

East Tennessee State University
Student Government Association
February 1st, 2011

Meeting called to order at: 4:02

President Pro Tem Dalton Collins Presiding

Roll Call:

Ahmad, Iqra
Belanger, Alyssa
Billiot, Gabrielle
Burton, DeVan
Clark, Travis
Collins, Dalton
Dunn, Lauren
Fisher, Hannah
Galloway, Summer
Huffines, Matthew
Jarvis, Adam
Keane, Shae
Leftrick, Jared
Minter, Alex
Neblett, Michael
Price, Andy
Reed, Donovan
Sabri, Mo
Thompson, Roger
Turner, Kyle
Walker, Christin
Wolfe, Cheri
Zaveri, Nicki

Members Absent:

Williams, Dustin

Cabinet Present:

Baggett, Jacob
Krause, Johnny
Walden, Zack

Cabinet Absent:

Dransfield, Evin
Highfill, Victoria
Miller, Daniel
Peppers, Nick
Roberts, Emily

Open Forum

- Dr. Hirsch-Suicide Prevention, ETSU PEAKS
 - PEAKS is a grant project funded by grants. PEAKS stands for prevention through education, awareness, and knowledge of suicide.

- Mental Health Awareness day was put on by PEAKS and had an attendance of somewhere between 700-1000 students
- There is a twitter, facebook, ETSU page, Flickr account, and flyers to spread the word
- If you know of anyone who can be QPR trained
- Active Minds serves as a liaison between students and mental health community to raise awareness, provide information and resources regarding mental health. They create a comfortable environment for open conversation about mental health issues.
 - They do this through informational events, awareness events (National Suicide Prevention Week), Social marketing (facebook, twitter, etc.), and guest speakers
 - They how to grow their core membership, become a visible presence on the ETSU campus, and continue to raise student's awareness

- **The gavel is yielded to Vice President Bowser**

Old Business

- **Senator Collins moves to add SSR-128-11 to new business on today's agenda**
 - Second Senator Huffines
- Swearing in of Senator Jarvis as parliamentarian
 - **Motion to approve Senator Jarvis as parliamentarian Senator Price**
 - Second Senator Zaveri
- SSR-123-10
 - Committee notes and the legislation was approved
 - Sponsor remarks by Sponsor Belanger
 - She was in contact with Dan O'Brien and they decided on putting a small committee together to repair and look at lights
 - **Move to adopt by Senator Collins**
 - Second Senator Huffines
 - **Previous Question Senator Galloway**
 - Second Senator Collins
 - **Hand raise vote Pass 23-0-0**
- SSB-003-11
 - Committee remarks several changes
 - Sponsor sees them as friendly amendments and moves to adopt
 - Second Senator Neblett
 - Friendly amendments are as follows:
 - Section 3: add if no person who meets the requirements listed above has filed paperwork of intent to run with the election commission by the deadline published, the above requirement will be void.
 - Section 11: dissemination that shall include the campus newspaper and an additional method that shall be decided upon..
 - Section 14: strike from the college
 - Section 16: strike first sentence, replace with the SGA President and Chief Justice shall be included in the composition of the University Judicial Committee, they shall be the primary student voice on the body. In the event he/she cannot attend, his/her designee shall attend in their place.
 - **Move to adopt committee recommendations Senator Price**
 - Second Senator Neblett
 - **Roll Call vote requested on committee recommendations, passes 21-2-0**

- **Move to adopt legislation Senator Price**
 - Second Senator Neblett
 - Sponsor Remarks in a PowerPoint presentation showing side by side comparison of what is being changed by Senator Collins
 - Section 3
 - Senator Sabri wants to know if Junior Senate counts as a part of the SGA
 - Senator Burton wants to know why both a year in the Student Government and the Senate
 - Sponsor Collins said the sponsors and he decided it would take about a year to become comfortable with an organization.
 - Senator Burton reiterates one year, how is it defined?
 - Sponsor Collins says that it is defined as a fall and spring academic term.
 - Senator Reed wants to know why the cabinet isn't a part of the included senate for the one semester requirement, why is this?
 - Sponsor Dalton replies that you have to be in Senate to understand how the senate operates. You need the experience to carry forth in your duties as an executive office.
 - Senator Keane wanted to know if in order to be a part of the cabinet you have to be a senator first
 - Sponsor Collins, no you are appointed
 - Section 4
 - Senator Price yields his time to Dr. Lee and Dr. Lee wonders what responsibility is next to power. Can you legislate power? What is the power?
 - Attorney General Baggett explains that power is spelled out in the Constitution as the power to veto and appoint.
 - Section 5
 - Sponsor Dalton Collins says this amendment is like a State of the Union address and this also addresses student court justices and requires them to attend student court justices. The intent is that the justices take the same oath of office that the senators have.
 - Senator Neblett wants to know why November was chosen
 - Sponsor Collins says that it is a good halfway point
 - Section 6
 - Same thing with President
 - Section 7
 - This puts a time constraint when the bills and acts are presented to the President, Vice President, and Attorney General. It is constitutionally mandated but there is no time limit.
 - Section 8
 - Sponsor remarks is Secretary is mandated to visit off campus cites and it removes the minimum enrollment requirement this is talking about the different campuses
 - Section 9
 - Sponsor: This makes the constitution and code of laws agree
 - Section 10

- Sponsor: This is replacing the printing with the dissemination and posting online
- Section 11
 - Sponsor: this was a resolution presented last semester by Senator Thompson. It was something we already do and it was voted down. This moves to be posted in the East Tennessean and posting online
 - Senator Reed wanted to verify if posting online was the other method
 - Sponsor Collins clarifies that it would be voted on by the Senate
- Section 12
 - Sponsor: This is just spelling out the Secretary of Allocations duties farther
- Section 13
 - Sponsor: brings the constitution in line with what we are already doing
- Section 14
 - Sponsor: From the college was removed because we have students in undeclared seats
- Section 15
 - Sponsor: this is now called the Senate Review committee
- Section 16
 - Sponsor: Brings the constitution in line with current practices
- Section 17
 - Sponsor: Brings in line with current state of university
- Section 18
 - This clears up when the newly elected officers are to be sworn in
 - Motion to move to a period of debate Senator Reed
 - Second Senator Collins
- Senator Huffines Section 3 is confused as to how it will take away qualifications and then give even more.
- President Hall speaks that the argument presented about being on the senate can help with Presidential or Secretarial/Treasurer duties. It would, however, make sense for the Vice President because she presides directly over the senate.
- Senator Huffines is concerned that if you're worried about trying to fill a position then why would you increase the qualification. He is ok with the way it reads currently without the amendment, but the intent is counteracting the written amendment. Has this problem ever happened addressing. Senator Huffines yields his time to Dr. Lee
- Dr. Lee states that the first president of the SGA came straight from having been a justice, this experience states that yes, this can work. I concur with what President Hall said about how this requirement works for the Vice President.
 - Senator Reed presents an amendment to add "or cabinet" after "Student Government Association Senate" in Section 3
 - Sponsor Collins sees this amendment as unfriendly
 - **Move to adopt amendment**
 - Second Senator Leftrick
 - Senator Reed thinks this applies to the President or Secretary

- President Hall states that we stated that there is certainly a need for this as the requirement for the Vice President, but not for the President or Secretary/Treasurer. This looks like a blatant attempt to keep someone from running.
 - Senator Reed states that the Executive and Legislative branch are two completely separate branches for a reason. This is a major concern, and it feels like this is trying to limit the competition.
 - **Previous question on the amendment Senator Clark**, second Senator Collins
 - Sponsor Collins asks for a roll call vote on the amendment
 - **Amendment fails 16-6-0**
 - Amendment presented by Senators Sabri and Keane on Section 3
 - The intent of this amendment is to lower the requirement of students because this may eliminate the ability of some students.
 - **Sponsor Collins moves to adopt amendment on the floor**
 - Second Senator Thompson
 - **Pass 16-5-0**
 - Amendment presented by Senator Galloway on Section 3
 - The intent of this amendment is to strike Section 3 from the bill to be able to pass the rest of the bill
 - Call previous question on the amendment by Senator Collins, Second Huffines
 - **Roll call vote, amendment passes 12-10-1**
 - Amendment Presented by Senator Galloway on Section 4
 - **Friendly amendment and move for adoption by Senator Collins**, Second Senator Reed
 - Senator Thompson says that if we change the definition of power to authority it would not be congruent with the rest of the constitution.
 - **Previous question Senator Galloway**, Second Senator Collins
 - **Roll Call Vote Fails with a vote of 7-15-1**
 - Amendment presented by Senator Jarvis on Section 4
 - **Move as a friendly amendment and adoption by Senator Collins**, Second Senator Thompson
 - Previous Question Senator Leftrick, Second Senator Billiot
 - **Roll call vote 23-0-0**
 - Amendment presented by Senator Wolfe on Section 8
 - **Friendly amendment and move to adopt Senator Collins**, Second Senator Burton
 - **Call to previous question Senator Thompson**, second senator Galloway
 - **Vote 23-0-0**
 - **Previous question by Senator Collins**, Second Senator Thompson
 - **Vote Pass 22-1-0**
- SSR-124-11
 - Committee Report by Senator Neblett recommends some minor grammatical changes

- Sponsor Collins says that this change is good and Vernon Bradley was fine with all of this. **All amendments are friendly and moves to adopt Senator Collins,** Second Senator Thompson
 - **Previous Question Senator Galloway,** Second Senator Billiot
 - **Pass 23-0-0**
- SSR-125-11
 - **Move for adoption of Senator Collins,** Second Senator Burton
 - **Pass 21-2-0**

New Business

- First read of Legislation SGA-126-11
- First read of Legislation SGA-127-11

Executive Branch Remarks

- **President Chad Hall**
- **Vice President Ashley Bowser**
 - There are office hours this week.
- **Secretary-Treasurer Maggie Darden**

Advisor Remarks

- **Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Sally Lee**

Cabinet and Senator Remarks

- **Motion to adjourn Senator Burton,** Second Senator Zaveri

Meeting adjourned at: 6:57