THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
SENATE, FIFTH SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: OCTOBER 3RD, 2023
LOCATION: MURRAY-AIKINS DINING HALL, SECOND FLOOR
TIME: 8:00PM-10:01PM

MEMBER	ATTENDANCE		MEMBER	ATTENDANCE	
	YES	NO		YES	NO
CHAIR LOWELL	☒	☐	PARLIAMENTARIAN JANSEN	☒	☐
SENATOR ALVAREZ	☒	☐	SENATOR MAJIEDT	☒	☐
SENATOR ANDRADE	☒	☐	SENATOR MALLOY	☒	☐
SENATOR AYBAR	☐	☒	SENATOR MAXWELL	☒	☐
SENATOR CHEN	☒	☐	SENATOR OLETU	☒	☐
SENATOR FLAMENBAUM	☒	☐	SENATOR PIENKOWSKI	☒	☐
SENATOR GLANVILLE	☒	☐	SENATOR SITU	☒	☐
SENATOR GRIJALVA	☒	☐	SENATOR STERLING	☒	☐
SENATOR HAQ	☒	☐	SENATOR STERN	☒	☐
SENATOR IZUSHIMA	☐	☒	SENATOR TEBO	☒	☐
SENATOR KADETS	☒	☐	SENATOR TRACH	☒	☐
SENATOR LAI	☒	☐	SENATOR VERNI	☒	☐
SENATOR LIPMAN	☒	☐	SENATOR WHITNEY	☒	☐
SENATOR LOBNER	☒	☐			

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: SGA SECRETARY EMMA LAQUINTA, COLLEGE DIRECTOR OF LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES CARLOS NAVARRO, SGA PHOTOGRAPHER ANNIKA EASTMAN

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a. CALL TO ORDER AT 8:00 PM
b. OATH OF OFFICE SWORN BY NEW MEMBERS
c. INVOCATION DELIVERED BY S. LOBNER
d. ATTENDANCE
e. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
    a. ON MOTION OF S. VERNI, SECONDED BY S. MAXWELL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.
        i. ALL IN FAVOR (24-0)
f. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
    a. ON MOTION OF S. MALLOY, SECONDED BY S. HAQ TO APPROVE THE 9/26/23 MEETING MINUTES.
        i. ALL IN FAVOR (24-0)
g. OPEN FORUM I
h. WEEKLY COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive Committee (ExComm) report with SGA President Lowell
    i. Did not meet but will discuss initiatives and attendance policies.
b. Committee on Communications and Marketing (COP) report with EVP Jansen
    i. Will meet this week. CEPP met on Monday, working on spreading info. about new senate members and the laptop lending proram.
c. Academic Council (AC) report with VPAA Malloy
    i. Library has assessed the collection of books from the EMI, progress per previous deliberation.
d. Budget and Finance Committee (BnF) report with VPFA Maxwell
    i. Reviewed supplemental for events council. Tabled. Reviewed 2 budgets to be discussed later. Ujima did not appear before the committee. Retained earnings: Over $1,000,000 Program Support: $89,457 remaining.
e. Club Affairs Committee (CAC) report with Interim Chair Lowell
    i. Mindful Movements and Thriftmore denied at the end of trial periods. Clubs came to apply for trial period: Student Future Educators, Formula One, and Sailing. Discussed charterless clubs (55).
f. Committee on Inclusion and Outreach (CIO) report with VPIO Alvarez
    i. Discussed marginalized identities, privilege, and consultants' verdict on Skidmore's DEI efforts. Discussed internal review of SGA: taskforce on bylaw review. The SGA President is currently in charge of all three branches of government. BIPOC students feel underrepresented by change efforts on campus.
g. Inter-Class Council (ICC) report with SCP Grijalva
    i. Icebreakers and Oktoberfest discussion. Great Gatsby theme in progress for Junior Ring.

i. New Business
a. **Resolution 34-06: Skidmore Codes Chartering Act**
Sponsor(s): C. Lowell, S. Pienkowski
    i. Resolution Introduction by SGA President Lowell
    ii. Q/A Period with Club Representatives (15 Minutes)
        1. Previous club collapsed during COVID-19. This group is a space for discussion about the tech sphere. Students presented their knowledge, then worked on resumé workshops, whiteboarding and mock interview sessions, and sessions with industry professionals. Hope to do more work regarding internship and breaking into the sector.
    iii. Discussion Period (10 Minutes)
        1. Discussed meeting logistics. club makeup (mostly underclassmen) and retention of underclass members. Many senate members indicated support for the club. Senator Lobner suggested to let club leaders "let them eat cake."

iv. Amendment Period

1. On the motion of S. Verni seconded by S. Lipman to "Skidmore Codes" in place of "Black Student Union" in resolved point 1.
    A. All in favor (20-0)

34-06 Amendment 1	Vote		**34-06 Amendment 1**	Vote	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Senator Alvarez	☒	☐	Senator Majiedt	☒	☐
Senator Andrade	☒	☐	Senator Malloy	☒	☐
Senator Aybar	Absent		Senator Maxwell	☒	☐
Senator Chen	Abstain		Senator Oletu	☒	☐
Senator Flamenbaum	☒	☐	Senator Pienkowski	Abstain	
Senator Glanville	☒	☐	Senator Situ	☒	☐
Senator Grijalva	☒	☐	Senator Sterling	☒	☐
Senator Haq	☒	☐	Senator Stern	☒	☐
Senator Izushima	Absent		Senator Tebo	☒	☐
Senator Kadets	☒	☐	Senator Trach	Abstain	
Senator Lai	☒	☐	Senator Verni	☒	☐
Senator Lipman	☒	☐	Senator Whitney	☒	☐
Senator Lobner	☒	☐			

v. Roll-Call Vote

1. All in favor (20-0)

34-06	Vote		**34-06**	Vote	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Senator Alvarez	☒	☐	Senator Majiedt	☒	☐
Senator Andrade	☒	☐	Senator Malloy	☒	☐
Senator Aybar	Absent		Senator Maxwell	☒	☐
Senator Chen	Abstain		Senator Oletu	☒	☐
Senator Flamenbaum	☒	☐	Senator Pienkowski	Abstain	
Senator Glanville	☒	☐	Senator Situ	☒	☐
Senator Grijalva	☒	☐	Senator Sterling	☒	☐
Senator Haq	☒	☐	Senator Stern	☒	☐
Senator Izushima	Absent		Senator Tebo	☒	☐
Senator Kadets	☒	☐	Senator Trach	Abstain	
Senator Lai	☒	☐	Senator Verni	☒	☐
Senator Lipman	☒	☐	Senator Whitney	☒	☐
Senator Lobner	☒	☐			

b. **Resolution 34-07: Skid Spricht Deutsch Chartering Act**
Sponsor(s): C. Lowell, S. Pienkowski
   i. Resolution Introduction by SGA President Lowell
   ii. Q/A Period with Club Representatives (15 Minutes)
      1. Previous club died during COVID-19 but was revived last year. Focuses on cultural understanding. Last year, members had conversation nights, celebrated holidays, worked on Pangaea with ISU, hopes for more collaboration. Majority first-year involvement. Students from last year now taking German.
   iii. Discussion Period (10 Minutes)
      1. No prior German knowledge is required and approx. ¼ of the club has no German knowledge. Accessible to and actively seeking students without enrollment in German program. Recently took a trip to Aldi, made Christmas cookies with the German program last year. Hopes to collaborate with ISU, history club.
   iv. Amendment Period
      1. On the motion of S. Alvarez seconded by S. Lobner to "Skid Sprecht Deutch" in place of "Black Student Union" in resolved point 1.
         A. All in favor (20-0)

34-07 Amendment 1	Vote		**34-07 Amendment 1**	Vote	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Senator Alvarez	☒	☐	Senator Majiedt	☒	☐
Senator Andrade	☒	☐	Senator Malloy	☒	☐
Senator Aybar	Absent		Senator Maxwell	☒	☐
Senator Chen	Abstain		Senator Oletu	☒	☐
Senator Flamenbaum	☒	☐	Senator Pienkowski	Abstain	
Senator Glanville	☒	☐	Senator Situ	☒	☐
Senator Grijalva	☒	☐	Senator Sterling	☒	☐
Senator Haq	☒	☐	Senator Stern	☒	☐
Senator Izushima	Absent		Senator Tebo	☒	☐
Senator Kadets	☒	☐	Senator Trach	Abstain	
Senator Lai	☒	☐	Senator Verni	☒	☐
Senator Lipman	☒	☐	Senator Whitney	☒	☐
Senator Lobner	☒	☐			

2. On the motion of S. Maxwell seconded by S. Verni to replace the current Article 11 Budgetary Classification to "Skid Sprecht Deutch is a budgeted club. It shall act in accordance with all SGA financial policies and Bylaws."
    A. All in favor (20-0)

34-07 Amendment 2	Vote		**34-07 Amendment 2**	Vote	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Senator Alvarez	☒	☐	Senator Majiedt	☒	☐
Senator Andrade	☒	☐	Senator Malloy	☒	☐
Senator Aybar	Absent		Senator Maxwell	☒	☐
Senator Chen	Abstain		Senator Oletu	☒	☐
Senator Flamenbaum	☒	☐	Senator Pienkowski	Abstain	
Senator Glanville	☒	☐	Senator Situ	☒	☐
Senator Grijalva	☒	☐	Senator Sterling	☒	☐
Senator Haq	☒	☐	Senator Stern	☒	☐
Senator Izushima	Absent		Senator Tebo	☒	☐
Senator Kadets	☒	☐	Senator Trach	Abstain	
Senator Lai	☒	☐	Senator Verni	☒	☐
Senator Lipman	☒	☐	Senator Whitney	☒	☐
Senator Lobner	☒	☐			

v. Roll-Call Vote
    1. All in favor (20-0)

34-07	Vote		**34-07**	Vote	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Senator Alvarez	☒	☐	Senator Majiedt	☒	☐
Senator Andrade	☒	☐	Senator Malloy	☒	☐
Senator Aybar	Absent		Senator Maxwell	☒	☐
Senator Chen	Abstain		Senator Oletu	☒	☐
Senator Flamenbaum	☒	☐	Senator Pienkowski	Abstain	
Senator Glanville	☒	☐	Senator Situ	☒	☐
Senator Grijalva	☒	☐	Senator Sterling	☒	☐
Senator Haq	☒	☐	Senator Stern	☒	☐
Senator Izushima	Absent		Senator Tebo	☒	☐
Senator Kadets	☒	☐	Senator Trach	Abstain	
Senator Lai	☒	☐	Senator Verni	☒	☐
Senator Lipman	☒	☐	Senator Whitney	☒	☐
Senator Lobner	☒	☐			

c. **C.R.O.W.N. 2023-2024 Budget Request**

i. Supplemental Funding Request Overview by VPFA Maxwell

1. Applied for a $2,037.51 late budget. Unanimously passed by BnF.

ii. Q/A Period with Club Representatives (15 Minutes)

1. Originated from natural hair fest. This budget would support three additional events: C.R.O.W.N interactive mural in the library, IdeaLab x C.R.O.W.N workshop to create haircare items like durags, bonnets, and hijabs, and mixers with professors. Events will be publicized by social media and posters. The club has approx. 52 members, majority underclassmen, and anticipates 100 attendees for each event. Communication with Ujima and other cultural clubs were had. The mural will be in staircases in the library and a permanent installation.

iii. Discussion Period (10 Minutes)

1. Senators expressed support for the club and suggested making smaller events and product distribution accessible throughout the year.

iv. Roll-Call Vote

1. All in favor (22-0)

C.R.O.W.N. 23-24 Budget	Vote		C.R.O.W.N. 23-24 Budget	Vote	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Senator Alvarez	☒	☐	Senator Majiedt	☒	☐
Senator Andrade	Absent		Senator Malloy	☒	☐
Senator Aybar	Absent		Senator Maxwell	☒	☐
Senator Chen	☒	☐	Senator Oletu	☒	☐
Senator Flamenbaum	☒	☐	Senator Pienkowski	☒	☐
Senator Glanville	☒	☐	Senator Situ	☒	☐
Senator Grijalva	☒	☐	Senator Sterling	☒	☐
Senator Haq	☒	☐	Senator Stern	☒	☐
Senator Izushima	Absent		Senator Tebo	☒	☐
Senator Kadets	☒	☐	Senator Trach	☒	☐
Senator Lai	☒	☐	Senator Verni	☒	☐
Senator Lipman	☒	☐	Senator Whitney	☒	☐
Senator Lobner	☒	☐			

d. **Skidmore Quiz Bowl 2023-2024 Budget Request**
   i. Supplemental Funding Request Overview by VPFA Maxwell
      1. Applied for a $2,680 reduced to $800 by BnF.
   ii. Q/A Period with Club Representatives (15 Minutes)
      1. The club is new to the budgeting process and willing to make prizes food based. Good involvement across grades
   iii. Discussion Period (10 Minutes)
      1. Senators expressed approval for the amended budget.
   iv. Roll-Call Vote
      1. All in favor (22-0)

Quiz Bowl 23-24 Budget	Vote		Quiz Bowl 23-24 Budget	Vote	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Senator Alvarez	☒	☐	Senator Majiedt	☒	☐
Senator Andrade	Absent		Senator Malloy	☒	☐
Senator Aybar	Absent		Senator Maxwell	☒	☐
Senator Chen	☒	☐	Senator Oletu	☒	☐
Senator Flamenbaum	☒	☐	Senator Pienkowski	☒	☐
Senator Glanville	☒	☐	Senator Situ	☒	☐
Senator Grijalva	☒	☐	Senator Sterling	☒	☐
Senator Haq	☒	☐	Senator Stern	☒	☐
Senator Izushima	Absent		Senator Tebo	☒	☐
Senator Kadets	☒	☐	Senator Trach	☒	☐
Senator Lai	☒	☐	Senator Verni	☒	☐
Senator Lipman	☒	☐	Senator Whitney	☒	☐
Senator Lobner	☒	☐			

e. **SGA President Lowell's Shared Governance Committee Nomination Confirmation Hearings**
   i. Committee on Intercultural and Global Understanding VPIO Representative Samantha Majiedt '27
   ii. Q/A Period (15 Minutes)
      1. this would be a branch of IPPC and a position designed to reduce the workload on the VPIO and create a bridge to administration for matters regarding intercultural and global understanding. Ideas include collaboration with different committees and clubs for promotion and assistance, as well as global food days in the Dining Hall. Majiedt hopes to collaborate with a number of cultural clubs with this initiative and others. She hopes to hosts dances and music events celebrating culture. Senators, SGA President, and ExComm members endorsed Majiedt.

iii. Roll-Call Vote
1. All in favor (22-0)

Majiedt CIGU	Vote		**Majiedt CIGU**	Vote	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Senator Alvarez	☒	☐	Senator Majiedt	☒	☐
Senator Andrade	Absent		Senator Malloy	☒	☐
Senator Aybar	Absent		Senator Maxwell	☒	☐
Senator Chen	☒	☐	Senator Oletu	☒	☐
Senator Flamenbaum	☒	☐	Senator Pienkowski	☒	☐
Senator Glanville	☒	☐	Senator Situ	☒	☐
Senator Grijalva	☒	☐	Senator Sterling	☒	☐
Senator Haq	☒	☐	Senator Stern	☒	☐
Senator Izushima	Absent		Senator Tebo	☒	☐
Senator Kadets	☒	☐	Senator Trach	☒	☐
Senator Lai	☒	☐	Senator Verni	☒	☐
Senator Lipman	☒	☐	Senator Whitney	☒	☐
Senator Lobner	☒	☐			

j. Senators Forum
   a. Discussion on Reclaiming Residential Space for Students with Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs Adrian Bautista and Assistant Vice President for the Residential Experience Christina Montville
      i. Montville: Qualitative brainstorm for future applications of future Residential Experience projects. Ideas include telehealth sites, easily accessible prayer sites within residential spaces.
      ii. S. Lobner: Consideration by students and parents: expanding amount of rooms rather than reclaiming other spaces to reduce amount of triple occupancy residential spaces instead of opening new non-livable spaces.
      iii. Montville: Prioritizing new spaces that are livable by students. Health promotions, health center, and other offices currently in residence halls may be reclaimed in the future from Jonsson Tower and Wiecking Hall.
      iv. S. Chen wondered specifically what and where reclaimable spaces are.
      v. S. Lipman initiated a discussion about security of items that cannot be brought into residence halls including bicycles and skateboards.
      vi. S. Maxwell expressed desire for informal student spaces.

vii. S. Malloy concurred and wondered why existing informal spaces are underutilized.
viii. S. Alvarez suggested using existing study spaces for television and gaming for community building over private calls and furniture storage.
ix. S. Flamenbaum suggested transforming segments of Case Center into less academic and more formal zones. This might also include club meeting spaces.
x. Senators discussed standardization of common spaces across residence halls.
xi. S. Majiedt suggested the use of basement spaces, Case Center, and development of separate informal buildings following the model of Hamilton College.
xii. S. Tebo suggested making common spaces different across halls, allowing students to choose setup based on interests.
xiii. S. Stern suggested replacing common room couches.
xiv. S. Sterling suggested keeping board games and recreational items in common residential settings rather than the library.
xv. S. Grijalva discussed playing with the space of triples and implementation of bathrooms within them to make them more livable. Suggested more murals.
xvi. On the motion of S. Alvarez seconded by S. Lobner for non-senators to speak.
xvii. EVP Jansen suggested a soundproof karaoke/music activity room.
xviii. S. Malloy suggested upgrading kitchens and placing washer/dryer units on floors.
xix. S. Verni spoke against the implementation of ovens in residence halls.
xx. S. Haq suggested the implementation of training for use of residence hall kitchens with swipe-in options.
xxi. S. Flamenbaum suggested the use of dorm kitchens by clubs and new furniture and electronics in common spaces.
xxii. S. Majiedt suggested the use of LED lighted game rooms with connections for streaming, consoles, and Just Dance.
xxiii. S. Malloy suggested that one specific dorm should have a kitchen with training and application prerequisite for living there.
xxiv. S. Kadets suggested that kitchen use should be accompanied by a contract or R.A. supervision detailing respectful use of the space.
xxv. S. Alvarez suggested the differentiation of halls as living spaces like Howe-Rounds: substance-free and Wiecking: sustainability.
xxvi. D. Bautista suggested that this community development could be bolstered by faculty ties to housing units.

xxvii. C. Lowell suggested the development of a multicultural center, implementation of food options on campus past 10:00 pm, and integration of club spaces into residential hall buildings.

k. Open Forum II
l. Announcements
    a. SEC Big Show (10/7/23)
    b. First-Year Senator Training (10/8/23)
m. Adjourn
    a. On motion of S. Verni, seconded by S. Malloy to adjourn at 10:01pm.
        i. All in favor (22-0)