

**Student Government Association**  
**Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**September 1, 2020**

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- I. Call to Order- Blake Moore, Vice President
- II. Roll Call- Alexa Floyd, Secretary
- III. Guest Speakers
  - a. Dr. Damphousse
    - i. Be a face and advocator for COVID safety
    - ii. None of the administration want to transfer to online, but will if the safety of the staff and students are at risk
    - iii. Administration is actively working for students in quarantine (et. food delivery for students in quarantine)
    - iv. There is a dashboard that shows how many students are testing positive on campus
    - v. Promise: “If you have a question, send me an email.”
    - vi. If you are a member of an organization, invite him to spend a few minutes in your meeting for other organizations
  - b. Dr. Speights, NYIT Dean
    - i. COVID-19
      - 1. You are not the first group of students required to wear masks because of the spanish flu
      - 2. It enters body through nose and mouth then migrates to lungs
      - 3. The virus moves which is why some test negative when they are positive
        - a. Can spread to other parts of the body
        - b. Can get into the bloodstream and get transmit to other parts of the body
        - c. Droplet precautions
      - 4. Lives on surfaces
      - 5. It’s a “sneaky virus”
        - a. for the younger population, you can be asymptomatic and spread the virus unknowingly.
      - 6. Highest risk:
        - a. Older generations (65 yrs. or older)
      - 7. Testing
        - a. Nasal swab: PCR test
        - b. Available at the NYIT clinic on campus for free
          - i. No need for health insurance

8. If you are positive
  - a. isolate for 10 days
  - b. Fill out self-report form on A-state website
  - c. Contact tracing
    - i. Ask questions of who you have been in contact with
    - ii. “Were you in contact with a positive covid case at less than 6 ft for more than 15”
9. If exposed
  - a. Self quarantine for 14 days
  - b. Less than 6 feet for 15 minutes is the rule of thumb
10. Herd immunity
  - a. Definition: when groups of people try to get the disease “to get it other with”
  - b. Bad idea for the health and safety of the masses
- ii. NYIT clinic
  1. All board certified NYIT facility
- c. Ryan Baldwin, Vote A-State representative
  - i. Gave brief presentation on voting
  - ii. Went over in person & absentee voting options
  - iii. Young voters are least likely to go to vote
  - iv. Contact info: [ryan.baldwin@smail.astate.edu](mailto:ryan.baldwin@smail.astate.edu), (870)-565-0811

#### IV. Staff Reports

- a. Mary Dunn, Parliamentarian
  - i. I am so glad that we are back!
  - ii. I want to start by saying that it is important to be executing zoom etiquette (ie. cameras on, mics off, well lit and private areas, and phones away from the computer.)
  - iii. This year my plan to teach everyone parliamentary procedure is through virtual games and activities such as kahoot and Jeopardy. If you have any questions or concerns, let me know!
- b. Mikee Olegario, Cultural Diversity Director
  - i. I was invited to the multicultural meeting. We don’t have anything set in stone, but we want to collaborate with a multicultural fair or mixer.
    1. Co-host their international week
- c. Courtney Atkins, Public Relations Director
  - i. We will be using a photo circle to post to instagram.
  - ii. If you are a part of RSO, send me flyers.
  - iii. If you are on a panel, let me know so I can take pictures of you and put you on the instagram.

- d. Alexa Floyd, Secretary
    - i. No report
  - e. Owen Leible, Chief of Staff
    - i. Office hours have been changed due to Covid
    - ii. You cannot come into the office without scheduling a meeting.
    - iii. If you need a meeting contact me
  - f. Blake Moore, Vice President
    - i. How to make a resolution
  - g. Rashad Kirksey, President
    - i. SPC is having a fair on the lawn Tuesday from 6-9 pm
    - ii. SGA will have a booth at SPC's fair and will be sponsoring and giving a gift to the student emergency fund
    - iii. student emergency fund: puts money into a specific pot and students can apply for those funds due to things that may affect their ability to have a higher education (ex. tornado damage ruined your laptop)
    - iv. Please ask us any questions that you may have
  - h. Katey Provence, Advisor
    - i. Thank you for being flexible. We closed the open entry to the office for the sake of trying to limit any extra spreading of the virus.
    - ii. Please schedule a virtual meeting with the staff or me if you have any concerns. We are here to address any concerns you have!
    - iii. If you test positive for Covid please fill out the self report form because that is the way the university can best help you.
- V. Senate Committee Reports
- a. Senator Reed Middleton, Action Fund Committee
    - i. Still hosting action fund hearings in person
    - ii. First hearing is September 22
    - iii. Deadline for application is September 18
- VI. New Business
- a. Samantha Russell sworn in as Graduate Senator
  - b. Alejandra Morales sworn in as Graduate Senator
  - c. Motion to recede the motion to fill all seats before filling Senate appointed positions
    - i. Motion to recede passed
  - d. Senate Appointed Positions:
    - i. President pro temp: Senator Sara Saucedo
    - ii. Campus collab commissioner: Senator Molly Grace Williams
    - iii. Continuation commissioner: Senator Alex Young
    - iv. Excursion chair: Senator Carlee bird
  - e. Committees:

- i. Pet policy revisions
      - 1. Vice President, Blake Moore, sent out a google form for you to fill out regarding whether or not you would like to be on the committee dealing with the pet policy
    - ii. Meal plan revisions
      - 1. Looking at ways to revise meal plan options
- VII. Announcements
  - a. Senator Choi: Please contact me if you're interested in helping international students obtain groceries through less opportunities due to the pandemic.
  - b. Senator Saucedo: Remember you're not allowed to visit any other residence halls.
  - c. Senator Kelly: Please sign up for Up Til Dawn! I sent the QR code in the group me. Up Til Dawn's goal this year is \$100,000. We have a movie night at Gamble's September 10. Let me know if you have any questions.
- VIII. Public Comments
  - a. none
- IX. Adjournment