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Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2024

Senate Meeting

1. Call to Order and Order of the Day
2. Pledge
3. Attendance: 23 Senators plus E-Board (Total 29)
4. Advisor Comments – Dr. Hollie
 - a. Introducing April Zannone as our new Administrative Assistant!
5. Executive Reports
 - a. President Nathan Lyons
 - i. Written
 - b. Vice President Uchenna Njoku
 - i. Written
 - c. Speaker of the Senate Emilee Cude
 - i. Written
 - d. Sergeant-At-Arms Ares-Jean Sinibaldi
 - i. Sigma Nu won Tailgate Wars again!
 - ii. The next game is Homecoming! Sign up to help!
 - e. Chief Justice Eli Budde
 - i. None
 - f. Communications Director Abigail Archibald
 - i. ZTA Big Man this Weekend at 3pm
 - ii. Raise your hands high for voting!
 - iii. Handout is from me not E-board
 - iv. All legislation with amendments (friendly or otherwise) needs the updated version to be submitted in Teams by the following Friday at noon!!!
 - v. Send me the transcript if you have written out speeches

Open Forum

1. Guest Speaker: Chief Fields
 - a. UPD transitioned into the UT Police Department System
 - i. Doesn't change services or what they do, they just have more resources now
 - b. Parking will switch to PPD December 1st
 - c. Chief Field has an open door policy – student first policy
 - i. Don't be afraid to come talk to him!
 - d. SGA has a voice on campus. Use it!
 - e. Come with a solution
 - f. Everyone get Rave Guardian
 - g. Chief always tries to establish a relationship with SGA president

- i. The new LED lights around campus were from Safety Walk findings and our concerns

Old Business

- 2. Constitutional Amendment
 - a. Presented by Nathan Lyons this week
 - i. Nathan yields speaking time to AJ
 - b. Carlos Salazar motions for limiting debate time
 - i. Vote: 24-1-0
 - ii. 3 minute time limit imposed
 - c. Speakers For:
 - i. AJ Sinibaldi
 - ii. Claire Westbrook
 - iii. Carlos Salazar
 - d. Speakers Against:
 - i. Abigail Archibald
 - e. Vote Counts – Roll Call with a $\frac{3}{4}$ Majority required to Pass
 - i. 17-4-0 (*N/A indicates absence, not abstention*)
 - ii. Acklin – Yes
 - iii. Barugh – Yes
 - iv. Bonilla – No
 - v. Cervantes – Yes
 - vi. Cook – Yes
 - vii. Crane – N/A
 - viii. Dean – Yes
 - ix. DeLeon – Yes
 - x. Delivia – Yes
 - xi. Fernandez – Yes
 - xii. Gardiner – No
 - xiii. Hutchins – N/A
 - xiv. Marks – Yes
 - xv. Martin-Spillers – Yes
 - xvi. Morales-Ocana – No
 - xvii. Muniz – Yes
 - xviii. Salazar – Yes
 - xix. Smith – Yes
 - xx. Stafford – No
 - xxi. Watkins – N/A
 - xxii. Wells – Yes
 - xxiii. Westbrook – Yes
 - xxiv. Williams, Aurora – Yes
 - xxv. Williams, Jordan – Yes

New Business

- 3. Swear in Deputy Chief Justice – Marin Kumler
 - a. 23-0-0
 - b. Favorite Cereal?

4. Swear in MGC Representative – Nadia Lara
 - a. Not voted on, chosen by MGC
 - b. VP of MGC
 - c. Favorite Cereal? Cinnamon Toast Crunch
5. Swear in Vice Chair for Student Affairs Committee – Uriel Morales-Ocana
 - a. Favorite Cereal? Cheerios
 - b. Favorite Pop Tart Flavor? Oreo
 - c. Intention to promote non-academic achievements from faculty, staff, and students
 - d. We love Uriel
 - e. No vote, already confirmed in Committee
6. Swear in Vacancy Senators (x4)
 - a. Ethio Nas – Off Campus 3
 - i. Senior, Public Health Major
 - ii. Goals: Give back to the campus, increase engagement with the student body, increase transparency
 - iii. Veteran
 - iv. Favorite Cereal? Less sugary, less colorful cereal
 - v. Interested in Student Affairs Committee
 - vi. 23-0-0
 - b. Holli Heim – Off Campus 2
 - i. Agriculture (Pre-vet)
 - ii. Wants to get involved on campus and represent Ag
 - iii. Favorite Cereal? Pops or Honey Smackers
 - iv. 23-0-0
 - c. Virginia Turney – College of Education 2
 - i. Family Consumer Sciences Education
 - ii. Give back to a community
 - iii. Junior
 - iv. Fav Cereal? Honey Nut Cheerios or Lucky Charms
 - v. 23-0-0
 - d. Travis Lester – STEM 2
 - i. Mathematics w/ JacksTeach concentration
 - ii. Senior
 - iii. Bring together all the residents
 - iv. Favorite Cereal? Kix
 - v. Interested in Academic Affairs Committee
 1. More scholarships and graduate research
 - vi. 23-0-0
7. Extend Meeting by 5 min if necessary
 - a. Motioned for by Carlos Salazar
 - b. 21-1-1
 - c. New Ending Time: 7:05 if needed
8. Bill to Allocate Funds for Jacktacular
 - a. Presented by Briley Smith
 - i. Please show up in Costume
 - ii. You get Jackpoints
 - iii. Two Senators have things we can use to help

- b. Vote: 24-0-0
- 9. Bill for Bluebooks and Scantrons
 - a. Presented by Rebekah Cook
 - i. We're getting the big Bluebooks this year!
 - b. Vote: 24-0-0

Announcements

1. Safety Walk is November 12th
 - a. We walk around with Physical Plant and UPD to point out unsafe and/or inaccessible areas on campus
 - b. Link to concern form is in the Linktree so share it!
 - i. Put even the little things
 - ii. Leads to real change
 - c. Put things you want us to check out in there too
 - d. Senators welcome
 - e. Questions? Go to AJ and Uchenna
2. RHA Haunted House Volunteers
3. Election Day Transportation
 - a. Also during Early Voting
 - b. We're providing shuttles for students who are registered to vote to polling locations.
 - c. Nathan will send out more info
4. Come see Uchenna to get set up if you just got sworn in!

Adjournment – 7:01 pm