

47th Senate

Minutes January 23rd 2015

1. Call to Order @ 2: 41 PM

1. Roll Call

1. Absent: 3 Senators Dang, Perkins, Todd
2. Present: 16

2. Adoption of Agenda

Amendments: Ramey: Add Election Update Act, Poll Integrity, DTA/DSA, Bill VI, VIII, IX
Second: Senator Teston

Debate: Senator Kondrat'yev Take a lot of time to explain, not enough time to reviewed.

Senator Vinson were all bills sent out on time

Senator Griego bills were not submit before 24 hour deadline with the updates

Vote Add Bills Bill VI, VIII, IX for new business

12-4-0

Amendments: Chair Kendrick: Add Jonah Griego under Appointments

Second: Chair Thrasher

Vote to add Jonah Griego under Appointments

16-0-0

Motion to Approve: Senator Ramey, Second Chair Thrasher

16-0-0

3. Approval of Minutes

1. January 9, 2015

2. Motion to Approve; Senator Riley, Second Senator Ramey

Approved 16-0-0

4. Guest Speaker

1. Women in Leadership Event by Katina Hoffman

1. Desiring for more volunteers, about 20 to help with greeting and assisting participants. Different times to help with volunteering, contact information provided on flyer provided. Speakers will be from the community.

5. Appointments

1. Jonathan Barrineau - Chief Justice

1. Q and D: No

2. 15-0-1

3. Motion to Block Swearing in, Chief of Staff Sosa, Second Kendrick

16-0-0

2. Allison Deese - Justice

1. Q and D: Senator Vinson - Recommendation to appoint

2. 16-0-0

3. Kip Wynne - Assistant Director of Student Life

1. Q and D: Senator Vinson - What ideas do you have for SGA? Currently no ideas.

2. 14-0-2

4. Nicholas Delmar - Senator, CASSH

1. Q and D: Senator Kondrat'yev; Any ideas to add to senate? Not currently but willing to learn. Chair Kendrick and Chair McBurney, Recommends Senator Teston: How would you late joining affect your role in Senate? Willing to work as much as he can in the time given.
2. 14-1-1

5. Jonah Griego - Co Chair of Student Outreach Committee

1. Q and D: Chair Kendrick recommends.
2. 15-0-1

6. Legislative Addresses

1. Senate President Hebert
 1. Name tags ordered, hopefully ready by next senate.
2. Budget and Allocations Committee
 1. Reviewed two grants. Dr Wiley Conference 12 days of diversity \$2000 approved. AIGA \$1200 approved.
3. University Outreach Committee
 1. Went through nominations form for DTA/DSA and cut down for semi finals. Will soon select the 4 winners. Still accepting staff forms for a few more weeks.
4. Student Outreach Committee
 1. New trolley benches and trolley shelter coming within the next month. Thanks to all who volunteered at Blizzard Bash. Photos with many student orgs that say Real Argos Return to help with retention rates. Forward student concerns to members of Student Outreach Committee.
5. Rules and Statutes Committee
 1. Full attendance at committee as well as authors of the bills. Worked on poll integrity bill and reviewed other legislation.

7. Executive Address

1. President Friedland - Traveling
2. Vice-President Wilson - Traveling
3. Chief of Staff Sosa
 1. Office of Student Life, January 28th 1130am-1230am meet with students to discuss SGA matters. President Friedland emailed all Senators.
 2. Kate Singletary has asked for election commissioners.

8. Administrative Address

1. Dr. Kevin Bailey, VP of Student Affairs
 1. Football!!!! Recruitment weekends going on this month on Saturdays. Meeting with coaches and technique work and tour of the area. How will homecoming change with the incoming of football. Next year homecoming will be through Saturday. How does the impact the surrounding area? Any suggestions work with the homecoming committee.

9. Unfinished Business

1. Bill VI - Chief of Staff Sosa
 1. Questions: none
 2. Debate: Senator Griego - Voices support of bill
 3. Vote: 16-0-0

10. New Business

1. Bill VII – Authors Supervisor of Elections Singletary and Chief of Staff Sosa
 1. Chair Ramey - proposes to put up to the senate to have 3 days of voting or 2 days of voting for the election (will be discussed later on during)
 2. Question - Senator Teston: remove public forum and remove adequate information, the reasoning. Supervisor of Elections Singletary: Did not want to get tripped up over the details of the statutes due to things just happening. Senator Kondrat'yev, are you trying to limit the exposure of the elections? Supervisor of Elections Singletary: They still have the rules in their election rules of public forum and updates of the elections.
 3. Senator Griego moves to move to debate, Seconded by Vinson Vote 16-0-0
 4. Debate: Chair Kendrick yields time to Advisor Robin Zimmern. Provides historical perspective of how their have been issues with the voyager and getting the information out on time. As well as problems with having an space for the public forum. Supports bill to allow for breathing room. Chief of Staff Sosa, this bill does not change the days of elections. Does not want to limit SGA to the students. Chair Ramey, move to amend bill to lower number of election days from 3 to 2 days in 403.1 Bill VII delete Wednesday voting day. President Hebert suggest that motion be amended to add the word Tuesday to 403.1. Second by Chair McBurney.
 8. Co-Chair Griego, suggest to turn down and reword. Bill
 9. Vote by roll call: Amendment fails 0-16-0
 10. Chair Kendrick moves to amend Bill VII Chapter 403 Section 1, to not limit to certain days, but any two consecutive days within the week following spring break. Voting begins at 8 am first day and ends 8pm second day. Seconded Senator Patel. Chair Ramey clarifies about what we are voting for. Chair McBurney Yields time to Advisor Jenny Hamilton. Advisor Jenny Hamilton says the different between votes from 2013 to 2010 were 640 votes. Director Rollie - Polk suggest for 2 day election. Senator Riley yields time to Supervisor of Election Singeltary. Senator Teston suggest to 1 day of voting for TR students and 1 day of voting for MWF students. Senator Kondrat'yev , supports the three day elections. Chair McBurney suggest that online voting would help.
 11. Vote by Roll call: Motion passes 11-5-0
 12. Bill will stay 8pm first day and 8 pm second day.
 13. Senator K wants to amend the Bill VII to keep the Voyager and public forum.
 14. Motion for 2 minute recess Riley, Second Vinson 15-1-0. Come back at 4:01pm.
 15. Call to Order at 4:05 pm
 16. Second for Kondrat'yev amendment Sosa. Debate, Senator Teston reason to not approve the amendment is because it takes away the responsibility of campaigning from the candidate and puts it on the supervisor of election.
 17. Vote 1-15-0 amendment fails.
 18. **Vote on Bill VII: Passes over 50% # 10-5-1**

19. Motion for second reading Chair Kendrick, Second by Senator Ramey. Motion passes 12-4-0. Skip over second reading of Bill VIII 7-12-3-1. Debate Co Chair Griego, does not want to cut the elections day have to consider students. Chair Kendrick wants to let students vote regardless. Senator Kondrat'yev says it limits the amount of time people can vote and wants to be able to talk to students about the change. Chair Ramey, reminds senators of Rules & Statues Committee. Chief of Staff Sosa provides historical perspective on senate passing resolutions when needed. Senator Vinson moves to refer back to committee, Kondrat'yev seconds. Senator Quieros yields time to Advisor Robin Zimmern, wants Senate to decide now because of time restraints.

20. Vote by roll call: Fails 1-14-1

21. Vote on Second reading of Bill VII fails at 62.5% 10-6-0

2. Bill VIII - Poll Integrity Act, Chair McBurney

1. Questions Senator Kondrat'yev mentions email sent by Friedland about smartphone and laptops. Senator Griego how was the act created with Senate President Hebert and not passed to Senate.

2. Debate: Chair McBurney wants to ensure voters are not being pushover with voting. As well as candidates keeping integrity. Senator Vinson other university have a different population than ours. Limiting the days of voting and ways to vote will not increase voter turnout. Galley attendee who was previous electronic commissioner suggests to approve this act. Chair Patel approves of act. Chair Ramey move to amend Bill VIII. Chair McBurney amends in 410.1 section D, Seconded by Senator Griego.

3. Vote on amendment: 13-1-2

4. Debate: Co Chair Griego, not our job to do judicial branch work. Chair Kendrick change the rules of debate, to add 1 additional point of debate. Second co chair pate. Vote 15-1-0. Chief Justice shares his recommendations of this act. Chair McBurney, mentions upholding integrity because it will benefit the students. Chair Kendrick 406.2.

5. **Vote 70% majority passes 11-4-1.** Chair McBurney motion for second reading, seconded by Senator Kondrat'yev. Vote: 13-3-0. Second reading, motion to skip Kondrat'yev seconded by Chair Ramey. Vote 13-2-2. Debate Senator Griego conflict of interest of code of ethics. Chair Ramey disagrees. Senator Kondrat'yev agrees with keeping the integrity of the elections. Vote on second reading of BillVIII: 12-3-1

3. Bill IX

McBurney move to table bill, Second Vinson. Vote 15-1-0

11. Adjournment

1. Standing Committee Report

1. Last meeting for housing master plan committee. Places for new buildings to go on campus. VP search committee met last week, positions now open for VP of admin services. Questions refer to Jake.

2. Student life of Service committee.

1. More at a later time.

3. McBurney Committee QEP

- Improve communication skills for better professional development. Want students to know what the QEP is for SACS accred.

2. Closing announcements

- Chair Ramey reminds of committee meeting on Thursdays @ 1:30 pm.
- JasonQuest sign up for Dinner contact Robin for more details.
- Chair McBurney reminds of email by President Friedland.
- Senate President remarks on importance of integrity.

3. Final Roll Call: 16 Senators present. Absent: Senators Deny, Perkins, Delmar, Todd

4. Adjourn Ramey, Second Vinson 16-0-0 @ 5:15pm