



Senate Minutes

April 9, 2025

A. WELCOME - Alfredo Trevedan

B. WORSHIP - Alfredo Trevedan

- a. Process of wintering - going through a difficult time. Alfredo was going through a difficult time during an internship, but realized that it's important to make sure we have the time to prioritize things that matter so that you can give it your all. Remember that after the tough time of winter and grieving, there will be spring and things will get better.
- b. Ecclesiastes 2:17 → there's a time for everything. For healing and mourning, but a season to reap what you sow. Better things will come, take your time.

C. SENATE BUDGET PROPOSAL - Jaziel Soto

- a. Budget proposal for the following school year
- b. Budget overview
 - i. SA's budget is directly connected to how many students attend Southern
 - ii. \$153 per student enrolled is contributed to SA funds
 - 1. 2500 students (2025-26)
 - iii. Other Revenues - \$16,200
 - iv. Total Revenue - \$398,700
 - v. Total Operating Expenses - \$398,700
- c. Budget allocation
 - i. Salaries - \$62,150
 - ii. Executive (President) - \$74,948
 - iii. Office (Misc) - \$2,593
 - iv. Total - \$139,691
- d. Earnings of
 - i. President - \$7,080

- ii. EVP - \$5830
 - iii. Social VP - \$5830
 - iv. Finance VP - \$4510
 - v. Secretary - \$4100
 - vi. PARliamentarian - \$2600
 - vii. Assistance finance director - \$2000
 - viii. Communications and marketing - \$4,100 (\$8200)
 - ix. Senators - \$22,000 (880 per senator)
 - x. Accent editor - \$7,876
 - xi. Memories editor - \$4,411
 - xii. Strawberry fest - \$4,411
- e. Social
 - i. Salaries - \$9811
 - ii. Events - \$46,409
 - iii. IFF - \$12,000
 - iv. Banquet revenue- \$5,000
- f. Senate
 - i. Projects- \$18,000
 - ii. Committees - \$23,870
 - iii. Ignite - \$7,000
 - iv. Mascot - \$4,500
 - v. Others - \$11,351
- g. Communications and marketing
 - i. Equipment - \$500
 - ii. Misc - \$1000
- h. The accent
 - i. Salaries - \$37,416
 - ii. Publication Expenses - \$11,810
 - iii. Office - \$2,579
- i. Memories
 - i. Salaries - \$19,711

- ii. Publication expenses - \$50600
 - iii. Office - \$354
- j. Strawberry fest
 - i. Salaries - \$12,098
 - ii. Production - \$3,700
 - iii. Office - \$2,500

D. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Bylaws Committee - Allen Gutrowsky & John Hargy

- i. No new updates
- ii. But are working on something

b. Community Service Committee - Nathalie Jacome

- i. Had community service at the Ronald McDonald House
- ii. Nice sabbath experience

c. Finance Committee - Marisol Garcia-Pineda

- i. SAU Club Appropriations Recap and Voting
 - 1. Survey
 - a. We sent out a survey to all club presidents/treasurers, consisting of questions aimed at gathering details for the allocation process.
 - b. *Clubs who failed to complete the survey were not eligible to receive senate appropriations.*
 - 2. Information Collected
 - a. Number of members in the clubs
 - b. Events being planned
 - c. Community service events completed and planned
 - d. Rough estimate of event costs and funding requests
 - e. Fundraising events completed and future plans
 - 3. Criteria
 - a. Departmental Status
 - b. Number of Members
 - c. Club Activities
 - d. Community Service Completion
 - e. Account Balance/ Activity
 - f. Recent Fundraising
 - g. Club Minutes (extra \$50)

4. Minor edits were made to the budget since the last time it was presented
5. Club Appropriations:

CLUB APPROPRIATIONS						
Clubs	Number of Members	Community Service	Minutes	New	Previous	
English Club	45	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	< 3	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00	
Pre-Optometry Club	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	< 3	\$ -	\$ -	
Education Club	47	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUFFICIENT	\$ 350.00	\$ 250.00	
RCC- Red Cross Club	30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	< 3	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	
Pre-Med Club	178	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUFFICIENT	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	
Engineering Club	47	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	< 3	\$ 400.00	\$ 450.00	
Psychology Club	72	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUFFICIENT	\$ 350.00	\$ 200.00	
Mathematical Society	18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	< 3	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	
Social Work Club	50-55	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUFFICIENT	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	
Biology Club	45	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUFFICIENT	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	
SCUBA Diving Club	4	NEW	NEW	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	
Latin American Club	263	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUFFICIENT	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	
Adventist Peace Fellowship	50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	
Chemistry Club	80	<input type="checkbox"/>	SUFFICIENT	\$ -	\$ -	
Asian Club	150	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUFFICIENT	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	
Student Ministerial Association (SMA)	130+	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUFFICIENT	\$ 350.00	\$ 750.00	
Computer Club	44	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUFFICIENT	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	
Model United Nations	15-20	NEW	NEW	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	
Toastmasters	10	NEW	NEW	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
Women In STEM	17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
Southern Smiths	13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUFFICIENT	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
Caribbean Heritage Association	49	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	
SAU Society of Physics Students (Physics Club)	45	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUFFICIENT	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	
Business Club	45	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUFFICIENT	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	
Total				\$ 8,000.00		?

6. Qu
 - i. Some clubs are backed by its department, so they gave more money to a club that is not backed up
7. Voting - motion to approve the club appropriations
 - a. In favor- 22
 - b. Opposed - 1
8. The motion was approved

d. Public Relations Committee - Caroline Bridges

- i. Senators will film a video for Southern employee appreciation week
- ii. Video will be presented at Town Hall tomorrow

e. Safety Committee - Priscille Mikala

- i. Met today
- ii. Discussed details about trail rescue vehicle
- iii. Propose to allocate funds to Campus Safety so that they can purchase the rescue vehicle in the fall

f. Scholarship Committee - Josh Nerona

- i. Scholarship grant deadline is in two days
- ii. Ask senators to promote it more in their constituent emails tonight
- iii. 52 applicants
- iv. Next meeting they'll present and vote on the winners of the grant

g. Social Committee - Isabel Genovez

- i. Next senate surprise is in two weeks
- ii. Still brainstorming ideas

E. HALLWAY CHARGERS PROPOSAL - Allen, Christian, Sophia, & Marisol

- a. Want hallway chargers in the biology department

- b. Money is coming from the money that was going to the modern languages department computers. That project is no longer happening because Administration took care of that
 - i. \$1500
- c. Dr. Snyder reached out to Senate to buy more charging stations in the hallway
- d. Why Charging stations?
 - i. Students rely on electronic devices for learning and face difficulties when devices run low on battery.
 - ii. Having accessible charging stations in hallways would be of great convenience.
 - iii. We want to help make students' lives easier and this will improve their day-to-day activities.
- e. Proposed solution
 - i. 4 charging stations from Amazon → \$239.95 each
 - ii. Total estimated cost = \$960
 - iii. Location: Hallways in Hickman
- f. This project is new and isn't fully researched
- g. Questions/comments
 - i. Why are the chargers going to be in the hallway? There are no tables there. Plus, people study in the rooms anyway and they have outlets for chargers. The money should instead go to a new/renovated bathroom
 - ii. People aren't going to trust leaving their devices charging unsupervised in the hallway. Whose responsibility is that? It's a liability
 - iii. What was Dr. Snyder's reasoning?
 - 1. They don't know yet because there's not a lot of information. But they will ask him to better understand the background of this request.
 - iv. Presenters wanted to get the opinion of senators before making a decision
 - v. Which floor would this go on? Because first and third floor of hickman have outlets everywhere and the second floor there's no one there
 - 1. They're not sure; they will check and report next meeting
 - vi. Are amazon chargers the best option?
 - vii. Are the chargers mobile?

F. FUTURE SENATOR WELCOME LETTERS

- a. Senators spent some time during the meeting writing welcome letters to the incoming 2025-2026 Senators
- b. Sharing their experience, advice, and words of wisdom so that they have something to go off of when they start next year

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. SA Smile Initiative - April 11 @12pm (THIS FRIDAY!)
- b. Senate Applications are Re-Opening!