



Senate Minutes

February 12, 2025

A. WELCOME - Alfredo Trevedan

- a. Senate meetings will now start at 8:15pm

B. WORSHIP - Caroline Bridges

- a. This week has been very long
 - i. Feels like she has been pouring into others and felt tired
- b. Asked God for a verse
 - i. Nahum 1:7
- c. Turn to God for refuge and comfort
- d. Prayer journal
 - i. Verse
 - ii. Writes about what has been happening
- e. God always find a solution
 - i. He has a plan
 - 1. We have to trust God
- f. God is there for you in the good or bad

C. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Bylaws Committee - Amanda Leitao

- i. Updates to Elections Manual
 - 1. Bylaws has gone over the SA Constitution, Elections Manual and Bylaws documents
 - 2. Senators were sent a Consent Agenda for all documents with

minor changes to look over

a. Voting for Elections Manual Consent Agenda (need $\frac{2}{3}$ votes)

i. Motion: I move to make these changes

1. Second

a. 21/23

b. 2/23

2. Senators approved these changes

b. Voting for Bylaws Consent Agenda (need $\frac{2}{3}$ votes)

i. Motion: I move to approve these changes

1. Second

a. 23/23

b. 0/23

2. Senators approve these changes

ii. Bylaws Urgent Agenda

1. Article II, Sect. 2.1.e → Change sentence to “Create **or remove** any additional executive positions in consultation with SA Faculty and two-thirds approval of SA Senate. **The candidate for that position must present themselves to the Senate for better representation before approving or denying.**”

a. Motion: Move to discuss

i. Second

2. Questions/discussion

a. Is this for future candidates or current?

i. This is only for new positions that the President wants to create or remove

b. Does this have to do with the Cultural Liaison position

i. This will not affect this position

c. Will there be an open floor for questions during this time?

- i. Yes
- 3. Voting
 - a. 18/23 - yes
 - b. 5/23 - no
 - i. Senate has approved this change
- 4. Article II, Sect. 2.2.b → Add at the end: **“If the SA Executive Vice President assumes the office, he/she may appoint a new SA Executive Vice President, which would then require a two-thirds vote of approval from the SA Senate”**
 - a. Motion to approve
 - i. Second
- 5. Discussion/voting
 - a. Would Senate be the only body to vote for the replacement of the Vice President position?
 - i. Yes
 - b. Would the Parliamentarian take this position
 - i. There is a current hierarchy
 - c. Motion to add 2 minutes
 - i. Second
 - d. Would the new Vice President need to be in SA?
 - i. No
 - e. Can amendments be made to this?
 - i. Yes
 - f. Voting
 - i. 14/23 - yes
 - ii. 9/23 - no
 - 1. Motion has not passed
- 6. Article II, Sect. 2.6 → Remove “SA Public Relations Director” and replace with **“SA Communications Director and SA Marketing Director shall:”**
 - 1) **“Work as a team to fulfill the following roles:**

- a) **Develop and implement strategies to promote SA and its events effectively.**
- b) **Manage and oversee all of SA's social media accounts.**
- c) **Design artwork.**
- d) **Innovate and execute creative marketing campaigns to enhance event engagement.**
- e) **Lead all advertising efforts to maximize visibility and outreach.**
- f) **Organize and manage public displays announcing SA events.**
- g) **Serve as the liaison officer between the SA Executive Branch and the University Office of Public Relations in matters of mutual concern.**
- h) **Oversee and coordinate all public relations activities for SA.**
- i) **Collaborate with other officers to provide creative direction for the visual presentation of their events.**
- j) **Actively participate in and support all SA functions.”**

2) Motion to update these missing SA Position

3) Discussion/Questions

a) Is the Liaison between SA Executive and University Administration the same as Cultural Liaison?

i) No

b) List is updated by current SA officers

c) Senators can make Amends

i) Motion to Amend “Marketing and University Relations” over “University Office of Public Relations

(1) Voting

(a) 23/23 - yes

(b) 0/23 - no

(i) Senate voted yes for Amendment

4) Voting

a) 23/23 - yes

b) 0/23 - no

i) Senate has passed this motion

5) Article II, Sect. 2.9 → Insert **“The SA Spiritual Vice President shall:”**

1) **“Lead and oversees one-on-one Bible study groups, trains student facilitators, and works with the Office of Ministry and Mission (OMM) to expand the program.**

2) **Support existing prayer groups, encourages students to start new ones, and oversees a prayer hour in crowded places like the promenade to offer prayer to whoever is passing by and invite them to participate in the other ministries on campus.**

3) **Organize Sundown Worship events that include worship, Scripture study, and activities to foster community.**

4) **Organizes the fall semester's SA Spiritual Event (such as SA Vespers).**

5) **Plan and execute one outreach activity during the winter semester to serve the broader student body or local community.**

6) **Mentor other students, encouraging their growth in faith and leadership.**

7) **Identify and train potential student leaders for future spiritual leadership roles.**

8) **Actively participate in and support all SA functions.”**

6) Motion to discuss/vote

a) 23/23 - yes

7) Is there only one event?

a) There is a vespers in the Fall and a reachout activity in the Winter semesters

b) Amendments

i) Should change wording

ii) Motion to extend discussion by 2 minutes

(1) Vote

(a) 14/23 - yes

(b) 9/23 - no

(i) 2 minutes added

iii) Voting

(1) 22/23 - yes

(2) 1/23 - no

(a) Senate has approved this motion

1. Article III, Sect. 2.5 and 6 → Combine the SA Senate Projects Committee with the SA Senate Scholarship Committee to create an **Appropriations Committee** that accomplishes both of their tasks.

a. **“The duties of the SA Senate Appropriations Committee shall be to:**

- i. **Research worthwhile projects for the SA Senate to sponsor.**
- ii. **Allow project committee to endorse a specific project based on its merit.**
- iii. **Review proposals prior to presentation at SA Senate.**
- iv. **Support the Scholarship in the pursuit of funding and contacts.**
- v. **Ensure that the financial goals of the Scholarship fund are met..**
- vi. **Provide support for the Student Association Scholarship Board.**
- vii. **Be responsible for appropriations to clubs.”**

1. Motion to approve and discuss this change - motion made

viii. Discussion/Questions

1. Is this combination needed?

a. This was to keep all the money allocations together

2. Would they all be working on the same project

a. Senators would be divided within the committee

3. Why does this combination need to be done if each committee does its own thing?

a. Committees are not left with work after allocations are given out

4. Motion to add time to discussion by 1 minute

a. Vote

i. 19/23 yes

ii. 4/23 - no

1. 1 Minute will be added

5. Scholarship Committee gives scholarships both Fall and Winter semesters

a. Motion to add 2 minutes to discussion

- i. 19/23 - yes
 - ii. 4/23 - no
 - 1. 2 minutes added to discussion
 - 6. Would committees stay the same size/ no one else would be working with scholarships
 - a. There will be people from other committees
 - 7. Why combine the committees if there are set jobs for committees?
 - a. Example: Projects committee is made up of there committees
 - 8. Motion to combine committees
 - a. Second
 - i. Voting
 - 1. 4/23 - yes
 - 2. 19/23 - no
 - a. Motion was not approved
- ix. Article III, Sect. 3.3 → Change this point to say **“The members within each Senate Committee shall nominate the Chairperson of their Committee at the beginning of the semester, with a simple majority approval from SA Senate.”**
 - 1. Motion to approve this change
 - a. Second
 - 2. Discussion/questions
 - a. Who currently chooses chairs
 - i. Vice President
 - b. If both Senators wanted to be chair of a committee how would the decision be made
 - i. Chairs were selected based on experience
 - c. Would people within the committee choose the Chair?
 - i. Committee will choose Chair and then present it

to Senate

- d. Vice President has more understand of each individual's experience

3. Motion to add 1 minute to discussion

a. Voting

i. 13/23 - yes

ii. 10/23 no

1. 1 minute added

4. Would the Vice President be involved in decision making?

a. Committee would choose

5. SA Vice President interviews all Senators

a. The would know the person's ability better

b. It would be better for the Vice President to have this power

6. Motion for Senators to choose chairs

a. Voting

i. 7/23 - yes

ii. 16/23 - no

1. Motion did not pass

x. Constitution Consent Agenda

1. Motion to approve consent agenda

a. Voting

i. 22/23 - yes

ii. 1/23

1. Motion was passed

b. **Community Service Committee - Nathalie Jacome**

i. Planning on working at the Ronald Mcdonlad house in March

1. Cooking food

c. **Finance Committee - Marisol Garcia-Pineda**

- i. Planning to send form out soon
 - ii. Collin Emde will join this committee
- d. **Public Relations Committee - Caroline Bridges**
 - i. Working on explaining what SA and Senate does
- e. **Safety Committee - Priscille Mikala**
 - i. No updates
 - 1. Will be meeting soon
- f. **Scholarship Committee - Josh Nerona**
 - i. Has spoken with recipients
 - ii. Will speak with Fiance
- g. **Social Committee - Isabel Genovez**
 - i. Senate Surprise next Friday
 - ii. Form for time slots will be sent
 - iii. Still deciding what will be given out

D. VOTING

- a. **Cultural Liaison**
 - i. Proposal to terminate Cultural Liaison position and spread out responsibilities to other SA officers
 - ii. Discussion/Questions
 - 1. Important to keep position because SA may need it in the future
 - a. It's important to have a cultural connection
 - b. More potential/power can be given to position
 - c. International students appreciate what the Cultural Liaison does
 - i. Could work with the international department
 - d. Could use fund for Cultural Club leaders
 - e. As a diverse university we should keep this position

2. Last year's Senate already discussed and has come back to the same place
 3. Do you think the problem is the person because they are not qualified
 - a. All students were qualified
 4. What would happen if Alexis is not there
 - a. It would go through the hierarchy
 5. Position was added 5 years ago
 6. The position became an experiment, and it has been determined that this position was not a significant contribution to the clubs over the past 3 years
 7. Still Senate persisted to keep this position as of last year
 8. After a year of the cultural liaison being more actively involved, it still has not delivered a significant contribution
 9. It might look bad to remove this position, but instead of removing the position, perhaps the funds of this position can go directly to pay their club officers
 - a. Motion to remove the Cultural Liaison position
 - i. Voting
 1. 22/23 - yes
 2. 1/23 - no
 - a. Motion was passed
- iii. Needs to be a motion to extend time for meeting
 1. Motion to extend time by 15 minutes
 - a. Second
 - i. Voting
 1. 16/23 - yes
 2. 8/23 - no
 - a. 15 minutes added

E. RESIDENTIAL PARKING PRESENTATION - John Hargy

- a. RA in Upper State side residential parking came to John with concern
 - i. Community members take parking spots once bio trails parking lot is taken
 - 1. Student will then take other parking spots
 - ii. Stateside residential was a guest lodging place
 - 1. Remove the “Guest Service and Lodging” and add Residential sign as well as a designated parking sign
 - iii. Discussion/questions
 - 1. How will this be enforced
 - a. Campus Safety can put flyers and can boot the car
 - 2. Does Senate have the power to do this?
 - a. This is a proposal for Administration
 - 3. Can’t students park behind?
 - a. We want to prioritize our students
 - 4. Many students do not have a place to park
 - iv. Senate will be voting next meeting

F. FIREPIT PRESENTATION - Collin Edme

- a. Gas fire pits
 - i. 30 minute time limit
- b. Most likely option is in front of student center for future growth
- c. Has spoken with Plant Services
 - i. Will need more research
- d. This project will be passed on to Alfredo
- e. Questions/discussion
 - i. How much does this project cost?
 - 1. About \$6,000
 - a. Depending on the location
 - ii. Who would do maintenance?

1. Departments that are closer and Campus Safety
- iii. Will this be only for students?
 1. Anyone from our community can use them

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. SA Convocation - **2/13**
- b. SA Mental Health Booth - **2/14**
 - i. Flowers on the Promenade
- c. SA Convocation - **2/20**
 - i. Election Speeches
- d. SA Cabinet Applications Open - **2/21**
- e. Senate Surprise Day - **2/21**
- f. BCU Cultural Night - **2/22**
- g. SA Talent Show Auditions - **2/25**
- h. Next Senate Meeting - **2/26**
- i. Futsal or Pickleball survey