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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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56th General Assembly
Autumn 2023, Session 8
September 27th, 2023

I. Opening

    a. Call to Order 6:34

    b. Land Acknowledgment

    c. Attendance

    d. Swearing in of Alternates

    e. Approval of Minutes

II. Open Forum for the Public

III. Executive Report

    a. *President Bobby McAlpine and Vice President Madison Mason*

        i. McAlpine

            1. Project bridge the gap is a go

                a. Ran out of time speaking on it have not yet voted but looks like council of student affairs will approve it

                b. There is a trigger for when it is passed

            2. Be Kind Movement event 205,000 meals were packed

            3. Always push for students on opportunities and committees

            4. Three opportunities:

                a. One university health and wellness council once a month meeting

                b. Review of university space and entities names

                    i. Bricker hall and other building are named after some not-so-great people would like to have a student

                c. SEI (Student Evaluation of Instruction) review committee

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       i. Make them better and more efficient two appointments

ii. Mason

    1. Form to streamline process for applying

    2. Tasked for CBRC (Constitution and Bylaw Review Committee

       a. Group of people who look of USG bylaws and constitution supposed to be every 5 years, but it's been 7. Committee to amend constitutions minimum 7 members (GA, JP, Exec, someone who isn't in USG) VP is not a voting member but will keep things in order. I will interview along with Emma; Emma will be graduating so won't be on CBRC. Applications to come soon the first meeting on Nov 1. Will go through constitution and try to get it on ballot for entire student body. CBRC goes through GA, and it will get voted on. Anyone on CBRC can't be a member after it is passed.

         i. Questions

           1. Roy: Amend constitution to be on USG after

             a. Possible but goes through the committee

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2. Roy: Do you think it is smarter to have someone on the committee be on the org later
   a. No, safety guards built in by previous. Made by people who have been in USG so they know it but also other so they can look at it from an outside organization.
3. Roy: Are the public allowed in the meetings?
   a. Yes, VP is allowed to determine how it is run so I would allow it
4. Braziel: Is the committee voting for USG bylaws including GA and JC
   a. Overarching bylaws not necessary Indvidual committee bylaws

IV. **Updates**
   a. *Speaker Alex Poling*
      i. Shirt or water bottle or notebook are available won't necessarily get them for this year
      ii. New members tell me what committees you want to be on
   b. *Parliamentarian Keyanah Peters*
      i. Passing legislation to fix old resolutions
   c. *Secretary Sarah Schmidt*
      i. Constituents event email sent if questions see us after

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V. **Committee Reports**

    a. Allocations Committee

        i. Approved funding for 11 organizations

    b. Oversight Committee

        i. Passed 56-R-7

    c. Issues Committees

        i. Academic Affairs

            1. Meeting on Saturday amending bylaws

        ii. Black Caucus

            1. Meeting today after GA

        iii. Governmental Relations

            1. Had to cancel meeting hopefully meet before steering watch for a text

        iv. Health and Safety

            1. No updates

        v. Justice and Equity

            1. Passed bylaws

        vi. Student Affairs

            1. Fill out when 2 meet by Friday

        vii. Sustainability

            1. No updates

VI. **Old Business**

VII. **New Business**

    a. 56-R-7: A Resolution to Amend 56-R-1, 56-R-2, 56-R-3, 56-R-4, and 56-B-1

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    i. Poling: We had a previous speaker and we passed 5 pieces of legislation before that that did not get signed and sent to the Executive branch. This will allow me to fix a bylaw issue, we are not voting to pass them again.

    ii. Peters: During elections we had a transition period and we had resolutions to approve elections, former speaker had to step down before signing them, so this is amending it to allow current speaker to approve them.

        1. Questions

        2. Roy: can we leave the former speaker's name on it?

            a. Poling: I do not think that is an option just because there is not a place.

            b. Peters: We aren't erasing him we are just moving forwards.

        3. Discussion

        4. Voting via hand raising

            a. 22-0-1

            b. 56-R-7 passes

    iii. Peters: move to enter executive session

        1. Brazil: Second

        2. Vote yes unanimously

b. Standing Committee Appointments

    i. Allocations Committee (2)

        1. Senator Diaz

        2. Senator Methebula

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    ii. Oversight Committee (2)

        1. Senator Nischal

c. Vacancy Application Elections

    i. Presentation of Candidate

    ii. Discussion of Candidate

    iii. Appointment Vote on Candidate

        1. Declan Alford was elected for On Campus senator

        2. Madelyn Davis was elected to the business seat

        3. George Bernard was elected to the On-Campus seat

        4. Gabriella Gustitus was elected to the Nursing seat

d. Administration of Oath of Office

e. Motion to rise and report

VIII. Announcements

a. Ginsburg: Two/three initiatives

    i. 1. kosher and Halal food on campus

    ii. 2. religious accommodations and accessibility

b. Schmidt: make sure name is correct on GroupMe

c. Poling: new senators email tomorrow

IX. Adjournment: 8:52