

East Tennessee State University
Student Government Association
February 8th, 2011

Meeting called to order at: 4:01

Roll Call:

Ahmad, Iqra
Belanger, Alyssa
Billiot, Gabrielle
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
Williams, Dustin
Wolfe, Cheri
Zaveri, Nicki

Members Absent:

Burton, DeVan

Cabinet Present:

Bagget, Jacob
Krause, Johnny
Walden, Zack

Cabinet Absent:

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

Old Business

- **Move to see the B.U.C. Fund Consent Calendar immediately by Senator Collins, Second**
Senator Thompson
- B.U.C. Fund Consent Calendar
 - **Move to adopt Calendar with the pulled items Senator Neblett, second Senator Reed**
 - Diversity Events: **motion to make exceptional benefit Senator Neblett, Second Senator Price**

- Senator Galloway wanted to know why this was voted to fully fund? Senator Collins responded that previously the events brought by diversity events have been really popular. Buctainment receives a SAAC allocation and it did not seem appropriate to allocate these funds
 - Senator Sabri wants to know when? March 31st
 - Senator Huffines wants to know where: Brooks Gym
 - Senator Sabri wanted to know why Brooks? Representative for Diversity events says they chose that because
 - **Previous Question Senator Neblett**, Second Senator Neblett
 - Roll call vote to deem exceptional benefit
 - Pass 22-0-0
 - **Move to fully fund Senator Neblett**, Second Senator Price
 - **Diversity events fully funded with a vote of 22-0-0**
- FMLA: pass
- Alpha Sigma Lambda: pass
- ACTS
 - Automatically pulled because it is a division of student affairs
 - Senator Neblett: wants to know if the funding is just for food?
 - The food is to draw people into the area and then distributing information to talk about what their service is
 - Senator Neblett moves to fund \$430, second Senator Clark
 - Roll call vote: Pass 19-3-1
- IFC
 - Senator Thompson want to know why there was a difference between the funding of this and Panhellenic and why it came down to the presentation of the group.
 - Committee member Price says that he would change his vote of no to yes.
 - **Senator Price makes a motion to fully fund IFC \$910**, second Senator Huffines
 - **Pass 21-0-2**
- Panhellenic
 - Senator Galloway wants to know what the additional amounts were: Chair Collins, registration for the event, and personal travel
 - **Senator Reed moves to fully fund the event**, Second Senator Huffines
 - **Passes 20-2-0**
- Counseling Center/AOD
 - This was pulled because it requires a 2/3 vote as a division of Student Affairs
 - **Move to go with the committee recommendation Senator Clark**, Second Billiot
 - **Passes 22-0-0**
- Amnesty International: pass
- HOSA: pass
- Disability Services
 - **Motion to deem exceptional benefit Senator Thompson**, Second Senator Price
 - **Motion to fully fund Senator Price**, Second Senator Zaveri
 - **Pass 22-0-0**
- Philosophy Club
 - Senator Huffines pulled this because for the past few years it was fully funded

- Senator Neblett wanted to know why the committee moved to fund \$700 instead of fully funding. Chair Collins: stated that the conference could seem to find a space on campus comparable to that of the Carnegie therefore reducing.
 - **Senator Keane moves to fund \$1500**, Second Senator Huffines
 - **Roll call vote passes 16-6-0**
 - East Tennessee Dharma Community
 - Senator Reed pulled this because this brought up last semester and there was an amount change. There was more money for advertising
 - Senator Collins wants to encourage everyone to review each application independently
 - **Motion to fund the \$1500 recommendation Senator Galloway**, Second Senator Williams
 - **Pass 14-7-1**
 - Student Academy of Audiology: pass
 - Sculpture Society: pass
 - **Motion to reinstate the rules Senator Collins**, Second Senator Reed
- Legislation SGA-126-11
 - Sponsor Collins states that this is presented on behalf of FMLA and LGBTies and the options for living with a roommate is that the one option for a smoking/nonsmoking roommate is out of touch with current times. Dr. Burchette says that they are in the process of changing the questionnaire, but to non-important questions like what kind of books, movies they like.
 - Co-Sponsor Huffines says that the amount of students that this would affect it would be substantial
 - Sponsor Collins says that this is only requesting a survey of the student body not for it to go into immediate effect.
 - Sponsor Leftrick signed on to this because the only person he knew coming here was a female and it would have been easier for him to have roomed with her because she was the only person he knew.
 - **Motion to adopt Senator Neblett**, Second Senator Belanger
 - Senator Wolfe wanted to know how many students request this exemption, Senator Collins replies that is very few and that's because it would be under a medical exemption.
 - Senator Huffines thinks that more people would take this option if they were actually given it.
 - Senator Collins says the legislation calls for a committee to be set up in order to address this problem, to see what the best way would be to ask the questions to go on the survey.
 - Senator Fisher wants to know what other preferences would be added, Senator Collins says that these are preliminary questions and would be expanded upon.
 - Senator Neblett says that the only exception to this is in Buc Ridge and only if you're brother and sister. Would this go to all dorms? Sponsor Collins replies that the most success at the other colleges used it in apartment style housing. And he is reiterating that this would not be random male/female roommates.
 - Senator Galloway wants to know if there was any way to make the exception a little easier to do instead of calling it a medical excuse. Sponsor Collins says that it was considered and the problem was that it was an exemption and that makes it be viewed as not the norm, or a special situation.

- **Senator Clark calls previous question**, second Senator Huffines
 - Senator Collins requests a roll call vote
 - **Passes 19-3-0**
- Legislation SGA-127-11
 - **Move to roll to next week's meeting because there was no committee meeting**
Senator Leftrick, Second Senator Reed, Will be seen by Student Affairs committee
- Legislation SGA-128-11
 - Sponsor Collins states that this requests gender neutral restrooms on campus. This asks to change the signage for the restroom. There would 44 restrooms that could be changed and they cost about \$10 each and that would bring the total to \$440.
 - Co-sponsor Huffines says that we are trying to accommodate all people
 - Co-Sponsor Leftrick says that this
 - Move to adopt Senator Collins, Second Senator Huffines
 - Senator Thompson says that he doesn't think it should state gender because gender is cultural
 - Senator Neblett says that there was one bathroom in Yoakley that is gender neutral.
 - **Previous Question Senator Collins**, Second Senator Reed
 - Senator Collins requests a roll call vote
 - **Passes with a vote of 20-1-1**

New Business

- Legislation SGA-129-11
- Legislation SGA-130-11
- Legislation SGA-131-11

Executive Branch Remarks

- **President Chad Hall** everything seemed to be well argued and well thought out. We allocated a lot of money, but it was money well spent. We logged down two acts for the concert: Eric Church and Little Big Town. A senator had asked me about putting a combination lock on the door to the SGA office, who thinks this is a good idea (almost everyone). If you are given the combination you have to keep it to yourself. It will be a pain to have to reset it every week. If it was possible to get photo i.d. nametags that identify you as a senator then when you're doing research then you can show them that. (a majority of people raised their hands). TBR student regent nominations are available and Dr. Lee will explain how this works later. It will be advertised to the student body and one nominee would be selected to go with me and Zack Walden to go to Nashville. Anyone who is interested- it's a one year position. If you're interested talk to Chad.
- **Vice President Ashley Bowser** that was a good B.U.C. Fund meeting, notebooks for the new people will be in soon. Is anyone interested in being a chair of the committee of public relations. Senator Minter volunteered. Abstentions.. look it up in Robert's rules of orders.
- **Secretary-Treasurer Maggie Darden** the new laptop is hot, and I ordered the t shirts and they're on their way.

Advisor Remark

- **Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Sally Lee** yay for Mo Sabri being on the front cover of the East Tennessean. The TBR applications are with her, you have to be an undergraduate or graduate student at ETSU next year. The application is not tough, but the interview and all of the next steps are pretty competitive. The Centennial committee met this morning there is a committee that was established to work on the 2011 time capsule. See her if you want to be on the time capsule committee.

Cabinet and Senator Remarks

- Secretary of Allocations Zack Walden wants to say congratulations on a great B.U.C. Fund meeting and if you have any questions on TBR he is knowledgeable
- Secretary of External Affairs Johnny Krause says that if you're interested in working the ticket booth please email him your availability and kick off for Relay for Life is coming up. They want to start a huge PSA for why you relay?
- Senator Neblett wants to thank the class of 2010 for putting the blue statue outside of Centennial and hopefully we can go to Fun Expeditions again and play laser tag with Dr. Sally Lee
- Senator Belanger invites everyone to the basketball game on Sunday at 4 and it's for Kappa Delta's philanthropy the Shamrock Golf thing
- Senator Collins wants to say great job on B.U.C. Fund
- **Senator Galloway makes a motion to adjourn**, Second Senator Jarvis
- **Meeting adjourned at: 6:14**