



MINUTES

Transylvania University SGA

Full SGA Meeting

Date: 02.03.2021

I. Call to Order

The Transylvania University Student Government Association meeting called to Order by Summer Taylor at 8:01pm

II. Roll Call

Quorum was met, allowing the meeting to proceed. (At least 18 Voting Members)

Members Present:

- o Member Name: Summer Taylor, Seth Wyatt, Drew Dodds, Lindsey Steffen, Taylor Smith, Ben Gallenstein, MacKenzie Sloan, Dalton Teegarden, Katherine Shearer, Nick Bokeno, Ruben Joseph, Will Fries, Olivia Greinke, Kopila Rai, Emma Spencer, Lita Spielmann, Branson Gillispe, Ysa Leon, Lauren Fentress, Victoria Vela, Isabelle Sonntag, Lali Lucero, Sarah Cayton

Members Absent: Madhu Ammisetty, Tate Ohmer, Nick McNamee, Jenna Shalash

III. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes
 - o Moved by: Lindsey
 - o Seconded by: Dalton
- Approved by unanimous consent -Yes

IV. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve agenda.
 - o Moved by: Lindsey
 - o Seconded by: Lauren
- Approved by unanimous consent -Yes

V. Announcements from Chair

Chief of Finance - Drew Dodds

- No funding requests

- \$3252 Current Balance

Chief of Staff - Lindsey Steffen

- No report

Academic Chair - Taylor Smith

- Information on Inside Transy that outlines the repercussions of breaking COVID to discourage students breaking regulations
- Thinking about getting some classes switched to writing intensive
- Pen pal program with the language professors
- Academic calendar will be announced next week

Student Affairs Chair - N/A (Report sent in post SGA meeting)

- Lita: Is getting in contact with Taylor Grey about the goody bags and Leah from athletics for more public awareness/access to the gym time and sign up sheet.
- Branson: Internal Internship- Talked with Tracy Dunn to see if it can be a .25 credit; more updates for next meeting
- New project of Pocket Park: Coordinate with TEAL to see if it can be done
- Isabel: Reserve Study Spaces- Gain more awareness about how to reserve classrooms for study in the academic buildings
- Lauren: Will schedule a meeting with Chief McClure on blue button project
- Lali: Valentine's Day Matching Project- Requested questionnaires; will be advertising with flyers soon
- Katherine: Working on SGA alumni meets
- Will: Needs 5 more members for the law fraternity
- Emma: Transy's Got Talent submissions: Advertise more so we get enough participants
- New Potential Projects:
 - Student-focused diversity social through DEI that's scheduled to be on Feb 18. The social is about how diversity, equity, and inclusion have been incorporated into curriculum, and we want to hear student opinions and experiences.
 - Fixing the vandalism on the desks at the library
 - Ruben: Inserting a space heater is based on the decision of the campus center manager

Vice President - Seth Wyatt

- No report

CPC Report - Seth Wyatt

- No report from CPC until next week
- Faculty voted to get rid of numbers next to GEs today
- All CPC proposals were passed - Dugi statement

Housing Committee - Seth Wyatt

- Billy Joe Wood new Director of Res Life

- Meeting with her in the coming weeks

DEI Report - Emma Spencer

- Jan. 28th DEI Report. In DEI, we have been discussing some concerns the committee has with the newly announced esports program. Our concerns have to do with the sexual harassment history in esports and the potential discrimination of students with disabilities. We also met with Dean Thomas to discuss the plans for the CFD and future diversity hiring at Transy.
- Organizing a student DEI social
- Discussing issues with the E-Sports program due to ADA and Title IX concerns

Student Handbook Committee

- No report

VIII. Unfinished Business

- Review recommended amendments of the SGA Constitution (pushed to next week)

IX. New Business

1. General Announcements/Updates

Black History Month Kahoot

- Collaborating with BSA on this
- BLM flag from BSA, and we will clarify this is not from SGA
- Trise will be helping with questions
- BSA will provide a speech
- Follow BSA and support other organizations outside SGA

Quality Enhancement Meeting

- Feb. 18, 7:00pm.
- Required for senators, or send in excuse

Kahoot Pro

- Creating a tutorial on how to use the Kahoot pro
 - For other organizations who may want to use this

Meeting with President Lewis tomorrow

- Bring any questions to her

Use the Chain of Resources correctly

- Contact the right people for projects
- Please be kind and respectful to the faculty and staff
- Build good relationships between SGA and the community

- Any email that is sent for SGA affairs, please CC Summer, so she understands what is happening

Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament

- N/A

2. Student Speaker Address to SGA - Parker Rowton

- Transy should not require the COVID vaccine
- The vaccine is unsafe
- Is there proof that the vaccine helps reduce the spread?
- We should not be coerced in any way to do something we do not want

Drew

- Since this vaccine is being administered as an emergency vaccine, Transy cannot mandate a vaccine at this point in time

Parker

- He did not know this information
- He just wants to ensure that this will not happen eventually

Dalton

- Vaccine injuries? Could you provide your sources about the statistics?

Parker

- He will send the sources in the chat

3. Guest Speaker - Tracy Dunn

- With Madhu, the career closet is happening, and they are taking donation
- The Crimson Career Closet
 - Old. Mo Rm. 110
 - She sends thank you notes to people who donate
 - Work study students are doing inventory
 - Google sheets specifies what is available and sizes, etc.
 - Once things are stocked up, every student can have outfits, but then they have to check them out after the first one
- Interview Room
 - This is a space that can be used for students to take interview
 - Private space that does not look like a dorm room
 - Contact Tracy and schedule a reservation
- Spotlight Career Fair
 - Feb. 25th
 - For Juniors and Seniors
- Part Time Job and Career Fair Partnership
 - In person event outside in April

- Jill will work with SGA chair on this
- Computer and Accounting Science Panel in the works
- We have alumni everywhere, and use CAPE resources
- Network, network, network

4. Election for Campus and Community Engagement Chair

- Nominations: Isabelle Sonntag, Lita Spielmann, Ysa Leon
 - Result: Ysa Leon will be the CCE Chair

5. Final Announcements

- Promote Transy's Got Talent

X. Discussion Items

XI. Special Orders

XII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn
 - o Moved by: Summer
 - o Seconded by: Ysa
 - o Approved by unanimous consent -Yes

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:02PM.