



**THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
SENATE, TWENTY-SECOND SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: March 24th, 2026

Location: Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, Second Floor

Time: 8:03 pm – 9:30 pm

Member	Attendance		Member	Attendance	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Chair Majiedt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Kostbar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ararba	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lederman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Aybar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lipman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Others in Attendance: SGA Clerk Mamadou Dia, Dr Brooke Paradise

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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 amend, adding relevant SEC Gift Policy resolution by S. Melendez, seconded by S. Minkah
 - b. Motion to approve by S. Shoemaker, seconded by S. King
5. Approval of the prior Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve by S. Taylor, seconded by S. Gordon
6. Open Forum
7. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. Presidential Report with SGA President Majiedt
 - i. Ex-Comm met yesterday to discuss updates and approved 10 SGA Leadership Award recipients, and the plaque for the award ceremony was selected. IPPC met on Friday to review Board of Trustee updates and decisions, and also discussed proposed AI guidelines for Skidmore College. At the April 17th meeting, an update will be given to IPPC, and the President-Elect and VDFA-Elect will be invited to observe a meeting before their term.
 - b. Executive Vice-Presidential Report with EVP Gordon
 - i. CO met last Friday to finish up meeting minute resolution and they're discussing Power point presentation preparation for Skidmore Scribner seminar and also a potential fundraising event.
 - c. Academic Affairs Report with VPAA Barnes
 - i. Moving forward on the AI survey with a tentative draft, and met with the AI working group for further discussion, with more to come on Thursday. Also working with SUCO on the textbook resolution, improving previous resolutions by including recommendations for what professors can do to make the textbook process better.
 - d. Budget and Finance Report with VPFA Castillo
 - i. Do not have the current program support numbers and BNF endorsed the SEC Policy Gift Reform Act. Met this Sunday from 12:00 to 5:00 to review the budget, which is currently at \$1,040,000.
 - e. Student Life Report with VPSL Kostbar
 - i. Visited SUCO and SAC, both subcommittees under CSL, to learn more about projects mentioned at earlier meetings, and CSL is continuing with projects discussed previously.
 - f. Club Affairs Report with VPCA Minkah
 - i. Preparations for the leadership banquet are still underway and recipients have been finalized and club nominations are to be finalized soon. The banquet is scheduled for April 22nd, with invitations to be sent out soon. Sent emails to clubs that have not logged past events into SkidSync, and CSA will be coming in today with updates for their charter.

- g. Institutional Diversity Report with VPID Lederman
 - i. Planning to host the OSDI Club Community Picnic around April 10th to help engage underclassmen in clubs. S. Situ will be hosting the UJIMA Gallery event on the 29th, and a land acknowledgment is in the works. Also met with Christina and S. Kostbar on Friday to discuss Joto first floor, with a ribbon-cutting event TBD.
- h. Engagement and Outreach Report with VPEO Ferrigno
 - i. Sent the new banner for the SGA Member of the Week background, created a poster and submitted it to Media Services for printing, and engaged SCA with SAC at the volleyball event.

8. New Business:

a. SGA Food Pantry A.K.A Squirrels Nest Updates with Dr. Brooke Paradise and S. Sterling

1. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt
 - a. S. Sterling and Dr. Brooke Paradise presented on the Squirrels Nest. S. Sterling shared that Skidmore's first food pantry is called Squirrels Nest, planning started by previous SGA President Nathaniel Lowell during Fall 2023, just opened in December. So far 29 people have used the food pantry since it's been opened.
2. Overview and Updates of Squirrels Nest
 - a. Pantry operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Case Desk, where students sign in for data tracking and can then take what they need. The initiative is currently funded by CL&E, with Case Desk workers doing most of the work. A Green Grant was received to fund a refrigerator for perishable items like cheese, yogurt, and milk, and fresh food is sourced locally through an external program. There are plans to add general hygiene items and potentially keep the pantry running over the summer as a trial period. Long-term funding is still being explored, with a focus on demonstrating student need and engagement first. A form has been shared that will be shown at the squirrel's nest that allows you to pick up 15 items with a re-usable bag to demonstrate how to check out items.
3. Q/A Period

- a. S. Kostbar asked about additional funding sources such as the Student Life Improvement Fund, though potential conflicts of interest were noted due to S. Sterling's involvement in CSL.
- b. S. Khan asked about using an existing fridge, it was clarified that a larger fridge and freezer are needed, as the current one is already in use.
- c. S. Lederman raised questions about outreach towards students in apartments, particularly that most users currently come from residence halls, with a need to better market to students in apartments. And it was said that they'd work on marketing.
- d. Another question by S. Aybar was asked about collaborating with the dining hall and Skidmore Shop to utilize surplus food and bulk hygiene products, which was received positively.
- e. Another question was asked about the students using the pantry and clarification was also given that while 29 individual students have used the pantry, total visits exceed that number due to repeat users. A final comment highlighted the importance of mindful marketing to reduce stigma and ensure students feel comfortable accessing the resource.

b. Budget Request: Skidmore Investment Fund

i. Introduction by VPFA Castillo

1. As the Investment Fund did not submit a budget for review last spring, making this technically a late submission. However, due to external delays and the fact that the club originally applied in the fall, it was brought for discussion. The requested funding is for the Miami Stock Competition, which includes a cash prize that the club would not be permitted to keep under SGA bylaws. The proposed budget includes approximately \$1,700 for flights, \$120 for lodging, and \$260 for food.
2. Grace, the club's VP, explained that this would be their third competition and that attending stock pitch competitions is important for gaining experience and training new members. She also mentioned ongoing discussions about hosting a similar competition at Skidmore and noted strong interest in the club across campus.

ii. Q/A Period

1. S. Kostbar asked what a stock pitch was and it was explained as analyzing a company’s financials to decide whether to buy or sell its stock. It was also clarified that a closer competition would not require funding, but this one does due to travel costs.
2. S. Gordon asked why this specific competition was picked and not one that is possibly closer and it was clarified that a closer competition would not require funding, but this one does due to travel costs.

iii. Discussion Period

1. S. Minkah supports this and shared that it would be a good opportunity for them to grow the club, and there is interest from the whole campus not just one department.
2. S. Lipman agrees heavily with S. Minkah, there have been missing aspects with the business department when it comes to financials, and this fulfills that. It would be a real disservice to reject that.

iv. Roll-Call Vote

1. Motion by S. Lipman to approve Roll Call vote, seconded by S. Kahn

Member	Budget Request Investment Fund		Member	Budget Request Investment Fund	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Senator Ararba	Absent		Senator Kostbar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Aybar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lederman	Abstain	
Senator Barnes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lipman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Bhola	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Melendez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Senator Castillo	Abstain		Senator Morrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Senator Koegler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Zhang	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

c. Club Constitutional Amendment: Caribbean Student Association (CSA)

i. Introduction by VPCA Minkah

1. The CSA presented amendments to their constitution, noting that the club is growing and recently created a dance team, prompting the need to update their charter. While clubs are typically open for members to join at any time, a dance team requires tryouts and auditions to select members. The Senate emphasized the importance of ensuring this process is fair and not exclusionary. The dance team would operate within CSA, similar to how other clubs, such as ACA, currently function with dance teams. Criteria for participation is decided by the E-Board, as long as individuals are part of or intending to join the club. The dance team will be overseen by a coordinator, with flexibility for the role to be filled as needed.

ii. Q/A Period

1. The number of members was asked it was shared that there are currently six members on the dance team.
2. When asked how the team would run, it was explained that the intention is to meet at least twice a week.
3. It was also asked whether the dance coordinator role is elected or filled as needed; S. Minkah clarified that only executive board positions are needed, while other roles are typically filled on an as-needed basis.

iii. Discussion Period

1. S. Melendez thinks Dance teams and the OSDI clubs bring so many interactions and culture on this campus, and she is in full support of this.
2. S. Shoemaker comments on the importance of the dance coordinator position in the guidelines to help prevent any future issues.

iv. Roll-Call Vote

1. Motion to vote by S. Aybar seconded by S. Bigelow

Member	CSA Constitution Amendment		Member	CSA Constitution Amendment	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Senator Ararba	Absent		Senator Kostbar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Aybar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lederman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Senator Barnes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lipman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Bhola	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Melendez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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d. Presidential Nomination

Dajah Taylor for all college Curriculum Committee

- i. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt and VPAA Barnes
 - 1. C. Majiedt shared she’s nominating S. Taylor to continue in her position as on CC.
 - 2. S. Barnes described S. Taylor as incredibly reliable, talented, and enthusiastic about her work on the committee, noting that it is a demanding role that requires significant reading and effort, and expressed confidence in her ability to continue excelling.
 - 3. S. Taylor then shared her experience, stating that she enjoys the role, values reviewing syllabi and academic materials, and appreciates the opportunity to learn more about topics like credit hours. She expressed interest in continuing in the position.
- ii. Q/A Period
 - 1. It was asked what the coolest class that she has helped approve, and she shared about some cool Scribner Seminar like on about nuclear family dynamics which was interesting, another one about metal music.
 - 2. During the Q&A, it was asked whether S. Taylor would remain on only two SGA committees. C. Majiedt responded that, as Class President, she is required to stay on Engagement and Outreach, and she may choose whether to serve on a second committee.
 - 3. When asked whether the vote was for the remainder of the year or also for next year, C. Majiedt r responded that it is

for the remainder of the year, and she is also interested in continuing in the role next year.

iii. Discussion Period

1. S. Lipman In strong support of this decision S. Taylor brings a lot of passion and expertise to academic council
2. S. Minkah also had a great experience with S. Taylor on academic council, very proactive, smart, a hard worker no brainer decision to approve her
3. S. Sterling thinks S. Taylor is a great nominee and loves the idea of getting more first year senators involved

iv. Roll-Call Vote

1. Motion to vote by S. Lipman, seconded by S. Castillo

Member	Presidential Nomination Daja Taylor		Member	Presidential Nomination Daja Taylor	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Senator Ararba	Absent		Senator Kostbar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Aybar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lederman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Barnes	Abstain		Senator Lipman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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e. SEC Gift Policy Resolution

- i. Introduction by VPFA Castillo and Chair of SEC Milo Flamenbaum

1. Chair of SEC Flamenbaum shared that the policy would set a new standard for SEC, allowing exceptions to the \$50

prize limit that applies to other clubs at giveaways and events. Last year, the resolution did not pass due to concerns about holding SEC to a different standard than other clubs, which was seen as inequitable. This updated resolution addresses prior issues, recognizing that SEC, as the events branch of SGA, serves the entire campus and is therefore hindered by the previous rule. The resolution introduces exceptions to the budget cap for prizes, ensures SEC members cannot receive gifts from their own events, and requires treasurers to record all gifts for financial transparency. VPFA Castillo emphasized that this change does not increase the overall budget but simply allows SEC to reallocate funds more effectively. Without passage, SEC plans to work further with BNF to address needed changes.

ii. Q/A Period

1. S. Kostbar asked about how the new allowances would enhance student experiences. It was explained that prizes would be given at events such as Big Show, raffles, and trivia night, among other engagement activities
2. S. Lederman asked about Section F of the resolution, and clarification was given stating that active members include volunteers, SEC members, advisors, and those who have shown interest. A motion was made and seconded to allow non-senators to speak.
 - a. Motion for non-senators to speak by S. Minkah second by S. Situ.

iii. Discussion Period

1. S. Lipman expressed full support and highlighted the addition of Section G on accountability, noting its importance for transparency and record-keeping.
2. S. Situ shared enthusiasm, emphasizing the privilege of serving on both SEC and SGA, and expressed full support for the resolution.
3. . Shoemaker stressed the importance of recognizing SEC’s unique role and influence compared to other clubs.

iv. Roll-Call Vote

1. Motion to vote by S. Gordon seconded by S. Shoemaker

Member	Presidential Nomination Daja Taylor		Member	Presidential Nomination Daja Taylor	
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9. Senators Forum

- a. S. Shoemaker shared that the ADA subcommittee is working on creating a master list of accessible work-study positions and encouraged anyone with relevant experience to email details about jobs they've worked and why they would be a good fit.
- b. S. Situ reminded senior senators to stay back afterward for some news
- c. S. Leiderman asked S. Gordon a question regarding the initiative tracker.
- d. S. Koegler noted that around campus there are posters about saving the jewelry and medal program and invited anyone interested to sign up or get involved.

10. Announcements

- a. C. Majiedt shared that this Saturday is the UJIMA Fashion. Please show up to support as senators are in it, in the recreational gym from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
- b. S. Lipman shared that Skidmore members please RSVP to events it really help with food allocations and expectations.
- c. S. Leiderman Ujima Gallery Exhibition is the day after the fashion show
- d. S. Shoemaker shared that Accessmore and Zine club are doing a collab for the event on Saturday
- e. SGA Ex-com and Senate were invited to attend a middle states reaccreditation feedback session on Tuesday March 31st from 1:05 to 1:50, room 4 in D-Hall extended to all of SGA Ex-Com and SGA senators

11. Adjourn at 9:30 pm

- a. Motion to adjourn by S. Minkah, seconded by S. Leiderman at 9:30 pm