



Senate Minutes

01/31/2022

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

A. Not in attendance

1. VP of Clubs and Organizations - Brock Bleak
2. Exploratory Studies Senator - Katherine Skinner
3. Athletics Representative - Alexa Lord or Jonah Babel
4. Greek Representative - Patrick Ullrich
5. Student Life Enhancement Committee - Cathryn Fitzpatrick

III. Reports

A. Approval of Previous Senate Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes approved unanimously

B. Budget Update - VP of Finance Makayla Brown

1. No budget update

IV. Business

A. Public Comment

1. Public commenter said: Political policies are targeted or broad and this would help broaden the outreach of senate and expand our representation greatly
2. Public commenter said: lowering GPA requirements would allow more people to be represented regardless of their background. She believes this would put us ahead of other universities and help better represent our student population.
3. Public commenter said: that her mental health momentarily affected her gpa but that doesn't define her as a student nor anyone else. One class can put you behind a great deal even if it doesn't really represent how you could benefit the school.
4. Public commenter said: since the pandemic not everyone will have ideal grades and definitely affected their academic performance for a short period of time but believes that this bill would not only provide easier access to him but for other students especially POC and POC have a hard time getting involved since there are so many other barriers in place working against them.
5. Public commenter said: He feels intimidated by involvement since there is that GPA standard and we are losing valuable voices and not helping people grow as students because we are hindering their ability to get involved.

B. Funding Requests - VP of Finance Makayla Brown

1. Latinx requested \$1,454 for skirts and shoes that will be staying with for this year and for future years- passes unanimously
2. Chess club requested \$410 for clocks and chess board that will be staying with the club this year and for future years - passes unanimously
3. Agricultural club will be going to the Houston stock show so they have requested the maximum amount of \$2000 for travel to and from Houston, hotel stay, car travel, and air travel - passes unanimously
4. National are education student association requested \$1349 to help cover group registration, hotel stay for 4 students for five night for total, car travel, and flight to New York from Las Vegas- passes unanimously



**C. S.B. 012 Revision of SUUSA Governing Bylaws - Center for Diversity and Inclusion
Representative David Nguyen**

1. He has adjusted and revised Senate Bill 012 would lower the GPA requirement from a 2.75 to a 2.5 minimum and any student below a 2.75 gpa would be placed on academic probation and would require a grade plan coordinated with the advisors to work on improving.
2. Look to previous meeting minutes for other questions or comments made regarding the bill.
3. Division called but the bill passes with $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.

D. S.B. 013 Humanities and Social Sciences Shark Tank - Humanities and Social Science Senator - Kyler Harrison

1. Refer to S.B. 013 for information about what this bill will be creating.
2. Rep. Short asked if students of the makerspace could request this money or can any students but Senator Harrison clarified that it is only open to HSS students.
3. Senator Harrison also clarified that an online form will be sent out to get the Shark Tank ideas that will be taken into consideration.
4. Senator Steele was curious how the advertising was going to happen for this event and Senator Harrison stated they are planning to put up signs around campus as well as posting about it on the HSS social media.
5. Senator Francis asked to change to language in the bill to state "5000 dollars is allocated to" in place of current language - passes unanimously
6. Senator Mercer was wondering why it is limited to HSS students and if they would consider expanding it campus wide. Senator Harrison said he chose HSS because the major is so broad he was hoping to form a sense of community among HSS students exclusively.
7. Senator Harrison added that we could also create a similar event in the future for the entire college or for each individual college as well.
8. Motion to pass senate bill passes unanimously

E. Close - VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt

1. Motion to adjourn passes unanimously