**Senate Meeting Notes**

**Summary:**

1. **Approval of PR Secretary**
2. **Absence Policy**
3. **Budget Updates**
4. **Funding Requests (Cosmo Party and Sara Holly)**
5. **Pinnacle Updates**
6. **GFA**

**Attendance (total 14)**

* Elvia
* Ishara
* Ugo
* Samuel
* Brady
* Kaylie
* Montana- sitting in for Destiny
* Dani
* Lee
* Jordan
* Ani
* Iain
* Shy
* Zita

**Majority Vote:** 8 votes

**Minutes:** 37 minutes

**Absences:** Marlene, Destiny (proxy), Angelica

**Proxy:** 1

**1) PR Secretary:**

Brett emailed Lakshya and he resigned.

Hajar for new PR secretary. It’s what she wants to do and that’s what her internship was this past summer. She has experience and she enjoys doing what is entailed.

**Motion to vote:** Iain

**Seconded:** Samuel

**In favor:** everyone

**Opposed:** None

**Vote**: unanimous

**Hajar has been approved**

**2) Absence Policy:**

Allowed 4 absences a semester.

2 can be proxy absences: ex. Montana filling in for Destiny.

After 2, proxy can’t vote or talk. After 4, we vote to remove you.

Unsure if there is a meeting during reading period, Ishara will send an email to confirm.

**3) Budget Update**: We have more money this year so we have a little more freedom to spend and give money towards clubs

**4) Budget Requests:**

**Pre-Vet club.** In need of 100-150.

Unsure of this is for the entire year or just one event. Needs money throughout the year, but is unsure of how much. **Tabled for next meeting.**

**Cosmo Party by the Cosmo Club**. A club for mostly international students, but all their events bring in the entire campus. Party open to the entire campus and people are able to requests songs so there’s songs in different languages. In need of snacks and drinks. Oct. 5th. 100 people. Received money from SGA before. Received funds from student visions fund (not specified how much received). 56 dollars total

**Motion to give them 60**: Dani

**Vote**: 13 total, 1 opposed

Opposed because we should just give them what they asked for

**Motion Passes**

**Discussion to keep Robert’s Rules or not**

Should keep them to keep meetings in order

Shouldn’t keep them if we’re going to suspend them every meeting

We haven’t had very many meetings and we might have a really heated discussion where it’s needed

We’re going to try and practice them next meeting because it’s really important to have them

**5) Pinnacle Update**: SGA is going to provide information to be printed in the newspaper. Mainly done to help people of the Pinnacle.

**6) GFA:**

Lee wanted to discuss for student participation (more voting members in particular). Wants more student representatives.

Every single faculty member is on it.

Focuses on campus policy.

12 students can vote.

Idea: Go through the proper channels for SGA to add more student representation to the GFA. Unsure if all of SGA should discuss or if we should break it down.

**Thoughts:**

Proportion to students to faculty is unsure so we need to figure it out and base how many seats we’re trying to push for on this.

How do we want to start developing a plan? The plan would go to Lakshya and then to GFA. It’s good to have SGA endorsement if we want to have this be more credible.

A smaller committee would be better to develop a plan would be better because although it’s less people, it’s more reliable people.

What do we know about student involvement in the past (like added or taken away student participation)? Last year added the disability committee.

Students on GFA goes with the amount of committees GFA has.

Create another committee to make a plan.

**Idea:** Pick one body of SGA and try to get a quarter student ratio on one of those bodies. 4 faculty or staff to 1 student.

**For next meeting:**

Practice Robert’s Rules at the next meeting because they’re really important

**Conclusion:**

**Motion to adjourned**: Dani

**Seconded**: Ani

**Vote**: unanimous

**Opposed**: None

**Miscellaneous Information:**

**Balance for Budget**: $3,091.52