SGA Senate Meeting # 2

Date: August 24, 2021 | Location: LSC 324

I. **Call to Order at:** 6:06pm
II. **Pledge of Allegiance by:** A volunteer.
III. **Role Call:**
   A. Present: 13
   B. Absent: 9
IV. **Officer Reports:**
   A. Chief of Staff: Went over Blackboard and his progress on the Menstrual Hygiene project.
   B. Treasurer: Voted on the budget and made notice of being able to use money starting September 1, 2021. Purchase requests are available via Blackboard from Sept. 1 - Sept. 6
      1. BAPI ($4,300.00): 13 in favor, passed
      2. Homecoming ($500.00): 13 in favor, passed
      3. Orange Ties ($8,000.00): 13 in favor, passed
      4. University Affairs ($300.00): 13 in favor, passed
      5. Student Affairs ($3,000.00): 13 in favor, passed
      6. Internal Affairs ($50.00): 13 in favor, passed
      7. External Affairs ($500.00): 13 in favor, passed
      8. Public Relations ($2,500.00): 13 in favor, passed
      9. Rules and Regulations ($300.00): 13 in favor, passed
     10. Bearkats United ($1,000.00): 13 in favor, passed
     11. Officers ($7,100.00): 13 in favor, passed
     12. Discretionary ($4,500.00) 13 in favor, passed
     13. Misc. ($3,463.00): 13 in favor, passed
     14. Hygiene ($3,000.00): 13 in favor, passed
   C. Secretary: Absent notices are needed to be emailed. Everyone has access to the Blackboard for SGA, if not let DianaLee know.
   D. Vice President: SGA is moving from Google Drive to OneDrive. There is a sheet to leave a report for IA on Blackboard. Starting to do a monthly department agenda- to know when all the programs are known through SGA and the public.
   E. President: Adjust Homecoming elections- change their election code for a longer campaign time. Discuss about a student complaint the executive board received in ‘New Business.’

V. **Director Reports:**
   A. External Affairs: First meeting for this department is Wednesday August 25, 2021 at 11am via Zoom. Every department meeting will be on Wednesday at 11am via Zoom.
B. University Affairs: Department will meet on Thursdays at 5:30pm via Zoom.
C. Student Affairs: Department will meet on Thursdays at 5:30pm via Zoom.
D. Public Relations: Department will meet on Tuesdays at 5:00pm via Zoom.
E. Rules and Regulations: Meetings will be via Zoom but have not come to a scheduled day or time.
F. Council Director: Making it a priority this year to have seats filled. Wants to create a new freshmen application. Ace wants to create a special committee, discussed in ‘New Business.’ Wanted to make note of these stats,
   1. 120 seats are in the Senate; 109 seats are available as of 08/24/2021.
   2. These are seats open in each college:
      a) Criminal Justice: 14 seats
      b) Arts and Media: 13 seats
      c) Humanities and Social Sciences: 14 seats
      d) Education: 13 seats
      e) Business Administration: 13 seats
      f) Health Sciences: 14 seats
      g) Sciences, Engineering and Technology: 12 seats
      h) Graduate: 15 seats
G. Sergeant at Arms: N/A

VI. Chair Reports:
   A. Graduate: N/A
   B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology: N/A
   C. Humanities and Social Sciences: N/A
   D. Arts and Media: N/A
   E. Education: N/A
   F. Criminal Justice: N/A
   G. Health Sciences: N/A
   H. Business Administration: N/A

VII. New Business:
   A. Soiree with SGA -Monday August 30, 2021 (5pm-7pm) on The Yard.
   B. Motion to Approve Director of Council-Special Committee: 3-5 members, Set from September 1st to May 10th. They will assist in contacts, GPA, budget, social events for senators. Voted yes 13-0 to create the special committee.

VIII. Open Forum:
   A. Student Worker Complaint: Anonymous student sent to SGA about unfair workplaces for student workers present at the University. Voted to discuss anonymously.
      1. Student not having a complaint process or appeal process till after termination/decision
      2. No input from workers with changes/additional job duties
      3. Having to choose between job or opportunities without warning
      4. No one to go to about
      5. Work overtime but not paid over
6. Only are able to do 28 hours
7. Favoritism
8. No ability of defend themselves as student workers
9. Forced to complete paid trainings when not on the payroll
10. Transfer hours and clock only 28 hours
11. Held back from classes-written up and only get 48 hours
12. Students feel replaceable at any time

SGA has decided to move forward with solutions with the following:

- Write legislation
- Discuss with HR
- The Executive Board sits in meetings with departments to discuss these issues.
- Create a student advisory board for these student workers to be represented in the university.

B. Chief of Staff Polk made a motion to have a moment of silence after the pledge of allegiance. Voted 11-1 in favor, passed.

IX. **Announcements:**
    X. Diversity Council has job openings - Treasurer Owens

XI. **Adjourn at:** 7:25pm