



Senate Meeting
November 4, 2020
Pride @ 6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order-6:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Senator Carlee-Present

Senator Drake-Present

Senator Hays-Present

Senator Plunkett-Present

Senator Rios-Present

Senator Schessler-Present

Senator Standbridge-Present

Vice President Cooper-Present

Vice President Williams-Excused

President Jaeger-Present

III. Approval of the Minutes- Schessler moves to approve, 2nded by Standbridge, no objections.

IV. Approval of the Agenda- Schessler moves to approve, 2nded by Carlee, no objections.

V. Open General Student Input-No Students.

VI. Guest Speaker

A. Sandra Patton (Director of the Disabilities Office)-Did not Show.

B. Katrina Watkins (Director of Academic Concierge)

1. Things have changed in advising. We now have the success teams where every student has an academic advisor, financial aid advisor, and a concierge. The goal is to have the same team throughout your journey at college unless you switch your major. The concierge works as a connection to other departments for student needs such as tutoring, student support services, textbook assistance, technological needs, and classroom concerns.

a) Question: I switched majors, and my catalog updated and added an extra class I did not need. Is there a way to appeal that?

- (1) Yes, please email Katrina.Watkins@tamuc.edu.
- b) Question: My friend was told he needs to take a THEA test?
 - (1) He is a teaching major, so it is required to get certified.
- c) Do you think students are taking advantage of the concierge?
 - (1) No, they are definitely not. Concierges have been responsible for advertising.

VII. Executive Board Reports

- A. President Jaeger- Stay happy and healthy. Stay present in everything you do.
- B. Vice President Williams- Next week we will be voting for a new senator and we will have Mr. Tim McMurray. If you want an item on next week's agenda, please contact VP Williams.
- C. Vice President Cooper- Reach out to VP Cooper if you need committee ideas.
Have plans for next semester.

VIII. Advisor Report

- A. Jeremy Sippel- Student Regent Lunch December 2, please RSVP (accept or decline). It is imperative that you are there, Jeremy will give you an excused note to get out of class and work on campus.

IX. Old Business- No Old Business.

X. New Business

- A. Communication Improvement Legislation Bill (Senator Hays)- This bill was about students getting in contact with their professors and having the professors be held accountable for how long it will take them to respond to emails, virtual office hours, etc. It should be resolved by having a statement required in the syllabi and workshops utilizing Brightspace and email communication tips and tricks.
 - a. No Questions.
 - b. Discussion-
 - i. I think this looks really great! Thank you for putting this together.
 - ii. I wanted to sponsor this because I heard a student who had trouble getting in contact with her professor.
- B. Communication Improvement Legislation Bill passed 8-0-0.



XI. Officer Reports

A. Vice-Chair - Please submit your office hours by Friday 11/6. It should be a total of 4 hours (2 hours a week).

B. Treasurer- No Report.

C. Secretary- If you are late, you will be marked tardy.

XII. Announcements- Presidents Meeting 11/5 8:00 p.m., Game Night 11/6 6-7 pm, Happy birthday Cydnee. What Do You Want Wednesdays 12-1 p.m. still going on. Martha got a call from Buccee's and is very excited.

XIII. Adjournment- Moved by Senator Schessler to adjourn at 6:39 p.m., seconded by Senator Standbridge.