



Senate Meeting Minutes: 08 March 2021

Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President followed by Moment of Silence

Roll Call taken by Secretary:

Absent	Virtual
Callie Johnson, Mealer, Peters, Morrow	Curtis, Freeman, Carver, Hawkins, Abbas, Wood, Phillippi, Roth, Tweel, Hamrick, Potter, Godwin, Fugate, Malone, Willis

Motion to approve previous minutes by Senator Tidwell, second by Senator Bell. Motion to approve agenda by Senator Ask, second by Senator Hall. Guest speakers Mason Hilliard and Brandi Kriebel present on the new 'Trailblazer' Program and assisting students interested in Tennessee Tech with applying, questions, etc. Benefits are assisting students, early registration, and potential scholarships. Applications are now open. Contact Mason or Brandi if you have question. End of presentation.

Presentation of SOLO Applications:

- TnTech Swing Dance Club requesting \$480 for annual Disney Dance, including music and drinks. Event is on the Centennial Plaza on March 28th 8-10pm. Application passes by majority vote.
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People requesting \$150 in the Black Culture for paint night event. Event is located at Center on March 10th at 7:30pm. Application passes by majority vote.

Standing Committee Reports

- Governmental Affairs - Senator Dorris – Discussed potential action on the State's Senate letter
- Student Affairs – Senator Cannon Johnson – Discussed new library bill
- Environmental and Sustainability – Senator Elliot – Discussed Day of Service Bill
- Student Safety – External Affairs Griffin – Discussion of Pharmabox Bill
- SOLO – Senator Judkins – Discussed revising the application process, continued planning the Backyard Bash event
- Constitutional- Senator Alley – Passed Syllabus Act and Day of Service Act

- Academic – Senator Potter – Passed Syllabus Act, Discussed new bill on bereavement policy

University Committee Reports

- Senator Dorris – Commencement Committee – Graduation will be outside at Tucker Stadium, may need more student workers than previous years

There is no Unfinished Business.

Enter New Business discussion:

President Lay presents Eathan Albert as official recommendation for the open senator position in ROTC. Motions passes with majority vote.

Secretary presents the first bill “Syllabus Act”. The sponsor Senator Roth speaks on the behalf. Senator Johnson speaks on behalf of the bill when Senator Roth experiences technical difficulties. Amendment by Senator Tidwell: "In Section 1, strike the phrase "Act to Make Syllabi Accessible to Students" and replace it with "Syllabi Accessibility Act of 2021".” Amendment passes 22:0:0. Amendment by Senator Tidwell: "In Section 6, strike "in the 2021-2022 academic year" and replace with "immediately".” Amendment passes 20:4:0. Enter discussion. Senator McGee yields time to Rachel Baker, who yields time. Senator Tidwell moves to refer the bill to ad hock committee. Senator Johnson objects. Motion fails 18:5:1. Move to discussion of the bill itself. Senator Elliott yields her time to Senator Roth, who clarifies the purpose and wording of the bill for Senator Tidwell’s previous amendment comments. Senator Hall is recognized, speaks in support of the bill and its wording. Senator Tidwell states bill is not worded correctly. Senator Hall yields her time to Madam Secretary, who clarifies the wording in the bill. End of Discussion. Motion to previous question. Bill passes as amended 24:1:2.

Secretary presents the second bill “Day of Service Act of 2021”. The sponsor Senator Elliott speaks on behalf of the bill. Amendment by Senator Elliott: “Change title from 'An Act to Create a Tennessee Tech Day of Service' to 'A Resolution to Continue and Expand Tech Strong Day of Service' ; change 'the spring break of 2021, March 15-19' to 'on March 3rd, 2021' ; strike all operative clauses and move to preambulatory, fix grammar consequently ; add 'we support that' before 'March 3rd will be annually...' and 'Tennessee Tech's University Service...' and ' Tennessee Tech's Office of Communications...' ; add 'we recommend that' before 'in the future...' ; add 'we recommend that' before 'the Student Government Association...' ; add 'we recommend that' before 'organizations and offices...' ; add as 10th preambulatory clause 'Whereas, if

March 3rd is a weekend day, we recommend that the Day of Service is postponed until the following week, and' ; change Whereas clauses including "March 3rd, 2021" to correct past tense verbs; strike 'ENACTED' and add 'RESOLVED'".
Amendment passes 24:0:1. No further discussion, move to previous question.
Resolution passes as amended 25:0:0.

Executive Cabinet Reports

- Secretary of Internal Affairs – No Report
- Secretary of External Affairs – No Report
- Secretary of Public Relations – No Report
- Secretary of State – If you have ever been to TISL, please get in contact with her to share your opinion.
- Executive Legislative Advisor – Resolution Template has been created, contact if you would like to see it or need guidance.
- Chief of Staff -
- Secretary of Environmental Affairs – Eco Eagles posted a creative writing contest, please get involved. Water week and Earth day are upcoming.
- Executive Judicial Liaison – Supreme Court met and discussed parking tickets

Executive Council Reports

- Secretary – No meeting next week for next week because of Spring Break, continue to make her aware of virtual accommodation needs.
- Treasurer – Attend the SOLO event tomorrow at 7pm! Happy Spring Break!
- Vice President – Discussion of future meeting schedule due to snow cancelations. Those interested in SGA next year, the 20th of April is Senate elections, the 13th of April is Executive elections. More information to come.
- President
 - i. Clarification of Robert's Rules and our Parliamentary Procedure and the yielding of time motion.
 - ii. Thank you all for the support in the Day of Service event last week.
 - iii. Look into the Trailblazers Program, SGA senators are ideal candidates
 - iv. Those who have not tabled must sign up, listing of names.
 - v. During tabling, we will continue to hand out PPE and discuss our SOLO funds, and soon we will provide election information.
 - vi. We will be rebranding the SGA logo, if interested in coming up with designs contact President Lay

Announcements

- Senator Fowler – there is a service project opportunity this weekend for anyone who needs service hours or just wants to do a good thing. It is helping with community gardens for a local nonprofit in Cookeville. The garden is just across the street from the old Big O's location but have them contact me if they are interested.
- EJM Westbrook – Constitution and by laws reform committee needs 2 more senators.

Meeting adjourns.