



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

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Location: Fallstaffs

Time: 8:03 pm – 8:34 pm

Member	Attendance		Member	Attendance	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Chair Majiedt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Koegler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ararba	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Kostbar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Senator Khan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

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

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1. Call to Order
    - a. Call to order at 8:03 pm

2. Invocation
3. Attendance
4. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve by S. Minkah, seconded by S. Gordon
5. Approval of the prior Minutes
  - a. Motion to amend by S. Sterling to amend name change from Lila to S. Glanville, seconded by S. Gordon
  - b. Motion to amend by S. Gordon seconded by S. Taylor to amend Gordan to Gordon
  - c. Motion to approve minutes as amended by S. Sterling seconded by S. Shoemaker
6. Open Forum
7. Executive Committee Reports
  - a. Presidential Report with SGA President Majiedt
    - i. IPPC met and shared updates on the IPPC Taskforce on Accessibility group which will be following a tri chair model with Dean Bautiste, ADA subcommittee Chair Elise Hinrichs as chairs. Board of Trustee meetings will be happening Wednesday to Friday as well as discussions, and there's discussions to revamp Skidmore's mission statement. ExComm met yesterday to go over elections and board trustee dinner logistics, also to approved Tate Ester as director of communications.
  - b. Executive Vice-Presidential Report with EVP Gordon
    - i. Met on Friday about a plan to create standard of meeting minutes, also update on uploading meeting minutes online.
  - c. Academic Affairs Report with VPAA Barnes
    - i. AC met on Thursday and shared that people will be coming to discuss textbook affordability initiatives. Also, there's a discussion on grade inflation, a new administrative policy, and on another symposium.
  - d. Budget and Finance Report with VPFA Castillo
    - i. Approved supplemental for Black Student union of 100 dollars for their movie night. AHA had requested to have the wedding event at Union College and that was approved. They're also working on advertising materials for fairs and grants. The Program support number will be shared later.
  - e. Student Life Report with VPSL Kostbar
    - i. CSL is considering a plan for disposable of cigarettes in lieu of other tangible solutions. Falstaff's has become a temporary solution for the band trailer equipment. Working on SkidSync and updating guidelines on equipment use and such. He's trying to coordinate meeting with facilities for snow removal responses lacking on

facilities end. He added that surveys about D-Hall and Case Center are happening, approval to advertise said survey in D-Hall. Met with Christina and Dean Bautiste about exterior of building walls and adding art maybe murals. Also shared about adding postering to water fountains turns out the red life is safe

- f. Club Affairs Report with VPCA Minkah
  - i. A review of AHAs constitution will come to senate soon, also discussion of supplemental request same will be done with CSA. Leadership Banquet has been coming along, and emails about availabilities will soon come out. He sent an email to all club leaders about Instagram takeovers. Committee for choosing recipient of awards will be put together including a plethora of SGA members
- g. Institutional Diversity Report with VPID Lederman
  - i. UJIMA and HAYAT sat in at the meeting. There was discussion about potentially transforming the Case Gallery into a different type of space. The general feedback leaned toward leaving it as it currently is. The idea of using galleries as OSDI club spaces is an initiative that is currently in progress. Elise and S. Lederman will be meeting with the Board of Trustees to continue conversations around accessibility and land acknowledgment.
- h. Engagement and Outreach Report with VPEO Ferrigno
  - i. Emailed club leaders about participating in Instagram takeovers. The bulletin board is almost complete, the only remaining step is printing. The SGA photographer is currently working on filming/editing club videos. The Director of Communications is redesigning the “SGA Member of the Week” background, so it’s no longer just a plain white backdrop.

## 8. New Business:

### a. Willingness to Serve Positions

- i. Kayla Melendez for Senior Senator
  - 1. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt
    - a. Introduction to Willingness to serve positions and how that works
    - b. Kayla introduces herself as neuroscience major and IGA minor, interested to fill the senior senate position, has wanted to for a long time and schedule has finally aligned with her goals. Following recent rulings wants to get involved with skidmore as much as she can before she leaves and she also

wants to strengthen relations between SGA and students. She added that she's trained in Social Justice Frameworks and Strategies. Some positions she's had in Skidmore have included working group on Inclusive and Accessible Teaching at Skidmore, has run focus groups, transcribed, researched and comparisons between Skidmore and other colleges, and been working on moving student evaluations online. Worked on crafting student evaluations in a way that will lead to more fruitful answers. Trained dialogue facilitator which has left her with a lot of teamworking, communication, and problem-solving skills. Is the leader of the RAICES dance team which is now under a new name.

2. Q/A Period

- a. No questions

3. Discussion Period

- a. S. Shoemaker has had the opportunity to sit on CID with Kayla, and she is just someone you can't leave a conversation with feeling bad. So good at addressing people and building relationships would bring a necessary role in SGA.
- b. S. Lederman has sat on a couple CID meetings with Kayla and Kayla has contributed well to the meetings she's been a part of.
- c. S. Situ says Kayla is brilliant, and she's really excited for the chance to have her here.
- d. S. Minkah says she's really phenomenal and her election is a no-brainer and incredibly intelligent
- e. S. Kostbar believes Kayla is the real deal.

4. Roll-Call vote

- a. Motion to vote by S. Gordon seconded by S. Shoemaker

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9. Senators Forum

- a. Kayla sought clarification on whether they are allowed to come as a guest or willingness to serve members, questions answered
- b. Clarification on whether it's in the main D-Hall area or second floor; it's in the main D-Hall area.
- c. S. Ferrigno request a headshot from Kayla Menendez for Bulletin Board
- d. S. Situ had question on speaker's bureau as there Instagram was active even though they aren't functioning, information will be gathered and reported back
- e. S. Khan wondering how long lunch with the Alumi Board will last, about an hour and thirty minutes

10. Announcements

- a. S. Kostbar will be running for SGA president any questions or concerns please come to him
- b. S. Minkah reminds all to nominate their clubs for Club of the year
- c. Anybody planning to run for an Ex-Com position reach out by end of the week as training is starting now

11. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:34 pm by S. Situ seconded by S. Minkah