Undergraduate Student Government
Senate Agenda
October 22nd, 2020

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Pledge of Allegiance
IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to call forth E.O. 20-20-21 from Senate Chair Pichette’s inbox for consideration, viewing and distribution.
Seconded
Passes

(Senate Chair Pichette asks if there is any objection to placing the E.O. after the Senate Bill’s on the Agenda. No objection. Continues seeing consent without object.)

(Senate Chair Pichette sends out E.O. 20-20-21 to members)

Motion to adopt the agenda
Second
Passes

V. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes
Seconds
Passes

VI. Open Student Expression

Senator Roberts
    Wish Senator Bouchard a happy birthday
    Remember to vote
Senator Mirelez
    Wish happy birthday to Senator Bouchard
Diversity week next week*
(*November 9-13)

VII. Branch Reports
- Legislative

Senate Chair Jonah Pichette

- Managing the organization's risk; social media.
  - It's very important that everyone watches what is posted on their public profiles (Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, etc...). Not talking about your private story on snapchat, but rather your public story.
  - Do not post illegal activities you are partaking in.
  - Do not post pictures of yourself violating any sort of Federal, State, or local laws / government orders.
    - You’re supposed to represent all the students, how can we represent them in the proper way if we cannot uphold ourselves to be responsible and respectful of everything we should.
  - Similar to that, all of us in this organization are replaceable, and some of the things you do can affect your standing here. However, what is not replaceable are the ideas for which you bring to the branch, organization and on behalf of the students.
  - Do not let a silly mistake prevent you from truly representing all of the students for which you took an oath to do.

- In a similar sense, I would like everyone to close their eyes for a second and humor me.
  - I’d be willing to guess a few of you take some time for daily reflection, to help with mental health, and to help further oneself spiritual growth. How many of you have spent time reflecting on USG?
  - I’d like all of you to think back to your first day in this organization, for some of joining it is your first day. How did you feel? Scared? Nervous? Anxious? Worried?
    - Many of us had those feelings. For me, I was worried, anxious, stressed, and wondering if this was a place that I truly belonged.
  - Now, I’d like you to think back to the first person in the organization who helped make you feel like you mattered. Who gave you the key to unlock the power within, the tools to represent the students, the willpower to overcome the anxiety, or the energy to say “I belong here”?
How many of you have thanked this person who allowed you to grow into the person you are today? Did you ever let them know how impactful they were?

As we move further into the colder months, and wrap up the first full semester under COVID-19, it’s important to share with those around you and those that have helped you get where you are how they have impacted you.

Something as simple as reaching out can make someone’s day.

Over the weekend I encourage you all to reflect further on this topic, and consider reaching out to your mentor in the organization, and consider thanking them for the opportunity to grow that they gave you.

In addition to reflection, I’d like to reflect on a change I made with former Vice-Senate Chair Browning last year. That change was to have every member give their respective committee report standing at the floor of the chamber, addressing the body. Like last year, there’s another change that we need to take place this year.

Due to the circumstances of the virtual world, we have not only had a heavy reliance on virtual meetings, communication, but also a large mix of different platforms used for these various functions.

In order to further the business of the Senate in a productive manner, all committee business must be conducted through their respective channel on the Senate Drive in Microsoft Teams. This includes placing detailed minutes for each meeting there, each agenda for every meeting, attendance records, the committee policy, and also meeting via this provided method.

Some committees have opted to meet through other online meeting platforms before now, however, at this point and moving forward they will need to transition to meet on teams.

It’s simple to do! All you must do is either hit “Meet now” in the top right-hand corner of your teams’ channel, or schedule one for a later date where everyone else can join.

Meeting this way will allow an ease of access for new members, as they will easily be able to find the meeting location, and branch leaders/guests are able to find the location of the meeting if they’re wishing to join as well.

I’ve talked to you all before about utilizing Microsoft Teams. I know the Executive Branch uses it heavily. Show of hands, how many of you have
the app either downloaded on your phone, or check your SA Teams account daily?
  ○ Many people raise hands
● Exciting news for all of the Legislative Branch members though! Grant and I have talked, and we are excited to announce we are going to implement a PBIS system. The purpose of this is to encourage you all to continue to do the great work you’ve done, work to represent the students, and communicate with each other!
  ○ We will be giving weekly Senator of the Week certificates to a Senator we believe has truly embodied the role! This person will be recognized during the weekly Legislative Branch Report.
    ■ First is Senator Shotts
● Finally, in discussion this week, we will be talking about the Legislative Branch Guide and going over it.

● Judicial

  Chief Justice Emily Starkey

  ● Hiring Event
    ○ Tuesday Night
    ○ Next Monday: 10a-1pm
  ● Parking
    ○ Adjudicated 8 appeals!
  ● Retreat
    ○ Next Monday
  ● Secret Santa
    ○ Work with Senator Bouchard

● Executive

  President Kevin Feezel

  ● COVID Random Testing
    ○ Low participation so far
    ○ If you get a notice, please participate
    ○ If you have any ideas to increase participation please let me know
  ● Athletics Working Group
    ○ Focused on what athletics will look like in the future
  ● Diversity Week: Student Panel on Experiences with Race
    ○ November 9-13th
Sponsoring panel
  ■ Talking about what they experienced on campus
  ■ “Authentic Experience”
  ○ Please participate in other events, will count as engagement events
• Dr. Miller @ Senate on November 5th
  ○
  ○ Come prepared with questions

• Directional Leadership Team
  Executive Justice Cecilia Mainzer

  ○ Talked about semester review sessions
  ○ Talked about the question will be asked
    ○ Reflecting on what you did
• Accolades
• Pluses and Deltas
  ○ Pluses: Acting Senate Chair McConnell and Acting Vice Senate Chair Bouchard did a good job last week
  ○ Deltas: Positivity

VIII. Committee Reports

• Student Engagement
  Senator Jacob Stump

  • Senator Stump- contacted the Dean of the WHC about Pecha Kucha ideas for an upcoming event; working on a Senate Resolution in regards to student email privacy; continuing to develop the USG Scavenger Hunt; working with WHC advisors to improve the Honors Research Project process

  • Senator Kasunic- looking for prompt replies from co-sponsors of Senate Resolution 1-20-21; is working on help to fix the advising system within CAS and is looking to set up a meeting with Interim Dean Urgo and Assistant Dean (); looking to do the Taking Care Week online through utilizing the group Active Minds; going to meet with OARS (Office of Academic Retention and Support) and Senator Swanson to discuss scholarship offerings

  • Senator Plaza- had a meeting with the Delta Gamma Sorority to focus on general recruitment for USG; is looking to meet with Lambda Kai next week to discuss recruitment and other points of concern
- Senator Hustak - met with the Aramark Committee on Friday to discuss dining services; working with Senator Pugh about providing a dining services survey within residence life; led a meeting with Senator Kasunic and Dr. Martin to discuss the virtual screening event and is looking to move forward with it within the next month, as well as talking about Kognito

- F.A.S.T. Senator Kayla Bouchard


  - Senator Gruich - Contacted Andrew Henry for a follow-up meeting on the website organization, will get some more info from him to update the page hopefully soon. Hoping to plan something/a project with Senator Pugh. Also meeting with Kenny for mentor meeting.

  - Senator Haberman - Contacted Melinda Grove to confirm that Student Services website is completed and can be turned into a QR code, continued working on library hours, planning on writing a resolution to urge University to extend hours.

  - Senator Pugh - Brainstorming a diversity project (with Senator Gruich), possibly with Grace in the Student Engagement Committee. Possibly with Black Excellence Commission to discuss diversity or (lack of)

  - Senator Roberts - Trying to fill Senator At-Large and Health Profession’s positions by next week so far have one person lined up and am working with Justice Freeman on a Parking project.

- Academics and Finances Senator Benjamin Swanson

  - Senator Mirelez - Still getting in contact with the Office of Accessibility, collecting feedback from Pride in STEM regarding how OA can help facilitate their success as a student org.
• Senator Shotts – First email sent to the academic club regarding outreach, planning on reaching out to other clubs soon after receiving a mailing list from Senator Kasunic.

• Senator Sicurezza - drafted an introductory email to Dr. Zhao regarding communication between the College of Engineering and student body. Helping Senator Williams get comfortable with USG.

• Senator Swanson – set to meet with Director of Applications Systems Muller tomorrow afternoon following an unexpected postponement. Continuing work on legislation to change the name of the committee, and expecting to meet with the Office of Academic and Retention Support alongside Senator Kasunic next week.

• Mental Health Task Force Vice-President Stevie Allen
  • Everyone is working on their own initiatives at the moment. Our main priority at this time is re-implementing Active Minds (a mental health awareness group on campus that is currently dormant) and securing a meeting with the communications department to move forward with the C&TC social media.
  • Still working on reviewing Kognito (a sexual assault and mental health training software for professors and students)

IX. Advisor’s Report
  • Advisor’s Report Advisor Anne Bruno
    • Payroll forms/Hours are to be logged by 11:59pm, for Senators, on Sunday (same time huddles are due)
      ○ Please do your hours on time as I do not have the time to be on for 7 hours logging hours
    • Take in the beauty of campus

X. New Business
  • S.B. 6-20-21 Appointment of Yazmene Hyneman

  • S.B. 7-20-21 Appointment of Paige Vineyard
Senator Kasunic speaks in favor of Paige Vineyard

Motion to dispense the second reading of S.B 6-20-21
Seconded
Passes

Motion to dispense the second reading of S.B. 7-20-21
Seconded
Passes

Motion to blanket vote S.B. 6-20-21 and S.B. 7-20-21
Seconded
Passes

Senate Chair Pichette entertains a motion to temporarily suspend the rules and have an affirmative vote instead of a roll-call vote for S.B. 6-20-21 and S.B. 7-20-21
So Moved
Seconded
Passes

Motion to move the previous question
Seconded
Passes

S.B. 6-20-21 and S.B. 7-20-21 both pass

- E.O. 20-20-21 Appointment of Caliyah Hogan

President Feezel speaks in favor of Caliyah
Senator Roberts speaks in favor of Caliyah

Senate Chair Pichette entertains a motion to move the previous question
So Moved
Seconded
Passes

Senate Chair entertains a motion to temporarily suspend the rules and have an
affirmative vote instead of a roll call vote
So Moved
Seconded
Passes

Senate Chair Pichette entertains a motion to move the previous question
So Moved
Seconded
Passes

E.O.20-20-21 passes

- Swearing In

Chief Justice Starkey swears in Senator Hyneman and Deputy Director Hogan

XI. Adjourn
Senate Chair Pichette entertains a motion to adjourn
So Moved
Seconded
Passes

Roll-Call vote to adjourn

Meeting adjourned

XII. Discussion