SGA Senate Minutes: 10 September 2017

Senator Pandey and Co-Chair Wright are both absent from this meeting.

Hiring of the SGA secretary—needs to be hired. Agendas sent out at 5pm on Thursdays.

Need to select senators to the impeachment and appeals committees. Both class and commons senators can be nominated. Describe both committees via the SGA handbook (VII. Appeals and VII. Impeachment). Senator Gosselin cannot sit on the Appeals Committee because he is already a part of the Student Orgs Committee. There are no exceptions to being part of the impeachment committee.

Senator Andrews (Ross), Senator McCormick (Cook), Senator Aaron (Feb), Senator Goldfield (Sophomore) all self-nominated themselves for the Appeals Committee.
Senator McCormick will sit as chair. All in favor.
Senator Pustejovsky (Senior), Senator Koontz (Brainerd), Senator Gosselin (Atwater) all self-nominated themselves for the Impeachment Committee. Senator Pustejovsky will sit as chair. All in favor.

Announced the appointment of senators to cabinet committees. Senator Pustejovsky (Senior): Institutional Diversity; Senator Mahboob (Senior): Educational Affairs, External Affairs; Senator Pandey (Junior)- Health and Wellness; Senator Warfel (Junior): Social Affairs, Sexual Health and Relationship Respect; Senator Goldfield (Sophomore): Athletic; Senator Vijayakumar (Sophomore): Publicity; Senator Aaron (Feb): External Affairs; Senator Fleischer (Feb): Environmental Affairs.

Elections Council helps to administer the elections and referendums. At least two members of the committee must be Senators. A Senator who is on the Elections Council will not be able to run in the upcoming election. First-Year Elections and Cabinet Committees will both run in the next two weeks. Senator McCormick (Cook) and Senator Andrews (Ross) self-nominated themselves to the elections council. All in favor.

Selection of Speaker of the Senate. Position description: chairs and is a voting member of the Senate. Can be removed by a 2/3 vote. Not a member of the presidential cabinet. Shall resolve all questions of procedure during Senate meetings. The SGA President is allowed to be the first person to have the floor when debate begins.

The Senate uses Robert Rules of Order.
The Speaker does not need to be loud, a returning SGA member, or a senior.
Nominations: Senator Pustejovsky (Senior), self-nominated, Senator Mahboob (Senior), self-nominated, Senator Aaron (Feb), self-nominated, Senator Andrews (Ross), nominated by President Sohn.
Senator Pustejovsky: Honor Code Committee, been involved in SGA for all 4 years, want to help facilitate conversations that are difficult
Senator Mahboob: MUN in high school, was a part of SGA in high school, can bring a fresh perspective to senate, part of cultural groups and involved in food changes, like to stay on agenda and to the point
Senator Aaron: think it is important to move meetings forward to hear everyone and keep meetings on track, important conversations to be had and want to help facilitate them and want to keep agenda going out on time, been a part of SGA on campus since freshman year

Senator Andrews: second year on SGA, part of it last year during some difficult conversations, important that speaker keeps the meetings moving forward but also allow people to talk, can be unbiased and allow both sides to talk proxy speaker of the senate: runner-up on the speaker of the senate vote.

Senator Aaron is Speaker of the Senate and Senator Pustejovksy is the proxy

Re-address the importance of attendance: if cannot attend Sundays 7-9 pm, must find a proxy if you cannot attend, try not to scramble to find someone last minute, 5 chances to use a proxy for senate for your time in your position and 2 absences without proxies, if you arrive 15 minutes after the session, you will be considered absent.

Have legislation drafted before 5pm on Thursdays so that the Speaker of the Senate can send the agenda out at 5 pm.

Announcements: Please reach out to your cabinet directors, Commons Senators should try to reach out to their tri-chairs, spread word about open forum, Tuesday, September 26th luncheon at President Patton’s house for members of the SGA from 12:30-2pm.

Senator Pustejovksy: meeting with Dan Detora—if you have any thoughts or concerns, let senior senators know.

Include meeting and location times in the future, sign as SGA senate and cabinet.

Meeting Adjourned.