

February 21, 2022 | 7:30p.m.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ROADEN UNIVERSITY CENTER

MEETING MINUTES

### PROCEEDINGS

Speaker Cannon Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

A motion was made to add a new business item to ratify the actions taken at last week's meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and approved.

A motion was made to approve the minutes dated February 14<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded and approved.

SOLO Applications were brought forth by Treasurer Savannah Griffin.

Application 1: Computer Science Graduate Club

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 2: Women in Cyber Security

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 3: Society of Women Engineers

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 4: National Society of Black Engineers

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 5: Data Science League

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

Application 6: Cyber Eagles

The application was approved through acclamation of voice.

SGA Standing Committee Reports

Jax Lelle reported from the ITS Search Committee – Tennessee Tech is hiring a new director of ITS. The committee is bringing top candidates to campus for open sessions. These will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, February 25<sup>th</sup>, and March 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:30 am to 11:30 am in Derryberry Hall. If you attend, please fill out the

online survey so the committee can use students' opinions when choosing the position.

Addison Dorris reported from Student Financial Aid Committee – The Presidential Scholars program has been released to admitted students – awarded 183 golden opportunities grants. New freshman are prioritized for scholarships, so those are expected to come at the end of march for Upper Classman. More departmental scholarships this year as they attempt to use untouched funds.

Senator Wharton reported from the Research Advisory Committee – meeting minutes – was absent. Scholastic research award elected a chair, and plan to update the committee procedural changes. Legislative updates from a TN representative.

#### SGA Committee Reports

Constitutional Reform Committee – upcoming plans to alter existing structure of SGA and plans to present them at the next bill cycle.

There was no unfinished business.

Ratify all actions taken at the last senate meeting.

The motion passed unanimously without debate.

#### A Resolution Honoring Tennessee Tech Alumni Blanton Alspaugh

Debate: Senator Tidwell; it is great to honor alumni who go on to do great things and encouraged senate to vote in favor of this bill.

Bill passed unanimously.

#### An Act to Add Additional Hammock Posts Around Campus

Students at our school rely on studying, being busy, and on top of the work, etc. This bill will increase mental health and advocate for better mental health for students by providing a place to relax.

A friendly amendment was put forth to also add post to the backyard.

A friendly amendment was put forth to change the spelling of “polls” in the third whereas clause.

Senator Rankin spoke in huge support of the bill

A friendly amendment was put forth to add the sponsors College of representation to the bill.

Senator Tidwell asked, as an RA, residence halls would be a good place to put these, but which ones do you plan to place them at?

---- starting at the Capital Quad and going to where students want them and where it is needed.

Senator Wharton asked a series of questions - logistically, how will we fund this?

Senator Wattenbarger, yielded to Jax Lelle, funding is not necessary in order for a bill to pass.

Senator Lee, in support of this bill, simple out of 4x4 and eyelets would be very cost efficient. As an RHA senator, greeting campus and love the idea. I would like to see consideration of the placement of the posts to be where Wi-Fi covers.

Senator Massey brought forth a point of privilege, funds are available in the Sustainability department.

Bill passed unanimously

An Act to Encourage Paper Towel Conservation

Debate: Senator Tidwell asked a series of questions; Will SGA be posting the stickers? How many restrooms are there to place stickers in?

The office of sustainability will post stickers. Unsure how many restrooms there are on campus at the moment.

The bill passed unanimously.

Executive Cabinet Reports

External Affairs –Reminder to notify members if you are unable to table at your respective time.

Secretary of State – thank you for the good debate and taking things seriously. If you have speaker recommendations, email or text me those. If you have ideas for things SGA should do, let Jax Lelle know. Voter registration items – end of march and we will need help with that.

Chief of Staff – New eagle points document and eagle points update.

Secretary of Environmental Affairs – Have the shirts from last cleanup. Wings upcycled is WHF 12-3. Clean up March 1.

President – attended Tennessee Round Table with all other exec teams from public universities in the state to discuss diversity and inclusion. The unique differences between univ. Senator retention, collaborate on how to keep senators engaged. The upcoming state legislation – both passed the education committee. House bill 1862 and senate bill 1815. Please look over those. Quite a large piece of legislation that would impact higher education across the state. Critical Race Theory in our K-12 schools, this bill was modeled after that. The house bill at the beginning, obtain a school ACT or SAT score before the student

can enroll. They must take this to be admitted to university and enrolled in courses.

Next week – Sharon from the library. Prep with questions. OER's is a requirement to sign up for three hours.

Meeting was Adjourned by Speaker Cannon Johnson at 9:12