



**THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
SENATE, EIGHTEENTH SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: February 17th, 2026

Location: Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, Second Floor

Time: 8:06 pm- 8:47 pm

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Others in Attendance: Director of Leadership Activities Zach Schwan, SGA Clerk Mamadou Dia

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1. Call to Order
 - a. Call to order at 8:06 pm
 2. Invocation
 - a. Read by S. Kostbar
 3. Attendance

4. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion to remove first Agenda Item by S. Glanville Seconded by S. Shoemaker
 - b. Motion to approve by S. Gordon, seconded by S. King
5. Approval of the prior Minutes
 - a. Motion by S. Sterling, Seconded by S. Castillo
6. Open Forum
 - a. No one here for open forum
7. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. Presidential Report with SGA President Majiedt
 - i. Ex. Comm met on 2/16 to share reports. Thinking of how to repair the relation between senates and various SGA members. Met with Dean Bautiste to go over logistics for board of trustee meeting and to see what has been said on administration side by CIA. Confirmation on cup covers at bar now just need assistance. IPPC committee on student life met on Friday and shared some information about renovations for the first floor of Joto which will be taking place over the summer.
 - b. Executive Vice-Presidential Report with EVP Gordon
 - i. Committee on Operations met last Friday to discuss future of SGA. They realize they would need to create an all SGA email to send out the initiative tracker. They are working on meeting minute standards and asked that senators please reach out with all suggestions.
 - c. Academic Affairs Report with VPAA Barnes
 - i. AC welcomed new willingness to serve members. VPAA Barnes met with Dean Taylor and Dean Bautista to discuss initiatives that are planned for next semester. Some things they're working on is an AI survey, a White paper and Textbook Prices. Added that Skidmore Democrats are to attend meeting within the next few weeks, also had discussions about grade inflation and student administrative leave.
 - d. Budget and Finance Report with VPFA Castillo
 - i. The number between this year and last year has changed, was \$64,101.03. BNF approved \$140 supplemental request for lunch box magazine and they hosted budget workshop, scheduled meetings for later.
 - e. Student Life Report with VPSL Kostbar
 - i. Met with Julia Rotbart Baskin to discuss safe cigarette disposable methods and shared that the housing emails were sent out. Shared that the band trailer has black mold and he's meeting with Zack Schwan to work out solution, possibly moving equipment to

Falstaffs. He's also meeting with facilities for snow removal and then meeting with dining hall chefs about dining hall initiatives.

- f. Club Affairs Report with VPCA Minkah
 - i. Met with Emily had productive meetings about leadership banquet preparations are well underway. He also attended Committee for institutionalized diversity had discussion with international student union and he attended treasurer training. He's working on promotional material about Club promotion material with S. Castillo and Ferrigno. He's also working on club constitutional amendments.
- g. Institutional Diversity Report with VPID Lederman
 - i. CID met Sunday with international student union. They raised the issue about wanting international student regional highlight, that highlights the culture and food of different international student. Also had discussions about skid sync and funding have been worked out with S. Minkah and S. Castillo. CID is continuing discussion on affinity spaces on campus. Updates from ADA Subcommittee Chair Elise Hinrichs: she will be co-chairing task force starting next fall with Oscar Perez and Dean Bautista. Also, in touch with SKEMS to work on Health Service medication delivery
- h. Engagement and Outreach Report with VPEO Ferrigno
 - i. EOC did not meet last week and asked for a Post Senate interview volunteers: S. King.

8. New Business:

a. Willingness to Serve Positions

- i. Introduction of the Process by SGA President Majiedt
 - 1. Chloe Filippo could not make it today, but senators will be reading her statement for the position.
- ii. Chloe Filipo for Sophomore Senator
 - 1. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt
 - a. C. Majiedt shared that Chloe was interested in joining Student Government after recent senate/open forum meeting on ADA subcommittee. Her statement shared that what sparked her was everything happening on campus and doing work that needs to be done on campus. Previous experience in student government from 8-12 grade treasurer/volunteer/ president and multiple executive board including we are moving the needle. It was shared that other relevant experience

was as assistant for construction company where she handled general administrative tasks, experience using QuickBooks and obtaining her license in cosmetology which shows her experience with multi-tasking and handling a strenuous workload

2. Q/A Period

- a. No questions

3. Discussion Period

- a. S. Kostbar had a lunch with Chloe, would recommend her as she is smart, fun, asks great question, has great insights.
- b. S. Shoemaker has had great experiences working with Chloe on ADA subcommittee and would also recommend her.
- c. S. Minkah met with Chloe during BNF meeting and she seems eager to serve
- d. S. Castillo also in support has worked with her as treasurer, great with communicating and really on top of things.

4. Roll-Call vote

- a. Motion to vote by S. Minkah, Seconded by S. Shoemaker

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iii. Khamani Bhola for Junior Senator

1. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt

- a. Same thing as last time and asks Khamani to concisely explain interests in joining and experience
- b. Khamani ran last year and lost. Expressed that he has been a part of SGA for some time. The first way to give back is becoming a part of the Senate, has shadowed other senators for some time.

2. Q/A Period

- a. Q: S. Minkah: Mentioned that Khamani has served on CID and started an initiative for the advancement for young men of color, how will he bring that experience into senate?

A: Khamani: Expressed that he wants to do more than strengthen the relationship between people of color and non-people of color, he wants to bridge the gap between senators and non-senators. He doesn't mind doing dirty work and added that he gets things done. He really wants to dip his toes in the water. And he wants to do more community-based things and outreach.

- b. Q: S. Sterling: Asked what is his experience with SGA

A: Khamani: He joined the open forums and have sat on CID for a semester +1 month

- c. Q: S. Lederman: Asked what ideas does he have for CID?

A: Khamani: Make more community-based spaces and more to follow

- d. Q: S. Kostbar: Asked that if he had one dream initiative what would it be.

- e. A: Khamani: Shared that it was not in the right environment to speak candidly, no dream initiative as Skidmore has a lot to work on but his dream is improvement.

- f. S. King: What second committee are you interested in serving on and why?

- g. Khamani: Budget and finance because he likes helping people with budget and finance.

3. Discussion Period

- a. S. Minkah shared that Khamani is a great character with good energy has his full endorsement.
- b. S. Barnes got to know him very well in a shared class, is incredibly smart and hardworking and knows how to light up a room.

- c. S. Araba meets with him in the OP office and he knows how to keep a room light.
 - d. S. Nambane shared that she's little on the fence about this decision and that he can bring some unserious moments and wondering if the energy brought to senate may be a little jovial. But expressed that if he can commit to seriousness then that would be great.
4. Roll-Call vote
 5. Motion by S. Minkah to vote, Seconded by S. Araba

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b. Presidential Nomination

IPPC Subcommittee Bias Response Group Student Representative: Jocelyn Crespo Hernandez

1. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt
 - a. P. Majiedt shared that this is a presidential nomination for Bias Response committee and students usually focus on discussing improvements while the committee and its administrators handle the actual cases.
 - b. S. Lederman has recommended Jocelyn for the position and that Jocelyn was the first member of CID to express interest in this position

- c. Jocelyn shared about her research lab where she talked about biases, the code for her research lab is acknowledging biases and that when VPID Lederman brought up the position she resonated with the ability to acknowledge their own biases without doing so in a malicious manner. She thinks she can do that and is excited for the opportunity to join.
- 2. Q/A Period
 - a. No questions
- 3. Discussion Period
 - a. S. Shoemaker worked with Jocelyn in CID is incredibly professional while still providing some levity perfect for the bias response group.
- 4. Roll-Call vote
 - a. Motion to vote by S. Minkah, Seconded by S. Gordon

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9. Senators Forum

- a. S. Shoemaker wants to highlight smaller project for ADA subcommittee. They are currently working a compilation of list of resources for financial aid related jobs for students who aren't able to work on automatic dining hall placement for their first year on campus. Shared that a lot of students are unable to work in dining which is really unsustainable. Financial aid has expressed interest in supporting this but hasn't been able to do so

themselves. ADA subcommittee have been working on this and surveys will be done for sourcing volunteers.

- b. President Majiedt added a housekeeping note: If Senate does have guests and there's discussion and open forum that senators please close their laptops during open forum times. When guests aren't here it's more flexible. Also asked that Senate please be have more active listeners and more mindful and respectful behavior.

10. Announcements

- a. No announcements

11. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by S. Minkah, seconded by S. Nambane at 8:47 pm