General Assembly Meeting Agenda

November 5th 2019 - 7:00pm
Brush Mountain A and B — Squires Student Center
Roll Call Question: What’s your favorite Blacksburg restaurant and why?

1. Call to Order
   a. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

2. Roll Call
   a. 38 in attendance
   b. Quorum met

3. Adoption of Agenda
   a. Motion to adopt Agenda
   b. Motion passes

4. Reading of Minutes
   a. Motion to adopt minutes
   b. Motion passes

5. Special Orders
   a. Public Forum
      i. None
   b. FLEX Progress Report- Will Langan
      i. Program works
         1. Weekly meetings to work on skills/ professional development
         2. Guest speakers
         3. Capstone project
      ii. What has been done
         1. Retreat in September
         2. Mentor program 16 mentors, meet with 2 flexers every week
         3. Twin program – 2 flexers are paired to gather to work with people different than them
      iii. What’s happening now
         1. Mentor meals
            a. Working on training mentors
            b. Leadership and social change model
            c. Shack -a – thon will be optional want them to focus on capstone project. It will show the tangible impacts of FLEX
   iv. Reach out if you want FLEXers to help
Sadie – what is their involvement with SGA
1. FLEXers have to attend at least 3 SGA events, 1 of those has to be a general assembly

6. Officer Reports
   a. Cabinet Report
      i. President – Adil Sageer
         1. Friday morning president’s committee on governance
            a. Send him information if you have it
         2. Student advisory council meeting in Richmond
         3. Student government appointments have been finalized, contact Victoria with questions
      ii. Vice President – Blake Barnhill
          1. If you have gotten budget request form, please fill it out
          2. Sent out email about library working committee, if interested let Blake know
      iii. Chair – Sadie Faith Andersen
           1. College groups are together, reach out to college deans about issues
           2. Town hall proposals, seems like committees are doing them
              a. Makes it easier because everyone has to do it
              b. Please do it by Friday
              c. You can do them individually
           3. We have to be in this room because there was voting happening in usual room
      iv. Secretary – Victoria Dashevsky
          1. Judicial branch working on defining absence on the 6th
          2. No more name tags because budget is getting cut, people will be able to buy them they are $9.95
   v. Treasurer – Alan Balnor
      1. Not here
   vi. Advisor – Gabby Singh
        1. Gabby- people are welcome to talk to advisors they are a resource
        2. Scott – when people are coming to speak please be respectful
           a. When FLEX was presenting there were a lot of phones and computers
        3. Sadie- we don’t bring people here that will waste time

6. University Governance Commission/Committee Reports
   a. University Council –
      i. presentation on risk and how University manages it
      ii. 1st reading on new Arts major – next reading will be in 2 weeks
8. SGA Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs
      i. Sara sent out survey, please do it
      ii. Working on town hall
   b. Campus Development
      i. Talking to Spin Scooters, sending out mass email to advise on safety
      ii. Additional bike parking near NCB
      iii. Working on town halls, need funding for flyers
         1. Stephen - Would like to know where the budget stands for town halls and if he can get the budget cut form
            a. Blake - Alan is currently working on possibly putting a freeze on the budget. Budget will still be accessible, a request will still need to be put in. Budget will most likely be frozen next Wednesday or Thursday
            b. Blake – You (Stephen) are not responsible for a sub portion so you did not get the budget cut form
      2. Sadie - how do people submit budget request
         a. Blake – That’s an Alan question
      3. Adil – The budget will be presented to Leg so that they can vote on it. Academic Affairs chair got the form I can send it to you
      4. Blake – Stephen
     5. SaraBeth- Moves to table conversation to announcements
        a. Seconded
   c. Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility
      i. There will be guest speaker- Hillel on Thurs
      ii. Town hall Nov. 21st 3:30- 4:30 – please come out
      iii. Continuing contacting organizations
      iv. Members of committee stay for 5 minutes after meeting
   d. Student Health and Wellness
      i. Met with Michael Flynn – running mental health awareness campaign
      ii. How to improve mental health
      iii. Hand sanitizer in math empo
      iv. Had big setback in town hall planning

9. Unfinished Business
a. Resolution to Create Moped Parking Space Near Newman Library

1. Questions
   a. Jonathan – do commuter students or graduate students need a parking pass
      i. Stephen – all motorcycles need a pass
   b. Jonathan – will signs need to be changed
      i. Stephen – the parking there only has 2 faculty/staff spots

2. Discussion
   a. SaraBeth- Move to amend VDOT to “Virginia department of transportation”
      i. Motion passes
   b. Jonathan – Brought up questions, because he’s not sure if meters or signs need to be changed. It is something to consider. Doesn’t now how parking passes work
      i. Stephen – motorcycle parking pass allows people to park in designated spots, motorcycles can park in entire parking pass. Legislation written to allow mopeds to park 5 to a spot. The spots were chosen because in the Study cars were not seen often parked there
   c. Caroline – did you talk to parking services about the spots
      i. Not the spots specifically, but they talked about wanting Moped parking. Engles lot has motorcycle parking and they want it to happen in more places. Issue with spot is it only
   d. Brogan – would you need a parking pass
      i. Yes, you would need a pass
   e. SaraBeth – Isn’t Engel lot Graduate/Staff, would they have to change lot to allow students to park there
      i. Stephen – want to work on F/S designation
   f. Jackson – all motorcycle spots accept all pass designations
   g. Caroline – Would legislation be more impactful if location isn’t specified, because there has not been conversation with parking services
      i. Stephen – Legislation is structured to convert a space because it is more feasible, it is against ordinance to make new spots for mopeds. Those places are picked because they are not being utilized and they are the only option in the area. It would take away from legislation if the spots were not included
   h. Natalie – Aren’t library spots metered
      i. Brogan – GLC spots are metered
      ii. Victoria- they are metered and paid until 7
   i. Caroline – understands the legislation, but thinks bill might fail because parking services would have to take away meter or F/S spot
i. Stephen – there is discretion given in therefore statement, possibly going against parking services to benefit students. Hopefully they do it
j. Brogan – it is clearly stated that problem is at Newman, if we take the part about specific spots out. It will give parking services more room to do something
k. SaraBeth – the 2nd circle is not in the right place
l. Sadie – Stephen you have to sit down because we are now in the discussion period
m. SaraBeth – the circle needs to be in the right place because we are presenting to the university. If the spots that are in reference are bookstore then that will not pass
n. Stephen – motion to amend to enlarge second circle to encompass GLC lot
   i. Motion seconded
o. Jonathan – important to see that discretion is given to parking services, not all of these spots will be moped parking
p. Conrad – motion to vote
   i. Motion passes
   ii. Voting on enlarging circle
      1. Motion passes

b. Bill to Amend the By-Laws and Increase Accountability Amongst Committee Membership

1. Jackson - There are no unexcused absences because people have to commit to SGA, think of it as a relationship
2. Clarifying “absences” update
   a. Renan – there are no excused absences, but if we appeal isn’t that just having an excused absence?
      i. If there are multiple “excused” absences, then
   b. Natalie – will there be strict attendance at committee meetings
      i. Jackson – committee meetings attendance is up to Chair of committee
         1. Scott – if we are enforcing attendance, it will have to be taken
   c. Conrad- clarification on what is an absence and taking attendance
   d. Brogan – If I have exams on Tuesday night, by the Dean’s office she should be allowed to miss SGA meetings
      i. Jackson – this is what you can appeal
   e. Blake – Clarifying that the judicial branch is granting a 3rd absence not excusing one
      i. Jackson – the absences can be appealed
   f. Caroline – having a proxy is not an absence, brogan you can have a proxy
   g. Adil – if your absences were avoidable can you appeal it
      i. Jackson – you can appeal all absences
   h. Conrad – you mentioned human aspect, would people have to prove mental health issues
i. Members of judicial branch have a heart and can be human. It is seen that you can’t fulfill your job at all then appeal will not be granted.

i. Will – Why is the number of absences 2, larger number not appropriate
   - Made it consistent to the general assembly meetings

j. Jackson will be clarifying attendance from both GA and committee meetings
   - Scott - why have 2 different definition
     1. Caroline – they are very different meetings and the definitions can be different
     2. Adil – Doesn’t think the intend
   - SaraBeth – motion to move into reading/discussion
     1. Motion passes

3. Questions
   a. None

4. Discussion
   a. SaraBeth- Bill is not to create stricter attendance policy, allows for the ability to remove negligent members. It is committee chairs ability to
   b. Jackson – It will be chairs job to take attendance and notify and Jackson about absences
   c. Jonathan- Point was made that if you show up late then it will be okay, how it is currently written that makes sense. Committee meetings are structured in a way where if you come prepared it is possible to not come to the entire meeting
   d. Reena – motion to amend line 4 change 2 to 3 absences
      i. Seconded
         1. Discussion
          a. Caroline – the time was set aside for members to meet
          b. Stephen – 2 is a good number
          c. Brogan – its not fair to not allow people to be in a committee just because they can make meetings, making it 3 would be helpful
          d. Conrad- committee meetings are held in the day when people are busier
          e. Adil – talked to 2 chairs, and they think that they can choose what to report. How bill is currently written all attendance must be reported
          f. Caroline – it’s not an absence if you have a proxy
          g. Stephen – can’t have proxy in committee meetings
             i. Proxies not in committee meetings because it is an intimate setting, proxies are for GA only
          h. Sara- 3 is reasonable because people are already devoting a lot of time

2. Voting on having 3 absences for committee meetings
   a. Motion passes
   e. Conrad – motion to add section B about committee specific attendance
      i. Seconded
1. Discussion
   a. Jonathan – motion to further amend change committee to standing legislative committee
   b. Caroline - Motion to further amend
      i. Blake – we have to vote on what has been said first. We have to vote on changing title first
      ii. Voting
         1. Motion passes
   c. Caroline – motion to further amend by adding section 2 and 3
      i. Jonathan – not necessary to email SGA email account
      ii. SaraBeth – Moves to amend to say email chair or committee
      iii. Sara - motion to further amend to say “contact chair”
         1. Motion passes
      iv. Voting on adding contact chair
         1. Motion passes
   d. Michael – Motion to amend to add section saying that absence is at the discretion of committee chair – line 5
      i. Scott – giving purview to chairs
      ii. Stephen – further amend – to change it
         1. Sadie – you have to vote it down to change it all
   e. Conrad – Motion to further amend by adding excused absences
      i. Motion is rescinded
   f. Natalie – line 5 is not necessary because we are given 3 absences
   g. Caroline – Line 5 is not needed
   h. Stephen – idea of excused abscess is not good in this case. Line 5 is good because it is not contradicting, and it gives chairs discretion
   i. Jonathan – reporting an absence is different than excusing one
   j. Stephen – put forth a further amendment because the language is wrong
   k. Michael – further amend to change excuse to report
      i. Second
   l. Caroline – where are committee chairs listed in bylaws
      i. Sadie – nowhere else, there are things that are not stated in bylaws
   m. Conrad – motion to further amend to say “record attendance”
n. Jackson – give the judicial branch the ability to do this, they are human
o. Stephen – how does the judicial branch know the attendance
   i. Jackson- has been to meetings, there would be an attendance doc on the SGA leadership drive, and Jackson would get notified.
p. Michael – moves to rescind point 5
2. Voting on section on standing legislative committee
   a. Motion passes
3. Conrad – motion to table bill to next meeting
   a. Seconded
      i. Discussion
         1. Sara – needs to be discussed, it is constantly coming up and people need to be held accountable
         2. Conrad – reason for tabling is because people are tired
         3. Stephen - we should move to vote, there has been ample time
         4. Eric – absence is getting defined tomorrow, so we should table voting
         5. Blake – section 3 defines absence
         6. SaraBeth – Being tired is not a good reason to table a bill
         7. Michael – how can that be done since absence is defined in section 3 for committee meeting
            a. Jackson – absence is defined so it would be precedent
8. Conrad – motion to vote on tabling
   a. Seconded
      i. Voting to table
      ii. Hand count
      iii. Aye- 18
      iv. Nay- 16
      v. Abstention – 1
      vi. Motion passes
   b. SaraBeth – motion to reconsider the vote
      i. Voting to reconsider
      ii. Aye – 14
      iii. Nay – 21
9. Move to remove from getting tabled
10. New Business
   1. None

11. Announcements
   1. Dylan - Sad to not have been here
   2. Victoria – will not be here next week
   3. Stephen - can he make a motion to make next week’s meeting run smoother
      a. Sadie email her about changing agenda
   4. Jackson – office hours Tuesday 10-11 room 232
   5. Motion to adjourn
      a. Seconded
      b. Caroline – encourages to rescind the motion to adjourn
      c. Voting to adjourn
         i. Motion fails
   6. Jonathan – Don’t get frustrated if people are discussing just because you would like to leave early. We are here to represent students, expect long meetings
   7. Blake – There are commitments in place that you have to SGA, how much time do you think students want us to commit to them. If you want to be on library committee let Blake know
   8. Sadie – read legislation before the meeting, come prepared
   9. Dylan – come to office hours
   10. Motion to adjourn

12. Adjournment
   1. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm