Legislative Branch: Senate Meeting
February 16, 2015, Ballroom A

*Meeting called to order at 12:17PM by Senate Chairman, VP Matthias Downs*

*Roll Call: Secretary Elly Estrada*

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**Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to approve the Senate Minutes from February 9, 2015 by Senator Ballard
  - Seconded by Senator Adams
  - Motion carries unanimously

**Approval of Agenda**

- Motion to approve the Senate Agenda by Senator Adams
  - Seconded by Senator ballard
Motion carries unanimously

Executive Reports

Secretary Estrada

● SGA APP UPDATE
  ○ 778 total downloads
  ○ 650 people have opted in for push notifications

● Boneyard Crew
  ○ First game will be the basketball game vs Lander February 18th at 7:30PM
  ○ Working to make this an official RSO
  ○ If you or a friend would like to join let me know

● Armstrong Student Alumni Association
  ○ Constitution has been reviewed and accepted
  ○ Presenting this to the SAC ASAP
  ○ Need Executive Board Members

Treasurer Sellers

● RSO Budget Hearing
  ○ Feb 20th from 11AM-2PM, this FRIDAY
  ○ Need two more senators for this week

● Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
  ○ Last meeting there was conflict to award the group because of the current policy. Kate has come up with a one time solution to suspend the rule to award the group. So just keep that in mind during old business.

● SAF Committee
  ○ Pre-meeting. met with Susan Hacker, Dr. Upton & Kate to discuss possible SAF definition Proposals
  ○ There will be a meeting with all committee members to discuss a finalized definition

● Budget:
  ○ Senate:
    ■ Expended: $23,276.01
    ■ Encumbered: $36,407.57
    ■ After Encumberance: $1,592.43
  ○ RSO:
Expended: $13,724
Remaining: $10,276.00

Vice President Downs
• Learning Commons
  ○ Spoke with Doug Frazier and he confirmed the extended learning common hours to begin today (Feb 16).
    • Extended learning common hours are officially here:
      ● Sun: 12:00 PM to 2:00 AM (adds 4 hours)
      ● Mon: 8:30 AM to 2:00 AM (adds 2 hours)
      ● Tues: 8:30 AM to 2:00 AM (adds 2 hours)
      ● Wed.: 8:30 AM to 2:00 AM (adds 2 hours)
      ● Thurs. 8:30 AM to 2:00 AM (adds 2 hours)
      ● Fri.: 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM (no change)
      ● Sat: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM (no change)
  ○ I requested that at the end of the semester when they review the data for the year they invite us in on the discussion to see what else we can do for the students as it pertains to the Library and the Learning Commons.

• Dining Services
  ○ Food Crew Meeting
    ■ Feb 19th at 7:00PM in the MCC WOW/Quiznos area
    ■ Meeting with Sam Ramos this Thursday to talk about the food truck survey

• Academic Affairs
  ○ Meeting with Dr. Ward and we discussed the following:
    ■ E-Core
      ● The Faculty Senate will be meeting this week to vote on their stance.
    ■ ROTC Early Registration
      ● There is a committee that will be convened to review priority registration request.
      ● Need a student, preferably from Academic Student Success, to serve on this committee.
    ■ Honor Cords for Graduation
• There office can provide this option, but funding would be the issue
• Was presented with two options about how to go about getting the cords
  a. The students are eligible to receive the cord will pay either seven dollars (single strand) or fourteenth dollars (double strand).
  b. We increase the price of the graduation package for everyone to compensate the purchase of these cords.

  ■ Student Activity Hours
  • Will be put on hold for the incoming Provost to address.

  ■ President List
  • This is going to happen and we should see the president list’s get distributed by the end of fall 2015.

  • Recreation and Wellness
    ○ Pep Band
      ■ Met with Jason Salzer (Assistant Director) to get an update of the Pep Band.
        • Seven people have signed up who are interested in participating in this band.
        • Will be working with him and others to create an action plan for the band. The tentative execution of this plan will be the fall of 2015.

  • SGA Archives
    ○ Will be working with our advisers and her staff about getting the legislation sent through the senate to be place in a database for future reference. This idea was brought up by Senator Stewart.

  • SGA Vice Presidential Advisory Committee Meeting (VPAC)
    ○ There will be a VPAC Meeting tomorrow (Feb 17th) at 3pm in the Tybee conference room.
      ■ If the chair and/ or Co-chair cannot attend this meeting please have a representative come on the committee’s behalf.

President Nuñez
• Met with other presidents of USG and discussed DACA and SB44, performance based funding, and the HOPE scholarship.
  ○ After speaking with other presidents, most were unaware of DACA. which means that Armstrong is the leading institution on the subject.
  ○ The hope scholarship is dealing with some solvency issues which could lead to more cuts in the scholarships awarded.
  ○ the state seems to be moving toward performance based funding as opposed to enrollment based funding. This is a significant change in policy which should lead to greater attention being paid to getting students to graduation instead of enrolling new students with no follow through.

Advisor Reports

Kate Steiner:
• Will be out of office this Thursday and Friday for a leadership conference

Yvette Upton:
• SAF
  ○ We had a great first discussion and look forward to more discussion on the topic
• Clothing Closet
  ○ February 18th 4-7 PM
  ○ February 19th 1-2PM
  ○ You can sign up online!
• Career Fair will be on the 24th from 3-6PM

Julie:
• CUB
  ○ Mardi Gras Masquerade this Friday at 8PM
  ○ Please support your SGA members

Committee Reports
• Campus and Community Initiative Committee: Senator Bressler
• Go Green
  ○ “Campus Wide Clean Up” in the works
• Elections and Recruitment Committee: Senator Reyes
• Sign up now, if you want to be a Senator, or part of Student Court.
  ○ Application will close close March 4th
  ○ People who meet the criteria will be emailed
- Elections will be April 13-15
- Business and Finance: Senator Brooks
  - Need everyone to meet with me during open discussion
- Rules Committee: Senator Zellner
  - We have a proposal to add the Attorney General position
- Student Life Committee: Senator Green
  - Survey in March to discuss opinions and suggested for Block Party
  - March 5th
    - We will be collaborating with Career Services
  - Tailgate in discussion
  - Meeting same time same place
- Academic Student Success: Senator Hart
  - Sent email to student body about a survey
  - Made a rough draft to change the SGA App which is still in the works
  - Please come see me during open

Senate Whip:
- N/A

Open Discussion
- Rules suspended at 12:34
- Rules reinstated at 12:44

Old Business
- Motion to appoint Susanne Hurst as Senator by Senator Ballard
  - Seconded by Senator Green
  - Motion carries
- Motion to approve the SGA bylaw amendment by Senator Brooks
  - Seconded by Senator Ballard
  - Motion carries
- Motion to suspend the RSO budget policy by Senator Brooks
  - Seconded by Senator Stewart
  - Motion carries
- Motion to approve $1,850 from RSO budget for Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia in order to fund their event by Senator Brooks
  - Seconded by Senator Ballard
- Motion carries

- Motion to reinstate the RSO budget policy by Senator Brooks
  - Seconded by Senator Hart
  - Motion carries unanimously

- Motion to suspend rules by Senator Reyes
  - Seconded by Senator Ballard
  - Motion carries

- Motion to reinstate the rules by Senator Brooks
  - Seconded by Senator Green
  - Motion carries

New Business

- Motion to assign Eric Self to a second committee of Business and Finance by Senator Reyes
  - Seconded by Senator Green
  - Motion carries

- Motion to assign Austin Goolsby as the Co-chair of Campus and Community Initiatives by Senator Brooks
  - Seconded by Senator Ballard
  - Motion carries

Announcements:

- PFC Presentation Thursday at 6 in the Skidaway
  - Topic: Credit

- Don’t forget to sign up for Treasure Savannah, sign up closes on the 25th

- Mardi Gras Performance tomorrow night at 7:30PM
  - Tickets are free with pirate card

Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn by Senator Iazo
  - Seconded by Senator Wooten
  - Motion carries unanimously

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