

28 March 2022 Student Senate Meeting  
*Meeting Called to Order at 7:06 PM*  
Quorum is met

## **Attendance**

- If you could visit any planet, which one would you visit?

## **Approval of the Minutes**

- I. Minutes are approved

## **Community Comment**

- I. No community comment

## **Committee Updates**

- I. IR
  - A. Second open discussion forum from 1-2pm in Arboretum Interpretive Center
- II. Finance
  - A. Spring budgeting is open!
  - B. Get it in by April 18th
    1. We are trying to decrease the amount of mid-years next year
  - C. Emails being sent out tonight

## **Old Business**

- I. No old business

## **New Business**

- I. Student Org Space Committee
  - A. Senate representative to help CAO with the space allocation process
  - B. Appointing
    1. Senator Davison nominates Chair Hathy, Senator Kebede seconds
    2. Voting is held
      - a) The vote passes
- II. New Senate Constitution
  - A. Reconfiguring Senate structure to create more communication and cooperation between Senators and Cabinet
  - B. Some positions would still be appointed by Co-Presidents like Admin Director, Controller, Finance Director, and Parliamentarian (would be more administrative positions)
  - C. Senators can become a Committee Chair
    1. would not only be representing their constituents, they would also be heading the committee
    2. Some members of Senate would be both members of Senate AND members of Cabinet
    3. Senators would still be able to vote

4. Student at Large positions would not be able to serve as Committee Chairs

D. Additional Positions to Senate

1. Maybe adding two senators per class
2. Combining positions that have been harder to fill (like the Views)
3. Potentially opening up the idea of adding more seats to the places/constituencies that people are interested in
4. Speaker Bailey suggests that we add a cap on seats (i.e 4) for all Res-Halls
5. Co-President Elect Nelson suggests adding student representatives for example for Fine Arts, Athletics, etc.
6. Senator Alders adds that it is important to make positions available to those who want to be involved regardless of availability
7. Chair White adds that it is important for us to encourage people to join Students at Large positions
  - a) Controller Thompson suggests that we need to make the SAL application rigorous so that we are still choosing quality candidates

E. Ad-Hoc committees are still voted upon by the Senate whether to keep or not

1. This is the same Ad-Hoc committee policy as in the previous Constitution

F. We will pick this back up at the next meeting after Senators get the chance to view and come up with questions/comments for the potential new Constitution

G. Senator Baring motions to table this discussion, Senator Fischer seconds

1. A Vote is Held
  - a) Discussion is tabled

III. Summer Credit Internship for International Students

- A. Senator Kebede spoke with President in CIE
- B. Financial Aid office covers half of the credit (around \$750)
- C. Students are discouraged because they hear they have to pay to have an internship during the summer
- D. Chair Hathy talked to Julie Rudolph is trying to get the amount reduced
  1. They do not believe there is much further we can do for this
  2. Could we invite her to a meeting to tell us more about this?
- E. Can we help find different pockets of money or avenues of funding?
- F. Senator Kebede motions to charge the Inclusive Excellence Committee with this issue, Senator Alders seconds
  1. Vote is Held: The vote passes

## Announcements

- I. Look out for an email with a GroupMe invitation!
  - A. Join it please
- II. Sustainability Interns, Teach In on Wednesday from 7-9pm
  - A. Open house style
- III. LatinX night this Friday!

- IV. April 25th, 5:45pm Dessert Social at the President's House
  - A. She will be joining us at the Senate meeting that night
- V. Pro-Choice chalking happening at 9pm tonight! Outside of the Campus Center

*Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM*