

**Student Government Association**  
**Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**February 1st, 2022**

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- I. Call to Order- Logan Mitchell, Vice President 5:31
  - II. Roll Call- Casen May, Secretary
  - III. Guest Speakers
    - a. Joy Byrd, BSA President

Today starts Black History Month! We have a whole month of events planned.  
( Below I have added the itinerary found in the News from A-state email)  
-- Panel discussion on Black families and mental health, 6-8 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 3, in Centennial Hall of the Student Union.

-- Screening of “Sankofa,” an Ethiopian-produced film from 1993 about the Atlantic slave trade, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in the Multicultural Center of the Union.

-- Black Student Association will host the “Staff Appreciation Mixer” to recognize minority staff on campus and create an opportunity for staff and students to mingle and network, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, in the Multicultural Center of the Union.

-- The featured Black History Month lecture will be presented by clinical psychologist Dr. Patricia Griffen, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, in Centennial Hall of the Union.

-- The annual Living Legends reception, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, will be in the auditorium of the Student Union. The Living Legend Award highlights former students, staff, faculty and other loyal connections to the A-State community.

-- Every Saturday in February, A-State’s Museum will present [Black History Month STEAM](#) experiences, from 1 until 3 p.m. Admission is free.
- Other student organization-sponsored events on the schedule are:
- Kappa Alpha Psi’s Pretty Wednesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, first floor of Student Union;

-- Kappa Alpha Psi and Delta Sigma Theta couples games social media contest, Jan. 31- Feb. 2, followed by the games at 7:13 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, in the Student Union auditorium;

-- NAACP sponsors No Cap discussion of social injustice, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, in Mockingbird Room of the Union;

-- Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity sponsors Ice Cold Connections speed dating event, 6-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, in the Mockingbird Room;

-- Omega Psi Phi's Roots of Our Culture, 7:11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, in Mockingbird Room;

-- Alpha Kappa Alpha's Soul Food Sunday at 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Pavilion;

-- BSA presents the Black Excellence Showcase, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, in the Student Union auditorium;

-- Phi Beta Sigma's poetry slam, Poetic Justice, 6:14 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, in the Student Union auditorium; and

-- BSA party, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at the Pavilion.

The BHM concluding event will be the Evolve Fashion Show and Talent Showcase from 6 until 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in Centennial Hall of the Union. Evolve highlights Black American culture throughout the ages, through its celebration of art, music and dance. The theme will be love throughout the decades.

For more details about Black History Month at Arkansas State, one may visit the website, [AState.edu/BHM](http://AState.edu/BHM), or contact Multicultural Affairs, Room 3003 of the Reng Student Union, (870) 680-4052 or [AStatemc@AState.edu](mailto:AStatemc@AState.edu).

#### IV. Staff Reports

##### a. Carlee Bird, Parliamentarian

I have had a few different people ask about the difference between amending the Constitution and Bylaws. For the Constitution, any changes will have to be voted on by us and then voted on again by the entire student body during elections. For Bylaws, amendments only need to be passed by us.

##### b. Casen May, Secretary

Attendance reviews will be sent out soon

- c. Maddyson Lamb, Public Relations

Shirts are on the way, Senator Hicks was the winner of the drawing for the gift basket

- d. Asia Hervey, Cultural Diversity Director

No report

- e. Gabriela Huerta, Chief of Staff

Office hours are posted!

- f. Logan Mitchell, Vice President

- g. Ellie Mayberry, President

Senate applications are due March 1<sup>st</sup>! We have had some confusion in the past, so I also want to clarify that even though you are currently on Senate, you do have to apply if you would like to be on SGA again next year. If you know of anyone else who should also apply, please encourage them to do so.

- h. Katey Provence, Advisor

We would love for everyone to run for senate again, make sure you apply for the class you will be in the fall! All info is included in the packets if you need one I can print you one off! Two events are coming up, next Thursday there is a dinner and fundraising rally at the chancellor's house for St. Jude please let me know and I can RSVP for you! I am here to help you in anyway if you or your constituents have concerns within the school I would love to connect you to the people and resources you need! There is also a career leadership conference on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to go, please sign up. The graphic is in the GroupMe.

#### V. Senate Committee Reports

- a. Action Fund Commissioner, Brandon Turnbull

Action fund applications are due Friday at 4pm please submit because the following week will have our one and only action fund meeting of the semester

- b. President Pro Temp, Keyon Atkins

New senators please get with me and join a committee and attend your meetings, also Happy Black History Month!

- c. Campus Collaboration Commissioner, Tyler Hickman

SIA is having a workshop tomorrow in collaboration with H&H, the sweet life of Eta Upsilon they will be selling chocolates for Valentine's Day, this coming Monday there is Sex in the dark where you can anonymously ask questions and be educated on safe sex practices

- d. Continuation Commissioner, Parker Meeks

No report

- e. Excursion Chair, Noah Haynes

If anyone is interested on Excursion committee reach out to me or Parliamentarian Bird

- f. Sustainability Liaison, Sarah Duffy  
President Mayberry and I met with Dr. Bill Smith this afternoon to discuss adding in some recycled tires in working on the expansion of our bike trail. I will have a resolution ready to present at the next meeting, so if you would like to help me on it please reach out! I would love help!
- g. Local Government Representative, Javier Amperez  
No report

VI. New Business

- a. Filling of Sophomore Senator Seat  
Two people rise to fill the seat, Anthony Munashe and Garrett Partain  
Anthony Munashe is your new sophomore Senator
- b. Filling of At-Large Senator Seat  
Two rise to fill the seat, Garrett Partain and Will Silas  
Will Silas is your new At-Large Senator
- c. Initial reading and house proofread of SR 21/22-03

VII. Announcements

Senator Choi – if you have any concerns about your advisor or advising in general contact Choi she is in contact with the Wilson advising center!

VIII. Public Comments

Madam President – We have our Apps & Apps event on February 15, so if you have any friends who are possibly interested in SGA and would like to learn more, encourage them to come. We also have a diversity roundtable scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup>, so if you know of anyone who we need to reach out to, let us know!

Parliamentarian Bird – Please come talk to me or Senator Haynes about being on the excursion program. Super great way to get involved and I am so excited about it!

PR Lamb – Hi guys! If anyone wants to stay after the meeting ends to take a picture with Joy please do so.

Officer Simpson – the perp who stole a vehicle has been apprehended since he is a juvenile his name will stay confidential but there has been a string of arrests in correlation to this on going investigation, good work to the people who have started locking their cars!

IX. Adjournment - 6:26pm