



Student Government Association

Brief History

- Founded in 1921 as a Student Council.
- Became the Student Government Association in 1962.
- Serves as the official voice of the Student Body.
- Recommending body through legislation and initiatives.



Structure

- Executive
 - Student Body President
 - Student Body Vice President
 - Senior Class President
 - Chief of Staff
 - Directors of Communications, Finance, and Information Technology
 - Commission Chairs (Elections, Sustainability, and Wyrick)

- Legislative
 - Student Body Vice President
 - Speaker Pro Tempore
 - Secretary of the Senate and Sergeant at Arms
 - Committee Directors
 - Appointed Senators

- Judicial (CJB)
 - Chief Justice
 - Associate Justices



Senator Eligibility

➤ Appointed

- Recognized Organization (2 Senators)

- At-Large

- Graduate students (5)
- Non-traditional students (5)
- Senior students (5)
- Junior students (5)
- Sophomore students (5)
- Freshman students (5)
- General (20)

➤ Academic Requirements

- 2.0 GPA, full-time student



Senator Duties

- Senate Meetings, Tuesdays at 5:30
- Committee Meetings
- Committee Work/Office Hours
- Voting
- Reporting to Constituents



Attendance Policy

- Quorum- A majority (half plus one)
 - This is the number we need to conduct business.
- 3 Absences are allowed
 - Committee meeting (1 absence)
 - Senate meeting (1 absence)



Questions?





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Duties and Powers

- ...shall keep a record of all of its proceedings. Updated copies of all minutes and legislation of the Senate shall be kept on file in the Senate office and on the SGA website.
- ...shall have the power to enact all legislation which is necessary and proper to promote the general welfare of the student body.
- ...shall have the power, in cooperation with the President and the Director of Finance to budget and allocate funds assigned to the Student Government Association and other funds that may come into the treasury of the SGA.



Duties and Powers

- ...shall have the power to approve constitutions of student organizations and amendments to those constitutions by a majority vote.
- ...shall have the power, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Senate seats filled, to call special elections.
- ...reserves the right, with a majority vote of the Senators present, to ask the CJB for an advisory opinion concerning the interpretation of this Constitution.



Senate Meetings

- The Senate meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 in PSU 313.
- Senate is a time for discussing, debating, and voting on resolutions which propose recommendations.
- To ensure efficient meetings, procedures are established



Recognition by the Speaker

- To do business during Senate, you must be recognized by the Speaker of the Senate. Use the following procedure:
 - Raise your placard
 - Member must be recognized by the chair “Senator [Last Name]” or “The Senator from Maroon Madness”
 - Always address the speaker as “Madame Speaker,” “Madame Chair,” or “Madame Vice President”
 - Once recognized, reply with “thank you Madame Speaker”
 - Once recognized, respond with a motion or point



Discussion/Debate Decorum

- Discussion and debate allow for the body to analyze and consider resolutions.
- Always indicate a point once recognized. If during debate, indicate with your thumb whether you are speaking a pro or con on the motion at hand.
- Never directly address another member. This is considered rude. Always direct discussion and debate to the Speaker.
- During debate, speeches must be germane to the motion/topic at hand.
- Refer to each other as “Senator” or “Director” when applicable.
- 5 minute limit during debate (2 cons/pros)



Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Open Forum
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Executive Reports
- V. Committee Reports
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjournment



Call to Order

- Speaker of the Senate opens the Senate meeting.
- Speaker will then proceed through the agenda.
 - Nothing on the agenda is fixed, rather, anything can be moved with a motion and vote



Open Forum

- Any person may request a time to address the body for any given reason.
- Speakers are granted 10 minutes to speak and 5 minutes for Q & A.
- Time can be extended at the discretion of the Speaker or request of the Senate.



Approval of the Minutes

- Record of meeting proceedings taken by the Chief of Staff or Secretary of the Senate.
- Posted on the website and on the Senate Bulletin Board.
- The Speaker will entertain a motion to approve the minutes.



Executive Reports

- Reports from the following:
 - Student Body President
 - Student Body Vice President
 - Speaker Pro Tempore
 - Student Governor
 - Dean Jungers



Cabinet Report

- Members of Cabinet will update the body on their respective areas.
- Reports will not exceed two minutes excluding questions from the body.



Old Business

- Resolutions that were addressed in a previous meeting and have yet to be voted on will be addressed during Old Business.



New Business

- Resolutions are submitted to the body for the first time during New Business.
- Main motions that introduce another resolution not included on the agenda should be presented during New Business.



Announcements

- Anyone recognized by the Chair may make a general announcement
 - Student organization activities
 - Campus speakers, concerts, events
- At the conclusion of Announcements, the Speaker will entertain a motion to adjourn.



Questions?

