



## **MINUTES**

**Transylvania University SGA**

**Full SGA Meeting**

**Date: 01.13.2021**

## **I. Call to Order**

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

## **II. Roll Call**

- **Members Present:**
  - o Member Name: Summer Taylor, Seth Wyatt, Drew Dodds, Lindsey Steffen, Taylor Smith, Ben Gallenstein, MacKenzie Sloan, Dalton Teegarden: Late, Katherine Shearer, Madhu Ammisetty, Nick Bokeno, Ruben Joseph, Tate Ohmer, Will Fries, Olivia Greinke, Emma Spencer, Lita Spielmann, Nick McNamee, Branson Gillispe, Jenna Shalash, Kopila Rai
- **Members Absent:** N/A

## **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: MacKenzie
- Approved by unanimous consent -Yes

## **V. Announcements from Chair**

### Chief of Finance

- Transy's Got Talent funding request from Emma Spencer
  - \$449 for iPod, Turn Table, and Wireless Portable Speaker
  - Result: Passed

- Masks for Academic Buildings from Ruben
  - \$98 for 14 Boxes of Masks
  - Results: Passed

#### Chief of Staff

- Taylor, did you assign a senator to Beth's project?
- Please email me if you are absent
- If you are Academic Affairs Chair or Student Affairs Chair, please text me names of people who were absent from committee meeting
- Please send me the Record of Vote
- New Senators, stay after full SGA

#### Academic Chair - Taylor

- ASL Club starts next Friday- Contact Kopila if you are interested
- Tate emailed Courtney, and they had a trivia in the past, and it was unsuccessful so Courtney does want to spend money on this
- Tate is still working on the art project archives and needs another senator on the job
- Nick is helping with the library survey

#### Student Affairs Chair - Seth

- Jenna is working on Green House17 with Summer
- Jenna is working on the SGA Newsletter
- Madhu has finalized pronoun campaign flyers
- Feb. 14-15th is advertising for Transy's Got Talent
- Ruben has a funding request for masks
- Will is looking for members for his Law Fraternity, and it will be put into TNotes for recruiting
- Lita is working with Goodie bags with Residence Life
- SGA lunches with Alumni and working with Student Alumni Association
- Ruben is working on cheap outside heaters

#### Vice President

- CPC Report
- SGA Lunches- some faculty members have canceled or have not responded, so he is emailing other faculty members

#### CPC Report

- Dr. Ribovich is introducing a class called Intro. to Judaism
- Talking about starting the Assessment Committee under CPC as a separate subsection

#### DEI Report

- This week in DEI, they discussed the potential for a faculty workshop on anti-racism with Dr. Candice Hargons from UK

- The committee is also setting up a meeting with Dean Thomas to discuss the CFD and future workshops
- Discussed the upcoming diversity social. The guiding question will be: how do we define diversity, equity, and inclusion at Transy?

#### Student Handbook Committee

- N/A

### **VIII. Unfinished Business**

### **IX. New Business**

#### **1. General Announcements**

- She moderated the Campus Conversation today and hopes people attended

#### **2. Dean Covert Address**

- Jeremy Sheffield has accepted another position
  - Billy Joe Wood will be stepping in as Assistant Director
  - Searching for a new Director
- New APRN started her position
- Drew: Will there be construction on Hazelrig?
- Covert: An announcement about housing next week that he cannot share yet

#### **3. Michelle and Dr. Dugi Introduction**

#### **4. New Senator Swear In**

- Tori, Lauren, Ysa, Victoria, Isabelle, and Sarah

#### **5. Guest Speaker**

- Dr. Barnsley
- She congratulates us on SGA's increased presence and reaching out to the Transy community
- CPC is one of the standing committees of the faculty
- Two year position
- Each division is represented, 2 big faculty seats, the Dean or associate Dean, librarian, 2 SGA representatives
- CPC assess any new course, and then it is taken to all of faculty to vote
- CPC reviews and asses academic programs
- Conversations about Gen. Eds. currently
- Assessing First Engagements program and the faculties role
- CPC is focused on maintaining our curriculum

- CPC wants to clarify vagueness in curriculum, such as diversity
- They look at what outcomes they want to see, whether it is from one course or a series of courses
- There is an assessment committee to examine the old/current Gen. Ed. system
- Program setup review is every 7 years
- We did not have a program review last year for religion, but they hired Dr. Ribovich to take over classes- the idea is for someone to bring in angles of gender and race

**6. Constitutional Change - MacKenzie Sloan**

- "Shall have" to "shall have up to" 35 senators
  - Results: Passed

**7. Student Affairs Chair Election**

- Nominees: Madhu, Katherine
  - Result: Madhu

**8. Public Relations Chair Election**

- Nominees: Branson, Jenna, Olivia
  - Results: Olivia

**X. Discussion Items**

**XI. Special Orders**

**XII. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn
  - o Moved by: Tate
  - o Seconded by: Kopila
  - o Approved by unanimous consent -Yes

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:14PM**