

Student Government Association
Senate Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2020

- I. Call to Order- Blake Moore, Vice President
 - A. Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm
- II. Roll Call- Alexa Floyd, Secretary
- III. Guest Speakers
 - a. Keyon Atkins, Student Activities Board President
 - i. Need help Thursday, October 29th from 8 pm until 12 am with SAB Haunted House. The theme is Phantom of the Opera. 6 people will be able to go through at a time.
 - 1. We will have it in Fowler Center which is a bigger space allowing us to really upgrade it!
 - 2. Rachel Gage will be over it this year.
 - 3. We need volunteers so please let someone on staff know or text or email me if you want to be in the haunted house!
 - 4. We are looking for anybody! Just specify what you want to do whether it be makeup, checking people in, or being an actor.
 - 5. We do ask that you comply with what we ask of you such as wearing masks.
 - 6. It is later this year so that we don't have to worry about quiet hours.
 - 7. I will send graphics to be shared in your group me.
 - 8. Decorating looks different this year. We have scheduled times and we will let you all know as soon as we have the schedule. It will start after 2 pm due to classes and not mixing groups for limiting exposure.
 - 9. If you can only work part of the time that is fine! We want to do shifts this year so people aren't working the entire time!
 - 10. I am open to any questions you have. Just let me know or DM SAB.
- IV. Staff Reports
 - A. Mary Dunn, Parliamentarian
 - a. Played Parliamentary Jeopardy
 - b. Remember if your cameras are not on then you are counted absent because in a regular meeting if we can't see you then you're not there. Also make sure your microphone is muted!
 - B. Alexa Floyd, Secretary
 - a. No report
 - C. Mikee Olegario, Cultural Diversity Director

- a. Thank you for all your help at the Minority Diversity Fair!
- D. Courtney Atkins, Public Relations Director
 - a. The Senator picture make-up date is this Thursday from 11am to 1pm. We will meet again in the SGA office.
 - b. If you have a problem with that text me today.
- E. Owen Leible, Chief of Staff
 - a. If you are a class senator make sure you are setting up meetings with your constituents and letting me know.
- F. Blake Moore, Vice President
 - a. Went over retention of Senator seats under Article 2 of the constitution.
 - b. If you have any questions feel free to reach out.
 - c. The meal plan variety committee has been working on getting together to work on meal plan variety and we hope to meet this week or early next week. If this is something you would like to work on, reach out to me.
- G. Rashad Kirksey, President
 - a. I have been in contact with career services and they are looking for more ways to get students involved.
 - b. If you are a STEM or Agriculture major or have interest in that they are having a career fair tomorrow, October 14, which we posted a video about on our instagram. That is from 10 am to 2pm. You can register for that through handshake and the directions for that are on our instagram page as well.
 - c. Next week there is an all majors career fair so be sure to register for that.
 - d. Early voting starts October 19th. If you have not requested a mail-in ballot I can get you the details regarding that. You have up until November 3rd to vote. I encourage you to vote early. The actual voting day will be very hectic.
 - e. My fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, is having a Breast Cancer Awareness forum this upcoming Thursday which I will send more information about.
 - f. If you are a Senator you know that our meetings are every other Tuesday at 5:30 pm typically for about an hour to an hour and a half. If you know you have an obligation during that time you might want to reconsider being a senator because we need your full attention and participation.
 - g. If you have ideas for resolutions I encourage you to bring them to the staff because there may already be a similar resolution going through the works and we can make sure that there isn't any overlap.
- H. Katey Provence, Advisor
 - a. Class registration is upon us so make sure you talk to your advisor, get your holds cleared, and check your registration date! Let me know if I can help you at all.
 - b. I know we have harped on zoom etiquette but I just want to remind you that there are other people on the zoom besides your peers, for instance the

interim vice chancellor this week and the college deans last meeting. You should be appropriately dressed and be able to listen and actively participate in conversation. Please be professional.

V. Senate Committee Reports

A. Action Fund Commissioner, Reed Middleton

- a. Our next Action Fund Hearing is next Tuesday, October 20 at 4 pm.
- b. The Action Fund Applications are due this Friday, October 16.
- c. Please continue to get the word out about applications and post the graphics.

B. President Pro Tempore, Sara Saucedo

- a. Message me if you have not heard from your committee yet so I can reach out to the committee chair.
- b. Make sure you are attending your meetings and if you can't go let us know so we can get a proxy.
- c. Thank you to our advisor, Katey Provence, who uploaded a list of every senator and what committees they are on so that everyone can know who is sitting on what committee and so we are more transparent with the student body.

C. Campus Collaboration Commissioner, Molly Grace Williams

- a. I sent out a spreadsheet that you can put your involvement in.
- b. I am requiring you to be involved in at least one organization outside of SGA.
- c. If there is anything going on you would like for me to stress to the Senate please let me know.

D. Continuation Commissioner, Alex Young

- a. Make sure that you go to RSO meetings and complete the forms regarding those meetings after that.
- b. The safety walk was started by Senator Meeks last year and he is going to give us more information on that later. It is not required but if you are interested please pay attention to that. It is a great event for SGA to be involved in.

E. Excursion Chair, Carlee Bird

- a. I am in the works of getting something planned but I would love to hear your ideas for small or big trips! I just want to have multiple options to present to the staff.

VI. New Business

A. Filling of Open Senate Seats

1. Sophomore Senator Seat
 - a) Filled by Sara Ledesma

B. SR 20/21-02

VII. Announcements

A. Alexa Floyd, Secretary

1. On October 21st from 10 am to 2 pm Up Til Dawn is having "Spooky

Snacks” on the lawn. They challenge everyone to raise a certain amount of money to “force” a certain person to eat a weird food combination! I, Alexa Floyd (Homecoming Queen), will be there from 1 pm to 2 pm!

2. Up Til Dawn is selling Howl-O-Ween t-shirts and a portion of the proceeds go to St. Jude. Here is the link to purchase them:

<https://www.runningthreads.net/pages/leadership-center-arkansas-state-university>

B. Senator Russell

1. As a part of the International Committee we are trying to brainstorm ideas of what it is going to be because it was not very clearly defined. Does anyone have an idea of what it was in the past or what they think it should be?
2. We also talked about sending out a survey to international students about what they think it should be or how we could help them.
3. Email me if you are interested in discussing this.

VIII. Public Comments

A. Owen Leible, Chief of Staff

1. Saturday, October 24th from 6 pm to 9 pm Cream of the Crop is taking place in the football stadium. This is a philanthropy event put on by Lambda Chi Alpha. Please come out to that! It is \$5 to get in and the proceeds go to the Northeast Arkansas Food bank. \$5 pays for one meal.

B. Senator Meeks

1. We are about to have the campus safety walk that now takes place every semester. We look for things that could improve the safety on campus during this. If you have any ideas of things that could be changed shoot me a message.

C. Senator Saucedo

1. There will be another trash clean up on campus this Saturday at 10:30 am.
2. Senator Izzo and I have planned an international student health insurance forum next Tuesday and Wednesday and we are inviting all international students to attend and voice their concerns in regards to what they do and do not like so we can provide them better health insurance. If you would like to attend and learn more or know someone who would, I will send the information and the flyer in the group me.

D. Senator Kelly

1. Monday, October 19 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Cookies for a Cure will take place. Up Til Dawn is tabling and selling cookies and the proceeds will go directly to St. Jude. This is a great way to serve your constituents by telling them about an organization they can get involved with and they can sign up for the Up Til Dawn finale event.

E. Rashad Kirksey, President

1. If you have any safety concerns I can report them to Officer Simpson.
2. All Senators are required to have a forum for their constituents.
3. Dr. Spack said that if you would like a free flu vaccine you can get that at the Arkansas Department of Health and they don't need to know your insurance or anything like that.

F. Senator Young

1. If you have any questions about the forums or RSO meetings you can DM me on group me or email me.

IX. Adjournment

A. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm