



MINUTES

Transylvania University SGA

Full SGA Meeting

Date: 03.24.2021

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 Summer Taylor, Drew Dodds, Lindsey Steffen, Taylor Smith, Ben Gallenstein, MacKenzie Sloan, Dalton Teegarden, Madhu Ammisetty, Ruben Joseph, Tate Ohmer, Olivia Greinke, Kopila Rai, Emma Spencer, Lita Spielmann, Nick McNamee, Branson Gillispe, Ysa Leon, Lauren Fentress, Victoria Vela, Isabelle Sonntag, Lali Lucero

- **Members Absent:** Seth Wyatt, Katherine Shearer, Will Fries, Sarah Cayton

III. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes
 - o Moved by: Lindsey
 - o Seconded by: Madhu
- 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 request

- \$2643.10 in the budget
- Proposal for the Student Art in the Student Center

Chief of Staff - Lindsey Steffen

- No report

Academic Affairs Chair - Taylor Smith

- Women's History Month Gallery in the library
 - She needs advertising for this
 - Snacks and drinks potentially, and we will pay for this
 - No other funding needed

Student Affairs Chair - Madhu Ammisetty

- No report
- Projects are in the works

Vice President

- No report

CPC Report

- No report

DEI Report - Emma Spencer

- Over 100 responses for the DEI survey

Student Handbook Committee

- No report

VIII. Unfinished Business

- CPC Representative Election

IX. New Business

1. Announcements

- Student Life used KaHoot account
- Health Society used KaHoot account as well
- Partnership with SGA and Admissions
- Dean Thomas: Responded saying that yes, they are considerate of students who will not be able to be in person for next year. Later on, they may be able to tailor each case to each student. There are no certain details at this time.
- President Lewis released the plans for next year
- Megan Maloney asked if SGA would be interested in helping to push the vaccine

2. Guest Speaker - Sarah Coen

- Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Enrollment Management
- Works in the President's Office
- Strategic Initiatives
- Two Brackets
 - Leads Strategic Enrollment Council
 - Comprised of 20 Indv. across campus, faculty, staff, and alumni
 - Bringing students onto council, (have not does this yet due to this only being a 6 months old committee)
 - Work across campus and trying to figure out what to do to maximize and optimize enrollment
 - Communicating Transy's value, what the liberal arts means, the opportunities there are on campus, community engagement, student success, DEI, Academic and Co-Curricular Activities, International Transy, more study abroad opportunities
 - Working with the President and the Cabinet
 - Working on how to transfer out of COVID
 - What are things that should continue that we have figured out how to do during the pandemic
 - Is there an opportunity for employers to work from home
 - Should they continue to offer online courses
- Grow enrollment does not mean too large, but around where it was five/six years ago
- Enrollment has been going extremely well this year- 20 students ahead of where we were last year during this time
- Yes, ensuring that Transy can remain affordable, even with the increased enrollment on campus
- Trying to convey the message that we have diverse programs to prepare students for different careers

3. Guest Speaker with Branson - Kelsey Ley

- Been at Tansy for 3 years
- Manager of Campus Appearance
- Pocket Park Proposal
- The land we proposed is on academic space, so we will have to check on the space
- Potential Location: Corner of Fourth and Broadway or next to DPS
- An initiative of hers- have as many native flowers and pollinators as possible on campus
- Looking to renovate the Butterfly Garden- make this the Pocket Park
- Bushes to block off the street and low-lying plants for the park
- Depending on the space, we might be able to get this done in May

- Branson:
 - Pocket Park is to have a green space on campus- so people can study and relax and get away from the city
 - Looked at having a hammock area
 - Mural on campus to show off the art from students and their talents
 - Potential location: the community garden behind Poole

4. Guest Speaker - Deidra Dennie

- The "I belong at Transy" campaign has kicked off
- Photos for that will be happening
- Showing what Transy looks like inside out and outside in
- On November 8th, there will be a Diversity Summit online- student track around DEI factors
 - Looking for students leaders for this
 - Asking in September for student leaders

5. Internal Business

- CPC Representative Vote
 - Nominations: Ysa and Branson
 - Result: N/A
 - Motion to table to next week
 - Result: Passed
- Vote for the Student Gallery of Art Proposal
 - Result: Passed
- Last Announcements
 - SGA Forum for Black Face and Digital Media this Friday (required)
 - March 26, 12:15
 - Email Summer about excuses and cc Lindsey

X. Discussion Items

XI. Special Orders

XII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn
 - o Moved by: Summer
 - o Seconded by: Ruben

- o Approved by unanimous consent -Yes

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:13PM