The SGA Senate
Fall 2024 Session

Called to Order at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 26th, 2024,
in the Multipurpose Room
Harrison Simpson – Presiding
Braxton Westbrook – Taking Minutes

I. Pledge of Allegiance
II. Moment of Silence
III. Roll Call
    a. See Table 1
IV. Adoption of the Agenda
    a. Sen. Zak Henson moved that the agenda as presented be adopted, which was seconded. Without objection, the agenda was adopted.
V. Reading and Approval of the Previous Minutes
    a. Sen. Kashaina Nucum moved that the previous meeting's minutes stand approved, which was seconded. Without correction, the previous meeting's minutes were approved.
VI. Guest Speakers
    a. None
VII. Public Comment
    a. None
VIII. S.O.L.O. Applications
    a. None
IX. Reading of Reports
    a. Standing Committees
        i. None
    b. Special Committees
        i. None
    c. University Committees
        i. None
    d. Executive Cabinet
        i. None
    e. Executive Council
        i. Treasurer – Report Received
        ii. Secretary – Report Received

        iii. Vice President – Report Received

        iv. President – Report Received

X.   Unfinished Business and General Orders

    a. None

XI.   New Business

    a. Senate Confirmations

        i. Grady Cox – College of Arts & Sciences

1. Sen. Zak Henson moved that the Senate approve the recommendation of the Commission for Nominations that Grady Cox be appointed as a Senator for the College of Arts & Sciences, which was seconded.
2. Seeing as there was no debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the nominee.
3. The nominee was confirmed with 15 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.

        ii. Sydney Looper & Abby McCulley (College of Education); Cole Strickland (College of Engineering); Kelsey Rainey & Omar Abdelsalam (College of Graduate Studies); Elizabeth Ross (College of Interdisciplinary Studies)

1. Speaker Simpson entertained a motion that the remaining recommendations of the Commission for Nominations concerning Senate seats be considered *en bloc*. Sen. Henson made the aforementioned motion, which was seconded. Without objection, the motion is adopted.
2. Seeing as there was no debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the nominees.
3. The nominees were confirmed with 16 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.

    b. Supreme Court Confirmations

        i. Eli Anderson & Emma Parson (Associate Justice)

1. Speaker Simpson entertained a motion that the recommendations of the Commission for Nominations concerning Supreme Court seats be considered *en bloc*. Sen. Nucum made the aforementioned motion, which was seconded. Without objection, the motion is adopted.
2. Seeing as there was no debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the nominees.
3. The nominees were confirmed with 22 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 1 member abstaining.

    c. Cabinet Confirmations

        i. Amayalei Clark (Secretary of Environment and Health) & Sara Owens – Secretary of Innovation and Technology

1. Speaker Simpson entertained a motion that the recommendations of the Executive Council concerning the nominees for Executive Cabinet be considered *en bloc*. Sen. Rainey made the aforementioned motion, which was seconded. Without objection, the motion is adopted.
2. Seeing as there was no debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the nominees.

3. The nominees were confirmed with 22 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 1 member abstaining.
d. Information Items
  i. Promulgation of Supreme Court Rules for Case Referrals
    1. Associate Chief Justice Montgomery presented the rules adopted by the Supreme Court concerning case referrals as required by the First Judiciary Act of 2024.
e. Other New Business
  i. Adoption of Senate Standing Rules
    1. Speaker Simpson gave opening remarks on the proposed revised Senate Standing Rules. Subsequentially, Speaker Simpson entertained a motion that the Senate adopt the revised standing rules. Sen Henson made the aforementioned motion, which was seconded.
    2. As there was no debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the revised standing rules.
    3. The proposed standing rules passed with 23 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.
  ii. Election of Senate Officers
    1. Speaker Pro Tempore
      a. Speaker Simpson opened the floor for nominations for the office of Speaker Pro Tempore. Subsequently, Sen. Henson nominated Sen. Nucum for the office, which was seconded and accepted.
      b. Seeing as no other nominations were made, Sen. Rainey moved that the Senate elect Sen. Nucum to the office of Speaker Pro Tempore by acclamation, which was seconded.
      c. As there was no debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the nominee for Speaker Pro Tempore.
      d. Sen. Nucum was elected to the office of Speaker Pro Tempore with 23 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.
    2. Chief Clerk
      a. Speaker Simpson opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chief Clerk. Subsequently, Sen. Nucum nominated Sen. Van Tuyl for the office, which was seconded and accepted.
      b. Seeing as no other nominations were made, Sen. McCulley moved that the Senate elect Sen. Van Tuyl to the office of Chief Clerk by acclamation, which was seconded.
      c. As there was no debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the nominee for Chief Clerk.
      d. Sen. Van Tuyl was elected to the office of Chief Clerk with 23 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.
    3. Parliamentarian

a. Speaker Simpson opened the floor for nominations for the office of Parliamentarian. Subsequently, Sen. Looper nominated Sen. McCulley for the office, which was seconded and accepted.

b. Seeing as no other nominations were made, Sen. Casebier moved that the Senate elect Sen. McCulley to the office of Parliamentarian by acclamation, which was seconded.

c. As there was no debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the nominee for Parliamentarian.

d. Sen. McCulley was elected to the office of Parliamentarian with 23 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.

4. Sergeant-at-Arms

    a. Speaker Simpson opened the floor for nominations for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms.

    b. Sen. Gibbs nominated himself for the office, which was seconded and accepted.

    c. Sen Strickland nominated Sen. Henson for the office, which was seconded and accepted.

    d. Seeing as no more nominations were made, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the nominees for Sergeant-at-Arms using approval voting.

    e. Sen. Henson was elected to the office of Sergeant-at-Arms after an instant runoff phase, with 15 members indicating an overall preference for Sen. Henson, 2 members indicating an overall preference for Sen. Gibbs, and 5 members indicating no overall preference.

f. Bills and Resolutions

  i. S.B. F24-005 – S.O.L.O. General Fund Procedures Act

    1. Sen. Henson gave opening remarks on S.B. F24-005. Subsequentially, Sen. Henson moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned bill, which was seconded.

    2. As there was no debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on S.B. F24-005.

    3. The bill passed with 23 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.

g. Committee Breakouts

  i. Academic Affairs and Student Life

    1. The Senate recessed to allow the Academic Affairs and Student Life committees to meet.

  ii. Campus Outreach, S.O.L.O. Funding, and University Infrastructure

    1. The Senate remained in recess to allow the Campus Outreach, S.O.L.O. Funding, and University Infrastructure Committees to meet following the adjournment of the Academic Affairs and Student Life committees.

    2. Subsequently, Speaker Simpson called the Senate back to order.

h. Budget

         i. Treasurer Bare presented the proposed budget for the semester. Subsequently, Sen. McCulley moved that the Senate approve the budget, which was seconded.
        ii. As there was no debate, Speaker Simpson closed debate and moved the chamber into a period of voting on the budget.
      iii. The budget was approved with 23 members voting Aye, 0 members voting No, and 0 members abstaining.

XII. Announcements
    a. Treasurer Bare, Attorney General Tidwell, and Chief of Staff Skelton all made announcements.

XIII. Adjournment
    a. Speaker Simpson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Table 1

Senate Roll

Academic Senators	Freshman Senators	Senators-at-Large	Special Interest Senators	Transfer Senators
Abigail Jo Breeden	*None*	*None*	Aiden Gillis	*None*
Kathryn Dye			Shipra Patel **(N)**	
Autumn Cecil			Terry Gibbs	
Brennan Casebier			Samuel Mast **(N)**	
Carter Kulik			Cole LeSar	
Esma Fidan				
Jimmy Guadalupe				
Hope Boynton **(N)**				
Alanna Van Tuyl				
Joshua Davis				
Kashaina Nucum				
Landon Symes				
Zack Williams				
Zak Henson				
Kalynn Queener **(N)**				
McKenna Stevens				