

Student Senate Meeting Minutes for

January 28, 2025

Date: 28, January 2025 Time: 7:00 PM Location: Chem & Nat Science BLDG 100

Preparation:

No preparation needed at this time.

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- 1. Call to Order by Vice President Hannah Habisreitinger on January 28, 2025 at 7:03 p.m.
- 2. Moment of Silence
- 3. Roll Call: 33 Seats (32 Senators present, 1 absent, 0 excused absence, 16 seats vacant), 4 Officers, and 1 Advisor.

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- 1. Kelly Lohman
- 2. Emily Horton
- 3. Anna Clare Lavergne
- 4. Hailey Poydras
- 5. Sanish Adhikari
- 6. Blake Guerrero
- 7. Brayden Timmer
- 8. Kiersten Dixon
- 9. Johnathan Fee
- 10. Bishwo Dahal
- 11. Kaylin Williams
- 12. Elizabeth Moon
- 13. Abi Clifton
- 14. Amelia Thomas
- 15. Laura Lee Mayfield

- 16. Lakayja Dupree
- 17. Abby Barton
- 18. Arielle Magee
- 19. Drake Prunty
- 20. Hutson Hearron
- 21. Saru Tamang
- 22. Brooke West
- 23. Kathryn Kamlade
- 24. Autumn Meadors
- 25. Kaitlyn Apperley
- 26. Gabrielle Thomas
- 27. Lawson Marchand
- 28. Landon Deshotel
- 29. Amira Morales

- 30. Gabriel Stephan
- 31. David Payne
- 32. Kyle Wasguespack

- 1. Samaria Spears
- 2. Cassidy Walton
- 3. Hannah Habisreitinger
- 4. Jadyn Maloney
- 5. Adv. Chris Williams

Absence	Excused Absence		
1. Alison McDowell			

4. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

a. Moved by Senator Hutson Hearron and seconded by Senator Arielle Magee.

- There being no correction to the minutes, the minutes were approved.

5. Guest Speaker(s)

- a. Athletics Director, John Hartwell informed the senate that he had a follow-up meeting with Advisor Williams, President Maloney, and Senator Moon in regards to the Student Activity Fee. He told the senate that this fee wouldn't just be beneficial to the student athletics but also to student life as well.
- b. Hartwell said that in regards to the Student Activity Fee, they are looking to propose a flat fee of \$75 per semester in hopes to be implemented for the Fall 2025 semester. He added that there is already a \$20 fee in place, so the \$75 per semester fee would just be a \$55 increase.
- c. Athletics Director, John Hartwell let the senate know that first the \$75 fee would be a two year fee, secondly in Year 3 there would be a \$100 fee for two years, then lastly in Year 5 there would be a \$125 fee. He added that this would generate a lot of revenue.
- d. Hartwell concluded by letting the senate know that timing is very important in this process and that this fee was brought to the senate so that a motion could be made to take the proposal to the UL System Board. He added that he would like the senate to come to the Football Lounge to have dinner and hold a senate meeting there next week.

6. Speakers of the House Reports

- a. College of Arts, Education, and Sciences
 - i. Senator Lohman informed the senate that she is setting up a meeting with Dean Pratte to kick off the semester and get ahead of things. She added that she will be getting with her department on brainstorming some ideas in regards to CAES events or anything that she could talk to Dean Pratte about.
 - ii. Senator Lohman let the senate know that one of her biggest focuses this semester will be getting VAPA more engaged with the student body.
- b. College of Business and Social Sciences
 - i. Senator Dixon informed the senate that she is working on setting up a meeting with the Dean to pick up where they left off last semester. She added that she is working on getting in contact with the CBSS Groupchat to see when everyone is available next month so they can plan a date for Meet The Senators.
 - ii. Senator Dixon let the senate know that she has been following up with Mr. GregMaccarini on setting up a post on the official CBSS Instagram with the CBSS senators.
 - iii. Dixon concluded by telling the senate that she will be emailing Dr. Fields on getting everything set up in regards to the "How To" video for the student body.

c. College of Health Sciences

 Senator Dupree let the senate know that she is working on setting up a meeting with Dr. Bailes.

d. College of Pharmacy

- i. Senator Kamlade informed the senate that she has been emailing Dean Anderson to set up a meeting with him to discuss future plans for the semester.
- ii. Kamlade let the senate know that there will be a Pre-Pharmacy Assembly February 27th in Kitty Degree. She added that the College of Pharmacy is trying to figure out different ways to raise participation.

iii. Kamlade told members of her college that March 18th would be a prospective date for Meet the Senators. She added that she would like to have a Pharmacy Social but she will have more information for them once she meets with the Dean.

e. College of Graduate School

i. No Report

7. Department Head Updates

a. Student Life and Welfare

- i. Senator Moon let the senate know that the Mardi Gras Ball is February 25th from 8:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m. at Bayou Pointe. She added that she is thinking about having Catahoulas as the caterer and that she will be sending out the Sign-Up genius soon.
- ii. Moon informed the senate that she has been meeting with John Hartwell to discuss the Athletics fee and that she will have more to come on this matter.

b. Promotions

- Senator Mayfield reminded the senate that if any of them were interested in doing the Weekly Meeting Recap after meeting then to get with her. She added that she sent off the senates' headshots and introductions for approval.
- ii. Mayfield concluded by letting the senate know to reach out to her with any ideas that they may have for her department.

c. Research and Judicial Affairs

- i. Senator Thomas informed the senate that her department has been working on Document Revisions. She added that they only got through the Election code at their department meeting so they will have to postpone bringing it to the assembly until they have gone through everything.
- ii. Thomas let the senate know Mardi Gras Nominations are open and will close on February 14th. She added that Mardi Gras Court Elections will be on February 19th and 20th.
- iii. Thomas reminded the senate that there will be polling stations for the elections set up for both days and that she will be sending out the Sign-Up genius soon.

d. Academic Enhancement

- Senator Lavergne informed the senate that her department has been working on getting prepared for Meet the Senators. She added that during her department meeting they discussed possibly having a Midterms Study Space, similar to Ace's Study Space/ Ace Your Finals but smaller.
- ii. Lavergne let the senate know that if they have any ideas in regards to Meet the Senators then to reach out to her or the speakers of their college.

Executive Board Reports

e. Treasurer

i. Treasurer Walton reminded the senate that there are no Fall Scholarships left over. She added that the senate was able to help out eight RSOs, totaling in \$4,000 of scholarship given out.

- ii. Walton let the senate know that there will be three scholarships available to give out for February, three scholarships for March, and 2 scholarships for April. She added that so far no one has reached out to her to request for a scholarship.
- iii. Treasurer Walton concluded by telling the senate that she is waiting to get the numbers back from Spring enrollment so she can tell the actual Spring Budget. She added that she normally receives the numbers mid-February, so once she gets them she will present that to the senate.

f. Secretary

- i. Secretary Spears let the senate know that office hours started this week and encouraged the senate to make sure that they are going to their office hours and staying the whole time. She added that if senators are in the HAWKS committee then they will not have a timecard.
- ii. Spears informed the senate that service hours will be posted on her office door weekly or every other week so she encouraged the senate to document their hours regularly in the Google Form.
- iii. Secretary Spears told the senate that senators who voluntarily help out during meetings or in general without asking are appreciated and that their acts do not go unnoticed. She added that this can be very beneficial to senators when it comes to choosing Senator of the Month.
- iv. Spears concluded by telling the senate that she sent out the January and February SGA Calendars in GroupMe. She added that the calendar is subject to change and that she will send out/ post any updates.

g. Vice President

- i. Vice President Habisreitinger informed the senate that the HAWKS Committee will be meeting this semester on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. She added that if any senators were interested in joining this semester then to please do so.
- ii. Habisreitinger let the senate know that she got together with Chief Tom to create a form so senators can get a parking pass for events. She added that she must be informed about the event 2 weeks in advance.
- iii. Habisreitinger thanked the senate for filling out the Semester Evaluation Form for the EC and Department Heads. She added that she gave out semester evaluation forms to the EC and Department Heads today, which will be given to new senators that will be stepping into the roles next semester.
- iv. Vice President Habisreitinger concluded by telling the senate that the Fee Transparency Sheet should be coming out soon. She added that she will get that uploaded on the SGA Website as soon as it comes out.

h. President

i. President Maloney informed the senate that she just got back from Washington, DC where she was at the Annual Conference for Student Body Presidents. She added that she got to meet with Congresswoman Letlow and that it was an amazing experience.

- ii. Maloney let the senate know that CAB needs help with the Calendar Pass Out. She added that she sent out the Sign-Up Genius for this event and encouraged the senate to get their service hours.
- iii. President Maloney told the senate that Dr. Fields reached out to her regarding a Suicide Prevention Bench. She added that the bench would raise a lot of awareness on campus since a lot of students do not know about the Suicide Prevention Hotline and that she thinks this is a very good idea.
- iv. Maloney concluded by telling the senate that the Well-Being Committee is looking for one representative from CAB and SGA to be on this committee. Senator Kathryn Kamlade agreed to be the SGA representative. She also added that the senators in the Dining Committee need to send their schedules in the Dining Committee GroupMe so they can finalize a meeting date for next week.

i. Advisor(s)

- i. Advisor Williams let the senate know that ULM's Got Talent will be held in Brown Auditorium on February 4th at 6:00 p.m. He encouraged the senate to go support the contestants.
- ii. Williams informed the senate that Student Development created a Volunteer Opportunity Page on the ULM Website so that students are able to get extra volunteer hours.

8. Old Business

a. No Old Business

9. New Business

- a. Executive Assistant Approval
- i. By majority vote, Senator Kelly Lohman was appointed as the new Executive Assistant.
- b. Mardi Gras Court Nominations
- i. Mardi Gras Court Nomination for the College of Arts, Education, and Sciences Belle was Hailey Poydras and Beau Brayden Timmer.
- ii. Mardi Gras Court Nomination for the College of Business and Social Sciences Belle was Keirsten Dixon and Beau Johnathan Fee.
- iii. Mardi Gras Court Nomination for the College of Health Sciences Belle was Laura Lee Mayfield and Beau Andrew Neely.
- iv. Mardi Gras Court Nomination for the College of Pharmacy Belle was Samaria Spears and Beau Trevor Barnes.
- v. Mardi Gras Court Nomination for the Graduate School was Bell Jadyn Maloney and Beau J'Lon Prosser.
- vi. Mardi Gras Court Nomination for Queen Cassidy Walton and Beau Kyle Waguespack.
- c. Athletic Fee

10. General Discussion

a. Senator Kamlade informed the senate that the Pharmacy School will be hosting their Poor Man's Run on March 8th.

- b. Senator Magee asked the senate to let her know about any career-based events that are going on campus. She added that this would help her with her job since she has to promote these events.
- **11. Meeting Adjourned** by Vice Hannah Habisreitinger at 8:45 p.m., by way of motion by Senator Arielle Magee and seconded by Senator Gabriel "Noah" Stephan.