



Senate Minutes

03/28/2022

- I. Call to Order
 - II. Roll Call
 - A. Exploratory Studies Senator - Katherine Skinner
 - B. Humanities and Social Science Senator - Kyler Harrison
 - C. Athletics Representative - Jonah Babbel
 - D. Housing Representative - Samantha Nielsen
 - E. Veteran Representative - Gabriel Short
 - F. Greek Representative - Patrick Ullrich
 - III. Reports
 - A. Approval of Previous Senate Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Approved Unanimously
 - B. Trula Campus - VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt
 - 1. Coaching is available for all students to help them set goals and approach their life in a more productive way free of charge after they complete a short survey. Peer students are Trula coaches that can be contacted via text, phone, or video. You can use the following QR code to get to the registration page.
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- C. Budget Update - VP of Finance Makayla Brown
 - 1. There is \$7,502.02 remaining in the budget.
- IV. Business
 - A. Public Comment - VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt
 - 1. No comments were made
 - B. Funding Requests - VP of Finance Makayla Brown
 - 1. No requests were made
 - C. S.R. 005 Support of Trula Services and Encouragement to Utilize Them - VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt
 - 1. Reference S.R. 005
 - 2. This resolution was created to support the use of Trula resources through marketing and word of mouth from the senate.
 - 3. VP Croft added that he hopes to support the resolution and create a marketing campaign to increase awareness of the resources available to students.
 - 4. Director Fitzpatrick added that she supports this resource and has more information available upon request.
 - 5. Resolution passes unanimously
 - D. S.B. 017 Informing COEHD Students about Practicum- Education and Human Development Senator Stephanie Shirt
 - 1. Reference S.B. 017
 - 2. This bill will provide funding for posters to inform COEHD students about Practicum. Senator Shirts added that she got feedback from COEHD students.
 - 3. Bill passes unanimously



E. S.B. 018 Support and Funding for Continued Disability Testing - Disability Representative Madison Neugart

1. Reference S.B. 018
2. The funding will be used to supply psychological testing and educational assessments.
3. Senator Francis provided a point of information saying the reason they granted them the total of \$5,000 last year is because they had more than that amount in the budget remaining last year.
4. VP Zufelt asked for a point of clarification about how much the bill is requesting and Rep Neugart said it is requesting \$5,000 but they are flexible in the amount as need may vary but believes that they will utilize all the funding they are granted.
5. Rep. Nguyen suggested modifying the amount to \$3,000 and suggested they attempt to get the amount from a different resource in the future. Rep. Nguyen also added that they should attempt to get funding from a different resource because taking it from the senate budget is not sustainable. Rep. Neugart said they previously had a private donor that they lost funding from and the DRC cannot use their budget for that testing. 18 students have received this testing so far and there are two more in the process of testing.
6. Senator Steele asked about what other projects that are in the works and some senators estimate that there is about \$1000 in the works. VP Brown also added that there are funding requests that could still be made up until April 1st so we may get more requests.
7. Senator Steele motioned to table the bill for now until we have a better understanding of what bills are still in the works.
8. The bill has been tabled for the time being

F. S.B. 019 Scholarship for an incoming student enrolled in the Psy.D. Program - Graduate Senator Lindsay Aleman

1. Reference S.B. 019
2. There will be a \$1000 scholarship awarded to a non-traditional student enrolling in the Doctorate of Psychology program.
3. Senator Mercer asked why it is specifically being awarded to that program and Rep Tippetts added that a majority of the students in the program are non-traditional and with the program just started this should help secure the students.
4. Director Fitzpatrick added that this is a new program and they do not allow students to work a separate job and they will be fully enveloped in the program.
5. Rep. Neugart added that this would greatly benefit students and make it a more desirable program. Especially since these students are beginning the program this scholarship would make it easier to get started.
6. Senator Steele also questioned why these students will work 20 hours a week and receive a \$1000 monthly stipend for their work and also need an additional scholarship on top of all that. Senator Aleman added that the stipend and scholarship are separate and the scholarship will be awarded in two parts in the amount of \$500 in the spring and fall for additional fees like books or other costs.



7. Rep. Neugart added that she is in support of the bill because these students will not be able to work while in the program and will likely require additional funding.
8. VP Brown asked where the funding will be directed to and Senator Aleman added that she is not completely certain where the money will be going, though she believes it will be granted to the department to be used for the scholarship.
9. Senator Mercer added that he believes that this bill should be saved for next year since the funding would not apply to students this year and Senator Aleman added that she wants to support this bill now to support these incoming students.
10. Rep. Neugart added that this is not a significant amount in consideration to the cost of textbooks and with the inflation that is occurring and may affect a student's ability to move here.
11. Senator Smith added that he is in support of this bill because we have spent money in less meaningful ways and believes that we should pass the bill.
12. Bill passes through the Senate.
13. SUUSA Senate Bill #019: Scholarship for an Incoming Student Enrolled in the Psy.D. Program has been Vetoed by Nouman Kante, Student Body President.
 - a) Why Veto?
 - b) After my conversation with Heather Garcia and Jared Tippetts, to further understand the financial needs of the doctoral student for fall 2022, President Kante found that each student will receive a full tuition waiver.
 - c) As the bill indicated, each student will participate in a graduate assistantship by working 20 hours per week with a monthly stipend of \$1,000.
 - d) Inclusivity: Every student in the doctoral program should be allowed to apply for the scholarship, not just non-traditional students. President Kante recognizes that some non-traditional students may have increased financial need. However, all of the Psy.D. students should be allowed to apply, independent of their non-traditional/traditional student status. From there, the scholarship can be awarded based on need.
 - e) As SUUSA, we represent and support all students, and do our best to meet their needs. This bill does not encompass this statement.

G. Close - VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt