



## Senate Minutes

9/28/2021

### I. Call to Order

### II. Roll Call

#### A. The following people were not in attendance

1. VP of Clubs and Organizations - Brock Bleak
1. Business Senator - Colton Smith
2. Science Senator - Dane Steele
3. Athletic Representative - Alexa Lord

### III. New Business

#### A. Progress/Time Remaining Report - VP of Academics Mitch Zufelt

1. 10 weeks/senate meetings left to get a bill passed this semester

#### B. Budget Update proposed by VP of Finance

1. We have spent \$2,475 on club funding requests
2. We have also spent \$196 on posters for the senators

#### C. Student Concerns - Assistant VP for Student Affairs Eric Kirby

1. Dr. Eric Kirby brought the following concerns to the senate during our meeting
  - a) Mental and emotional issues have begun very early on during the semester. COVID has impacted this and we also have a lot of typical first year student issues with both freshmen and sophomores. Students are struggling to find their place on campus. How can the senate help mitigate that? How can faculty better support student mental health needs?
  - b) Undecided fairs would be an opportunity for students to explore career options and what you can do with your major as well as having alumni come talk about what they do now with their degree. Jobs are also a struggle for many students and the job board needs updating i.e. adding digital signage. Bring jobs to students. What can we do to help students post grad?
  - c) Diversity class that could be required or recommended for incoming students or a potential adulting class of some kind that teaches you how to live independently.
  - d) Student leadership council (Made up of student leaders) discusses needs they meet on the first Thursday of every month geo 109.
  - e) There are currently no recycling opportunities in Cedar City so SUU does not currently have any kind of recycling initiative. Could there be a way to add some sort of recycling program?
  - f) Text system could potentially be created to send out to students to find out how they are feeling and if it is not good then they can be sent resources regarding their answers to the questions in the survey to help increase retention.
  - g) Academic side; what professional development does the staff need? What can the faculty senate/staff association do to help us? How can we improve the GE program? Awareness of student resources?
  - h) Utilizing the wellness center for the students who don't have imminent mental issues that need addressing. Get additional support for the wellness center.

#### D. Senate Bill 004 - Newsletters in Bathrooms - Athletic Representative Jonah Babbel

1. Newsletters are going into athletic facilities' restrooms that will hold brief amounts of information regarding athletic accomplishments and the bill would put plastic sleeves in the bathrooms
2. Motion to Pass Bill - Passed with no opposition



**E. Funding Request - VP of Finance Makayla Brown**

1. 1 request from the student organization disabilities resource center for \$162.50 for a movie about a man with tourettes who wants to be a teacher. All students will be welcome to attend the events held by disabilities center from November 8-15
2. Funding request approved unanimously

**F. Public Comment**

1. A comment was made by Madison Holsey
  - a) She was very interested in taking a class that would help with the transition to living as an independent adult.

**IV. Close**