SENATE OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Consolidated General Body Meeting Agenda and Minutes

September 18th, 2018

7:00 PM, Charles Commons East Room

Agenda

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min)**
2. **Approval of the Agenda & Prior Minutes (1 min)**
3. **Reports (18 min)**
    a. Executive Board Reports (4 min)
    b. Committee Reports (7 min)
        i. Academic Affairs — *Senator Taj*
        ii. Civic Engagement — *President Schatmeyer, Senator Paulet*
        iii. Finance — *Senator Mays, Treasurer Tu*
        iv. Health, Safety and Sustainability — *Senator Paulet, Senator Patel*
        v. Internal Affairs — *Senator Baron, Vice President Tsang*
        vi. Student Organizations — *President Chien, Senator Elgendi*
        vii. Student Services — *Senator Cai, President Schatmeyer*
    c. Class Council Reports (4 min)
    d. Advisor Report (3 min)
4. **New Business (110 min)**
    a. Senior Class Senator Inaugurations — *Vice President Tsang* (5 min)
    b. Whiting Curriculum Committee Nominations — *Senator Taj* (5 min)
    c. Hoptoberfest Funding Bill [Link] — *Senator Paulet* (10 min)
    d. Activism Fair Reimbursement Bill [Link] — *Senator Patel* (10 min)
    e. Referendum Questions Discussion [Link] — *Vice President Tsang* (15 min)
    f. Introduction of the New Dean of Student Life — *Dr. Smita Ruzicka* (20 min) [7:45 PM]
    g. Health Promotion Strategies Resolution [Link] — *President Mebrahtu, Senator Patel* (20 min)
5. **Prospective Business (5 min)**
    a. Advancing Legislation

b. Announcements

6. **Public Input Period**
7. **Adjournment (ESTIMATED 9:20 PM, ACTUAL 9:18 PM)**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min)**
2. **Approval of the Agenda & Prior Minutes (1 min)**
    a. **Approved**
3. **Reports (18 min)**
    a. Executive Board Reports (4 min)
        i. Noh-
            1. Resolution!! Pro-health legislation
            2. Finalizing dates for Free Mcdonalds Event - Oct. 28th
            3. Meeting with Provost Kumar at 8 am
        ii. AJ
            1. Meeting with KSHO
            2. Dean Ruzicka is here and Wendy Geist is Visiting
            3. Sara Cunningham is coming next week
        iii. Joint Between Aspen and AJ
            1. **Mental Health Student Group Council Meeting #2**
                a. Reaching out to Jessie Martin, new Assistant Dean of Academic Advising, and Farouk Dey, new Vice Provost for Integrative Learning, to discuss ways in which we can address mental health on the academic support and career development side.
                b. Programming
                    i. Wellness Wednesdays
                        1. Starting every Wednesday from October 2nd, the mental health student groups on campus will coordinate on mid-week wellness programming on the Brody Terrace from 12-4 PM. The first week's activity will be run by APTT, and the second's will be SGA.
                    ii. Town Hall on MH Task Force

1. Moving forward on concept of a town hall on progress of MH Task Force recommendations, except now might have 3 smaller panels talking about different aspects of recommendation progress (like service delivery vs. academic support).

c. Policy
   i. Safezone-style promotion of Faculty MH Trainings
      1. Safezone is a program run by Demere Woolway that promotes LGBTQ allyship training. We want to promote faculty mental health trainings on a grassroots level, knowing that they're less likely to take trainings if "ordered" to do so by the Deans. To do this, we want to work with faculty who are already empathetic and supportive of mental health to design a Safezone-style training for faculty that can be promoted in the same way, through email signatures and window signs.
   ii. Mental Health Advocates in each department
      1. Moving forward with the concept of identifying faculty in each department who are specially trained in supporting their fellow faculty in directing students to mental health resources, providing a triage point for faculty who don't know how to support their students, and advocating for mental health support in their department's activities. Already have support from two of the three faculty leading the Faculty Assembly, Professors Kristin Cook-Gailloud and Julie Reiser.

2. **Mental Health Well-Fest**
   a. Slated for Friday, October 12th, on the Levering Courtyard, from 11 AM to 3 PM.
3. **PRDC**
   a. No apps so far. Please promote lol.
4. **Update on Situation of Dr. Tamsyn Mahoney-Steel**
   a. Spoke with News-Letter on Sunday.
5. **Meeting w/ Kevin Shollenberger, Smita Ruzicka, Andy Wilson, Erin Yun**
   a. First monthly Exec meeting with Kevin's cabinet will start on Friday. Will discuss outcomes of tobacco policy

resolution today, regardless of how the vote goes. This meeting is slated for Friday, but may be moved to next week pending a large event on campus on Friday.

6. **Senate Meeting Invitees**
    a. Smita Ruzicka (today)
    b. Sarah Cunningham
        i. Next week.
7. **Weekly Emails to News-Letter Editors-in-Chief**
    a. Started drafting weekly update emails to News-Letter Editors-in-Chief, a practice that began last year. Aspen and I are considering expanding this practice to any student or student group who wants to sign-up for a specialized SGA update listserv that would send out updates more frequently than monthly.

iv. Mi

1. SLI has yet to give us our budget
2. DNR is sending emails to student groups who are missing applications
3. SAC applications are ready - Due on Sept. 27th

b. Committee Reports (7 min)
    i. Academic Affairs — *Senator Taj*
        1. Submissions from curriculum committee are being looked at
        2. Whiting has been decided
    ii. Civic Engagement — *President Schatmeyer, Senator Paulet*
        1. Turbovote and meeting with Misty
        2. Voter registration drives
        3. Spamming people on social media
        4. Want all of SGA involved
    iii. Finance — *Senator Mays, Treasurer Tu*
        1. Passed 2 bills and tabled one
    iv. Health, Safety and Sustainability — *Senator Paulet, Senator Patel*
        1. *Recommended the tobacco policy resolution*
        2. *Continuing healthy hopkins initiative*
            a. *Connects physical activity and nutritional counseling*
            b. *Reached out to peeps about being peer health educators*
            c. *Working towards providing resources*
            d. *Reached out to health guardians of america*
    v. Internal Affairs — *Senator Baron, Vice President Tsang*
        1. *Process for identifying judiciary members*
        2. *Discussed 10 finalist questions for referendum*

vi. Student Organizations — *President Chien, Senator Elgendi*
    1. *Have set up a meeting time with Clifton and is working with Mi for identifying groups that have not yet sent in budgets*
vii. Student Services — *Senator Cai, President Schatmeyer*
    1. *Researched bricks*
    2. *Free Printing is coming along*

c. Class Council Reports (4 min)
    i. Seniors
        1. We have all seniors!!
        2. Working with Hoptoberfest for beer tasting
        3. Working with senior class gift
        4. Receive honorary degree nominations
    ii. Juniors
        1. Vacancy application is being released tonight. Deadline Sunday at midnight
        2. Hope to have vacancy filled by Tuesday
        3. Will have office hours establish
    iii. Sophomores
        1. Social media pages up!
        2. Brainstorming names for newsletter
        3. Grant program is starting
        4. Working to submit forms for Sophshow

d. Advisor Report (3 min)
    i. No updates

4. New Business (110 min)

h. Senior Class Senator Inaugurations — *Vice President Tsang* (5 min)
    i. Seniors were inaugurated! Welcome!
    ii. Gave us super ~fun~ facts

i. Whiting Curriculum Committee Nominations — *Senator Taj* (5 min)
    i. Senator Taj lists names
    ii. Took into account the diversity of majors

iii. 4 Nominees - Mohamed Elgendi, Shaina Morris, Joshua Krachman, James Lubowsky
iv. Voted in by majority

j. Introductions to the Graduate Representative Organization (GRO) — *Elina Spyrangiou* (15 min)
k. Introduction of the New Dean of Student Life — *Dr. Smita Ruzicka* (20 min) [7:45 PM]
    i. Discussed her role as the Dean of Student Life, her background, and how she plans to interact with SGA
    ii. Would like to have a conversation with SGA so she knows what our goals are
    iii. Discussed how we can bring students together, from administrative and SGA side
    iv. Discussed transparency and how timely and purposeful communication is key
    v. Her passions revolve around developing students as leaders
    vi. Wants us to help her connect with other students and student leaders
    vii. Asks to be our primary source of contact to administration - we should think of her as a resource
    viii. President Chien - how is the referendum viewed from the point of view from administration
    ix. Dean Ruzicka - how can we leverage our referendum to partner with the institution to proliferate the goals in the referendum
    x. Senator Paulet - from a marketing standpoint, can you help market the referendum
    xi. Dean Ruzicka - she is open to a conversation about communication protocols about communications on behalf of student groups
    xii. VP Tsang - what's your favorite part of Baltimore
    xiii. Dean Ruzicka - has recently visited Sherwood gardens
l. Hoptoberfest Funding Bill [Link] — *Senator Paulet* (10 min)

i. Senator Paulet discussed how many students Hoptoberfest reaches and the precedent of sponsoring them. They are not being cosponsored by the Hop this year.
ii. Senator Cai - last semester we wrote a bill for Spring Fair. Why did it not pass.
iii. President Schatmeyer - timeline did not work out
iv. Senator Patel - what is the full budget for Hoptoberfest -
v. Audience member - they don't know their budget allocation until after their event. Usually $55,000.If they do not get the funding - it's allocated away from other events during Hoptoberfest.
vi. Motion to introduce and approve - President Schatmeyer
vii. Passes 19-0-1

m. Activism Fair Reimbursement Bill [Link] — *Senator Patel* (10 min)
i. There were a bunch of student groups involved. Sophomore class fronted some of the funding. SGA as a whole put it together.
ii. Motion to introduce and improve - Senator Thomas
iii. Passes unanimously

n. Health Promotion Strategies Resolution [Link] — *President Mebrahtu, Senator Patel* (20 min)
i. Motion to push it back - Senator Baron
ii. Senator Baron- says we should push it back until after the referendum
iii. Senator Paulet - is in favor of pushing it back and wants referendum to show support first
iv. Senator Uraih - what is the debate at hand?
v. President Mebrahtu - didn't think it would get tabled before it was introduced - 2 parts - smoking zones on campus and smoking cessation resources
vi. Senator Thomas - we are the Number 1 Public Health School - we should focus on this question
vii. VP Tsang - resolution was tabled to death last year

viii. Senator Patel - we've taken a lot of time to make sure this is important - has a really strong argument in the resolution

ix. Senator Boroumand - we should do it tonight

x. President Mebrahtu - we have the data and we have the resolution - we should vote on it tonight - it's an ethical question that focuses on the health of students

xi. Motion to end discussion - Panakam

1. Passes

xii. Motion to table resolution

1. 9-9-0 Tie broken by VP Tsang - motion not tabled

xiii. Discussion on Resolution

1. President Noh and Senator Patel present resolution
    a. 2 parts - designated smoking zones and smoking cessation resources - we just need SGA support on the resolution
2. Senator Thomas - smoking cessation funding?
3. Senator Patel - university should subsidize smoking cessation products
4. Senator Thomas - what do the zones signify since there is no enforcement of policy
5. President Mebrahtu - will be decided by HSS committee later
6. President Schatmeyer - how will the working group be make
7. VP Tsang - it's in the resolution

xiv. Motion to introduce and approve - Senator Thomas

1. Mod Caucus - 30 seconds for 10 people

xv. Senator Schatmeyer - discussion of last year's resolution he was against it, now he thinks we need to be a proactive SGA

xvi. Senator Patel - wants to emphasize the smoking cessation program since he saw so many people smoking on the medical campus and saw how tobacco targets minority groups

xvii. Senator Wellons - it's a good resolution

xviii. Senator Kiana - Bloomberg does offer smoking cessation programs

xix. President Mebrahtu - understands hesitation but wants SGA to take a stand, especially for those who don't have the same standard of health we do
xx. Senator Lloyd - last week Noh said he wanted it to be a complete ban - what made you change your mind?
xxi. President Mebrahtu - was nearsighted and relooked at the effects on smokers
xxii. Senator Baron - do you know if insurance can help cover cessation and is it just tobacco products?
xxiii. Senator Patel - yes insurance can help but it doesn't go far enough - e-cigs don't have enough research to push an anti e-cig campaign
xxiv. Senator Elgendi - reminder that the question on referendum is contingent on this resolution
xxv. Move to a vote
    1. Passes unanimously

o. Referendum Questions Discussion [Link] — Vice President Tsang (15 min)
    i. President Habib - can we go over the purpose of the referendum
    ii. VP Tsang - explained the process of referendum
    iii. Senator Bhamidipati asked for clarifications about who can vote on the referendum
    iv. VP Tsang - only undergraduates can vote
    v. Senator Paulet - We really need to push it out as an SGA
    vi. President Habib - asked for clarification about the outcome
    vii. VP Tsang - administrators know this is the highest form of legislation from SGA
    viii. President Mebrahtu it stands through time
    ix. Senator Uraih - can we have student groups we promote put is forward
    x. President Habib - administration looks at it from different legitimacy - will admin try harder to implement these
    xi. VP Tsang - yes
    xii. President Habib - what about the covered grades referendum

xiii. VP Tsang - it expired when the school year ended

xiv. Senator Paulet - is on internal affairs and believes that all questions pertain to many students

xv. President Schatmeyer - doesn't think we should limit ourselves numerically on a threshold of questions - it's counterproductive - we should just evaluate each question written by internal affairs

xvi. Senator Taj - motion to cap the number of questions at eleven

xvii. Senator Elgendi - motion to increase number to 12

xviii. Senator Panakam - motion to table discussion

1. Approved

xix. PAUSE for Dean Ruzika

xx. We will informally discuss questions then formally vote to approve all questions

xxi. Questions 1 - Student Center

1. President Schatmeyer - motion to approve
2. Passes unanimously

xxii. Questions 2 - Divestment

1. Senator Thomas - what does fossil fuels means?
2. Senator Mollin - explained the background of the question from Refuel Our Future and student response
3. Senator Thomas - thinks there will be repercussions for fossil fuel divestment and we should focus our questions
4. Senator Mollin - we already have a framework for divestment that has spoken to PIIAC. PIIAC has recommended all divestment from fossil fuels. BoT only divested from a fraction of fossil fuel companies.
5. Senator Uraih - we should be more specific in language
6. President Habib - do we have any power on BoT
7. Senator Paulet - not yet
8. Senator Taj - we did divest last December so we do have some say

9. Senator Thomas - 90% of oil conglomerates have less than 35% investment in coal - divestment wasn't actually divestment because it hurt very few companies
10. Senator Patel - how can you improve it?
11. Senator Thomas - Don't have the question on the referendum
12. Senator Boroumand - it isn't conducive at this point to cut questions because this is the prioritized list. We haven't talked enough about fossil fuels, we need to have another referendum on it
13. Senator Lucas - do you want to cut many questions or just this question
14. Senator Thomas - the general student body thinks the administration doesn't care about our voices. We should bulk up the referendum
15. Senator Taj - is the issue is to cut the referendum, we would have discussed it when capping question
16. Senator Mollin - first most mentioned issue from student in the referendum. There is a big difference between a referendum now and before divestment.
17. President Habib - what did BoT do last time?
18. Senator Mollin - this is one move of many moves to push for divestment - this is how social acumen works
19. Senator Baron - we cannot divest immediately
20. Motion to end discussion - approved unanimously
21. Motion to include question on referendum
22. Nays - Gianni Thomas, Akshay Bhamidipati
23. Passes 18 - 2 - 0

xxiii. Question 3 - private police

1. Passes unanimously

xxiv. Question 4 - Department Mental Health Advocates

1. Senator Mays - wants to change language

2. Senator Panakam - decides how the department is going to function from a mental health perspective and ensures mental health is a topic of conversation at an administrative level. Changed wording of question.
3. Senator Lucas - explain department
4. VP Tsang - department is an academic department
5. Motion to end discussion
    a. Approved
6. Motion to approve question
    a. Approved unanimously

xxv. Question 5 - designated smoking areas

1. Senator Barron - keep the question and move the referendum to another week
2. President Mebrahtu - have the question on standby
3. Senator Paulet - she has seen the effects of tabling the motion - but wants to see student data - wants it to be a chance for student data to further support the resolution
4. Senator Wellons - can we do a contingent motion if the resolution passes
5. Motion to table discussion until after resolution
    a. Motion passes

xxvi. Question 6 - Sexual assault cases investigation to less than 60 days

1. Senator Wellons - wants to change the wording to “should the university hire three more investors to keep the reviews of sexual assault to less than 60 days”
2. Senator Panakam - can we keep the conversation shorter and shorten the agenda
3. President Schatmeyer - we need to get the referendum done so it can be on the freshman ballot
4. Senator Wellons - we need to vote on the resolution
5. VP Tsang - will use moderated causes

6. Senator Uraih Motion to Approve
    a. Passes unanimously

xxvii. Question 7 - Covered Grades Restoration

1. Senator Uraih - it's already come out that grades have improved and that mental health hasn't significantly deteriorated
2. President Schatmeyer - last chance to ask this question and get data on this question
3. Senator Panakam - we need an explanation so that new student know what covered grades were
4. Senator Eldgendi - as an international student they were very helpful
5. Motion to Approve
    a. Approved with 1 nay

xxviii. Question 8 - SGA amend constitution by a ⅔ vote

1. President Habib - we should make it so that we have more power to change the size of SGA
2. President Schatmeyer - have more student on policy making committees and a larger SGA would make that easier
3. Senator Bhamidipati - we should change it so that it says the sga can amend its constitution by a ⅔ vote
4. President Chien - varies by class
5. Motion to approve
    a. Nays - chien,
    b. Abstain - mollin, paulet
    c. Passes 18 - 1 - 2

xxix. Question 9 - Student Activities Fee

1. Senator Lucas - explain question
2. VP Tsang - all student charged an extra 20 dollars to student group funding - number of student groups has expanding so we don't have enough money for student groups

3. Senator Lucas - $20 is very little compared to 70k is nothing - make is feel more like a university and less like a research institution
4. Senator Panakam - it signifies that we are paying a fee to get involved on campus and it doesn't make sense
5. President Chien - as student organizations chair - we are underfunded but it also imposes a fee on all students
6. Dean Ruzicka - wants to look at SGA funding and how to expand it and is looking for more sources of funding
7. Senator Cai - "should the university increase funding and additional revenue streams to student groups"
8. Senator Lucas - how else are we going to get funding?
9. Senator Panakam - the vote should be on the previous question
10. Motion to approve question
    a. Does not pass

xxx. Question 10 - BoT

1. President Habib - why has this been blocked in the past
2. VP Tsang - used to have young alumni - but BoT thinks representation is better through dinners
3. Senator Baron - Duke has a young trustee position
4. Motion to vote
    a. Approved
5. Motion to approve
    a. Passes unanimously

p. Goals for Provost/President Dinner Discussion (10 min)
    i. Tabled until next week

q. Motion to adjourn
    i. Passes

5. Prospective Business (5 min)

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