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# Senate Minutes

January 15, 2025

## **A. WELCOME - Alfredo Trevedan**

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

- a. Faith
  - i. Crucial in our walk with Christ
- b. Last semester Alfredo struggled with doubt
  - i. Led him to pray asking to believe
- c. Joshua 1:9
  - i. God will not remove troubles, but will be with us through troubles
  - ii. Felt like he was alone because he wasn't praying to God
    - 1. Carried his own burdens
    - 2. Be courageous
    - 3. Invited Him to help with troubles
  - iii. Remember to invite Christ into your life
  - iv. If you feel like God is not there, invite Him again

## **C. MOTIVATIONAL TALK - Alfredo Trevedan**

- a. Lead With Impact
  - i. In past internship, leader of company would meet with students to give advice on leadership
  - ii. We have been called to be leaders on campus
    - 1. What are we missing?
      - a. We constantly ask what we are missing to get things done
        - i. Sometimes we may not control things
        - ii. But we have to keep going even when we don't have all the answers
      - b. It's okay to not know what we're missing
    - 2. What helps
      - a. Begin with a Plan
        - i. Set goals out of your comfort zone

- ii. Set SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound)
    - iii. Stretch goals that push your limits while still being attainable
  - b. Commit to your plans
    - i. Regular self-reflection helps identify areas for improvement.
    - ii. Seeking honest feedback from peers and mentors accelerates growth.
    - iii. Being open to constructive criticism and acting on it
  - c. Accountability & Ownership
    - i. Make your own plan and stick to it
    - ii. Own your decisions, good or bad
- 3. Be proactive
  - a. As Senators, we can make a change

#### **D. ICEBREAKER - Amanda Leitao**

#### **E. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a. **Bylaws Committee - Amanda Leitao**
  - i. Will review documents
  - ii. Will meet with Dr. Negron
- b. **Community Service Committee - Nathalie Jacome**
  - i. No current updates
  - ii. Planning community service for this semester
- c. **Finance Committee - Marisol Garcia-Pineda**
  - i. No updates
  - ii. Will be same format as 1st semester
- d. **Public Relations Committee - Caroline Bridges**
  - i. Planning information slides to go on screens for SA elections
- e. **Safety Committee - Priscille Mikala**
  - i. Planning on working with community service for a service projects
- f. **Scholarship Committee - Josh Nerona**
  - i. Has not met yet
  - ii. Will start on last semester's scholarships
- g. **Social Committee - Isabel Genovez**

- i. 1st Senate Surprise will be next Friday
- ii. Will reach out with more information soon

## **F. PROJECT PROPOSAL -Priscille Mikala & Allen Gustrowsky**

- a. Pickleball Project Proposal
  - i. Pickleball has become very popular on campus
  - ii. There are very few places where they can play
  - iii. Why this proposal?
    - 1. Meet the growing interest in pickleball
    - 2. May be donors interested in helping create pickleball courts
    - 3. Ensure demand for pickleball courts is met in the near future since the SA Contingency fund is largely allocated to Futsal Courts
      - a. Not competing with futsal project
  - iv. This plan will depend on availability of donations
  - v. Tentative Plan
    - 1. Phase 1 - Planning
      - a. Gather a team
      - b. Gauge student interest by creating a poll and use those results in donor pitches
      - c. Set clear goals: fundraising targets and costs
      - d. Secure approval from Southern Administration
    - 2. Phase 2 - Fundraising
      - a. Develop Proposal & Communicate with donors
        - i. Include donor benefits
        - ii. Personalized emails and meet with the donors to keep them updated
      - b. Leverage Social Media
        - i. Be transparent / raise awareness among students and alumni of Southern
        - ii. Channels of communication: *Southern Accent*, Instagram, Facebook
    - 3. Phase 3 - Finalizing Details
      - a. Formalize donor agreement with clear terms
      - b. Secure donor commitments
      - c. Set deadlines for pledges to make sure sufficient funding is

available before construction starts

4. Phase 4 - Breaking Ground (most tentative)
  - a. Hand off to Southern
  - b. Still working on details of this phase
- b. Discussion/Questions
  - i. What brought this up again?
    1. Donors may be interested
    2. Thought that it was a possibility
    3. Students have voiced their want for pickleball courts
  - ii. Will next year's Senate continue this project
    1. The plan is to plan everything out this semester and hand it off to Southern afterwards
  - iii. Who are the donors?
    1. Still working on details
  - iv. How will the poll be used?
    1. It may create controversy to use Instagram as a poll for donors
      - a. Suggestion to use Facebook to reach older people
    2. Suggestion
      - a. Work with Southern to reach out to Alumni and

## **G. OUTSIDE PLACES FOR STUDENTS - Collin Emde**

- a. There are few places on other campuses for students to be outside
  - i. Southern has few places for students
  - ii. Looking into gas fireplaces
  - iii. Looking to use funds
  - iv. It is a possibility for this project to work
  - v. Is it possible to use Senate Project Fund for this project?
    1. Yes, this can be a collaboration
  - vi. Students want places to spend time outside
  - vii. Would funding for this project would be completely from the Senate Project Fund, or would we need more
    1. Futsal courts may be more expensive, so there may not be a possibility to use the Contingency Fund
- b. Is there interest from Senate to pursue this idea?
  - i. Senate will move forward with this project
  - ii. Will need to start to Mark Anton, landscape services and campus safety
  - iii. Nema Ogal and Collin Emde will be taking on this project along with Senate Project Fund group

## **H. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. SA Executive positions applications now open!
- b. SA Mid-Winter Party - 1/18
  - i. 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

- ii. Iles Gym
- c. Student Association: Senate Surprise Day - 1/24
- d. Student Week of Worship 1/27 - 1/31
- e. Next Senate Meeting 1/29