

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT =====ASSOCIATION=====

Tuesday, October 21st, 2014 Senate Meeting  
D.P. Culp Center, Forum  
4:00 PM

- I. Call to Order by Vice President Sholes at 4:01 PM
- II. Roll Call
  - a. 25 of 30 members present
    - i. Absent Senator Faircloth
    - ii. Absent Senator Jamison
    - iii. Absent Senator Parks
    - iv. Absent Senator Thwing
- III. Reading of Minutes
  - a. Passes: All in favor
- IV. Open Forum
  - a. Kathleen Moore-Director of Sustainability
    - i. She informed us where our fees are going-Recycling Center, Containers, Electric Vehicle, Bike Racks and Bike Shed, Buc Bikes and Yellow Bikes, Bus Shelters, Bike Repair Stations, Energy Related Projects (Power Strips, LED lighting, Solar Tubes, etc.), Hydration Stations, Benches, Tree Inventory, and many other projects!
- V. Old Business
  - Motion to rescind SSR-14-006 (Sex Week) made by Senator Johnson
  - Seconded by Senator Hancock
  - He motioned to rescind (motion made to repeal a law) due to President Benn showing concern about the legislation and her making action to veto the piece. Senator Johnson said he wants to rewrite the legislation and resubmit it. Senator Z Tuggle moved to extend time. It was seconded by Senator S Tuggle. Senator Johnson moved to extend time by 5 minutes. It was seconded by Senator Cuculovska. Senator Johnson moved to withdraw his rescind.
    - a. Veto
      - i. President Benn felt like Senate was stepping their boundaries by passing this legislation. Attorney General Unland interpreted this by Senate taking a ballot vote on the veto. Senator Hancock moved to extend time by 5 minutes. Seconded by Senator Z Tuggle.
        - 1. Vote taken by ballot. Passes 18-6-0.
  - Roll changed to 24 out of 30
    - b. Appointment
      - i. Senator Bolling was appointed by President Benn. Motion to confirm made by Senator Johnson. Seconded by Senator S Tuggle.

Call to previous question made by Senator Johnson. Seconded by Senator Cassell.

1. Passes: 23-0-1

Roll changed to 25 out of 30

c. SSR-14-005 (Dining Hours)

- i. The committee felt like it was straight forward. Senator Shah, chair of the food services committee, wanted to let the Senate know that half the people on the legislation also served on the committee. Motion to adopt made by Senator Z Tuggle. Seconded by Senator Southers. Call to previous question made by Senator Southers. Seconded by Senator Petrak.

1. Passes: 24-0-1

VI. New Business

a. SSB-14-003 (Rescind SSB-14-019)

- i. Sent to Internal Affairs
- ii. Senator Petrak moved to deem it emergency. This was made due to one president withdrawing and one president not able to run. It needs to be deemed emergency due to the timeline of elections. Seconded by Senator S Tuggle. Senator Hancock call to previous question. Seconded by Senator Petrak. Objection made by Senator Holt and Senator Johnson.

1. The vote on the objection failed 12-13-0.

2. The vote on the legislation passes 20-5-0.

b. SSR-14-007 (Testing Center)

- i. Sent to Academic Affairs

VII. Executive Branch Remarks

a. President

- i. Senator of the Week given to Senator Arnold

b. Vice President

Senator Holland made the motion to reconsider SSB-14-003. Seconded by Senator Johnson. It passes 13-12-0. We now move to more conversation regarding the legislation.

The motion was made to have more conversation regarding the piece of legislation. There was a motion to extend time by Senator Z Tuggle.

Seconded by Senator S Tuggle. Call to previous question made by Senator Bolling. Seconded by Senator Cassell.

Passes: 23-0-2

c. Secretary/ Treasurer

VIII. Advisor Remarks

a. Dr. Lee

IX. Cabinet Remarks

X. Senate Remarks

XI. Adjourn

a. Motion made by Senator Cassell Seconded by Senator Baird

- i. Passes: All in favor



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**SSB-14-003**

Attorney General David Unland and President Doretha Benn present the following legislation to the East Tennessee State University Student Government Association on behalf of the executive branch of the East Tennessee State University Student Government.

**A Bill to Rescind SSB-14-019 voted during the March 25, 2014 meeting**

**WHEREAS**, the current election slate, if continued on, shall neglect the office of the president, and;

**WHEREAS**, a motion to Rescind repeals a law, order, or agreement, and;

**WHEREAS**, SSB-14-019 has become difficult to carry out for the first semester due to a “rushed and rash” decision potentially made by candidates and is a decision not to be taken lightly, and;

**WHEREAS**, further elections may not be stifled with such issues.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2014-2015 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE OF THE EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

**Section 1. SSB-14-019 will become repealed and the original form, carrying out elections in the spring semester, shall become law.**



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**SSR-14-007**

Ms. Alexis Petrak, Ms. Stormie Tuggle, Ms. Jenika Headly-Green, Ms. Judith Wangari, and Mr. Nathaniel Hancock present the following legislation to the East Tennessee State University Student Government Association on behalf of all student organizations of East Tennessee State University.

**A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE TESTING CENTER IN THE SHERROD  
LIBRARY TO BE OPEN AT LEAST ONE SATURDAY EVERY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, there are multiple online and commuter students that are not able to complete required exams during the week, and;

**WHEREAS**, academics is a vital part of every student's collegiate career, and;

**WHEREAS**, the current revenue from tests like the GRE and Praxis go back into the universities general fund instead of back to the testing center, and;

**WHEREAS**, this would give Sherrod Library the support to gain access to the revenue needed in order to have the testing center available on weekends and extended hours.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 2014 - 2015 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE OF THE EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Sherrod Library Testing Center should be open at least one Saturday every month to help students further their collegiate career.

**Section 2.** This legislation shall go into effect with all due alacrity, the welfare of the student body requiring it.

**SSR-14-006 Veto**

I have decided to veto SSR-14-006. The Senate voted to pass this piece that urged student organizations to withdraw from Sex Week. While SGA opted not to fund this event, the Senate did not have a right to tell student organizations or urge them to not participate. Student organizations have every right to participate in whatever event they want to. The Senate should not urge student organizations to withdraw from an event that they deem essential to their organization. It is the Senate's job to empower student organizations, not dictate to them. While I support the Senate's decision to not fund Sex Week, I do not and will never stand by the Senate over stepping their bounds by pressuring student organizations to withdraw from Sex Week.