

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Student Senate Meeting

September 8, 2015

Madison Kahl, Vice President

Diana Howell, Senate Chair

- Call to order at 6:04
- Open Town Hall
 - Tristan Smith gave an update on the Gender Neutral Pronouns resolution. He has decided that they are going to do more research and speak with resources on campus before presenting the resolution.
 - Jenny Shea and Cassie Waters from the United Campus Workers spoke on Governor Bill Haslam's scheme to outsource. Haslam's administration says outsourcing is being used to save money and lower tuition. The money saved from the outsourcing saved enough money for 5 worker's benefits. The quality of services would go down. Tennessee will not set an example for the better. Three companies are bidding for Tennessee jobs. July 1 of next year is the plan to begin outsourcing. Please call Haslam's office or sign the petition. Workers are really appalled and want students to know what is going on and that the students stand with the workers. The name as students is the reason for the outsourcing (in that it lowers tuition). Use the hashtag "Tennessee is not for sale."
- Approval of Minutes
- Officer Reports
 - Will Freeman, President of the Student Body: Introduction to new senators. He was a senator for Ag 2 years ago. The SGA Executive team wants an open relationship. Over the summer the SGA Executive team worked on the Fort Sanders Task Force, the Presidents Round Table, and the SGA Newsletter. The Fort Sanders Task Force is made up of 7 students that assist with safety in the Fort and other issues in the Fort. The President's Round Table is an event during which Presidents talk about issues. Cimino is the next President's Roundtable,

and then Vice-Chancellor Nichols is the one after that. The SGA Newsletter is coming from Greg Butcher and the Communications Committee. It is sent out biweekly and covers topics from parking, meal plans, outsourcing, to gender neutral pronouns. We want to make people feel comfortable reaching out to the SGA. We want to help you all we can.

- Madison Kahl, President of the Senate: The Chancellor's Roundtable Luncheon was today. The Chancellor's Cabinet was there. Some of the topics discussed were administration perception, commuter parking, housing struggles, and outsourcing. Some reminders from the SGA Executive Team: Be on your best behavior. You are a representative of SGA. You may be someone's only representative. We have had issues in the past so we want to start the year off right. There is an All Vol Tailgate this weekend in the green space in front of HSS. It is for anyone and everyone on campus. Everyone can come out and enjoy free food and fun. We will send out a volunteer sign up sheet. The Senate is a part of the volunteer pool for this event. Meet Your Senator Week is next week. The Senate Executive Committee can help with anything you need. The 26th is the SGA Retreat. Senate applications are up. New members and Members at Large will be at the next meeting.
- Mariah Beane, Student Services Director: At this point there are not many updates. Student Services is still working though interest forms. Big Orange Friday is this Friday. It is red, white, and blue themed for 9/11. Make a small donation in support of that day. Government Affairs is having voter registration drives on Constitution Day (9/17) and National Voter Registration Day (9/22). Tree Hargett will be there for National Voter Registration Day.
- Tristan Smith, First-Year Council Chair: No update at this point. There will be a request to replace him soon. FYC interviews are going on right now. They are going through applications.
- Old Business
- New Business:
 - Bill 01-16: A Bill to Recommend the Adoption of Student Senate Bylaw Revisions of Articles I and II

- The Senate Executive Committee has rewritten part of the bylaws to reflect the new Constitution as well as add in the two new Senate Executive Committee members, the Senate Lobbyists.
- The bill was read in its entirety.
- Then we scrolled through the entire PowerPoint with the changes to Articles I and II.
 - Everything in green is staying the same it was just moved to another position.
 - Most of the corrections made were mostly procedural.
 - They were outdated and needed to be fixed.
 - PowerPoint will be sent out.
- Changes: integrate the Judicial Branch, redefining the make up of the Senate by adding the Members-at-Large, Role of Senate Liaison, changed things from two-thirds to a simple majority, cleaning up role of Vice President as President of the Senate, in Constitution said that the President of the Senate appoints the Senate Executive Committee and the old Bylaws said that the Senate elects the Executive Committee, defining the job of the Lobbyist.
 - Friendly Amendment: Article 1, Section 1, e to change it to the Judicial branch instead of impeaching someone in the Senate by the Senate.
 - Article 3, section 1: impeachment of the Senate Executive committee: filed with the Judicial branch by president of the senate and 3 Senators in good standing with the reason as to why he or she should be impeached
 - Absences tend to be the issue. It tends to be awkward and not practical when impeaching Senators in front of the Senate.
- Technical Questions:
 - Motion to end technical questions. It was seconded.
 - Then there was a motion to suspend the rules.

- Motion to end technical questions: failed.
 - Motion to suspend the rules: passed.
- Discussion questions:
 - Point of information: Greg Butcher asked if anyone has read the bylaws.
 - Question: Are these Bylaws pretty much mirroring the Constitution?
 - Answer: What these Bylaws are doing is expanding upon the role of the Senate within the parameters of the Constitution.
 - Will these go into affect next year?
 - Answer: No, after they are passed they will go into affect.
 - Will these Bylaws make everything we have done before this null?
 - Answer: No, every thing that has been passed before had is under the previous Bylaws and is grandfathered in.
 - How many cases of impeachment did you have last year?
 - Answer: 3 or 4 attendance problems, there were not any impeachment based on behavior.
 - Does a motion to end discussion questions mean we move straight into a vote?
 - No, we go into con-pro-con debate.
 - Did you all, to the best of your abilities, make the Bylaws better for Senate?
 - We think we did. We encourage you all to read the Bylaws.
 - Motion to end discussion questions.
 - Passed
 - Motion to table the bill until people can read the Bylaws.
 - Passed

- Leave of absence
 - Morgan Hartgrove: She has a class, and can request a leave of absence. Next semester she can return to her position on the Senate. We will appoint a temporary Senator to fill her spot.
 - Motioned to allow a leave of absence. It was seconded and was approved.

- Announcements:
 - Diana: Thank you for the plans for Meet Your Senator Week. We will put in the funding requests. Thank you to everyone for his or her work. Not every constituency has not sent in their plans. Greg will advertise. We will need your plans by midnight with what supplies you need and your plans. Senate Exec can help you with whatever you need.
 - Morgan Chance: The Baker Center has Constitution Day coming up with many events. There will be a presentation on some death penalty research from this summer in the morning, then a new citizenship luncheon, and at night there will be an interactive citizenship test with a panel of new citizen speakers.
 - Tristan Smith: Spoke about absences for Senators.
 - Greg Butcher: We are taking pictures after the meeting.

- Adjourn: 6:49