

**Student Government Association
East Tennessee State University
Tuesday, September 17th, 2019
Brown Hall 265**

- I. Call to Order- Meeting called to order 4:04pm
- II. Roll Call- 24/24 quorum is met. Jacobs personal privilege 5:05. 23/24 quorum is maintained. Ramsey personal privilege 5:18. 22/24 quorum is maintained. Vernon personal privilege 5:27-5:30. 21/24, quorum is maintained. Vernon returns 5:30. 22/24, quorum is maintained.
- III. Open Forum
 - a. President Brian Noland- Dr. Noland wishes to discuss this years SGA's hopes and dreams. Introduces Adam Green, ETSU's new Chief of Staff. Assures the SGA that giant Jenga is on its way. Discussed the walkthrough of ongoing projects that he went on with the SGA executives over the summer. Mentioned that Adam Savage's idea academy was an amazing presentation. Reaffirmed that he heard the SGA's need for better labs in Brown Hall, and that action is intended to eventually take place. Every classroom on campus now has a locking door. Plans to continue adding security cameras to campus. Encouraged SGA to contact Jeremy Ross on project updates for the campus. Sevier campus has a lack of parking, but solutions with the mayor are being

reached. Acknowledged the SGA's initiatives on improving wellness. Significant increases in adjunct pay have been made. Improved the entry salary level for all employees at ETSU. 2% increase across the board for faculty and staff. This Friday is the first BOT meeting of the year. Enrollment updates to come. The highest graduation rate in the history of the university has just been achieved, and it will be announced officially this Friday. We still have many investments to make, and Dr. Noland is eager to make them. The food truck that was moved to Brown Hall is a success. Says the space is no longer being wasted. Bass asked about elevators in the soon to open D.P. Culp Student Center. Two will be coming when the first and second floor are open. Shaikh requested that Dr. Noland briefly explain Chief Collins' statement of "cultural imbalance" in her resignation. The cultural imbalance was not racial, but it was a difference in pace. Chief Collins came to the university with a much more militant style of leadership, and the officers had trouble adjusting. The university put its resources where its mouth was as much as it could to assist Chief Collins in adjusting to our campus' pace. Dr. Noland himself admitted to having trouble to adjusting to the pace of the university, and he said that many called him to tell him to slow down a bit because he was going to upset others. Captain Tipton is in charge of the force for the meantime. Wisecarver requested updates on the giant Jenga. Dr. Noland plans to

keep Wisecarver in the loop. Whatley asked Dr. Noland about ways to reduce childcare costs for students. Dr. Noland mentioned that we have two options currently, and that we are doing what we can and exploring options to boost our services. Bass brought the issue of too much traffic on the disability friendly ramp. S. Patel requests that Dr. Noland and Bucky promote the UHC. Smith, the ESL program in Johnson City closed earlier this year. International population has appeared to drop. Dr. Noland, there has been recent policy change that creates difficulty for international students at a higher governmental level. This one is bigger than ETSU. Vernon, POWMIA chair, how quickly can we expect that to move? Dr. Noland has not seen the proposal yet, as it has not passed through the body of the senate.

- b. Associate Justice Seth Manning- ETSU votes National Voter Registration Day is Sep-24 looking for 4 or 5 volunteers from 10-2. Better angels debate going on tonight in the Reece museum until 7:30 tonight.

IV. Old Business

- a. BucFund- FINANCIAL LITERACY- requested \$6854.75, committee recommended \$5800. The committee believed that some expenses, mainly in prizes to be a bit excessive. Kelley pulled application for discussion. Requested the committee explain how they got their recommendation in more detail. The provided conservative budget

minus lanyards and wristbands. Kelley is successfully seconded when she calls the previous question on the application. Vote passes with 22-0-1.

NATIONAL STUDENT TRANSFER WEEK- requested \$2263, committee recommended \$2263. Committee explained that they have raised money outside of BucFund. Some concerns about how much of the population would be impacted. 31% of our students are transfers. Kelley adopts the application for discussion. Whatley objects to this application being adopted on the grounds that they have received SAAC funding and have conducted similar events in the past. Whatley's objection failed with a vote of 1-21-1. If they did not receive funding from us, the event will be downscaled. The committee believes that this is a rare opportunity to reach our satellite campuses. S. Patel calls the previous question, effectively seconded. A vote to approve the committee recommended amount of \$2260. 22-0-1.

V. New Business

- a. Appointments- Senator K. Patel is unanimously confirmed by a voice vote and sworn in.
- b. SSR-19-001-Read and assigned to Student Affairs
- c. SSR-19-002-Read and assigned to Academic Affairs
- d. SSR-19-003- Read and assigned to Student Affairs

VI. Executive Branch Remarks

- a. President- Credited EVP cook for the idea of visiting satellite campuses. Wants to reduce ratio to 1500 students per 1 counselor and receive accreditation for our counseling center. Instructional Space Committee has requested a member from SGA.
- b. Executive Vice President- Do your office hours. Says to feel free to email her questions on legislation. Helping with voter registration for office hours is permitted for Sep-24.
- c. Vice President for Finance and Administration- Introduced Jake Cartwright as our new prospective senator for the college of medicine. Encouraged the senate to volunteer with Secretary of State Reeds homecoming events.

VII. Advisor Remarks

- a. Dr. Howard- Explained our new system for representation of graduate level students. Encouraged committee chairs to invite people to their meetings to gather information. Civility week email will be going out soon. The homecoming booklet is online and is out today. The concert on Thursday is sold out, but SGA held tickets only available to students for weeks prior to opening them to the public.

VIII. Cabinet Remarks- Larissa, concert is Thursday. Brought volunteer forms. No backpacks in Freedom Hall. Volunteers will park in the lower lot of Freedom

Hall. ???-??-???? is Larissa's phone number. If unable to volunteer, you will be expected to do transparency tabling for SGA.

IX. Senate Remarks- Adjournment

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Disclaimer: Minutes of today's meeting are highly paraphrased due to the sheer quantity and speed at which content was delivered throughout the meeting.

Apologies,

Noah McGill

Vice President of Finance and Administration