



Student Government Association

Executive Board

Minutes 3-25

- I. Call to Order: 4:57 PM**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Agenda: 1st by AJ, 2nd by Ash**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: 1st by Amelia, 2nd by Ash**
- V. Anisa Kamara, President**
 - A. President Helldobler and Dr. Miki Cammarata**
 - i.** SGA, with the most informed students on campus, are unable to attend important administration meetings/events such as when the President informed faculty of the layoff situation. SGA is not given sufficient time to be informed of major announcements and to relay the information to students.
 - 1.** President Helldobler explained that for the Budget and Enrollment forum is usually held in person where students are able to attend in the library auditorium. This past semester, as it was held virtually, the administration will make sure students can access it through WPCconnect. Why it was closed off recently is unclear but administration is aware that cannot happen again. Once meetings proceed again in person, students are automatically welcomed.
 - a.** For the State of the University addressed, that is usually held for faculty only. Not even professional staff is invited but the President offered to host one for students but E-board suggested maybe only having Academic Affairs attend to be informed of changes for faculty. Helldobler stated he'll invite the E-board and E-board will decide who is attending so at least SGA has a presence there.
 - 2.** There is still confusion regarding the merging of the two colleges. Students have requested a forum to ask more questions regarding the merging.

5. Students want a space at the table when major decisions occur such as faculty layoff. The students want administration to create a list of opportunities for students to be an active member of committees where major university decisions are made.
 - a. Dr. Cammarata is working on a list of already available opportunities for students to be aware of them and her office is looking at other areas where student voices should be heard at.
 - b. E-board recommended in the future, SGA being informed of major decisions before the student body is informed. This way SGA can be prepared for when students have questions or concerns.
 - c. Regarding the faculty layoff, students cannot really have a say in that decision. It's a collective bargain between the administration and the state's union. Faculty were even frustrated because they didn't even have a say in the decision.
 - d. E-board clarified that students are upset about the layoff because a lot of minority students resonate well with the minority faculty and they're worried that the minority faculty are most at risk. Helldobler explained that there is an oversight process where the university cannot layoff a majority of minority faculty members. He is also aware that there is not enough faculty members of colors hired but that is also a national struggle.
6. Thank you President Helldobler and Dr. Cammarata for attending the meeting and having a discussion with the executive board of SGA.
7. E-board discussed hosting a transition meeting between old E-board and newly elected E-board and potentially having 5 meetings with the President a year: 1 during the transition period, 2 in the fall semester and 2 in the spring semester.

B. E-board Check In

- i. AJ checked in with E-board to see how they're doing so far in the semester. Everyone shared their thoughts and feelings.

C. Senator of the Month

- i. E-board voted on Danielle and Shawn for the month of March.

VI. Claudia Morales, VP of JRB

A. Chess Club

- i. James Bally spoke on behalf of the Chess Club for the 2nd round of approval for the club's charter. Claudia motioned to approve Chess club's constitution, 2nd by Ash, approved 6-0-0.

VII. Amelia Medici, VP of PR

A. Elections

- i. Amelia motioned to extend the meeting till 7 PM, 2nd by Nour, 6-0-0.
- ii. The dates are:
 - 1. Nominations: April 2-11
 - 2. Promotions: April 12-22
 - 3. Elections: April 19-22
- iii. E-board discussed the future issue with having 10 senators for AA for 5 colleges, but now with the merging, does the committee still need 10 committees? Makayla will work on an amendment to change the number of senators for the new college to be to 3.

VIII. Makayla Abraham, VP of AA

A. Mix and Mingle recap

- i. The gathering went great. Everyone was content with getting together and having a casual chat. More events like this were recommended.

IX. Aashish Andrew, VP of Allocations

A. Budget Fiscal Year 22

- i. Jaime and Ash present the new SGA budget to E-board. Motion to approve the budget, 1st by Ash, 2nd by Nour, 6-0-0.
- ii. The budget has to be passed by Senate twice and then it's presented at the Auxiliary board meeting.

X. Advisor's Comments: See you tomorrow at 8 AM!

XI. Old Business: N/A

XII. New Business: N/A

XIII. Announcements: N/A

XIV. Adjournment: 6:53 PM