

**University of Virginia Student Council
Representative Body**

Minutes for March 22, 2016

The General Body meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM

Swearing in of the Representatives

Roll Call- Roll was taken.

Community Concerns

Emily: Whatever concerns we bring up, someone will be assigned to it and the next week we will look for follow up.

Alex C: Downstairs Newcomb, in the men's bathroom across from PAC near the exit, the faucet on the far left doesn't not work and has not for a week.

Joanna: The same one in the women's bathroom does not work either.

Emily: The woman cleaning the bathroom said she sent in a work order and hopefully it will get fixed. I will take that one.

Joanna: I'm working on the status of hiring adjunct faculty, I am meeting with Archie Holmes soon. If you have strong opinions on the matter, let me know on Slack. Some believe the conditions are unfair. Academic Affairs is also involved, but this meeting is limited to fewer people.

David: The Community Affairs committee just got disbanded. We felt disrespected in that all of our work was pushed aside. Why was this decision made and why weren't we included?

Emily: Joanna and I discussed this at length, and no one could draw a line between Community Affairs and Public Service. The missions were so overlapped, so and there would be more work to do if they were pushed together.

Joanna: This was to reduce redundancy and give people more work to do. As for the last year of work, I have spoken to the chairs of the new public service committee, and they will continue your projects.

Sarah: Sam and I are meeting with Liam and Melissa to talk about the transition and work together so we can address the overlap. Come to that meeting and voice opinions.

David: Do you think spending ten minutes with us was enough to get rid of our work?

Emily: There is a lot of overlap, and the chairs from last year acknowledged that. We want to continue the mission of Community Affairs.

Melissa: I'm a new chair of Community Service, and although we are moving towards being a CIO backbone for public service, we will also work your individual projects.

Liam: We are merging the two committees. We read the transition documents and there was a stunning amount of overlap. We want to make them a new whole together.

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Brett: For Buildings and Grounds, someone asked about the parking lots at the Dell, they are R6 at all times but empty most weekends.

Jess: I am meeting with Becca White from Transportation, let me know your concerns on Slack.

Brett: As for microwave accessibility, most are placed inside dining halls.

Katie: There are microwaves in Rice, Clark, and Alderman. It's a publicity thing.

Daniel: A-school has one too.

Committee Reports

Brett: Introduce yourselves, give a mission statement with goals and recruitment ideas.

Emily: Slack exactly what your game plan is in addition to your statement.

Katie: I'm returning Legislative Affairs Chair. Our mission statement is really well defined, we want to politically engage UVA and represent us in Richmond with regard to higher education funding. My biggest initiative is establishing a joint student-faculty task force for voting in the fall. There was an electoral engagement self-assessment and UVA failed it, so there is room for improvement. We've got a great partnership, working with Miller Center, and department of politics.

Zaakir: We are also looking at bills for next semester in general assembly.

Eric: Some people forgot to change their voting addresses, will that be addressed?

Katie: I am meeting with people to establish work with HRL and Orientation so students are encouraged to do so. We will do pushes the first week and at Activities Fair.

Eric: I forgot to change mine.

Emily: Recruitment?

Katie: Applications and interviews. We want 4-6 for my subcommittee, and 2-3 others. We got results from the post year assessment, and many people said they didn't have enough to do. Virginia 21 has someone serving as a liaison to our committee. We didn't want to integrate them completely for plausible deniability reasons.

Alex H: Academic Affairs is keeping our mission statement. We want to compile and publicize resources, like ARC. We want to improve and streamline it. We will support intellectual pursuits outside the classroom, like those in E-school that want to learn policy. Cavalier education allows undergrads to teach in the classroom.

Elaine: Another goal is to connect students academically and offer personal advice from students and faculty. For recruitment, we will have an application and do interviews.

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Alex H: We are looking for about 12 new members.

Brenna: We are Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Our mission statement is to enhance the entrepreneurial community on grounds.

Kate: Our goal for the year is to continue past initiatives like transfer experience and alumni mentorship. We will keep working on creating graphic of resources for E&I. We will help develop website that will be hub for all entrepreneurial info.

Brenna: We will do applications and interviews, but will maintain the current size, which is 25 now.

David: I'm the chair of Appropriations. We provide financial support for student organizations. Our goal is to increase general knowledge of appropriations, so the student activity fee is better understood. We will support organizations as best as possible. We are definitely looking for new members, will need 6-8 members and will have an application and interview process.

Ty: I'm the chair of CIO Consultants, the liaison between StudCo and CIOs. Our goals are to define the role of CIO consultants. We will do leadership and marketing training for new CIOs. We want to explore what we can do best, and want 4-6 new members and a smaller committee. We will do applications.

Araba: We came up with a new name. Diversity Resources and Engagement. We want to support multicultural organizations on grounds and not work around them. We will support/sustain initiatives, work with admin, offer resources, and host events.

Gabby: Our current goals are to have long term sustainable change and do outreach and support. We will be doing outreach presentations and sitting in on multicultural meetings to make sure we know what they are up to. We will invite those who aren't usually involved in diversity discussion to expand perspective. The committee is working on Diversity Week, which will conglomerate all past initiatives. For example, last year they did a leadership lunch, roundtable discussion, and flags on lawn.

Araba: We will also do a weekly email with events happening on grounds to promote events as opposed to just monthly calendar.

Emily: That can also go on StudCo News.

Araba: We are looking for about 12 new members.

Liam: We are Community Service, and our mission is to connect students to peers, faculty, community partners, and strengthen ties with Charlottesville

Melissa: We want to combine Community Affairs and Public Service. We will serve as a backbone for CIOs and continue long term projects from Community Affairs.

Liam: We want a 20-25 person committee and will meet Mondays 8-9.

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Rachel: Athletic Affairs will address recreation, intramural, and university athletics.

Julia: Our goals are to continue with water bottle handout at football games, activity boxes, work with club sports, and start a relationship with IM rec.

Rachel: We will open an application, and pretty much let everyone in. We will implement benchmarks for next semester. They must work football games, suggest projects, and not miss a lot of meetings.

Madalyn: Safety and Wellness will work with University and Charlottesville health and safety systems and provide resources.

Ben: We restructured to emphasize that we will be a backbone. For Remembrance Through Action, we are going to ramp it up and get food. We also want to get more involved with dining. We are looking for 10-12 new members so we can expand the load.

Madalyn: We will have an application and project proposal.

Ben: The application doesn't ensure a spot, but we don't think we will need to be interviewing. We want people to show an interest in what they are doing.

Daniel: Buildings and Grounds will ensure the preservation of structures, and meet the needs of grounds while caring for the environment. Student Memorial Garden is at a critical point, and I will also focus on narrowing the gap of knowledge on construction projects. For recruitment, we have 12 people now and that is plenty. I will keep it close to that. I will do applications.

Lizzie: Sustainability chair, communication with my chair is spotty because they are in Rwanda. Our mission is to build a community concerned about sustainability, while protecting the rights and quality of the environment. We are going to work closely with other student council committees, especially B&G and at-large green organizations in Charlottesville. There will be applications and an event proposal so new members come with a project in mind. We want 10-12 new members.

Eric: I'm the chair of the tech committee. We will promote tech use and maintain resources. We manage the website, promote the use of Slack, and my committee will be partnering with organizations around grounds to know about tech opportunities like workshops are available. Recruitment will be an application and interview. We are looking for 8 members, but may take 4 more if they have distinguished talents.

Officer Reports

Maeve: I'm City Council liaison so my mission is to connect the university to City Council and the Charlottesville community. There was a press conference at Lee Park today dealing with the potential removal of General Lee's Statue. Defenders of that idea spoke, and a lot of confederate supporters were there with flags and megaphones. On April 18th, Council will vote unanimously to create a Blue Ribbon Commission on confederate

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memorials with a plan on how to proceed. We will use Speak Up UVA to gauge student opinion and draft a resolution. On West Main St., City Council approved a plan to create 5 ft. bike lanes. This will be created in the next 5 years with another parking structure.

Eric: Slack invites have been sent to all chairs and reps. Email me if you didn't get it. Instructions on set up and management have been also sent out. We've already started with Speak UP UVA, prelaunch April 5, relaunch April 8. Read the Slack feed on your responsibilities. Work has begun on the website, message me if you have any important pages that need to be included.

Zaakir: Can we add committee members to Slack?

Eric: Yes, committee chairs have been assigned admin on Slack, so invite any one you need to. Tomorrow I will be filming a portion of the recruitment video, dress comfortably and stylishly.

Joanna: I'm COC. Anna Cho will send an email about Speak UP UVA and headshots, which are casual. I also sent an email with a google sheet to fill in your name if you want to be an event requester. Everything I say should be in the Slack channel as well. I will send you all an email to set up times to meet individually to flesh out plans.

Mackenzie: I'm VPO, my job is to handle CIO issues and approve CIOs, allocate funds, and give spaces. We just finished rolling round 3. I will delegate VPO roles more to CIO Consultants and Appropriations.

Sarah: I'm VPA, my job involves making sure everything is running smoothly, and communication is good. We will be setting office hours soon, check Studco News. Talk to me about logistics, and my job will be more defined throughout the term. Come say hi.

Emily: I'm the backbone of the backbone and resource overall to students. We'll see where the year takes us, let me know if you need anything. In the past, the university provided buses for Foxfield. Two years ago they stopped. Jaylen provided buses, and last year the buses were a disaster because some didn't show up and we couldn't give reimbursements. I talked with Gordie Center, and cabs should line on at McCormick at 8 am. The people in charge of Foxfield weren't excited about that traffic. There is a bus company than wants to take the liability of moving students, and will ask for ours and ADAPTs help in promoting them. We will help students find transportation without providing it. Also, I sent out google doc last night about carpooling. Put your name and address to minimize confusion. As for Speak UP UVA, Anna will give more details about that next week for promotion. We want to make it a big part of StudCo. I spoke about the presidential senate, if anyone wants to form a meeting let me know so I can publicize.

Brett: I'm the chair of the rep body, and legislative side of StudCo. The rep body will become more active than you've seen it. Rep body meetings are open and we encourage participation from anyone. All the committee do great work, and we want to have a rep involved in each of those. StudCo and reps will take a more active political role in issues affecting the university and will use resolutions more proactively to

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represent the student body at UVA. For community concerns, no issue is too small or too big. Encourage your peers to bring issues and stick around for rep body meetings.

Alex Cu: I am CFO. I monitor budget, and manage accounts. My goals are to develop clear understanding of the process here, and institutionalize that knowledge and build connections with all of you guys. For the budget now, review your tab on the doc and let me know that that is up to date. Joanna sent out a Budgeting 1010 handbook, I'll put it in Slack. It will answer a lot of your questions, especially with SAF and non-SAF funds. For summer budget, it is the budget until October. I recommend contacting the outgoing committee chair to talk about how their budget went. I will send out a template budget and last year's budget so you have something to go off of. I need the templates back on April 8, which gives you a week with committee to come up with plans. I want to have special meeting over Slack after sending out compiled version of that budget, so it will go smoothly in gen bod. The next week will be the time to discuss that, and April 19 I will bring the budget forward. Everything will be on Slack in the cabinet channel. DM If you have any questions or feel like you are missing info from previous chair.

The General Body meeting ended at 7:04 PM.

Representative Body Called into Committee at 7:12.

Brett: We are technically in committee this week, and we are all member of the Internal Affairs Committee. In terms of seats to fill, I want you guys to reach out to me if you know someone interested. We need 29 members in the rep body at the beginning of next year. For rebranding and goals, there are ideas from changing name to something that describes us as a committee of concerns, what do you think we can do?

Alex C: UJC has nice handouts and pamphlets. I think it would be nice for StudCo to have. It helps people know who we are, and can list Speak Up UVA, rep contact info, and the mission statement. We need to have a larger presence. UJC and Honor are at everything all the time. We do much more and have broader jurisdiction, so we should be there just as much.

Jess: I like the idea of stickers, buttons, shirts, and free stuff. It helps get the word out.

Eddie: I think the name is fine, but we should rebrand. The name represents what we do, and if we changed it, it may make us seem too elite.

Alex C: I love the idea of senate, but that may come into conflict with the other body that will be called the senate.

Charles: We do senate at the law school and its fine. The name as-is is pretty clear.

Erich: Make people aware that we actually exist, because people are used to undergrad-only governments, and are unaware that grad students participate too.

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Charles: There might be a difficult distinction between Law School student government and StudCo, which I will work to address.

Jess: People at the Med school haven't even heard of StudCo.

Katie: Nursing school has that problem too, they don't know it exists.

Charles: When Speak UP UVA comes out, let the law school know.

Brett: We need to have open office hours on a rotating basis, maybe an hour a month commitment. I will apply for funding for the rep body to have a pop-up sign when we're eating lunch at Newcomb. We can also travel to North Grounds. How often should office hours be in place?

John: Is it for everyone?

Brett: It is for students to meet with reps.

Erich: At least once a week would be a good average

Brett: Locations?

Charles: Law school.

Emily: I've encountered that sometimes people don't pay attention to notices, and switching locations confuses them.

Michael: Maybe doing it two times a week would be beneficial in the same spot with a banner, but different people can be there.

Jocelyn: I agree with Emily and Michael. It should be standardized.

Erich: How successful have office hours been in the past?

Brett: Last time it was used was four terms ago, and was unsuccessful from lack of publicity rather than lack of attendance. I am hoping with overall rebranding and better signage, we can try it in the last month of school.

Alex C: Grad students shouldn't have to travel to Central Grounds. I think 3 different locations in central spots would meet everyone's needs.

Jess: Med students are very scattered across grounds.

Brett: Is there a central location in the med school?

Jess: No one will come from clinic to go to office hours, though I don't mind doing it.

Charles: Law school's a good spot.

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Bryanna: A sustainable space would be positive for students, while the pop-up idea of having different locations would allow us to reach a larger group of students and not reach the same people over and over. Maybe both set and flexible.

Eddie: A lot of people still don't know what StudCo does. We should work with HRL to tell people what we do. We only got a two minute talk.

Sarah: Getting people to identify and build relationship with a specific rep is important. The pop-up should be balanced with a personal relationship. There's a fine line between flexibility and someone knowing they can find you.

Jess: We have Second Look for all admitted students. We are planning an activities fair with Honor, UJC, and hoping to include StudCo. It's the morning of the 2nd.

Emily: We have a poster you can use, it's a trifold downstairs.

Alex C: We could have a couple days with set office hours, and then reps if they are in an area, could pop-up the banner. That could be a good balance and include variance.

Emily: If you pop up out of nowhere with a banner, people might not be supportive, but cookies and coffee win people over.

Brett: This is the official creation of ad hoc marketing rep committee. Jocelyn has been working on images and ideas for the rep body.

Clara: Are you working with Eric?

Jocelyn: We are going to. Last year I was on StudCo marketing, and this year I want a liaison between regular and rep marketing. Our goal is to market for reps specifically, whereas the other focuses on StudCo events.

Clara: Having one cohesive image is really helpful in branding and being remembered.

Brett: We have this image, and will add the date. This logo will represent the rep body along with banners, posters, and buttons. This will be pushed with Speak UP UVA.

Emily: For a video, go up to people and ask them their student concern. Then tell them to "speak up".

Brett: We will talk about marketing in the upcoming weeks.

Jocelyn: The committee will be ad hoc, and maybe other StudCo people can join that are concerned about fixing things. Our mission statement is to use marketing to help people understand who we are and what we do. Goals are to get students to understand our passion and that we want them to trust us. We will provide solutions for their concerns. It is about communication between reps and student body. We should use professional marketing skills and business skills, which will help us reach our goals. In

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order to do that, we need to actively address students because they are used to responding to notifications.

Brett: Jocelyn will send out a follow up email. For general requirements, every rep works on a rep body committee. If you were interested in being a chair of the committee, expect an email from me. I am cutting the requirements that says you may be on presidential committee, rather you will be tasked to one mission.

John: My interest would be bad information and poor resources.

Katie: I want UVA dining to donate unused food to local food banks to help the homeless population.

Sarah: I am meeting with dining tomorrow.

Brett: These concerns will need resources from a lot of communities. Other ideas are gender neutral housing, safety, etc. I want you to be in charge of something and we can make resolutions to support it. Rule and Ethics board meets tomorrow.

Andrew: I wanted to make sure that bylaws are obeyed and students are aware of the rules. I will meet with some exec and reps to make rule change and clarify ambiguities.

Brett: You'll notice some changes over the next weeks to meet the bylaws, like approving the minutes. We want to follow our own rules. I sent a drive folder with current bills, so you always know what is going on.

Sarah: For the rep body's Report on Reports last term, I want to make sure that there is a group of students working to address concerns of the past. Where do you see those people coming from? Is it your role to address prior concerns or should it be delegated to another committee?

Brett: Yes we need to make sure we are following up with concerns.

Emily: We could post the issues on Speak up UVA as issues with traction.

Brett: I will send an email from Sarah.

Clara: Can we access past concerns now?

Emily: The report is a list of things brought up, whether they were addressed, and they were all from years ago.

Brett: I will forward it out to everyone.

Brett: All 13 reps were in attendance, good work. Keep it up. I need to appoint a speaker pro tempore because I do have class until 6:15. I am appointing Alex Cintron and he will start meetings for me. Can anyone serve as Alex's protemp?

The Representative Committee Meeting Ended at 7:43 PM.

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The Representative Special Session was called to order at 7:43 PM.

Brett: These are CIO bills to be approved, written by Emily.

Emily: AIESEC is a national organization that helps people travel around the world, and here the job is to provide leadership opportunities. They aren't liable for travel but rather leadership conferences.

Brett: The rep body is the only body that can grant or remove CIO status. The CIO meets with VPO, and VPO makes a recommendation as to approve them or not. We will look at being more active about follow through for CIOs.

Emily: I put these four on separate bills because I wasn't sure if there would be any contentions.

Motion to vote. Seconded. SB16-05 passed 11:0:2.

Emily: DREAMers was interesting because they wanted to provide aid to undocumented students at UVA via education and advocacy. We can't give them the information of who is undocumented, but they believe students will come to them.

Michael: How many are there? I didn't know that was a thing. Is that okay with admin?

Emily: Dean Patty said this was fine.

Michael: There is a FB event about Dreamers' Week, can they do that?

Emily: Yes, they just can't get space and money.

Erich: We can give them funding?

Emily: We can't promote philanthropic things, but if they wanted to have a speaker come in to talk, we can pay for travel fees.

Brett: Also helps with space allocations.

Clara: Recognizing a group doesn't mean we support them politically.

Brett: This simply gives them CIO status, but if they do questionable things, we can remove their status.

Motion to vote. Seconded. SB16-06 does not pass, 6:0:6.

Emily: I will tell Mackenzie to come speak with us, and the bill can be re-opposed and you can ask them questions directly.

Alex: What is the procedure now?

Brett: It failed and it can be re-voted on with a new number.

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Emily: Walking for Water had to do with providing water in developing countries. European Student Networking Organization provides a union to address issues European students have with administration, like an advocacy group. Andrew Jackson Literary and Debating Society works with different types of prose and literature, and edit each other's work. Hoos Cleaning Up wants to clean up trash in Charlottesville, and the guy is in contact with Maeve so he can talk at City Council meetings.

Charles: Is there a reason its named after Andrew Jackson?

Emily: No, not really. I think they wanted to be similar to JeffSoc.

Alex: Also the Roosevelt Society, Hamilton etc.

Brett: Each one serves a different purpose.

Jocelyn: I feel like if they use Literary and Debating Society, it would be confusing.

Emily: I don't think name similarity is a good enough reason to deny their status.

Jocelyn: Can we just raise the concern?

Emily: I could.

Eddie: I think its fine and they made their name for a reason.

Clara: CIOs also may end up going with a different name in the end.

Motion to vote. Seconded. SB16-07 passes, 10:0:2.

Emily: HOPE on Grounds wants to support students facing sexual violence or unplanned pregnancy. We were concerned about them being in contact with sexual assault victims so we brought it to administrators in regard to title IX. Overall they look good to go.

Brett: Are they anti-abortion group?

Emily: I think they are. We have Hoos For Life on grounds, but this is different because they provide resources.

Alex C: Let's say someone suffered assault and they had communication with this group. They may advocate that the individual does something which is a grey line.

Clara: My issue is that it isn't explicitly political in the description, which is misleading.

Emily: I can send that info out. They were giving out candy and rape whistles and resources at the activities fair.

Brett: We can table this and vote next week when they can come speak with us.

Motion to table. Seconded. SB16-08 tabled for next week.

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Brett: Now for the bylaw amendment.

Michael: I have a clarification question about meetings.

Brett: We met in committee first. The way bylaws are currently set up is that you must send bills for a committee to read and edit, then it should be voted on by the entire body. This change would say that every single week, unless there is no bills to consider, we could have a committee followed by legislative.

Andrew: For difference, the legislative meetings follow gen bod meeting, when no committee meetings are held. We will still have legislative meetings because committees are not formed.

Brett: This effectively says we have committee meetings each week.

Michael: Are those to discuss bills?

Brett: Each committee has its own task and purpose, and majority of bills go through internal affairs.

Emily: Just to clarify, this means we vote on bills every week. With CIO bills, it is a huge detriment to CIOs on getting status. I don't know about the rest of bills, but for CIO bills, this would be a huge help.

Brett: You have to get the bill in 72 hours early. It also allows for something to be added to the agenda if the entire exec board unanimously decides to, like last year when issues occurred and we would have liked to have immediate resolutions.

Clara: I'm getting used to language of these documents, the first section says if $\frac{1}{4}$ of us are here, we can debate, but if 3 of us aren't here, we can't vote.

Brett: We wouldn't be allowed to do anything if enough people didn't show up except call role and get people to come here. This changes debate from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ to allow us to have conversation. The numbers will change as more people are added to the rep list. I am trying to prevent exec board from taking action without our approval.

Andrew: $\frac{1}{4}$ is too small. I want reps to speak up and get the full spectrum of the issue.

Brett: I changed it to $\frac{1}{4}$ with the idea that minutes are being taken. It specifically addresses budget meetings, and allowing discussion without voting taking place. It needs rep approval but not presence. There will be no votes without more input or accurate meeting minutes.

Charles: I know that in the law school, we are allowed to make adjustments to the bill presented to us.

Brett: I can take a friendly amendment.

Motion to vote. Seconded. SB16-03 passes, 8:0:4.

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The Special Session ended at 8:09 PM.