

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ROADEN UNIVERSITY CENTER
MEETING MINUTES

Voting Members Present			
Sahara Abumariam	Benjamin Ask	Samantha Bugter	Macey Pickle
Taylor Cadenhead	Caleb Cashion	Alannah Davis	Svetlana Earls
Cesar Espinosa	Brynn Hagar	Katie Hall	Mary-Grayson Hamrick
Logan Hester	Seth Jones	Amber Lovell	Katherine Malone
Jessica Massey	Joshua Maupin	Hannah McAllister	Ali Perry
Macey Perry	JD Rankin	Melody Roth	Kayla Sorenson
Aaron Stewart	Mark Stubblefield	Tyce Henderson	Elijah Tidwell
Maggie Tweel	Austin Wattenbarger	Megan Wharton	Catherine White
Maelybeth Young	Anya Wegner	Stephen Johnson	
Voting Members Absent			
Callie Johnson	McKinley Thomas	Aisha Bukhari	
Executive Cabinet Members Present			
Brent Drexler	Dawson Davidson	Claire Myers	Jackson Lelle
Braxton Westbrook	Mariam Abbas	Jacob Cherry	
Executive Cabinet Members Absent			
Addison Dorris			
Others Present			
John Woodard	Susan Lomax	Dean Katie Williams	Jerry Keeton
Jessica Davis	Courtney Brehm	Ryan Griffith	Domenic Mariani
Abigail Goney	Tristian Howard	Emelia Yelencich	

SUMMARY

- i. IT update from John Woodard and Susan Lomax – IT is moving forward and has placed the interest of students first.
- ii. SOA Applications are live for students interested in becoming an orientation assistant for the summer of 2022.
- iii. Installation of Freshman and Transfer Senators
- iv. Senators take the Oath of Office
- v. Unanimous approval of the Executive Cabinet and Supreme Court
- vi. Update from President Lay on Bill S21-005

PROCEEDINGS

Speaker Cannon Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m. A motion was made to approve the agenda. Elijah Tidwell seconded. Motion approved.

John Woodard and Susan Lomax presented an IT Update outlining the new technology that has been implemented on campus. The help desk has a new Walk-Up helpdesk following the hours of the library to better serve students. This fall, a new multi-factor authentication will be implemented through Microsoft authentication. SGA will pilot this program, expected to be implemented in November 2021. New initiatives to inform and educate students on campus through social media promotions and e-learning opportunities.

Senator Espinosa asked how often students will have to log in the multifactor authentication. – Woodard noted every time you log into a device for the day.

Senator Anya suggested updates from IT to be posted on iLearn.

Senator Malone suggested a grade icon to allow students to easily review their current term on grades on Tech Express or iLearn.

Senator Maupin reflected issues with assignment and exam question styles. – Woodard noted the platform of iLearn is under review and feedback will be considered.

Senator Maupin suggested access to Schedule Planner without Alt Pin to plan schedule before registration time.

EJL Braxton Westbrook suggested student organizations have the ability to apply for @tntech email.

Additional feedback to be relayed to John Woodard at makeITbetter@tntech.edu

New Student and Family Programs have begun the application process for SOA's in the summer of 2022. Jessica Davis and Courtney Brehm outlined the qualifications and benefits to becoming an SOA.

<https://www.tntech.edu/nsfp/soa/apply.php>

Treasurer Griffin asked how many hours a week SOA's work. – Courtney Brehm noted 18 hours per SOAR with 11 SOAR events in the summer.

Senator Stephen Johnson asked about student housing for SOA's. Jessica Davis noted student housing was not provided, but there was plenty of options both on campus and off campus during the summer.

Chief Justice Ryan Griffith initiated the Senate for the 2021-2022 academic year.

President Lay put forth his recommendations for the President's Cabinet for the 2021 – 2022 academic year as follows.

Jackson Lelle – Secretary of State
Brent Drexler – Chief of Staff
Mariam Abbas – Secretary for Internal Affairs
Addison Doris - Secretary for External Affairs
Claire Myers – Secretary for Environmental Affairs
Jacob Cherry – Executive Legislative Liaison
Braxton Westbrook – Executive Judicial Liaison
Dawson Davidson – Public Relations Director

A motion was put forth to approve the President’s Cabinet. Elijah Tidwell seconded. The motion was unanimously approved through acclamation of voice. Chief Justice Ryan Griffith administered the Oath of Office.

President Lay put forth his recommendations for the Supreme Court for the 2021 – 2022 academic year as follows.

Sam Oldham – Associate Justice
Tyler Vaughn – Associate Justice
Domenic Mariani – Associate Justice
Abigail Goney – Associate Justice
Tristian Howard – Associate Justice
Emelia Yelencich – Associate Justice
Maggie Partin – Associate Justice

Elijah Tidwell motioned to approve the Supreme Court. Katie Hall seconded. The motion was unanimously approved through acclamation of voice.

Chief Justice Ryan Griffith administered the Oath of Office.

Composite Headshot Photos has been rescheduled for September 20, 2021

Policy Brainstorming session from each college or affiliation that was represented.

Reports from each group on their top two ideas discussed.

College of Engineering given by Senator Ask

1. *Adding contact information to Syllabus for the Dean or Department Chair for students to have if they are having issues with their course.*
2. *Better runoff drainage for campus*

School of Nursing given by Senator Roth

1. *Adding a stress-free day on campus.*
2. *An event for the School of Nursing – Pelotons and Puppies*

Graduate Studies given by Senator Wharton

1. *Implement the “DIBS” service to expand across campus. One platform for all space reservations.*
2. *Addition of a directory/ map to the new Lab Science building.*

Multicultural Affairs given by Senator Espinosa

1. *Increase multicultural events on campus to expand to more cultures*
2. *“Windows of the World”*

College of Interdisciplinary Studies given by Senator Sorenson

1. *Social events to engage cross discipline learning. Show case event for students to outline their work, etc.*
2. *Advisor relations for new students*

Freshman Senate given by Senator Johnson

1. *Adding bike lanes to the Master Plan*
2. *Signs to promote cleaning dryer lent for the Residential Hall laundry rooms*

College of Ag and HEC given by Senator McAllister

1. *Popsicles with the President or Dean, more event ideas*
2. *New ways to diminish the separation of personality types in the School of Agriculture.*

ROTC given by Senator Cadenhead

1. *Need a PTO location on campus, formal contract to use the spaces on campus they are allowed to use.*
2. *Additional information in NSFP and admissions about ROTC.*

RHA and AEC given by Senator Tidwell

1. *Adding Braille to the elevators on campus that currently lack it.*
2. *Mental Health Matter initiative to expand as a campus wide initiative.*

College of Business given by Senator Lovell

1. *Adding an after-hours mail slot to the mail room.*

2. *Adding secluded spaces for breastfeeding and pumping within common university spaces*

College of Education given by Senator Massey

1. *Welcoming food trucks to campus to add additional food options*
2. *Additional signage for restrooms*

Executive Cabinet Reports

Internal Affairs – Mariam Abbas formal appreciation of new ideas being presented.

External Affairs – Absent

Public Relations Director - Directed members to follow SGA Instagram at @tntech_sga. Members are able to gather any photos taken during events and meetings from the Teams General channel

Secretary of State – Voter Registration Drive on September 11, 2021. More information about TISL will be passed along as it is available.

Executive Legislative Advisor – Formal welcome to SGA and introduction to position

Chief of Staff – Serves as Sargant of Arms.

Secretary of Environmental Affairs –

Executive Judicial Liaison –

Executive Council Reports

Secretary – Encouragement to bring laptop and supplemental items to meetings. If there were any issues with your name during attendance, let her know.

Treasurer – Reminder that student organizations can apply for SOLO funding which will be reviewed at the Senate meetings.

Vice President – Formal appreciation for patience during tonight’s meeting.

President – Update from Faculty Senate – Encouraged senate to consider the effects of the new academic calendar and ask fellow students. The academic calendar has been expanded to a 15-week calendar. Faculty Senate asked for voice from SGA. If a member is not yet in the TEAMS channel, notify an executive member.

Update from Bill S21 – 005. Office of the Provost has begun implementing the legislation. It will take time to capture the syllabi and build up enough for the bank to be useful. Expected to be implemented for students in the registration process for the Fall of 2022.

Elijah Tidwell announced upcoming RHA meeting.

Meeting was Adjourned by Speaker Cannon Johnson at 9:37

