

**University of Virginia Student Council
General Body Meeting**

Minutes for March 21, 2017

The Legislative Session began at 6:34 PM.

Roll Call

David: I am appointing chairs for different representative committees. Next week I will have ad hoc and other appointments.

Alex: The old chair and DUR picked the incoming outreach chair, which does not align with other committee chair selections. The VPA should help pick his/her officers, and the chairs. This bill increases standardization for chair selection, and updates the bylaws to eliminate discrepancies.

Motion to amend. Seconded. SB17-16 amended.

Motion to table. Seconded. SB17-16 tabled.

Charles: Why is it tabled?

David: Amendments have to go through a two week process. It gives everyone a chance to make sure they know what's going on.

Ty: The next one shows that CIO consultants will be led by co-chairs chosen by the VPO with approval from the rep body. Every other chair position is approved by rep body, and I think it should be consistent. It should also be up to the discretion of the chairs what size committee they want.

Sarah: This committee manages a lot of money annually, and we want to make sure it gets the attention it needs. We are appropriating a lot of money.

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Community Concerns

Winston: I'm the A school rep, and I sent out emails to the community about their concerns. The most consistent was that in A-school, there's a lot of printing and they are wondering if cost can be reduced.

David: We have a printing ad hoc committee, come talk to me afterwards.

David: Someone in my class got appropriated \$700, but didn't get the receipt until finals week, and you can't get reimbursed the next semester. They are wondering what they can do.

Ty: Did they speak to Mackenzie last semester? Give me their info, I'm not sure if the money has already been allocated. The VPO can grant extensions. In the future we will be much more responsive.

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Leeraz: I think it would be cool if we got involved with 1515. If we could analyze its success and what might be next, we could use the info in the future if we wanted to get another student space. I am sure they want analytics.

David: Austin will be recording student concerns for accountability purposes.

Saskia: I am the co-chair of academic affairs. Someone wanted to commit to study abroad for the summer, but didn't know about money until March 1, though choices were due in February. Can we bridge the gap?

Sarah: I think there is room for improvement.

Lucas: A lot of times facilities vehicles park on sidewalks, and block wheelchair accessible routes. There is a reporting website, and I used it last semester. I still see it every day, and would like to see it better enforced.

David: There is a new disability minor, and I think they are pushing a lot.

Saskia: There's third years who are being told their ENWRs are being discounted, and they'll have to take another one.

Katie: Who told them?

Saskia: She was sent an email.

Sydney: I was involved in the ENWR changes, and am pretty sure that is not right. If so, I'd advise them to take it to higher administration.

Katie: They should take it to their academic dean.

Austin: On CavDaily, a student expressed concerns about the toxic culture here. They were calling on administration to intervene, so I emailed the student to have a meeting on Thursday.

Ty: Competitive club culture?

Austin: Yes. I got involved with StudCo by making a listing of non-competitive CIOs, to let students feel more included. I wanted to break down the idea that you have to be the big ones to be successful.

Sarah: Definitely staying informed with the UVA community is part of representing the student body.

Committee Updates

Officer Updates

Leeraz: I am Director of Membership, great job at boot camp, and if you have questions, please come see me afterwards. Make sure you pick up your binder from the PAC.

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Katie: I am DUR, and have been a chair for two years, so I understand your challenges. Our university wide newsletter goes out every second Thursday, so send me stuff and share it with your friends. Reminder for social media, none of you can speak on behalf of StudCo, except reps, without talking to me first. If you are asked to interview, forward it to me and we can discuss it to present a united front. Let me know if you have questions. Because reps are reps, we won't put limitations on you. Please let the reporter know you are speaking as a rep for whatever school you're from.

Brenna: I gave a slack presentation last night, and hopefully you're all on it now. Make sure you are updating your profile pics and positions on there as well.

Liam: Chairs, Sarah and I want to meet with you to talk about initiatives and objectives for the next year, so sign up for one. You should be in touch with the outgoing chairs, and meet with your committees as soon as possible.

Ty: I'm inheriting is 30 CIO applications pending, and 3-5 are going forward next week. I want to get you beefed up info including their constitution. CIO application closes on April 3, and renewal starts that day too. Make sure you like us on Facebook. Rolling round 3 for appropriations is tomorrow evening.

Alex: I am VPA. Let me know if you have questions. My office hours are 10 am -1:30 pm every day. Shout out to those that tabled on Monday. On March 31, Safe Space training is 1-3 pm in the LGBTQ center. Slack me if you are interested.

Michael: I am CFO, and we are still running off the old budget. We can make room if you have new initiatives.

David: For reps, I've gotten 15 of 20 policy proposals, so I will bug you. Over the next week, I will send you committee assignments based on your preferences.

Nivedha: I am on the City Relations committee and work with the Office of Human Rights. We are working on the 3 part series for refugees. Yesterday we had our first dialogue, and on Saturday we are doing a large scale simulation. We need volunteers to rep each agency. Slack or see me after. It is 2-5 at Westminster church.

Austin: What agencies?

Nivedha: It simulates the relocation process, so UNHCR and the Department of Homeland Security. If you volunteer, we'll give you exactly what to do and reasons to turn people away.

Sarah: Thanks for filling out the attendance link, starting next week we will be taking song suggestions. We will also compile ideas for broader conversations to have as a general body. Sometimes concerns can be out of touch, or seem trivial, so we want to look at the large scale as well. The links will be taking your ideas down. My office hours are Tuesdays 12-2, and Sunday 4-6. All exec have swipe access to the offices in the PAC. This summer we are working on getting more StudCo space. Fill out the signup sheet for exec coffee dates. Some positions are still vacant, but should be full in next couple weeks. GenBod

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will also have changes coming as well. Please share the application for UBE, and reach out to Casey with questions. Along with leadership binders, we will also have notebooks to create internal memory.

The General Body Meeting Ended at 7:19 PM.