General Assembly Meeting Agenda

January 21st, 2020 - 7:00pm
Commonwealth B — Squires Student Center
Roll Call Question: What’s your New Year’s Resolution?

1) Call to Order
   a) Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

2) Roll Call
   a) Quorum met
   b) Attendance: Iiade Adegbulugbe, Jayme Bibbins, Scott Braatz, Michael Byers, Dani Chowen, Kaitlyn Cole, Brogan Dineen, Jonathan Falls, Miles Guth, Megan James, Baasim Kazi, Sanaa Khan, Natalie Koppier, Jacob Labinger, Renan Lopes, Drew Lund, Michael Marinella, Hayden Marrs, Reena Meavarapu, Osadebe Osakwe, Sharan Patnaik, Ester Rivera, Natalie Robertson, Jack Shebat, Will Wallace, Sara Wynkoop, Eric Zirkle
   c) Absent: Conrad Briles, Troy Hoffman, Faris Iqbal, Saachi Khurana, Daniel Moran, Christopher Reutt, Ashley Shebat, Melanie Sherrill, Robbert Siemers, Blake Smith, Walt Tatera, Lucas Tuosto, Peter Woods

3) Adoption of Agenda
   a) Motion to adopt the agenda
   b) Motion passes

4) Reading of Minutes
   a) Motion to adopt the minutes
   b) Motion passes

5) Special Orders
   a) Public Forum
      i) None
      b) SGA Spring 2020- Welcome
         i) Will have meetings to help make SGA less confusing
         ii) 5 min discussion or casual conversation
         iii) Hoping to have group meeting in February – group meetings
         iv) Chair and Vice-Chair can help
6) Officer Reports
   a) President– Adil Sageer
      i) Active minds helping hands award
      ii) New leg members next week
      iii) Pres committee on governance met on Fri, send email if you have ideas
      iv) Search committee for VPSA
      v) Apply for BOV rep, application closes Feb 14th
      vi) Yesterday SaraBeth resigned new chair is Dani Chowden
   b) Vice President– Blake Barnhill
      i) Black out tomorrow against UNC
      ii) Buy shirts
      iii) Working to secure contracts for next year
   c) Chair– Sadie Faith Andersen
      i) If you need to join a new committee let Sadie know ASAP
      ii) Can join committee unofficially
      iii) Talk more to us and people around you
   d) Secretary– Victoria Dashevsky
      i) Many spots open for university governance
      ii) Will send google form for interest in the next 24 hours
      iii) If you need anything for the office, please let me know
   e) Treasurer– Alan Balnour
      i) Not here
   f) Advisors– Scott Nachlis, Gabby Singh
      i) Working hard on renegotiating contracts
      ii) Budget update will happen soon
      iii) SGA has a scholarship, deadline approaching quickly
      (1) Under Student Affairs scholarships
      (2) Who chooses the scholarship?
      (a) Scholarship choosing committee, uses the guidelines
      iv) Identify 2 goals for this semester
      v) Constitution referendums need to be put on ballot, think about this
      (1) Scott available to meet with people

7) University Governance Commission/Committee Reports
a) None

8) SGA Committee Reports
   a) Academic Affairs
      i) Meeting soon with faculty senate members
   b) Campus Development
      i) Tree initiative and more lighting on campus are focuses for this semester
   c) Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility
      i) Will work with feedback already received
      ii) Meeting time might change
   d) Student Health and Wellness
      i) Finalizing suicide prevention legislation

9) Unfinished Business
   a) None

10) New Business
   a) Bill to Increase Allotted Absences for Representatives
      i) Questions
         (1) Why only 19 members
            (a) It was the intention, but only 19 had filled the form
         (2) For all that responded positively, did they say maybe
            (a) Those answers were negated from the sample
         (3) Do you know how many people said maybe
            (a) Just one
         (4) Do you think it should be resent to everyone?
            (a) No because, what is here is statistically significant
         (5) In classes you can usually miss around 3 classes of 8%, you are recommending around 20% of SGA meetings being missed
            (a) This is to help retention of SGA, so that more people can be represented at SGA meetings
         (6) Why was this brought up?
            (a) People had
         (7) Are there problems with appeals process?
            (a) No life gets in the way and people sometimes can’t get excuse
         (8) Have you spoken to judicial branch
            (a) Yes
         (9) How do you see proxy designation playing into this?
(a) It would just be normal

ii) Discussion

(1) Have everyone take the survey
(2) Why can’t we take a poll right now
   (a) We can
(3) Believes that people will be more willing to stay in general assembly meetings if
the meetings are shorter, not based on number of absences
(4) Issue about the question that was asked, the question is not neutrally written. This
is also not written into the bill that is presented
(5) The question seems irrelevant as increasing absences makes in more flexible by
   definition
(6) Suggest redoing the poll
(7) Polls should not be based on intent
(8) Main concern is that it is encouraging people to miss meetings
(9) Doesn’t understand need for poll, as people are here discussing it
(10) It would skew sample to have Judicial or exec bodies representative
(11) Geared towards people who have trouble finding proxies
(12) There is benefit of having a poll, because having evidence and numbers are
   helpful
(13) Second question was determined to be neutral by writer of the bill and poll
(14) Not something that we should be discussing, it should be for the judicial branch
(15) 2 absences have been working why change it now
(16) Has ben able to make it to all meetings and is in other organizations, policy is not
   that strict. Hanging to 3 is unnecessary
(17) 3 looks good on paper when signing up for SGA
(18) Life events occur that can’t be planned for, new members will be more attracted
   to SGA
(19) Technically you can miss all meetings and have a proxy, why need 3 absences if
   there is appeals process and availability of proxies
(20) Proxies are hard to find, and in my appeals process, to my knowledge I was the
   only one that got it appealed
(21) No incentive to get proxies to come, Had talked to Jackson
   (a) Motion to extend by 15 minutes
   (b) Seconded
      (i) Discussion
         1. Would like 5 mins
         2. Changed to 5 mins
      (ii) Vote
1. Extended by 5 min

(22) What are life events, emergencies? This is why there is an appeals process. If it is not an emergency or unexpected you can plan ahead.

(23) University usually gives around 8%, not understand why SGA needs to have so many absences

(24) It was built to be strict; it keeps people engaged. If there were 3 absences then feels as if appeals process would be pointless

(25) It is not intended for people to use all absences

11) Announcements

a) When are new members from last semester getting access to the office?
   i) Will put in anew request, it is up to IT

b) Congrats Dani for new chair role

c) Candidate information session – Jan 23rd

d) If you have issues with proxies, please reach out. People are willing to help. FLEX is a great resource

e) When will budget update occur?
   i) Alan has class during this time, another exec officer will present.

12) Adjournment

a) Motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm

b) Motion passes

c) Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm