## **Student Government Association**

## **Student Senate Meeting**

# November 17, 2016

Location: Senate Chamber

Call to Order: At 7:34PM
Approval of Minutes: Yes

Pass: Yes

Roll Call:

Last	First	Present	Excused
Bach	Vivian	*	
Bishop	Ben	*	
Blanchard	Courtney	*	
Chen	Megan	*	
Clarke	Andrew	*	
Connell	Tony Joe	*	
Courtney	Ashley	*	
Craft	Alex	*	
Cross	Hugh	*	
Faulk	Kenny		*
Fulcher	Dalton	*	
Hennings	Leslie	*	
Higgins	Cydney		
Houston	Jeffrey	*	
Inman	Madison	*	
Johnson	Michelle	*	
Joosse	Jacquelyn	*	

Lewis	Raelan		
Marbibi	Abigail		*
Mok	Andrew		
Myers	Kristian		*
Naifeh	Payton		*
O'Brien	Will		
Ortego	Lainey	*	
Petty	Caley	*	
Rountree	Justin		*
Scott	David	*	
Stayton	Blake	*	
Sturdivant	AJ	*	
Taylor	JT		
Taylor	David	*	
Todd	Kylee	*	
Vandergrift	Heather		

Members Present: 22

<u>Guest Speakers</u>: N/A

## Officer Reports:

- President (Jared Moses): TigURS Garden
  - o President tweeted out about the parking situation
  - o The garden will remain where it is
  - o Richardson towers will be parking and green space
  - o Parking expansion general or priority?
    - No answer yet
- Speaker (Tony Joe):
  - o TJ will thank senators for their participation in Town Hall.

- o TJ will remind senators of special meeting called by President Moses. Next Monday 7pm in the popular room
- o End with closing comments for last scheduled meeting of the semester.
- o Update on Stop Sign Bill for Carpenter Complex
  - Seth Rowland has sent that to Campus Design and Planning they should have them put up by February
  - What size will they be?
    - TJ will report

#### Committee Reports:

- Student Services:
  - o Rec Center Hours Bill and UMLaw Students parking bill was passed
  - o Considering UofM soccer game locations
- Student Development:
  - o "Complete to Compete" campaign
    - Had the campaign on Tuesday and it was extremely successful
    - Had a lot of students come to check it out and some advisors
- Judicial:
  - Discussed a bill regarding the appointment of courts clerks
  - Discussed and passed in further detail Dalton's bill.
  - Discussed and passed Lainey's bill.
- Finance:
  - The committee discussed the travel bill for David Scott with the Student Veteran Association.
  - David Scott attended the meeting to discuss the bill. The bill was passed.
- Environmental
  - Discussed and passed the Green Fee bill

#### Old Business:

#### **New Business:**

List in this order please

- Senator Appointments
  - o Ashton Toone
    - Junior communication major
    - Extremely involved
  - o Darius Wade
    - Junior
  - Jacob Chan
    - Sophomore Sport and Leisure management
  - o Discussion
    - Motion to slate and approved
    - All approved
- Finance Bills
  - o Aldhahri

- Asking \$495
- o Goss
  - Asking \$447
- o Houston
  - Asking \$567
- o Pederson
  - Asking for \$279
- o Sanders
  - Asking for \$504
- o St. John
  - Asking for \$300
- o Tucker
  - Asking for \$308
- o Still have money left over
- o We did not go into next semester's budget
- o Motion to slate the bills
  - Seconded
  - All bills approved
- o Scott (Undergraduate)
  - Allocating \$4036
  - Fall semester
  - Doing a lot of stuff that is beneficial
  - Motion to open the floor to voting
    - Seconded
    - Abstaining:1
    - The bill was passed
- Green Fee Funding Bill
  - o Courtney is passing out the bill
  - o She sat on the green fee committee
    - Meets every year in the spring
  - o Students and faculty can submit bills to this committee
  - o Saw a cut to the budget last year
  - o Began in 2007
  - o Transition from TBR e are not sure how Green fee is going to be funded
    - They may want to raise the green fee
  - o Move offices being funded from green fee to university funding
  - o Listed all programs that are funded from the green fee
  - o Breakdown graph for new projects and returning projects
  - o Princeton review has put us on its list for green colleges
  - o After a project, has been funded for 2 years the need to go to university to get 50% funded and then green fee funds the other half of the project
  - o On year 4 they move to university funding
  - o If the bill passes tonight Courtney and Seth and they will go talk to these programs and ask them to go to the university to ask for funding
  - o Green fee score sheet
    - Panel would be good to see who is successful

- Fair process for money allocation
- Making sure that you hit their criteria
- Innovative
- o Discussion:
  - Chart?
    - No weight given
    - If enacted they would find a more concrete way to score orgs
  - If the bike share is not being utilized will we cut it out?
    - That would be up to the University
    - A lot of the projects being funded have gotten comfortable
  - Where is the funding coming from and ideal?
    - It would come from the University
    - The lighting fee was not able to be passed because it did not have the funding
  - What if they do not take the recommendation?
    - You can always come back to the green fee and ask.
    - It wouldn't change the cycle maybe.
    - In the bill it states that it has to be a recommendation not a permanent fix
    - The SGA will recommend that the University will take these.
  - This is a problem that we want to consider not what is exactly going to happen
  - Next year we are transitioning away from TBR
    - This set the donation at \$10
    - In the future that may change or not
  - The green fee is a board to bring in new projects not the same projects
  - Feels futuristic not right now
    - Not going to change everything right now
  - Its saying that the university needs to fund things not just the students
    - We want more green initiatives so this is how we get this
    - Why not ask the university to fund these things if they are for this?
  - University has already agreed to start taking on some projects
  - What is the current policy?
    - They can come to the committee and ask for as many years as they want
  - The University supports a project and does not fund it do we have the right to drop it?
    - Go to the Green Fee and ask for money
  - Who's going to be on the panel?
    - University will ask SGA for help
- o Voting:
  - Bill passed
- Senator Attendance Bill
  - o Changed it
  - o Current bylaws gone over
  - o The way he read it was that you can miss as many as you want if you send excuses
  - o Want to 3 absences per semester
  - o Will take effect Jan 1, 2017
  - o Questions:
    - Do away with excuses

- Allowed three and that's it
- o Motion and seconded
- o Vote:
  - Favor (13)
  - Opposed (5)
  - Abstaining (1)
- Bill Reporting Bill
  - o Need to report passage of bills to executive
  - o Article 3 Section 1
    - Speaker reports
  - o Questions:
    - Since bill passes it will be reported and given to the executive branch
    - Makes it more clear
  - Motion to vote and seconded
    - Bill passed
- UM Law General Parking Bill
  - Second year law student and it's not easy
  - o Downtown there is no parking provided
    - \$60 month
    - Not included in tuition
    - Females pay a little more to park closer
  - o Lot of services that you can be utilized that they can't utilize
    - Gym
    - Etc
  - o Law students don't know that they can come to main campus
    - No parking to come campus
  - o Law students don't come to main campus hardly at all during busy times
  - o Elevate the issue for law students coming to main campus
  - o The law students voted not to pay for general parking
  - o Recommending that law students want to come to main campus
  - o Full time law students
  - o Comments:
    - There is no parking lot specifically for students
    - Staff and faculty are taken care of but not students
    - During the day students can't park there
    - How will this affect parking services?
      - Don't know how much it costs to print the tag
      - Just getting the tag
    - How many full-time law students?
      - 350
      - Give them all general parking for main campus
    - Still part of main campus
    - For now, it will help with the idea that law students can come to main campus.
    - Motion to approve the bill:
      - Bill is passed

- UM Law Rec Center Hours Bill
  - o Let the main campus know that the hours for the rec center are not good for graduate and law students
  - o Don't know what the budget will be
  - o Open the entire rec at 5:30AM
  - o On Saturday, it needs to open at 5:30AM
  - o Sunday needs to open 7am and close at 7pm
  - o Needs to act like a gym
  - o Group classes:
    - All Monday through Friday
    - Conducted a survey and saw that more popular classes need to be offered on the weekend
  - o Questions:
    - It's not being utilized now they may not go for it.
      - A lot of grad students and law students will use this
    - Not as many people there in the morning but it will still be utilized.
    - Keep the holiday hours now
    - If they could extend the hours at night in the morning that would-be great
    - Is there any way to see the cost?
      - David Taylor
      - Jared will talk to them about these new hours
    - She likes the ideas and it could open job opportunities for students
    - This would be a suggestion to the people at the rec
  - o Motion to approve the bill:
    - Bill is passed
- Lambuth Report
  - o Furniture plans for the second floor of Wilder
  - o WiFi issues- Michael
    - Following up on
  - o Marketing for Undergrad and Graduate travel funding
  - o Computer lab times
  - Discount list
    - New Business
  - o Comment Box
- Announcements
  - o New Tapingo App
  - o Special Meeting reminder to vote on proposed constitutional changes.
  - o Final Exams are closely approaching.
  - o Remember to stay focused on your academic priorities and best of luck on exams!

Roll Call:

Adjourn: 9:03

Tony Joe Connell

Speaker of the Senate

Jacquelyn Joosse

Chief Clerk