

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES



*DATE 2/06/2024*

Meeting called to order at **5:00**.

**Student Concerns:** N/A

## COMMUNICATIONS

**Advisor Remarks:** Make sure you sign up for Tiger Pride Day, SGA members are able to register before the rest of the University. If you will be absent, make sure you submit an absence request form.

**Appropriations Committee:** No Report

**Government Operations Committee:** Senators interested in joining the Gov Ops Committee and haven't received an email, please tell me. I will let you all know the dates soon.

**Rules Committee:** I have a tentative deadline that I want to have the Constitution done by I'll share it with you all on Friday. I emailed a few of you senators regarding a few special projects that we have coming up.

**President Colquitt:** Vice President Bell and I attended along with President Ginsburg met with Dr. Trent who is the executive director of the White House Initiative on Educational Equity. Premeeting will be the annual fee form. It's an annual event where students can come and hear about those key changes this year.

**Treasurer:** No report. Makeup treasure workshops and will keep everyone updated.

**Attorney General:** I just want to remind everyone that all of our procedures still remain the same. So for those who have asked office hours are officially or have officially started this week, and weekly reports are still due on Friday at 5pm sharp

and failure to continuously not submit weekly reports without notifying me of any like delays and or confirmation for me that your report is late. Or reasoning as to why your report will be late can or will result in disciplinary actions. if you will be absent don't forget to fill out the absence request form that can be found on Basecamp at least two business days prior to the absence and then in case of like an emergency because you know things happen. next please remember to keep the office clean.

**Chief of Staff:** Over the weekend, we had a retreat. I'm super happy to have seen all of you guys and just like you guys, and just re-emphasize all the stuff that we did last semester. And you guys should also for a poster sheet survey for myself or more and fill that out please. Next we have three resignations in the cabinet part of MSD Legislative Affairs and the Director of Academic Affairs and we're looking to fill those positions shortly. Next tomorrow we have the bulk of their Deputy Chief of Staff for sent out a sign of genius and our professional chat I believe so please fill that out. finally information about candidate one of the ones will be sent out this week as well. So stay tuned for email for myself or cam

**Dept of Academic Affairs:** No report

**Dept of Campus Activities:**

**Dept of Civic Engagement:** Stay tuned for our events coming up this semester.

**Dept of Communications:** Website is almost finished being updated. We are currently working on a giveaway for the IGP so be on the lookout for that in the coming weeks and we created a new Tiktok account so we are ready to start building that up. And lastly, we'll be filming a tiktok right after GA “the we're in SGA Of course we” trend.

**Dept of Community Outreach:** No report

**Dept of Diversity & Inclusion:** Join BBM and SGA this Thursday at 6 for a BHM special meeting!

**Dept of Health & Wellness:** Went on a tour with Aramark last week to see what dietary options we can improve on. Will be meeting with the military and veterans center.

**Dept of Legislative Affairs:** No report

**Dept of Special Projects:** If you have an event to put in, please put it in four to six weeks in advance.

**Dept of Marketing:** Contact me if you have any questions about a graphic you requested.

**Dept of Student Services and Affairs:** I officially made a Groupme for those interested in Street team. There will be another training for Street Team on Thursday at 3:30.

**Dept of Student Orgs:** Org-lympics is happening March 28 so please keep your calendars open for that. We have a networking event happening February 20 so please be on the lookout for that.

**Dept of New Student Development:** No report

**TUNE\* Rep:**

**MD Higher ED Council Rep:**

**Military and Veterans rep:**

**Athletic Affairs Rep:**

**Disability Rep:**

**International Student rep:**

**Greek Life Rep:** All 5 councils have started their process of recruitment. if you are interested in one of the reports, or councils definitely go out to get more information. If you can't make it tonight, they are doing another Thursday, seventh and eighth in the theater.

**University Residence Govt Rep:** We have our first GA tonight to welcome back to building councils and going to have one of our advisors be presenting on feedback communication as its reputation given. We will be

**First Gen/Low-income Rep:**

**Sports Club Council Rep:** Sports clubs have begun practicing again this week

**Transfer Student Rep:** No report

**Freshman Council Rep:** Having our next meeting to redo the Freshman Pageant that we had last year.

**Chair, VP Bell II:** We have a new voting system this semester. Rules Committee will be going over all of the governing documents and the hard deadline is TBD. Pro Tempore Rynes and I will be checking in with the senators to see the different initiatives you will be working on.

**Opinions of the Court:**

None

**New Business:**

**Appropriations Chair Confirmation**

Senator Bendu: I stood here for this position last year, but unfortunately didn't get the position. I am here now as I believe this is now the right time. I was in budget committee, I worked in Gov Ops, I worked alongside President Colquitt with the mail initiative and proved I could step up to the plate. This is the right space for me to make a mark. I am ready to end my last semester on a strong note.

Senator Jackson: This past semester I served as vice chair of both committees, and I plan to bring this knowledge to this role Outside of SGA I am also a part of the transfer Council as the communications chair and with this knowledge I hope to be a great asset. Thank you.

Vote:

Senator Jackson/Bendu

**6-3-1**

**Unfinished Business:**

**Resolution #11 – Tiger Pride Day Legislations**

Senator Jackson: We will be voting on 6 out of the 9 bills that we will advocate for on Tiger Pride Day.

**President Colquitt recommends adding Senate Bill 0420 and House Bill 482 to the discussion.**

Senator Crosby motions to add the senate bills

Vote:

**11-2-0**

Senator Fithian-Wilson: I recommend HB 003. This bill will provide families with lower SES to start building wealth.

Senator Crosby: I recommend HB 0027 This bill will eradicate the use of warrants

Senator Jackson: I recommend HB 0092 Some of the materials used on campus were built by those incarcerated and I believe that this is an act that should be continued.

Senator Fithian-Wilson backs Senator Jackson

Director Brown backs Senator Jackson

HB 0092

Vote:

**9-0-0**

Transfer Council Rep: I recommend HB 0074. I think that Towson should put this on their advertisement for Tiger Pride Day because I think this is another steppingstone for students and schools.

AD Campbell: I recommend HJ 0002 It is important for us to show that we stand with all students on campus. No matter how you fell independently, we should have this on our Tiger Pride Day Legislation.

AD Bacha backs AD Campbell: Our taxes do get sent to fund arms that get sent to Israel. The death toll in Palestine has risen to 27,000 and their education is being attacked as well. So as students at a university we should support this bill for an immediate ceasefire.

AG Jalloh backs AD Campbell: This ceasefire is a moral imperative to prevent further loss of innocent lives.

Senator Fithian-Wilson backs AD Campbell

HJ 0002

Vote:

**8-0-0**

SB 0420

Vote:

**8-0-0**

HB 0027

Vote:

**8-0-0**

HB 003

Vote:

**8-0-0**

Vote to split HB 166 and HB 0074

Vote:

**8-0-0**

HB166 / HB0074

Vote:

**3-5-0**

Amendment to R11 from 6 bills to 7

Vote:

**6-2-0**

Motion to withdraw amendment

Vote:

**8-0-0**

**Announcements:**

President Colquitt: Fee Forum this Thursday 5:30. Timesheets due at 5 this Friday.

Advisor Harris: Senator Jackson and Bell please stay after.

**Adjourned: 6:50**