

Dunwoody Senate Meeting Minutes
Student Center, SGA Conference Room
May 27, 2016

I. Call to order

Time: 1:12 PM

Presiding Officer: Lesly F. Veve

II. Roll Call

Refer to the attached log

Executive Position	Name	Present	Absent	Tardy time	Initials
Speaker of the Senate	Veve	X			LFV
Speaker Pro Tempore	Vacant				
Communications Director	Vacant				
Finance Director	Vacant				

Senate Position	Name	Present	Absent	Tardy time	Initials
Academic Affairs	Sebastiao	X			BS
Spirit and Sustainability	Bonsie	X			KB
Clubs and Organizations	Calixte	X			JC
Student Services					
Student Relation					
Government Affairs					

III. Quorum (Yes) or (No) Yes

IV. Approval of Minutes

There was no minutes to approve since this was the first official senate meeting for the term.

V. Executive Officer Reports

i. Speaker of the Senate – Lesly F. Veve

A. The Speaker of the Senate, Mr. Lesly Veve introduced Robert's Rules of Order's basic

principles to the senate and discussed the importance of using them properly in senate meetings.

- B. The Speaker requested that a Rule of Order be adopted to define quorum.
 - C. The Speaker requested that a standing rule be adopted to clarify what happens in the case of a temporary absence of an EVP.
 - D. The Speaker requested that a Speaker Pro Tempore be nominated by the senate and asked that the following appointments be confirmed: Senator Sebastiao as Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, Senator Bonsie as Chairman of the Spirit and Sustainability Committee, Senator Calixte as Chairman of the Clubs and Organizations Committee and Speaker Veve as Vice-Chairman of the Government Affairs Committee.
 - E. The Speaker requested that a format change in the weekly agenda, taking off the item “Special Orders,” be adopted.
- ii. Speaker Pro Tempore- **Vacant**
 - iii. Communications Director - **Vacant**
 - iv. Finance Director - **Vacant**

VI. Senate Reports

- i. Senator of Academic Affairs – Belchior Sebastiao - No report given
- ii. Senator of Spirit and Sustainability – Kwaku Bonsie - No report given
- iii. Senator of Clubs and Organizations – Jesse Calixte - No report given
- iv. Senator of Student Services – **Vacant**
- v. Senator of Student Relation – **Vacant**
- vi. Senator of Government Affairs - **Vacant**

VII. Advisors Report

The results of the eligibility test for certain SGA applicants were delivered to the senate.

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. New Business

- A. The Speaker demanded that the senate proposes advertising strategies to fill in the vacancies in the three branches.

X. Open Forum

- i. Senator Bonzie made a motion that we send emails out to students letting them know that SGA applications are still open and the motion passed with a vote of **3 ayes, 0 nay, 0 abstain.**

- ii. Senator Sebastio moved that we do a recruitment week event in the summer where we set up a table to engage students in joining the SGA and help them with the application process. With a vote of **3 ayes, 0 nay, 0 abstain**, the motion passed.
- iii. Senator Bonzie made a motion to adopt the quorum rule which states “A quorum shall consist of a majority of the total current senate membership. Quorum shall be necessary to conduct substantive SGA business such as anything that requires a formal senate vote with the exception of a motion to adjourn, to stand at ease, to recess, or motions whose effect is not carried over to the next meeting” With a vote of **3 ayes, 0 nay, 0 abstain**, The motion passed.
- iv. Senator Calixte made a motion to adopt the temporary absence rule which states “In the absence of an EVP due to other reasons than a removal from office, the Speaker of the Senate fulfills the Campus executive responsibility of the EVP until the return or appointment of the EVP with the procedure described in the vacancy filling process in the constitution. With a vote of **3 ayes, 0 nay, 0 abstain**, the motion passed.
- v. Senator Bonzie moved that we adopt the appointment of Senator Bonzie as the chairman of the Spirit and Sustainability committee, Senator Sebastiao as the Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, Senator Calixte as the Chairman for the Clubs and Organizations Committee and Speaker of the Senate Veve as the Vice Chairman of the Government Affairs committee. With a vote of **3 ayes, 0 opposed, 0 abstain**, the motion was adopted.
- vi. Senator Bonzie moved that we adopt the format change in the Senate weekly agenda that requires taking off the item “Special Orders.” The motion passed with a vote of **3 ayes, 0 nay, 0 abstain**.
- vii. Senator Sebastio moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a vote of **2 ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstain**.

XI. Announcements

- A. Senator Calixte announced that he would be absent for the summer in a trip outside of the country.

XII. Adjournment

- a. **Time: 3:14pm**
- b. **Next Meeting: June 17, 2016 @ 1:00pm**