General Assembly Meeting Agenda
December 3rd, 2019 - 7:00pm
Commonwealth B — Squires Student Center

Roll Call Question: Which class are you most excited to leave behind when the semester ends?

1. Call to Order
   a. Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

2. Roll Call
   a. Quorum met
   c. Not in attendance: Alexandria Ahwee-Marra, Sara Beth Hollandsworth, Lucas Tuosto, Stephen Webber, Peter Woods,

3. Adoption of Agenda
   a. Motion to adopt the agenda
   b. Motion to amend agenda (happened at same time)
   c. Seconded
   d. Motion to suspend the rules
      i. Why?
      ii. To add bill to define absences
      iii. Would like to see bill to think further on it
      iv. There are only 2 meeting left
      v. Leg has to be sent 48 hours before a meeting
      vi. It is time sensitive, people are affected by policy
      vii. People can amend it if they want to miss more meetings
      viii. People bringing it up are not the ones getting in trouble
        1. Point of order – no one is getting in trouble for being sick
      ix. If you went over allotted absences you would be in body to amend it
      x. If it is an issue, why couldn’t it have been sent 48 hours in advance
xi. It was break and people have lives, and this is the busiest week for most people
xii. Power to amend bylaws is given to judicial branch
xiii. Bill allotted 3 absences and redefines “absence” – as people have come forth with many issues about it and judicial branch has interpreted absence poorly
   1. Judicial branch interprets the governing docs and has SGAs best interest in mind
xiv. We should put more thought in it- should not be rushed. Leg can do this, but we should think about it
xv. Said in bylaws that legislation must be sent 48 before meeting, and if not, the chair has discretion about what to do with legislation. Concept to suspend rules is starting a dangerous precedent.
xvi. Meeting started late because this was being discussed
xvii. Everyone should respect the authority chair has
xviii. Roberts rules does not supersede the agenda its other way around
xix. Reason to not want to put on because only 2 meetings left and hasn’t been reviewed yet
   1. Voting on suspended the rules
      a. Aye – 10
      b. Nay – 29
      c. Abstain - 2

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

5. Special Orders
   a. Public Forum
      i. None
   b. SGA Secret Santa/White Elephant Selections

6. Officer Reports
   a. Cabinet Report
      i. President– Adil Sageer
         1. Will host office hours about residents governance meeting
         2. Hokie effect meetings this week
      ii. Vice President– Blake Barnhill
         1. Doing raffle for a basketball signed by last years team
         2. Basketball shirts- designs finalized will be ordered soon
3. FLEX is first year leadership program and they are encouraged to come to GA meetings
   a. When do shirts get discounted at bookstore
      i. After this weekend’s game
   b. Has position been filled for hokie effect director?
      i. Blake is serving at interim currently, process will be started in the future

iii. Chair—Sadie Faith Andersen
    1. Leg cannot be brought after this meeting
       a. Why?
       b. Because it will have to be continued in January
    2. Last year people did work on it over break

iv. Chief Justice—Jackson Ribler
    1. Election candidate sessions next week

v. Secretary—Victoria Dashevsky
    1. Printer tutorial will be out soon
    2. If you have my calculator please return it

vi. Treasurer—Alan Balnor
    1. Not here

vii. Advisors—Scott Nachlis, Gabby Singh
    1. Stay healthy
    2. Undergrad students want one thing and SGA wants something else, SGA is undergrad students. If these viewpoints don’t align then SGA is not doing its job
    3. Scott is here as a resource

7. University Governance Commission/Committee Reports
   a. University Council
      i. Religious accommodations bill was read for the first time
      ii. 3 new art majors were approved in a second reading
      iii. 1st reading of proposal for school of communications and marketing

8. SGA Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs
      i. Met with Bob Hickok about canvas grading

   b. Campus Development
      i. Working on leg about bike rack
      ii. Led lights

c. Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility
   i. Successful town hall
   ii. At meeting how to take what was learned and turn into
d. Student Health and Wellness
   i. Survey will be sent out
   ii. Emailed about sign on top of Perry Street garage

9. Unfinished Business
   a. Annual Election Code Review (15 min)
   b. Questions
      i. Really likes it, how is egregious and ethical behavior determined
         1. It negatively impacts someone
      ii. Is it case-by-case behavior? Do people have to file claim?
         1. Judicial branch decision and election code decision are different. Judicial
            decides if it breaks the code and recommended sanction is given to the election
            committee
      iii. For the future, will this be clarified in transition docs
           1. Yes, it will. Proactively working on this
      iv. To violate policy does it need to occur during time of elections
          1. Has to happen from when they are a candidate. From info session to inauguration.
      v. In campaigning section C, #12 – why was the number changed from 5 to 2 to take down material
         1. Based on other universities
      vi. Why does one member need to remain in Blacksburg
          1. They have to be here to keep shop
          2. In past has been the President
      vii. Write- In candidates why was 48 hours given as the timeline
           1. Taken from other schools, keeps the candidates serious about being a write-in
           2. Concern is last year elections ended on a Fri
      a. Yes, it will end on Fri again this year
   c. Discussion
      i. Section 9, subsection B – hard to win as write in candidate
      ii. Section 15 – really happy about this language
      iii. Motion to end discussion - rescinded
          1. Second
      iv. Move to change 48 hours to 72 hours
          1. Seems to be confusion in notifying chief justice, it gives people the chance to show interest
          2. Is confused – 48 hours to show interest and 48 hours to get signatures
             a. No, voting period is 48 hours long. Before voting starts must notify chief justice to fill out candidate packet
      v. If someone is written in and haven’t expressed interest to chief justice would they not be considered
1. No, it just helps us be proactive. It has been said by others in past that write ins have unfair advantage
   vi. This states that write-ins just have to show interest, I like how this is worded
   vii. Do you have to show interest before voting begins?
       1. Not necessarily, keep in mind info sessions are in December and Voting begins and then there is the notification deadline
   viii. Concern about needing signatures to run for GA member
   ix. Motion to amend to change to 72 hours
   x. Has run before and getting signatures is not hard
   xi. Write in candidates might not have contact with SGA prior to elections and we should give people time to get signatures
   xii. For context this has been taken from another SGA, makes it more equitable
   xiii. If someone is running as write in how do they know that they need to follow election code
   xiv. If there is a problem about people not knowing about SGA than that is a problem on us.
   xv. Is it possible to see the write-ins during the elections?
       1. Not sure it is possible
   xvi. Voting on changing 48 hours to 72 hours
       1. Aye -28
       2. Nay – 9
       3. Abstain – 4
       4. Motion passes
   xvii. Motion to vote on Bill
       1. Voting on bill
           a. Aye – 36
           b. Abstain - 5

10. New Business
    a. none

11. Announcements
    a. Not sure why candidate info sessions were moved, to get most people to go dates shouldn’t change
       i. Were moved because people were just coming back break
    b. Get word out about elections
    c. Univ governance times do not change next semester, if you cannot do it next semester please let Adil and Victoria know

12. Adjournment
    a. Motion to adjourn at 8:22pm
    b. Seconded