

Fifteenth Session of Senate
February 9, 2015
Stern Center Ballroom

I. Call to Order

A. *The Tenth Session of Senate was called to order at 4:32p.m.*

II. Roll Call

A. Absences:

1. Emily Torchiana
2. Senator Dixon

III. Minutes

A. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes by Vice President Faikes

1. Passed

IV. Executive Council Reports

A. President Zach Sturman

1. Presented slide show on TV's for report.
2. Resolution regarding Public Health B.A. and B.S. option to choose graduation ceremony in Spring 2016 has been passed
3. Senator Mordas drafted legislation last semester allowing students to be able to use dining dollars at TD arena
4. The Chairs of Election commission are made up of 2 members of the honor council and 2 members of SGA. Passed around a sheet for individuals who are not planning on re-election next year to potentially sign up for election commission
5. Meeting with Public Safety and sustainability proposed adding an addition bike rack to fit more bike near the business center. Problem is that there isn't just enough bike racks but that there is no separation between commuters and non commuters. There is now discussion about a color coated system.
 - a) Passed around sheet for sign up for this initiative.
 - b) Senator Lindsay- Would there be registration to differentiate the difference between commuters and non commuters?
 - (1) Yes, each would potentially go on a different colored bike rack.
6. The Southern Poverty Law C clarified what had been said at senate regarding kicking out individuals for unprepared language. The President clarified that this was not true and was not something that the club would be putting into practice.
7. Vetoed legislation from last week regarding Hammed Sirleaf. He did not follow the correct procedures after he was granted the money from SGA.

- a) Once you are approved allocations by Senate you are given a letter from allocations secondly approving it. The advisor of Hammed had pre-bought the ticket which goes against the allocation rules of how things work.
8. Sometimes Senate can get a little dull when things just move along and questions are not asked. Don't get set in the motions. Feel free to perk things up with different motions to keep things exciting and interesting.

B. Secretary Emily Torchiana

1. Absent

C. Treasurer Nicholas Catherall

1. Budget workshops start today
 - a) Pass the word onto heads of clubs so that they attend a budget workshop

D. Chief of Staff Jasmine Gil

1. Pay attention and ask good questions today
2. We have several bylaw bills today. One bill will be withdrawn from the docket
3. May have another bylaw meeting in the next couple weeks
4. Attendance: let her know if you are planning to be absent for a senate session

E. Deputy Chief of Staff Kate Glass

1. Sitting in for Secretary Torchiana today to take minutes.
2. Passed out sheet for t-shirt sign up

F. President Pro Tempe West

1. No report

G. Vice President Michael Faikes

1. Within The Special Rules there are several minor areas that need to be edited and corrected, such as typos and simple clarifications.
 - a) Parliamentarian Broda will be representing a bill today to propose these changes.
2. Regarding umbrellas, Brellabox hit a roadblock due to credit card transactions. SGA is purchasing customized umbrellas so that we can prove demand.
3. Hoping to get more printers around campus in the next couple of weeks.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Seeing none, we will now move into unfinished business.

VI. New Business

A. Motion to withdraw SB-26-2016

1. Passed

B. SB-24-2016

1. A bill to allocate \$85 to the student organization, Public Health Society, for the purpose of monthly meetings.
 - a) First Rights
 - (1) We are hoping to have a successful meeting next month with increased attendance. We hope that by providing yogurt parfaits we are able to do that.
 - b) Period of Discussion
 - (1) Chief of Staff Gil- How many people do you expect to attend your meetings?
 - (a) Around 30 people.
 - (2) Chief of Staff Gil- Did you do any fundraising for the meetings?
 - (a) No, but we do have about \$230 from previous fundraising.
 - (3) Senator Mordas- How do you advertise for these meetings?
 - (a) Advertising on Facebook group, email all of the members on their ListServ.
 - (4) Senator Mordas- Do you work with the pre-med/ professional fraternity?
 - (a) No
 - (5) Senator Mordas- Who do you work with when you gather these people?
 - (a) Work with themselves but advisor helps to spread the word as well to increase attendance
 - (6) Senator Godfrey: Why are asking for money when you have \$230 in account?
 - (a) This money is planning to be used for other events.
 - (7) Chief of Staff Gil- What are you doing during the meeting while you eat parfaits?
 - (a) There will be speakers and a discussion following the speakers.
 - (8) Chief of Staff Gil- Are you planning to use the \$230 for another event in the future?
 - (a) Yes, we have other events that we typically do but we are not sure exactly what these funds will go towards yet.
 - (9) Chairperson Or: Are you a registered or sanctioned organization?
 - (a) registered
 - (10) Chairperson Or- Are you going to go to a budget workshop?
 - (a) Yes
 - (11) Director Dempsey: Do you have a budget this year?
 - (a) No
 - c) Passed by unanimous consent by Chief of Staff Gil.

C. SB-25-16

1. A bill to allocate \$360 to the student organization, Geological Society of the College of Charleston, for the purpose of Faculty/Student Bowling.
 - a) First Rights
 - b) Period of Discussion
 - (1) Senator Lindsay- When is the event?
 - (a) It will be on February 26th.
 - (2) Senator Lindsay- Why did you choose a Friday?
 - (a) Friday's are normally a good day to hang out where people don't have anything to do.
 - (3) Senator Stewart: How many professors are you planning to attend?
 - (a) About half of the faculty
 - (4) Senator Moore: How many students are you expecting to have?
 - (a)
 - (5) Senator Mordas- Do you have any other events during the year?
 - (a) Annual Fossil sale
 - c) Motion to pass by unanimous consent by Senator Miller.
 - (1) Passed

D. SB-27-2016

1. A bill to amend Section 900 of the Student Government Association's bylaws setting rules and regulations in place in the instance there is ever the need for a runoff election.
 - a) First Rights
 - (1) Currently there are no rules and/regulations in place in the instance of a runoff election. This happened with President Sturman last year and were given regulations to follow but there are no written rules. Chief of Staff Gil read over the bill and clarified points such as funding allowed in the event of a runoff election.
 - (2) Yielded time to President Sturman- Discussed his story regarding runoff experience. Discussed funding that they had set aside incase a runoff happen, was given limit that were never explicitly defined.
 - b) Period of Discussion
 - (1) Senator Elliot- In current Bylaws there is a 900.005 so what is your plan regarding that?
 - (a) Parliamentarian Broda- Point of Parliamentary Procedure: There may be a more updated version of the bylaws that is not on the website.
 - (b) Director Dempsey- Point of Information: April 2014 but bylaw says from April 2015
2. Motion to pass by unanimous consent by Senator Miller.

a) Passed

E. SB-28-2016

1. A bill to amend Section 1100 of the Student Government's Bylaws proposing a solution on how to handle the instance when there are more applicants than senate seats available.
 - a) First Rights
 - (1) The problem currently is that we don't know what to do when we have more applicants than we do positions for members of SGA. Currently Michael just handles this. The bylaw says that they also have to comply with all of the requires set for senators to complete to be eligible to be a senator.
 - b) Period of Discussion
 - (1) Director Dempsey- Right now in the 100.002 it has an a section, are you going to keep this A section?
 - (a) Yes, we are going to add this section and keep section A as it reads.
2. Motion pass by unanimous consent.

a) Passed

F. SB-29-2016

1. A bill to amend the special rules of the College of Charleston's Student Government Association.
 - a) First Rights
 - (1) The current special rules contains errors in the syntax and in the procedure sections. This bill would fix these errors to promote a more correct and accurate special rules. Reviewed proposed changes on the screens.
 - b) Period of Discussion
 - (1) Motion by Senator Royer to change a misspelling of the word shall.
 - (a) Passed
 - (2) Senator Elliot- President of the senate will recognize the speakers in favor and opposition it is referring to whoever is presiding over the senate.
2. Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - a) Passed.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Allocations- Treasurer Nick Catherall

1. No report

B. Student Organization Review Board- Secretary Emily Torchiana

1. No report

C. Director Burts

1. No report

D. Director Mulvaney

1. Currently working on meal equivalency at Stern
2. Working with Cougar Shuttle, trying to find ways to improve and better the system
3. Committee member Brook Borges is working on an initiative to trying and get better food quality in the dining halls

E. Director Dempsey

1. No report

F. Director Rule

1. Tailgate is a week from this Saturday, please mark your calendars and be sure to attend.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Director Dempsey- Working on building an off campus student housing help source. Asking for off campus housing feedback.
- B. Chief of Staff Gil- So excited and ecstatic that the bills passed. I became Chief of Staff to make changes in the bylaws. Also, for the tailgate you should make sure to attend, it is a mandatory event.
- C. Chairperson Or- The Senator and Chairperson of the Month, are Alexandra Helfgott for Senator of the month and Michaela Rule for Chairperson of the Month.
- D. Liaison Cameron- Blood drive is next Thursday, February 18th in the ballroom. I have sent out a sign up sheet. First 3 times are for tabling (not required) and then other positions are to sign up for volunteering at the blood drive itself.
- E. Deputy Chief of Staff Glass- Please don't forget to give me your \$10 for a t-shirt if you plan on ordering one.

IX. Open Forum

- A. Senator Lindsey- Happy Mardi Gras to everybody. Encouraged everybody to give up something for lent or add something to your life for the 40 day period.
- B. Chief of Staff Gil- Emily, Kate, and I have been asked to be apart of the Elect Her campaign on February 20th. I encourage you all to come and check it out.
- C. Senator Borges- This Sunday her a capella group will be performing on King St. for Second Sunday.
- D. Senator Royer- This Thursday in Cougar Mall Kappa Delta will be giving out treats for Valentines Day.

E. Senator Leopard- HSA will be selling cookies outside of Berry Residence Hall all this week.

X. Adjournment

The Fourteenth Session of Senate was adjourned at 5:34pm.