



MINUTES

Transylvania University SGA

Full SGA Meeting

Date: 12.02.2020

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to Order by President Taylor at 8:02pm.

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

- o Summer Taylor, Seth Wyatt, Drew Dodds, Lindsey Steffen, Emine Shinjartari, Sarah Bennett, Sara Beth Shrader, Taylor Smith, Ben Gallenstein, MacKenzie Sloan, Dalton Teegarden, Madhu Ammisetty, Nick Bokeno, Ruben Joseph, Tate Ohmer, Will Fries, Olivia Greinke, Kopila Rai, Emma Spencer, Lita Spielmann, Nick McNamee, Branson Gillispe

Members Absent: Katherine Shearer

III. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes
 - o Moved by: Lindsey Steffen
 - o Seconded by: Lita Spielmann
- Approved by unanimous consent -Yes

IV. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve agenda.
 - o Moved by: Lindey Steffen
 - o Seconded by: Lita Spielmann
- Approved by unanimous consent -Yes

V. Announcements from Chair

Chief of Finance - Drew Dodds

- N/A
- Suggestion: have dryers and washers notify their availability (directed to SA)

Chief of Staff - Lindsey Steffen

- N/A

Academic Affairs Chair - Taylor Smith

- IT has been emailed so the faculty can be on one server for online courses, and they will help transfer the faculty to Canvas
- Nick and Tate are thinking of working on conservation in the library—looking into the library to see where conservation could be approved (focus on student art)

Student Affairs Chair - Sara Beth

- Lita will be picking up the goodie bags from Michelle and passing them out
- Transy's Got Talent ads will be going up soon (Jan. 7-11th) and the winners will be announced on the 15th
- Career closet will open in Jan and that will be advertised on the Insta.
- Pronoun campaign stickers came in
- Washers and Dryers in the res halls will be replaced (the contract will be closed down and Transy will possibly buy their own)
- Trashcans have been ordered for outside the Campus Center
- A space heater outside the CC is in the works as well

Vice President - Seth Wyatt

- Housing Committee update: the first meeting will be soon
- Hammocks are going up in Back Circle, and they will be put them up next to the Gazebo and install charging ports near them (waiting for a quote that will be provided on Fri)
- Review of new GE preliminary proposal
- Faculty lunch tomorrow at 12:15!
 - Penalty of not getting the faculty lunches will result in SGA probation

CPC Report

- N/A

DEI Report - Emma Spencer

- Dr. Dennie is here to answer questions
- Working on Transy becoming a member of the CFD
- CFD is committed to diversifying faculty and students and curriculum on liberal arts campuses
- Diversity of faculty? What constitutes as diversity?
 - When they are searching for diversity, it means a lot of kinds of diversity

Student Handbook Committee - Dalton Teegarden

- Same things as last time. Looking into meeting with Covert again to review some more aspects before they start putting together a committee.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- Constitutional Amendments Voting

IX. New Business - Summer Taylor

1. Announcements

- Personal Finance Forum
- Taylor in charge of reaching out to Dean Thomas about sending an email to faculty to remind students about campus resources
- Dean Thomas contacted Addison about module surveys
- The Transy Realness Campaign is currently happening
 - We may expand this to faculty and staff comments

2. Guest Speaker - Tevin Monroe

- Working on his Master's degree
- Is part of the Community Engagement's Office
- What his role looks like with COVID:
 - Voter engagement—Campus Canvas (goal to get 100% eligible student voters to vote)
- Civic Lex—bringing transparency to local politics to the Lex. community (trying to connect Civil Lex. to Transy students)
- Volunteer teams (5 of them) have stayed the same despite COVID
- Saturdays in Service (normal non COVID years)- once a month it is a day of service
 - Community Spotlights take the place of this during COVID
- Blood Drives (Jan. 20th is the next one)—anyone who donates can get a free COVID anti-body test
- Non-Profit organizations in Lex. can use volunteers
- Reindeer Express and The Hope Center could use SGA's help

3. First Year Open Seat Election

- One seat open
- Candidates: Jenna Shalash, Victoria Vela, Colby Shock
- Result: Jenna Shalash

X. Discussion Items

XI. Special Orders

XII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn
 - o Moved by: Summer Taylor
 - o Seconded by: Olivia Grienkie
 - o Approved by unanimous consent -Yes

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:35PM