



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

Date: March 3rd, 2026

Location: Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, Second Floor

Time: 8:02 pm – 9:48 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senator Kostbar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Others in Attendance: Director of Leadership Activities Zach Schwan, SGA Clerk Mamadou Dia, Jocelyn Crespo-Hernandez, John Morrow

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1. Call to Order
 - a. Call to Order at 8:02pm
 2. Invocation
 3. Attendance

4. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve by S. Lipman, seconded by S. Gordon
5. Approval of the prior Minutes
 - a. Motion to amend attendance of S. Glanville by S. Glanville and seconded by S. Sterling.
 - b. Motion to amend all typos by S. Melendez seconded by S. Bigelow.
 - c. Motion to approve by S. Taylor, seconded by S. Lipman
6. Open Forum
 - a. Hui is here to see the interworking's of an SGA meeting in preparation of running for a position next year. Next year will be his last year and he has decided if there was ever a time to get involved it would be now.
7. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. Presidential Report with SGA President Majiedt
 - i. Ex-Comm met yesterday to go over initiatives; they shared feedback about the Board of Trustees' Dinner, and they discussed willingness to serve positions and the upcoming election.
 - b. Executive Vice-Presidential Report with EVP Gordon
 - i. Started the process of updating the website to upload on all agendas and minutes.
 - ii. Had a discussion for creating a standard on meeting minutes and agendas.
 - c. Academic Affairs Report with VPAA Barnes
 - i. The Academic Council met on Thursday had some support from SUCO about a textbook initiative. And VPAA Barnes shared that they discussed the First Gen Symposium and making sure its continuation since it was such a hit this past fall. Discussed grade inflation
 - d. Budget and Finance Report with VPFA Castillo
 - i. Program support numbers haven't changed except for an update of \$ 55,917.49. VPFA Castillo hosted a budget workshop last Tuesday as well as some drop-in hours; last drop-in hours will be this Wednesday from 11:30 till 2:00 pm.
 - e. Student Life Report with VPSL Kostbar
 - i. CSL met on thursday, divided and took on projects and they're working on posters for the water fountains and case center, and finally they're workshopping some solutions for the band trailer.
 - f. Club Affairs Report with VPCA Minkah
 - i. Started Instagram takes over initiative for clubs, and many are starting to take part. VPCA Minkah also shared that the email for RSVP and guidelines for leadership banquet will be sent out shortly.
 - g. Institutional Diversity Report with VPID Lederman

- i. Sat in last week at the Board of Trustee DEI meeting and collected feedback from trustees. The trustees were generally in support of what CIGU has been working on this week. VPID Lederman also started working on DEI training for SGA and hopes to practice one by the end of the semester and will work on summer training based on feedback given from practice rounds.
 - h. Engagement and Outreach Report with VPEO Ferrigno
 - i. Started club takeovers and it has been highly successful. EOC is also starting SGA photos of the week highlighting photos taken by the SGA photographers. Additionally, they started training on the people running for VPEO next year.
- 8. New Business:

a. Information Session with Joel Aure, Director of Equal Opportunity & Title IX at Skidmore College

- 1. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt
 - a. C. Majiedt shared that Joel Aure will have a standard introduction, then the meeting will be divided into smaller groups to go over some scenarios and then a share out.
- 2. Expression and Environment
 - a. Joel Aure introduced himself and shared that he is the director of Equal Opportunity & Title IX of skidmore college; trigger warning has been issued. He asked for a little bit of trust as this information is important and sensitive. He reminded everyone that he is a neutral resource who tries to be helpful, not judgmental, and asks for grace. Joel emphasized that everyone makes mistakes, but we all come from the same space of care, and we should do our best to have some grace for each other. He shared that the presentation would start with Context before moving into Scenarios and small group discussions. Finally, a bigger group discussion will take place before Q&A and conclusion. He continued to provide a brief explanation of what Title IX is and goes over the process of reporting and what happens after Skidmore College.
 - b. Joel then moved into reading the scenarios.

It is noted that due to the sensitivity around the scenarios shared and content that is handled, minutes were not taken.

3. Q/A Period

- a. Question: It was asked why Title IX is required, but Title VI isn't.

Answer: New York just fixed that, so as of now both Title IX and Title VI are both required within college campus.

b. Willingness to Serve Positions

1. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt

- a. C. Majiedt went over the vacancy and had two people running for the first-year willingness to serve position.
- b. Shared that both candidates will introduce themselves and have Q/A then have a brief discussion and following that a vote

ii. John Morrow for First-Year Senator

- 1. He has experience in Model Congress and wants to become involved in student government. They hope to be part of meaningful change within student government and help make the campus a better place for students. They are particularly interested in improving facilities and opening more pathways and opportunities for students. They also want to gain firsthand experience of what it is like to serve in student government while contributing positively to the campus community.

2. Q/A Period

- a. S. Gordon asked what changes he would most like to see in SGA. John shared that he hasn't really come to a lot of SGA meetings due to lack of awareness so before he can talk about what changes he would like to see; he would first need to see what goes on in SGA.
- b. S. Lederman asked if John had any other involvement on campus. John shared that he has attended multiple Skidmore Dems meetings and has contributed to organizations for Skidmore for Palestine
- c. S. Castillo asked if he is interested in running for election next year to which John answered yes.

iii. Jocelyn Crespo Hernandez for First-Year Senator

- 1. Jocelyn first introduces herself, then shares her experience as a part of CID and how it developed her passion for

student government. Also interested in continuing certain dialogues, especially considering the current state of the world.

2. Q/A Period

- a. S. Lipman asked what other committees she would be interested in joining. Jocelyn shared that she'd be interested in Academic Affairs and reaching out to students who don't know much about SGA and student government.
- b. S. Castillo shared that she's aware that Jocelyn's on BRG and asked if she would be willing to share her experiences with that. Jocelyn shared that her first meeting with them will be March 23rd, so she hasn't had a chance to sit at any meetings yet. But she has spoken to some people and when the meeting does happen, she has some idea of what she wants to say and how she will contribute to that. As a senator, she would like to be more involved with that.

iv. Discussion Period

1. S. Ferrigno thinks they're both deeply passionate and knows Jocelyn has done a lot of great work on CID and has been promoted to an All-college Committee.
2. S. Taylor thinks either candidate would be a perfect candidate or wishes either of them the best of luck.
3. S. Minkah thinks both candidates should be commended for their interest, has sat on CID with Jocelyn and thinks she brings a lot to the table.
4. S. Khan wants to second Nana's point and thinks Jocelyn is a very dedicated member, also that S. Kostbar supports Jocelyn
5. S. Lipman again commends both candidates, especially their intention to open dialogue.
6. S. Lederman is on the fence as Jocelyn is already on CID and BRG and since she's already on two committee's so she's leaning to give John the position as Jocelyn is already serving as a willingness to serve member. Also added that the difficult dialogue conversation will still be worked on through CID and BRG.
7. S. King agrees with S. Lederman as she sees Jocelyns' leadership confidence and believes it may be nice to give John a new insight.

v. Roll-Call Vote on First-Year Senator

1. Motion to vote for Jocelyn for first year senator by S. Lipman, seconded by S. Khan
2. Motion for non-senators to speak by S. Gordan seconded by S. Lipman
 - a. Chief Judicial Board Officer Kadets shared that if the vote doesn't pass then the seat would still be vacant, but if the vote passes for the first motion then the seat would no longer exist and therefore senate wouldn't be able to make a motion to vote on a second interested member.

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Senator Aybar	Absent		Senator Lederman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator Barnes	Abstain		Senator Lipman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion to vote on John Morrow for First Year Senator by S. Sterling
Seconded by S. Bigelow

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Senator Aybar	Absent		Senator Lederman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Senator Bigelow Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Minkah	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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c. SEC Nomination

Drew Lederman for SEC Falstaff's Chair

1. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt and SEC Chair Milo Flamenbaum

- a. SEC Chair Flamenbaum shared that Falstaff's has been somewhat of a gray area following the departure of the earlier chairs. In the meantime, S. Kostbar has been bringing issues related to Falstaff's to the CSL meetings. Drew is expected to help resolve the situation for this position within the remainder of the term. He is excited about the opportunity to work on Falstaff's, has been hoping to take on this role, and has already been showing up and putting in the work.
- b. Drew then introduces himself as a business Major and International Affairs minor, and as a musician. He shared that he used the Band Trailer often before it was condemned and that he wanted musicians to have a stronger voice in campus spaces. He explained that he had always wanted to improve the Band Trailer, and following its closure, he hopes to see whether Falstaff's can help fill the gap left behind. He has already begun speaking with CIA about making the space accessible and plans to communicate with clubs to ensure Falstaff's

becomes the best resource it can be for the community.

2. Q/A Period

a. No Questions

3. Discussion Period

a. S. Castillo is in support.

b. S. Sterling is in support and has sat with Drew at CSL for the past month on CSL.

c. S. Minkah thinks Drew's a great guy who knows what he's doing and has been taking the steps so that Falstaff's can be a wonderful substitute.

d. S. Shoemaker is in support; Drew has made the effort to consult CID and the chair of Elise Henrichs. This initiative is admirable and something they would love to see in SGA moving forward.

4. Roll-Call Vote

a. Motion to vote by S. Gordon seconded by S. Taylor

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9. Senators Forum

- a. S. Situ has been disappointed lately; she knows it's been a troubling time, and she thinks it's best to address the tension that's been lingering in the past weeks. She knows there's an uproar on campus recently, and she thinks nobody on this campus deserves hate, but she's frustrated with the lack of professionalism within SGA. Eye rolling, passing notes and an overall disrespectful atmosphere. Within her 4 years she has never seen this much gossip and cliquiness actionable change can't thrive in this kind of environment, and she wants to see some change.

10. Announcements

- a. S. Bhola shared that there is the Men of Color's Support Group and opens the space to everyone to attend. S. Bhola also shared that he'd like to take on Drews initiative as well.

11. Adjourn at 9:48 pm

- a. Motion to adjourn by S. Khan seconded by S. Minkah