

Senator Nasset: Is your mission to just get fraternity greek life in SGA or all sorority and fraternity life.

Applicant: Definitely all sororities and fraternities in order to gain different points of view.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

Senator Nasset: Though he is a senior, we should not look down upon this as sometimes it takes people longer to know what they want to become a part of.

Senate chair calls for vote on this bill.

13/13 Senators vote aye, bill is adopted.

#### IX. New Business

A. FA23-16 A finance bill to sponsor International Night for the Department of World Languages and Culture.

Referred to Appropriations.

B. FA23-17 A bill to amend the Student Government Association Bylaws Title V: Impeachments Clause 2: Executive and Legislative Impeachment Trials Section 2 and Subsection 2.4

Referred to Internal Affairs.

C. FA23-18 A bill to amend the Student Government Association Bylaws Title IV: Judicial Branch Clause 3: Justice Duties Subsection 1.5, Add Subsection 1.6

Referred to Internal Affairs.

D. FA23-19 A bill to appoint Abigail Cloud to the Student Government Association as a Senator at Large.

Referred to Internal Affairs.

E. Celebration of Lights Student Sub-Committee Interest and Updates

Senate chair calls for motion to suspend the standing rules of the senate since this topic has already been discussed.

Senator Spiers makes motion to suspend the standing rules of the Senate to forgo this section.

#### X. Announcements and Remarks

Vice President Matthews: Thank you for being open to change and for being willing to change.

#### XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 P.M.