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.

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

• 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

Continue with House of Excellence

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.


Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.