

**East Tennessee State University
Student Government Association
March 3rd, 2011**

Meeting called to order at: 4:01

Roll Call:

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

Members Absent:

Cabinet Present:

Baggett, Jacob
Krause, Johnny
Miller, Daniel

Cabinet Absent:

Highfill, Victoria
Peppers, Nick
Roberts, Emily
Walden, Zack

Open Forum

- Katelyn Kivett- Take Back the Night this is done through OASIS and they are co-sponsoring this event with Kappa Delta. This involves the clothesline project which will be on display the whole week of Take Back the Night March 21-25. March 23 is the candlelight vigil and March 26 is the 5K road race. Team Registration forms.
- Senator Keane Aramark surveys. Green Fee voted on the final projects they will be funding and the tray-less dining quote said it will take about \$93,000.

Old Business

- Legislation SGA-127-11
- **Sponsor remarks:** Sponsor Leftrick, they looked online for the breakdown of student fees and could not find it.
- Amendment 3
 - **Move for adoption Senator Collins,** Second Senator Jarvis
 - Senator Price wants to know if President Hall managed to set up a meeting with them to get B.J. King and Lois Sams to come talk to us.
 - **Previous question Senator Collins,** Second Senator Fisher
 - **Amendment Passes 25-2-0**
- Amendment 4
 - **Move for adoption Senator Collins,** Second Senator Jarvis
 - **Previous Question Senator Collins,** Second Senator Billiot
 - **Amendment Passes 26-1-0**
- Amendment 5
 - **Move for adoption Senator Collins,** Second Senator Neblett
 - **Previous Question Senator Collins,** Second Senator Burton
 - **Amendment Passes 27-0-0**
- **Move for adoption of SGA-127-11 as amended Senator Collins,** Second Senator Ahmad
 - Senator Clark yields his time to President Hall who states that if all these fees are broken down some employers will not pay for some of these fees. He then yields this time to Dr. Lee who states that there is an education tax and this would make something bad happen which would end up hurting a lot more students than help students and this in turn makes it an IRS question. So this actually benefits students on taxes.
 - Senator Collins wants to know what students did prior to 2008 when the change happened. Dr. Lee answers that the tax law changed along with the change in the system.
 - Senator Leftrick says that wouldn't the IRS already know about these changes then? President Hall says that it has to be a viewable. Senator Leftrick says that if we put it online it has to be taxed, but not on a piece of paper. Dr. Lee says that it's not a matter of we are trying to hide it from the IRS. It's a matter of if the fee is charged as a block then it's easier to be handled that way and then the IRS allows them to be taxed that way. There are certain categories that they do not include in that fee. It's not illegal, it's not deceptive, it is just the way it's done.
 - Senator Collins says that this is a bunch of malarkey and this is immoral. I don't understand why the students can't know where the money goes.
 - Senator Sabri says the IRS knows where the money goes; it's just another way to classify where it is going. And he is not supporting a bill that will cost students money.
 - Senator Reed wants to know if it is broken down anywhere on the website and the answer is no.

- Senator Price did some research on this through the Veterans Office and basically a whole lot of veterans would be harmed by this transparency and wants to know why we are debating this that will hurt a lot more students that it will help.
- Senator Clark says that if this bill practically going to be harmful to the students then why are we supporting it. And feels like this resolution has ulterior motives.
- Limit debate to 10 minutes
- Senator Leftrick wants to know where the breakdown is and where to find it. Dr. Lee responded that she has a breakdown and would be happy to go get it and read it to you, but the issue is that we don't want to hurt the student body.
- **Previous Question Senator Keane**, Second Senator Collin
- Fails 0-27-0
- Legislation SGA-133-11
 - **Committee Remarks**: two grammatical fixes
 - **Sponsor Remarks**: Senator Collins we are just saying that this is one program that should be on the chopping block for budget cuts.
 - **Senator Collins moves for adoption of SGA-133-11 as amended in committee**, Second Senator Belanger
 - **Previous Question Senator Neblett**, Second Senator Price
 - **Previous Question Senator Thompson**, Second Senator Neblett
 - **Passes 26-1-0**

New Business

- Legislation SGA-134-11
- Appointment of Taylor Hennessee
 - **Move to approve appointment Senator Collins**, Second Senator Reed

Executive Branch Remarks

- **President Chad Hall** we almost have a full senate, 28 members. I agree with the intent of SGA-127-11 but the intent was lost on what the legislation was asking for. There are other options to explore to show this information. Stay if you're interested in Take Back the Night and it has grown a lot since it started. Great debate, we will hopefully continue to talk SGA-127-11.
- **Vice President Ashley Bowser** good discussion although it started going in a circle, this is about the most people that I have ever seen the senate full and have a good spring break, be safe.
- **Secretary-Treasurer Maggie Darden** don't go nuts over the t-shirts please.

Advisor Remarks

- **Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Sally Lee** have a safe spring break.

Cabinet and Senator Remarks

- Secretary Walden wishes Justin Bieber a happy birthday.
- Secretary Krause says that get involved with Relay for Life!
- Senator Leftrick says that we need to talk about cords for graduation, if you've devoted a certain amount of time to senate, should you get cords for graduation?
- Senator Clark March 19th Relay for Life concert at the Acoustic Coffeehouse
- Senator Collins says that we should work on not yelling out comments across the room.
- Senator Neblett says that March 25th is going to be the Fun Expedition date
- Senator Reed says that we should try to keep the snide comments to ourselves please show her respect and respect everyone else in the senate.
- Senator Zaveri says that spring break please be considerate...

- Senator Price says that he met with Dr. Flannigan today about getting the library hours extended and wants to know if anyone would drive legislation on possibly doing a student fee for around \$5 a student to get the library open for 37 hours a week longer, if you're interested get with me. She was very receptive. I agree 100% with Senator Reed.
- **Senator Burton moves to adjourn**, Second Senator Reed

Meeting adjourned at: 5:09