

# **Senate Minutes 10/19/2021**

#### I. Call to Order

#### II. Roll Call

# A. The following people were not in attendance

- 1. VP of Clubs and Organizations Brock Bleak
- 2. Science Senator Dane Steele
- 3. Center for Diversity and Inclusion Representative David Nguyen
- 4. Athletics Representative Alexa Lord and Jonah Babbel
- 5. Housing Representative Samantha Nielsen
- 6. Greek Representative Patrick Ullrich

## B. The following people left before voting could commence

- 1. Disability Representative Madison Neugart
- 2. Veteran Representative Gabriel Short

# III. Reports

# A. Approval of Previous Senate Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes approved

# B. Budget Update - VP of Finance Makayla Brown

- 1. The sleeves for the athletics bill have arrived and are ready to be utilized.
- 2. Two wheelchairs have been purchased totaling \$463.
- 3. Tha hats and gloves for senate bill five have been purchased and totaled \$278.33.
- 4. We have \$56,330.50 remaining in the budget and have spent a total of \$3,369.50.

## C. Individual Reports: What People are Working On

- 1. Graduate Senator Lindsay Aleman is working with the health and wellness center on figuring out what things that they need in order to better help students access mental health resources.
- Performing and Visual Arts Senator Zachary Mercer has been working on the art boards
  on campus and with the new building the faculty want to wait before making any
  changes. He is also trying to determine benefits and disadvantages of dry vs wet
  campuses.
- 3. Education and Human Development Senator Stephanie Shirts is working on a digital job board for the student center to make it easier to advertise jobs.
- 4. Health Science Senator Alexandra Holsey is working on getting a printer for the nursing building and a vaccine incentive.
- 5. Engineering and Computational Science Senator Mason Francis is working with administration and faculty to address student concerns about CSIS faculty, as well as updating campus maps, and updating the ELC building.
- 6. Business Senator Colton Smith is working on ensuring diversity of representation in SUUSA by forming some kind of incentive and getting additional positions or scholarships for those positions. He is also planning on helping with getting students registered for the upcoming semester.
- 7. Exploratory Studies Senator Kathryn Skinner is working with other Senators on their bills and her own bill.
- 8. Kyler Harrison is working on a recycling and sustainability initiative getting put into place. He is also presenting a text message survey bill today that will hopefully address concerns about student's mental health.
- 9. International Student Representative Bredecca Anthony is working on helping international students get more involved on campus.



## SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

10. Non-Traditional Representative Dylan Tippetts is working on getting changing tables on campus and short/long term assistance for t-bird bikes and getting a fleet of bikes that will be easier to maintain.

#### IV. Business

# A. Senate Bill 006 Student Resource Text Messages- Humanities and Social Science Senator Kyler Harrison

- 1. There will be a system that will send text messages two to three times a week that reaches out to students to check in. Students are more than welcome to block or mute the messages that are sent out. They will hire two students which will cost around \$2000 for the fall semester. If this is found to have a significant impact then it will be put into place permanently after this semester. They will consider adjusting how frequently they want the messages sent out but plan on starting with two to three times. When these messages are sent out automatically students that need immediate services will be addressed quickly otherwise it will be addressed as soon as the employees are working.
- 2. Motion to pass bill did not happen since we do not have two thirds of our voting body

# A. Group Strategizing: How to Effectively Utilize a Large Budget - VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt

- 1. So far our budget is still very large and what kind of things could we spend a significant amount of money on. The following include potential ideas that senators and representatives have come up with.
  - a) Bird scooters to help relieve the parking issue
  - b) Recycling on campus
  - Marketing outside the student center especially on upper campus with digital signage
  - d) Improving or adding upon recreational activities available on campus
  - e) Bike maintenance stations on upper and lower campus
  - f) Purchase a fleet of bikes for t bird bikes

## B. Public Comment - VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt

- 1. No public comments were made.
- V. Close VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt