



Senate Meeting Agenda  
March 11th, 2024

- I. Call to Order  
**5:03 PM** Matt Matthews
  - II. Pledge of Allegiance Levi Spiers
  - III. Moment of Reflection Estelle Savario
  - IV. Roll Call Kyle Hidalgo
    - Senator K. Hidalgo
    - Senator Savario
    - Senator DiMartino
    - Senator Fender
    - Senator McGehee
    - Senator Soule
    - Senator Day
    - Senator Richards
    - Senator Smedley
    - Senator Sawyer
    - Senator Cloud
    - Senator Gaudin
    - Senator A. Hidalgo
    - Senator Spiers
    - Senator Cockerham
    - Senator Davis
    - Senator Becnel
    - Senator Gibson
- 17/17 Senators present quorum has been met**

V. Approval of Minutes Matt Matthews  
**The minutes were changed to reflect the withdrawal of bill SP-16**

VI. Reports  
SGA President: Lacey Johnson

**No Report**

SGA Chief Justice: Bailey Milburn  
**Candidates have been confirmed, campaigning is going on this week and senators are encouraged to attend the Meet The Candidates event on Thursday in the Student Union Theater @ 5:30.**

SGA Advisor Dr. Taneshia Drake  
**Campaigning is occurring this week with voting next week. The SLU Debate Society has reached out to SGA to help out with promoting student organizations. The PWP initiative is going fantastic Spring Break is coming up and senators are well deserving of some time off. Have Fun!**

Internal Affairs Chair Levi Spiers  
**Internal Affairs did not discuss any bills, but the branch head's reports were confirmed.**

Appropriations Chair Aidan Hidalgo  
**Opera Fee Bill will be referred favorably in its original form because the pit cover is a safety hazard, will help enhance performance value, allow better utilization of the space**  
**SP24-17 - Is referred favorably in its original form because it will increase the quality and efficiency of the Computer Science department education, make it available to students that lack sufficient hardware, and current school computers are not capable of running this program**  
**SP24-18 - This is referred to in its original form because it will benefit student research and it conveys SLU as research-oriented. However, the committee requests an amendment of the bill to remove the hotel costs because it is only a one-day conference and feasible to drive making the hotel not necessary.**

Tinsley Learning Center Finance Bill is returned favorably with amendments to clarify the use of money because it will keep up on par with other colleges, help students in all studies, and will be a more cost-effective tutoring tool.

Student Life Chair

Estelle Savario

People with Periods is waiting on its new product, if you would like to be added to the volunteer email list please reach out to Estelle. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion resolution will have a tabling on the 12th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM so please stop by. The SE 101 PowerPoint is finished so please reach out if you would like to use it during your org visit/SE 101 visit. Student Life has been working with the SWSA with the Helping Hands drive. There are donation boxes in Thelma Ryan, White Hall, the OSE office, and the CATE Building to collect travel-size hygiene products for the homeless in New Orleans. Please consider donating. We now have at least two rooms confirmed for breastfeeding areas on campus and SGA will be having a meeting with Dr. Drake and Mrs. Yazmyn Smith from Title IX to see how we can further help with this initiative.

Senate Chair

Matt Matthews

Congratulations to those running for positions, study abroad essays have been graded, and 48/52 students were awarded money. The study abroad office will be sending those emails out soon. Matt appreciated the full Senate today.

VII. Programs

A. Question of the Day

Which Student Organization gave SLU its colors? Alpha Sigma Tau

VIII. Old Business

- A. SP24-17 A Finance Bill To Sponsor A High-Performance Computer Cluster For The Computer Science Department

**The applicant asks for financial help to purchase more nodes for a “super-computer” cluster. This project would greatly improve the computer science department. The Senate passed the bill unanimously.**

- B. SP24-18 A Finance Bill To Send Camryn White And Jacob Averett To The LSU Discover Day Undergraduate Research And Creativity Conference

**The applicant wants to present a survey to students at the LSU research conference. This research will help the applicant get admitted to graduate school and help SLU show a more research-driven student body. The bill was referred to with an amendment to remove the hotel cost. The Senate voted to keep the hotel cost in the bill. After questioning the Senate discussed the pros and cons of the hotel cost and agreed to pass the bill in its original form.**

- C. SP24-19 A Finance Bill To Sponsor Meta Quest 3 Virtual Reality Headsets And Protective Cases For The Tinsley Learning Center

**The applicant through a series of videos explained the programs in which students could get interactive learning through VR programs. This project has other avenues of funding and hopes that further down the road the goggles can get new software for more majors. The Senate passes the bill with one abstention.**

- D. Proposed Fee Increase Bills

- a. SP24-24 Opera Student Fee

**The applicant explains that the locations; Columbia Theater and Pottle Auditorium, need repairs and reinforcements. This student fee will help fix the “pit covers” for the Opera, rent venues, and theater rights, and relieve financial issues. Through questioning the Senate found that these spaces are precious to other events excluding opera. The Senate recommends the bill unanimously.**

IX. New Business

- A. SP24- 27 A Bill to Appoint Emma Murphy to the Student Government Association as a Senator for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences

**The bill is referred to internal affairs.**

X. Announcements and Remarks

**No remarks.**

XI. Adjournment

**The meeting is adjourned at 5:46 PM**