



Senate Meeting Minutes  
November 6th, 2023

I. Call to Order Matt Matthews

Meeting called to order at 5:03 P.M.

- II. Pledge of Allegiance Bryce Gaudin
- III. Moment of Reflection Jade DiMartino
- IV. Roll Call Victoria Verberne

Senator Bailey Milburn  
Senator Adam Sawyer  
Senator Alejandra Weir  
Senator Abigail Cloud  
Senator Aidan Hidalgo  
Senator Alexis McGehee  
Senator Autumn Smedley  
Senator David Fender  
Senator Brooke Richards  
Senator Ethan Savario  
Senator Kamryn Lebourgeois  
Senator Jade Dimartino  
Senator Abigail Wilson  
Senator Kyle Hidalgo  
Senator Levi Spiers  
Senator Alex Soule  
Senator Sabrae Nasset  
Senator Victoria Verberne  
Senator Zachary Poche  
Senator Zoe Jackson  
Senator Edward Gaudin

21/21 senators present, quorum has been met.

V. Approval of Minutes Matt Matthews

Minutes stand approved.

## VI. Reports

### A. SGA President: Lacey Johnson

Our first official town hall is tomorrow from 5-7 in the alumni center. This is a time for organizations to communicate. I will have a sign up sheet up front. Our ULS president decided to step down, Gramblings has stepped up. They are now looking for a new president for their school. I am the civil engagement officer, meaning that I come up with ideas to give back. We are going to do a competition with all school in ULS systems for items for the food drive. We will also do a service project with other groups of people. We will servicing by helping to build and repair houses. This will not be until the spring. We have 87 applications and 87 have been awarded for swipe out hunger. Our retreat will be on November 18th, on campus. If you have any issues with this date, please let Matt know. Swipe out hunger task force has a committee. I have a sign up sheet up here that you can sign if you want to join. We will probably meet once every two weeks. I got an email today about an SE 101 visit which are required. They are wanting us to go listen to their presentation on November 14th and 16th at 11 A.M.. I have a sign up sheet up here. Moodle is going away, and we are going to workday. We are having a work day testing day, and the sheet is up here. You will pretty much play around with it and find any issues. This will be on November 28th from 1-3 P.M.

### B. SGA Chief Justice: Aaliyah Muhammad

Last week we celebrated two birthdays. We got caught up on parking appeals. We also had our last election code revisions meeting. This will hopefully come out to you all soon.

### C. SGA Advisor Report (Given by Ms. Adonica Reed)

The student investiture is coming up on the 30th, so tell your friends. The president wants this to be student centered. We also have Get Engaged fest on Thursday. MISA is having an event on Thursday. There is a campaign for the food pantry right now where you can "adopt the food pantry" for one week. If you are looking for something to do, I recommend this. You can also get volunteer hours by helping with this. MISA banquet is on November 27th. The RSVP will be going out soon.

### D. Internal Affairs Chair Bailey Milburn

Bill FA 23-26

Referred to the senate favorably in its original form.

### E. Appropriations Chair Levi Spiers

No report.

### F. Student Life Chair Lucien Nasset

We are moving forward with people with periods initiative. The diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative is still being worked on.

#### G. Celebration of the Lights Khamri Alexander

We are trying to get volunteers and finalizing things. They do need help to wrap ornaments.

#### H. Senate Chair Matt Matthews

Four senate seat interviews tomorrow. Two senator at large, one nursing, and one business. Capital outlay bills are in the works.

#### VII. Programs

##### A. No programs

#### VIII. Judicial Proceedings Aaliyah Muhammad

##### A. FA23-27 A bill to impeach Anthony Garner from the Student Government Association as Justice

Chief Justice Muhammad: I ask Senator Milburn and Justice Garner to both come forward and state your names.

Justice Garner: Anthony Garner

Senator Milburn: Bailey Milburn

Chief Justice Muhammad then goes over the charges.

Justice Garner: I understand my actions and the things that I could have done better. I have been working on time management by getting a planner to help me to better myself and my time management. I know that I could have done better and I am making moves to do so.

Chief Justice Muhammad opens the floor for questions.

Senator Aiden Hidalgo: Have you made the meetings since you have been made aware of this issue?

Justice Garner: Yes I have.

Senator DiMartino: Did you know about your obligations prior to the semester starting?

Justice Garner: Yes I did know this but I did not know that I would have the work obligations. I now have more flexibility in my hours.

Senator Weir: Were you given a warning before this this began?

Justice Garner: I was never told for sure. I know that meetings are mandatory but again, this was a lack of communication.

Senator Aiden Hidalgo: Were you aware of the issue before you were charged with this?

Justice Garner: No.

Senator Nasset: I believe that you did have a meeting to speak about the issue before the charges but you did not attend. Is this correct?

Justice Garner: I was not aware that this is what the meeting was about.

Senator Milburn: Have you been to any student conduct meetings since our last meeting where this was brought up?

Justice Garner: I did not attend the last one but I can arrange my schedule to make the

others.

Senator Weir: I believe that you said in Internal Affairs last week that you were aware of the meeting with Lnadon?

Justice Garner: I was aware that there was a meeting, but I believe that it said it was a followup meeting and it did not say that it was anything to do with what was going on.

DiMartino: Is your job on campus? Were you aware that you could speak to your supervisor to change your schedule?

Justice Garner: I did not have the option to change my schedule at the beginning that I knew of, but I now know that I do.

Senator Kyle Hidalgo: Was he given a proper warning and did he then not change what was going on?

Chief Justice Muhammed: The meeting was scheduled to discuss the concerns but he did not come to the meeting.

Senator Wilson: Did the meeting state what could happen?

Chief Justice Muhammed: It would have if he would have attended it.

Aiden Hidalgo: I am confused as to why this was brought to trial if he has since fixed his attendance.

Chief Justice Muhammed: This came about because of five meetings missed, plus the

one with Landon where this would have been addressed.

Senator Weir: Were the two other meetings discussing behavior?

Chief Justice Muhammed: To join this committee, you must volunteer. This is a meeting that justices sign up for in advance.

Senator Aiden Hidalgo: Why did you miss these meetings?

Justice Garner: This was a lack of communication. I am still trying to figure things out.

Senator DiMartino: Did you tell anyone that the time was an issue or contact anyone about missing these meetings?

Justice Garner: No. As I stated, this was just a lack of communication.

Senator Aiden Hidalgo: What do you mean by lack of communication? Also, is there such a thing as suspension so that he is able to get everything together?

Chief Justice Muhammed: You have the right to resign and come back after a year.

Vice President Matthews: We have attendance requirements which is why this is brought forward. We also have the resignation procedure to allow for people to leave and come back with no.

Senator Abigail: Did you know that this was an option?

No.

Senator Kyle Hidalgo: Are you going to continue with this trial?

Anthony Garner: I resign.

Senate chair calls objections to have a five minute recess.

No objections, five minute recess at 5:42 P.M.

Senate Chair calls meeting back to order at 5:52 P.M.

#### IX. Old Business

A. FA23-26 A bill to amend to the Student Government Association Bylaws Title III:  
Legislative Branch Clause IV: Legislation, Add subsection 2.5

Applicant: (Vice President Matthews)

- Proclamations are important to not dilute the function of  
Resolutions.

(1) Specifically in support of the Celebration of Lights.

(a) Primarily showing the support of the Student Government  
about a particular topic

- Adds a non-binding form of legislation.

- Requires a 4/5 vote of the Senate, and Senator's signatures are not  
required.

Senate chair opens floor for discussion.

Senator Nasset: Which committee would a bill go through?



Vice President Matthews: It would go through student life, but this actual bill was brought to Internal Affairs last week.

Senator Gaudin: What process would this bill go through?

Vice President Matthews: It would go to senate, Student Life, and then back to senate. Also, non binding just means that action is not required. It could just be an opinion.

Senate chair calls for vote:

19/19 vote aye, 2 abstain, bill is adopted.

#### X. New Business

A. FA23-28 A finance bill to sponsor the restoration and conversation of the old kinesiology tennis courts into pickle ball and tennis courts  
Referred to Appropriations.

B. FA23-29 A finance bill to sponsor student supplies for SIMS Memorial Library  
Referred to Appropriations.

#### XI. Announcements and Remarks

Vice President Matthew: Someone needs to sit on the budget oversight committee.

Senator Milburn takes the position.

#### XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.