



Senate Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 2, 2009
Senate Chambers 6:00 P.M.

- I. Meeting Called to order at 6:01**
- II. Expectations**
 - a. First meeting date:
 - i. Adopt the agenda September 23, 2009
 - b. Dress code:
 - i. Business Casual- Slacks, polo, no need for tie
 - c. Robert Rule:
 - i. Discussed and distributed at later date but needs to be known by senate
 - d. Senate Hours\Weekly Reports\Mandatory events:
 - i. 2 hrs\wk
 - ii. Office hrs 8-5
 - iii. Senators meeting with deans count towards senate hrs
 - e. Exchange Information
 - i. To help the organization run smoother and for better contact between senators
 - f. Mail Box:
 - i. Check your mail boxes at least once a week
 - g. Absence policy:
 - i. All senators **MUST** give 24 hr notice for absence from a meeting
- III. What is senate (leg. Body for Student Government)**
 - a. The Constitution
 - i. Senators are responsible for knowing the constitution and how everything operates
 - b. Senate\ Executive\Judicial By-Laws
 - i. Senators are responsible for knowing by-laws
 - c. Goals (Accountability Board)
 - i. Goals by each senator need to be set by the second committee meeting so they can be put forth to get carried out
 - d. Budget
 - i. \$40,000 (senate)
- IV. Internal Committee Assignments** (senators not required to participate but would be greatly appreciated)
 - a. Internal Affairs:
 - i. Are in charge of in-house meetings\senate hrs
 - ii. Removal goes through the senate then judicial
 - b. Rules & Administration:
 - i. Everything in writing
 - ii. Everyone has a copy
 - c. Finance & Appropriations:
 - i. One ranking senator

- ii. Five co-chairs
 - iii. All money leaving will be voted on
 - d. Student & Auxiliary Services
 - e. Academic Affairs
- V. **External Committee Assignments**
 - a. Panther Empowerment Committee:
 - i. Is a spirit committee
 - ii. In charge of:
 - 1. Pep rally gear
 - 2. Spirit day
 - b. Secret Shoppers:
 - i. Students document problems with PV staff to go on record
 - c. Advertising and Promotional Committee:
 - i. Will have their own budget to promote events on campus wide
 - d. Rock the Vote
 - i. Here to encourage students to come out and vote
 - e. Homecoming Committee
 - i. Works with the faculty homecoming committee
 - f. Political action committee
 - i. In charge of lobbying in Austin

VI. Questions and Comments\Concerns

VII. Announcements:

- a. Pell Grant after the 20th class day
- b. Campus Living:
 - i. Phases becoming stricter on the rules
 - ii. Closing gates September 15
 - iii. No overnight guest
 - iv. No drugs or alcohol
 - v. Have decals
- c. SGA Presents Speak Up or Shut Up:
 - i. Meet the senator
 - ii. Voice your opinion about problems you have with the university
 - iii. In attendance;
 - 1. Senators
 - 2. Financial Aid representative
 - 3. Dr. Wright