



April 15th, 2021– 3:30 PM

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The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.  
The agenda was passed as amended to add swearing in Justice Trentham to Special Business  
The minutes were passed as presented.

### **Special Business**

During Special business Chief Justice Trevor Ford swore in Justice Trentham.

### **Officer Reports**

**Freshman Forum Advisor:** Freshman Forum Advisor McDonald says Freshman forum is over

**Pro-Tempore:** Pro-Tempore Dempsey had no report

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Dempsey is coming out with a google doc for chairs. Fill out the form so that you can get money

**Secretary:** Secretary Warner had no report

**President:** President Statom says not much but he is really excited to see everyone next year. If you still want to serve on a shared governance committee, please let him know. Also, everyone is invited next week in order see the swearing in of the new senators. It will be in the GUC Performance center. Please continue to be involved even if you are not in senate.

**Vice President:** Vice President Walton is not present.

### **Chair Reports**

**Budget Oversight Chairperson:** The allocation team is winding down. We are allocating 100% to mane month. There is one faculty member who is interested in being on the committee, Betsy Heckert. She will be at the next Budget Oversight meeting. The chairperson is Ansley Brooks. She is trained up and ready to go. Today they are bringing forth a fine arts bill.

**Elections and Recruitment Chairperson:** Thank you for a great year. Shoutout to Janae. Maeve made her mark, and she is thanked. If you need anything let Audrey know.

**Legislative Affairs Chairperson:** no report

**Rules and Regulations Chairperson:** no report

**Student Welfare Chairperson:** not present

### **Shared Governance**

Makayla sits on the PMA Advisory committee. They are holding interviews for new members next week  
If you want to serve on the minority group let Jake know. Preferably athletes.

### **Old Business**

In old business we talked about the Admissions Requirement Revision Proposal. We read the email that was sent back to us answering the questions that the student senate asked Tate to ask.

- A thought was mentioned – if we still required the ACT for admission then it could have positive effects such as the possibility of getting a higher score than assumed
- Ellen has an issue making it a long-term change
- Trevor asks if we can pass it with the addition of it being a thing for two years? Sunset clause
- Carson POI – Martin Methodist was recently incorporated into the Tennessee system. It will be able to offer a public degree with better options so they might go there instead if it is easier to get into.
- Some people think 1 year is a good idea for the sunset clause

- John thinks two years might be a good option because if we do this as long as others do it then we might not lose as many applicants
- Ellen believes that if we do a year then we can audit it after a year and choose to reestablish or not to reestablish.
- Joe thinks that the two-year option can capture the retention rate.
- Carson thinks two years would be better
- Motion for a friendly amendment to pass
- **Friendly amendment passes for it to be two years**
- Tyler says we can send a memo with a summary of what happened to the lower shared governance
- POI – UT ACT requirements are greater than ours and Martin Methodist is lower than ours

### New Business

We discussed the code of laws bill. What was discussed changed and deleted

- Senate meeting every other week
  - o What is the reasoning behind that? – To give committees a time to meet
  - o What happens if something happens? – we can call a special session
  - o Some feel that its more trouble than it's worth
  - o Committees would meet at 3:30 on Thursday
  - o Audrey thinks that it diminishes the power.
  - o **Friendly amendment to strike the every other week clause was passed 200.1.1**
  - o Tyler says that he did introduce the idea simply from talking to other campuses. Because the advisor could be around during committee meetings. It was with the best of intentions.
  - o John thinks it's a good idea – question raised if we can table
  - o Idea was introduced to possibly mandate set meeting times for committees
  - o Ellen says its optional for chairs to take role
  - o Mackenzie POI – she has only gotten one absence from a committee meeting.
  - o She inserts the idea that it could be added to say that committee meeting has to have attendance
  - o Some believe that every other week is better
  - o Audrey believes that we would be in meetings for a very long time if we only did every other week.
  - o Shana says that we could make the set time for committee meetings 2:30 before Senate meetings or even just a set time
  - o Joes thinks Audrey raises a good point. If we have, say, 3hr senates then in our committee people could be less inclined to add things to the next senate
  - o We would also have to remember what all was discussed in the previous meeting for us to possibly discuss two weeks later.
- The question was raised about freshman forum members being put on the SGA page just because Freshman forum has their own page on the SGA page
- Maeve asks if she is supposed to get paid as the communications director – the topic was discussed.
- Maeve and Jake discussed graphics standards and compensation
- **Friendly amendment to change graphics coordinator to communications director in 1003.1**
- **Friendly amendment to change marketing director to assistant's director 1003.2**
- POI – bills to be stricken after 3 amendments? – only if not friendly
- SGA Communications team 1004 (name change)
- Motion to pass the code of laws as amended
- It was properly motioned, seconded, and passed

Next, we discussed the Fine Arts bill 21-10

- Bill was motioned to be passed. It was properly motioned, seconded, and passed

We discussed the thank you resolution

- It was motioned, seconded, and passed

### Open Discussion

Are library study rooms gone? Yes. They will be coming back hopefully

Maeve asked about the post on the SGA page

Motioned and seconded

### Advisor's Report

Excited about the code of laws

Possibly put out maybe a post of where are the study rooms on campus

Excited for next year

**Announcements**

Inviting everyone to the new senate next week to see everyone get sworn in

Financial aid update: Emails for endowed scholarships are about to be sent out so look for email

Rugby scrimmage at 7

Family feud is at 7

Dept of foreign language is offering Latin and Portuguese

Flor-Ala last issue is this week

HSO has a kickball game tonight

Please be on the lookout for the magazine FLO

**Pep**

Pep to everyone

Motioned and seconded

Respectfully Submitted,

Javia Warner

Secretary, Student Government Association