

Student Government Association

Student Senate Meeting

September 1, 2016

Location: Senate Chamber

Call to Order: 7:11pm

Approval of Minutes:

Pass: yes Fail: \_\_\_\_

Roll Call:

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

Lamb	Railyn		
Lewis	Raelan	X	
Marbibí	Abigail	X	
Mok	Andrew	X	
Myers	Kristian	X	
Naifeh	Payton	X	
O'Brien	Will	X	
Ortego	Lainey		X
Petty	Caley	X	
Robinson	Kirsten		
Rountree	Justin	X	
Sturdivant	AJ	X	
Swift	Dante	X	
Taylor	JT	X	
Taylor	David	X	
Todd	Kylee		X
Vandergrift	Heather		X

Members Present:

Guest Speakers: Dr. Dan Bureau – Green Fee 7:30pm

Officer Reports:

- President (Jared Moses): Jared will make announcements about homecoming.
- Vice-President (Natalie Moore):
- Speaker (Tony Joe): TJ will remind senators to send him their UID and UUIDs for online bill submission access.

Committee Reports:

- Nothing to report
- All committee appointments confirmed

Old Business:

New Business:

List in this order please

- Finance Bills
  - Travel
  - Elizabeth Booker- passed
  - Bahareh Elabaian- passed
  - Wesam Salem- passed
  - Shaila Strayhorn- passed
  - Whitney Trujillo- passed
- Budget – Jared and Natalie
  - reviewed budget and questions on the budget
  - talked about Safety App- app to help report and review safety & safety concerns on campus
  - talked about bills and where money from bills that would require money
  - Model UN question from Lambuth because there is no dollar amount on the budget—if Lambuth wanted to spend money on Model UN they would have to bring it out from the Lambuth budget
  - Graduate travel is all graduate students, not for certain schools
  - Operational Assistance money recommendation to Law School to help fund law school events/supplies
  - budget is PASSED
- Committee Member Appointments
  - No committee reports
  - Committee appointments- passed
- Announcements
  - Dan Bureau came and spoke about the Green Fee Committee this year about the differences
  - Mr & Mrs UofM changes
  - When to do office hours, sign in for office hours in the log on the desk, 2 office hours per week, they do not have to be from 8-4:30 but office hour may be locked outside of those hours
  - Send information to TJ to get access to computers and bill log in
  - There will be a brief green fee meeting following senate meeting.
- Lambuth Report
  - Lambuth campus has had an increase of on campus living
  - Steady enrollment numbers
- Items accomplished
  - focused on planning to ensure that campus was ideal
  - first SGA council meeting next week

- trying to get offices space for SGA
- trying to get higher presence of SGA on Lambuth campus
- trying to increase membership for Lambuth SGA
- Blue Crew branch for Lambuth??
- Increased communication with students, community and main campus SGA plans
- Trying to get student discounts in Jackson for Lambuth students—communicating with other campuses to get ideas on how to do so
- Participating in voter registration initiatives on Lambuth campus
- Graduate School
  - Introduced new GSA president

Adviser Comments:

- Justin Lawhead: Open ended conversation about Bursar's office, financial aid, and advising—want to have one office to make it a one stop shop in order to improve causes—continuing conversation bc it is in the beginning stations
- Dekitra: Academic Advising—we need advisors that are solely advisors so that they do not have too many responsibilities
- JT: Advising—already know what hes doing when he's going to advising, wants to make it easier because he already knows what he's about to register for.
- Clarke: Advising—Advisors are not the best and give you the run around and do not seem knowledgable about advising—create a SETE evaluation to evaluate advisors
- Justin: Online advising system for criminal justice, likes this because its easier and he's on top of his stuff but for some people its not the best system because some stuff will get overlooked checks and balances
- Dante: advisors are pushing you to graduate but are not focused on getting you into classes that would be good
- Payton: Needs to be more unison in how you are advised, need more consistency in departments to make the process more straight line
- This year students were recommended to all be advised in ACC but this can be problematic because in the end it won't help
- Caley: Needs to be a more ratio of students to advisor so you can get better attention/help
- Abigail: Better call time and communication for Financial Aid
- Will: ESP type advising that you can always get to an advisor bc sometimes they back up so much, walk in appointments
- Madison: Multiple approaches to advising
- Dante: Freshman don't understand UMDegree, need to help them out more so they really know how to use it
- Raelen: Event to help students on how to change/look up classes so they can do it themselves and really learn how to do what they want to do rather than what advisors tell them to do

- Vivian: ACC is good because they develop more relationships with students so it is good but they were short staffed
- Jared: Host an event in October to help students
- Dekitra: A lot of people will call financial aid for questions that can be easily answered if they are online
- Courtney: automated message on financial aid to help students find answers so they do not have to call
- Raelen: lack of communication for students, don't know differences between financial aid and bursar's office for simple things
- Dante: put relevant information on automated call/hold message

Roll Call:

Adjourn: 8:56pm

Tony Joe Connell

Speaker of the Senate

Jacquelyn Joosse

Chief Clerk