



Senate
July 7th, 2020

Call to Order: 2:30 P.M

Moment of Silence

Roll Call:

Present: 12

Absent:7

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes .

Old Business

New Business

Appointments

Vice President Gardener: We will start of with the appointment for Rules and Statutes Committee.

Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan: This is going to be a committee where it is made up of a senator from each college as well as the secretary, the Senate Pro Tempore and the Vice President. The responsibilities are to review any appeals made when someone is appealing for a reason why they were not in a meeting. As you all know, someone is only allowed three excused absences before they are put up for removal. That is what the Rules and Statutes Committee is for. They review those appeals. You will all shortly be put into a breakout room that is assigned to the college you are in. You will have two minutes to decide who gets

to serve on this committee and when you come back you will notify Vice President Gardener who it was.

Decisions:

College of Health: Chair Larkin

College of Business: Senator Grady

College of Arts and Social Sciences: Senator Montenaro

College of Education and Professional Studies: Senator Hoffman

College of Hal Marcus Science and Engineering: Senator Perkins

Swearing-In.

Vice President Gardener: We will move to President Negron to explain this next appointment.

President Negron: I know that there is confusion as to why we have a last-minute senate meeting. Earlier this week we were informed of the resignation of the Chief of Staff position. We need to fill that gap very soon because that position oversees the entire cabinet. After consulting advisors, we have decided that Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan is up for appointment. There will also be an election of a new Pro Tempore soon.

Introduction of the Appointee

Senate Pro Tempore Gaytan: I think that I can take the responsibility for this position because this is my third year in SGA and my second year as Senate Pro Tempore. I have had a lot of responsibilities in this position that have mingled with the responsibilities of the Chief of Staff.

Debate

Senator Lyons: I want to debate in favor of the appointee.

Senator Morrison: I want to debate in favor of the appointee as well. She is hardworking, committed, and is the best person I can think of to fill this role.

President Negron: I would also like to debate in favor of the appointee. She has a great work ethic, good skills, is good at adapting to new environments and she is trustworthy.

Vote

Yes: 13

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Appointment Passes.

Senator Lyons motions to do a block swearing-in.

Seconded by **Senator Morrison**

Chief of Staff Gaytan nominates **Chair Grant** for Senate Pro Tempore position.

Seconded by **Senator Lyons**.

Chair Grant accepts.

Chair Grant: I think that I would be a good fit for this position because I am good with organization and it would be an easy switch for me.

Questions**Debate**

Chair Johnson: I want to debate in favor of Chair Grant. She is a very thorough person.

Chief of Staff Gaytan: I'd also like to debate in favor of Chair Grant. When she first entered the 53rd senate, she went out of her way to make sure that there was good communication.

Senator Lyons: I would like to debate in favor of Chair Grant. She is very understanding and keeps people accountable.

Vote

Yes: 11

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Appointment Passes**Block swearing In**

nominates Senator Sands for Chair.

Seconded by **Senate Pro Tempore Grant**.

Senator Sands:

Debate

Senator Hoffman: I would like to debate in favor of Senator Sands. She is very passionate about university affairs, and she is very hardworking and organized.

Chair Grant: I would also like to debate in favor of Senator Sands. She is always excited to jump right into projects and she genuinely wants to succeed in her work.

Vote

Yes: 11

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Appointment Passes.

Block swearing-in.

Vice President Gardener: Congratulations and thank you.

Executive Addresses:

President Negron: A lot has happened since our last meeting. There have been a lot of changes but we have continued to work diligently. The COVID-19 taskforce has been meeting and soon we will be discussing what it will look like in the fall for the returning students. We are making sure that students are kept accountable and are meeting guidelines. Everyone will do a mandatory COVID-19 training before the fall semester. Also, we have officially constructed the budget for COVID-19 related expenses. Overall, we are requesting \$50,000. \$10,000 of that will be going toward masks, and the other \$40,000 will be put toward other expenses such as additional Personal Protective Equipment. This situation is still evolving so we need to be able to adapt to whatever changes come our way. Also, there is a rather large update regarding international

students. There is now a rule set in place that requires international students to take a certain number of classes in person in order to stay in the United States. This is very unfair to the students, and affects the student body of SGA. At some point, we need to discuss how we can help in any way possible. Also, next time there will be a Title IX update as well.

Vice President Gardener: I have started with our campaign initiatives and I am going to start collecting this from committee members as well. This should be done by August 24th.

Treasurer Patterson: My only report is that I have been working on the budget.

Legislative Addresses

Chair Johnson: In my opinion, President Negron did a great job of explaining the COVID-19 situation. As far as my update, my committee is looking for input on grants and processes moving forward, especially regarding travel grants since there is now a travel ban due to COVID-19.

Chair Sands: Thank you for electing me. My update is that our DTA and DSA ceremony needs brainstorming. We can not have our traditional ceremony due to COVID-19, so we are trying to come up with ideas.

Chair Larkin: (Report was given by Chief of Staff Gaytan.) My committee will be submitting our budget form by Wednesday.

Senate Pro Tempore Grant: Thank you for electing me. Everyone in the Rules and Statutes Committee needs to stay afterward. Other than that, no report from me.

Cabinet Addresses

Director of Communications Lamungkun: We have ordered masks for the upcoming fall semester.

Final Roll Call

Present: 11

Absent: 8

Closing Announcements

Senator Perkins: There are slots open on the COVID taskforce for anyone who wants to get involved.

Senator Lyons motioned to adjourn
Seconded by **Senator Hoffman.**

Adjourned at 3:32 P.M