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# Senate Minutes

November 15, 2023

## **A. WELCOME**

### **B. WORSHIP Book Handout - Alfredo Trevedan**

- a. **“Faith is”**
- b. Favorite part of this job: worship thoughts!
- c. Alfredo was running, and was making a five mile loop.
- d. Very humid due to the trees and water, but gets back to the campus and flops over!
- e. While he is lying into the sun, and felt a shadow over his sun
- f. His friend says, “Doing the route once is the easy part, doing it every day is the hardest part
- g. Faith is believing something you cannot see, having trust and confidence into xyz. You do not know the next step.
- h. Not only do you have to trust in God, but fully commit to it.
- i. **Faith is CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD**
- j. Resilience is key to faith, similar to how running everyday is challenging. Acknowledging faith initially is easy, but we need to keep it up in our daily lives everyday.

### **C. Social Committee - Amanda Leitao**

- a. Senate Surprise Day - DECEMBER 8
- b. Hot chocolate and donut bar
- c. Drawing: whoever gives us their name can win airpods

### **D. Community Service Committee - Railyn Duarte**

- k. We are not doing another community service until next semester, for the sake of our mental health.
- l. Plan for next semester

### **E. Finance Committee - Chidi Onyejije**

- m. Club appropriations
- n. Sent a survey to all campus club presidents and sponsors, consisting of questions aimed at gathering essential details to facilitate the allocation process. Clubs who failed to complete the survey were not eligible to receive senate appropriations.
- o. Criteria: Departmental status, number of members, club activities, community service completion, current account balance, recent fundraising, account activity
- p. Cultural clubs generally receive more money because they are generally the most active

### **F. Scholarship Committee - Minha Yang**

- a. Deadline was Nov. 5
- b. Working with Ms. Teri to make sure the applicants are eligible (gpa and financial status)
- c. Thank you for reposting it!

### **G. PR Committee - Matthew Taylor**

- d. Currently, recording this Senate meeting
- e. Show what we do, and
- f. During the next Senate Surprise, they want to have a trivia! Use their funding to have a family feud + prize

### **H. By-laws Committee - Samuel Mora**

- q. Consent Agenda (minor changes): **Votes: 23/1 (In favor/not in favor)**
- r. Add “The SA Senate Finance Committee will go over the adjusted budget before the budget is presented to the SA Senate for ratification.” **Votes: 24/0 (In favor/not in favor)**
- s. “Any graduate student who takes six or more hours of class work and is willing to pay the general fee entitles them to all said privileges of membership in the SA General.” **Votes: 22/2 (In favor/not in favor)**

- t. “The Vice president of Student Development shall serve as the Faculty Coordinator, and shall be a non-voting member of the SA Senate, the SA General Assembly, and all the SA Committees... The Faculty Coordinator shall appoint all SA Faculty Advisors.” **Votes: 24/0 (In favor/not in favor)**
- u. To keep Article VII, Section 2 as is rather than continue assigning senators by academic departments and schools (which by the Constitution is not proper).  
**Votes: 22/2 (In favor/not in favor)**
- v. By-Laws Document: the regulations of a corporation. They contain the basic rules for the conduct of the corporation’s business and affairs. Before, we were looking over the Constitution.
- w. Reminder: SA Parliamentarian shall review the SA Documents, including the Constitution, Bylaws, and Elections. Parliamentarian is the chair of the Bylaws Committee.
- x. Consent Agenda (typos and minor errors)
- y. Add offices and description: VP Spiritual Life . Put officers in order according to the constitution.
- z. Add #14 which will read as follows “Read all the SA Documents, which include the Constitution, Bylaws, and Election Manual.”
- aa. Current Committees ‘23 not included in the SA Bylaws Document
- bb. Add the Community Service Committee!

## **I. Safety Committee - Lauren Gerath**

- a. Tomorrow is convocation at 11:00 – highlighting the resources we have – campus safety, omnalert, Dr. Negron, etc...
- b. Safety Committee is part of the presentation – they will be presenting Omnalert
- c. Come to convo tomorrow and support your fellow Senators!

## **J. Student Voice Committee - Kristen Sihotang**

- a. Pick top 3 projects and go from there
- b. Top 3:
  - i. Kinesiology– scoreboards \$4,000
  - ii. Chemistry – seats \$1,600
  - iii. Feed my Sheep – fridges \$2,500
  - iv. New Total: \$8,100

- c. Feed my Sheep should get more money because they are a non-profit, and are not backed by a department. Food insecurity is something that is not talked about, but something still very prevalent in college.
- d. Motion by Duarte: The value given to Feed my Sheep would be interchanged with the Health and Kinesiology. Therefore, the Feed my Sheep would receive \$4,000 and then Health and Kinesiology would receive \$2,500
- e. *Motion by Gariepy: We gave Feed My Sheep \$3,500, Health and Kinesiology \$2,000, Chemistry \$1,600, and History Department \$3,000. Votes: 19/5 (In favor/not in favor)*
- f. Actually, the Health and Kinesiology department will buy them regardless...
- g. Keep your constituents in mind as well. Feed my Sheep is amazing, but your constituents are who are contributing to this budget. Feed my Sheep supports beyond the SAU community. It is not a problem to support the student body. The Scoreboards are a good idea to contribute because the constituents will like it.

## **K. Announcements**

- a. Safety Convocation: tomorrow at 11 a.m. hosted by SA !! Please come up front wearing your Senate jackets !!
- b. Senate Surprise: Dec 8, 2023
- c. Pancake Bar: Sunday, December 10. From 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pancake Bar before Finals Week!!

## **L. Announcements for Senators**

- a. Safety Convocation: tomorrow at 11 a.m. !! Please come up front wearing your Senate jackets !!
- b. Jennifer Corral has been reaching out to SA to take a picture for the yearbook. Be looking out for an email on when it will be. Attire: Senate jackets, shirts, and black pants
- c. Pancake Bar: Sunday, December 10. From 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pancake Bar before Finals Week. Look out for sign-ups. An environment to show that SA and OMM care about the student body!
- d. Last Senate Meeting: Nov 29 – half of it will be voting, food will be catered! Come casual

