

Senate Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday September 24, 2008  
Senate Chambers 6:00 pm

**I. Meeting not called to order**

**II. Training Session**

**A. Senators** introduced themselves, stated their classification and their position in Senate

**B. House of Excellence**

**1. What is SGA?** SGA was created to be a liaison between faculty and students. Kenneth Grimes requested Mr. Ransom (Advisor for SGA) to explain the difference between the E-Board and the Senate.

a. E-Board is allocates money to the Senate; and the Senate is allocated money for student organizations.

SGA assists in leaving a legacy for students to come

b. During the 2007-2008 school year, the Sunset Clause had expired; a referendum was created and passed in order to continue the Athletic Department.

c. The International fee was increased

**2. Parliamentary Procedures**

a. Robert's Rules of Order (How to conduct meetings, make motions, etc.)

b. Why? Focuses on one item at a time

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A discussion was made so that the "Mock Agenda" would be adopted in order to appoint Committee Heads

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- A discussion was made on what "Quorum met" consisted of. Greg Rose needed further clarification and Mr. Ransom clarified.
- Minutes from the previous meeting will be handed out at each meeting
- Role of Members
- Roles of the Secretary
  - Stephanie Guity, Corresponding Secretary
  - Tierra Raven, Secretary to the Vice President
- General Rules

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"Mock Agenda" was adopted

Titus Pierce- Motioned

Erica Nelson- Second

No Unreadiness

Roderick Shavers- made a friendly amendment to remove "Old Business" from the

"Mock Agenda"

24- Favor

0- Oppose

1- Abstention

### **III. Meeting called to order at 6:44 pm**

**A. Prayer by** Johnnie L. Jones III

**B. Minutes from 9/17/08** were not read or approved

**C. Old Business was removed from the Agenda**

**D. New Business**

**1. Committee Reports-** Committee Heads will be ranking Senators

**2. Academic Affairs**

- a. Chris Wesley motioned for Claribel Quiroz to be the Committee Chair
- b. Patrick King- Second
- c. Claribel Quiroz- accepted
- d. No Unreadiness
- e. Consensus

**3. Internal Affairs**

- a. Titus Pierce motioned for Erica Nelson to be the Committee Chair
- b. Brittany Wingate- second
- c. Erica Nelson- accepted
- d. No Unreadiness
- e. Consensus

**4. Finance and Appropriations**

- a. Greg Rose motioned for Darcell Mitchell to be the Committee Chair
- b. Dorian Price- second
- c. Darcell Mitchell- accepted
- d. No Unreadiness
- e. Consensus

**5. Student Services and Auxiliary Services**

- a. Erica Nelson motioned for Tiffany Mims to be the Committee Chair
- b. Aida Fall- second
- c. Tiffany Mims- accepted
- d. No Unreadiness
- e. Consensus

**6. Rules and Administration**

- a. Greg Rose motioned for Chris Wesley to be the Committee Chair
- b. Darcell Mitchell- second
- c. Friendly Amendment by Chris Wesley- Ms. Bryan to take over **if**, she receives a position in the Senate. Mr. Wesley decided not to make the Amendment
- d. Chris Wesley- accepted
- e. No Unreadiness
- f. 25- Favor
- g. 1- Abstention

- Jonathan Vann noted that all Senators for a specific College must join Student Services and Auxiliary Services.
- Erica Nelson stated that those who sign up for committees to please leave, phone number, and email addresses.
- Darcell Mitchell stressed that senators need to join the Finance and Appropriations Committee
- Kenneth Grimes allocated \$1350 to NOMAS (Architecture Organization) because he did not think that the Senate would be running efficiently in time to allocate the money correctly; therefore, he made an executive decision to allocate the money to NOMAS.
- Questions, Comments, and Concerns
  1. Greg Rose stressed to learn by-laws, Finance and Appropriations Committee- please show up because at least 5 people are needed to make decisions
  2. Kenneth Grimes needs Committee Reports 2 times a month
  3. Announcements
    - a. Alena Savoie (Chief Justice) is working on the Judicial Branch, 1 person from the J. B. will sit on each Senate Meeting; therefore, there will be no Parliamentarian.

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Jonathan Vann moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm  
 Latravia Davis- second  
 No Unreadiness  
 Consensus

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- Patrick King- motioned to make Wednesday the official meeting dates  
 Dorian Price- second  
 Chris Wesley- made a friendly amendment to make the meetings at 6:30 pm  
 - accepted by Patrick King  
 All in Favor for Wednesday at 6:30 pm

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Continue with House of Excellence

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**IV. Training Session Continued**

**B. House of Excellence Continued**

3. How to effectively carry out the mission of SGA- Kenneth Grimes could not find the mission statement

**C. How to write a bill**

1. Kenneth Grimes relinquished his seat to Alena Savoie
2. Alena Savoie (Chief of Justice)

- a. Bills can become laws
  - b. Explained how a bill was made for the Athletic Fee for the Sunset Clause
  - c. Gave examples on how to write a bill- include who, what, when, why, and how
  - d. Robert Powell asked if he could be emailed a copy of a template on how to write a bill. Mr. Ransom explained how each “where as” should be used and how they are to explain the issue.
3. Johnny L. Jones III. stepped in at 7:30 pm to explain that he wants everyone to write at least one bill for the 2008-2009 school year.
- \* The floor was turned back to KC at 7:37 pm**

Alena Savoie said that she would show the movie on You Tube, the sound was not working well.

Announcement- “The War on Black Youth: State of Emergency” by Oba Tsare’ Woodyard. New Science Building rm A103

**Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.**