



**THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
SENATE, TENTH SESSION
MINUTES**

Date: November 11th, 2025

Location: Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, Second Floor

Time: 8:08 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>
Senator Barnes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lobron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Senator Castillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Nwosu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ferrigno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Shoemaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Glanville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Situ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Glogov	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Sterling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Gordon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Senator Khan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Ziek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Koegler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Zhang	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Others in Attendance: Director of Leadership Activities Zach Schwan, SGA Clerk Izzy Bryant, Professor Adam Tinkle

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1. Call to Order at 8:08pm
 2. Invocation
 3. Attendance

4. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion by S. Taylor, seconded by S. King
5. Approval of the prior Minutes
 - a. Motion by S. Gordon, seconded by S. Situ
6. Open Forum
7. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. Presidential Report with SGA President Majiedt
 - i. SGA President Majiedt reported IPPC met on Friday and spoke about the pros and cons of AI. Majiedt attended the faculty meeting. Majiedt met with Dean Bautista to discuss the student activity fee. In terms of club affairs, the investment club will be attending tonight. EOC will be going through feedback.
 - b. Executive Vice-Presidential Report with EVP Lobron
 - i. EVP Lobron reported that CO met to discuss the Initiative Tracker.
 - c. Academic Affairs Report with VPAA Barnes
 - i. VPAA Barnes reported that AC is working on an AI initiative. This Saturday will be the first-gen symposium in Wykoff.
 - d. Budget and Finance Report with VPFA Castillo
 - i. VPFA Castillo reported that B&F approved an AHA supplemental and a Lunch Box Magazine supplemental.
 - e. Student Life Report with VPSL Ziek
 - i. S. Sterling reported that CSL met on Sunday and worked to improve different places on campus.
 - f. Institutional Diversity Report with VPID Lederman
 - i. VPID Lederman reported that CIGU discussed what inclusionary work looks like. CID will be tabling.
 - g. Engagement and Outreach Report with VPEO Ferrigno
 - i. No report.

8. Old Business:

- a. **Resolution 36-07: Land Acknowledgement Statement (<25 minutes)**
 - i. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt
 - ii. Information Session with Professor Adam Tinkle
 1. Professor Tinkle introduced himself as part of the Documentary Studies department and has been working as a part of the decolonization collective which works to share resources and center Indigenous justice. Professor Tinkle noted the importance of pairing land acknowledgments with significant action. Professor Tinkle spoke about diffusing work across departments and groups rather than centering it. He stated that SGA adopting land acknowledgment would put strong foot forward.

iii. Q/A Period

1. S. Glanville asked why the college is so hesitant to put forward a land acknowledgment. Professor Tinkle noted that he couldn't fully answer why but stated that Skidmore does not have an Indigenous studies department and many institutions do not have land acknowledgments. He stated the importance of action through teaching and learning as well as initiatives and events. S. Lederman asked what the history of land acknowledgments in terms of restorative justice. Professor Tinkle noted Canadian origins and noted that there is more grey area in terms of land origin in this geographical area. S. Glanville asked if Saratoga Springs had any land acknowledgment. Professor Tinkle stated they do not but mentioned the idea of bringing in town officials, public schools, etc. S. Sterling asked how programming would be logistically implemented. C. Majiedt stated it would be a working group type implementation but likely would be overseen by CID. C. Majiedt asked what a land acknowledgment would mean for the college's possession of Indigenous artifacts. Professor Tinkle noted that there is work going on in terms of returning artifacts. S. Glanville asked how the land acknowledgement would fit into the Senate schedule. C. Majiedt will display during meetings and in SGA spaces.

iv. Discussion Period

1. S. Castillo was in support. S. Lederman was in support. S. Lobron was in support.

v. Roll-call vote

Member	Resolution 36-07		Member	Resolution 36-07	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
			Senator Kostbar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ararba	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lederman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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9. New Business

a. Resolution 36-11: Investment Fund Constitution Amendment (<20 minutes)

i. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt as Interim VPCA

1. C. Majiedt introduced the amendments to the investment fund constitution which would add a student analyst position, add an audition process, as well as expand on E-Board roles. The club representatives noted that the club has \$30k in funds sitting in an account and would like to add analyst positions to get more students involved. They noted that there are typically two reasons for students to join an investment fund: an interest in managing personal funds and interest in a fiduciary career. There will be two sectors of analyst positions to address these interests. The club reps believed they would establish the club as a target for campus recruiting.

ii. Q/A Period

1. S. Glanville asked if the club was modeled after other universities. The club rep stated that most schools with investment clubs are application based. S. Aybar asked where the funds had been. The club representative stated that the goal is to outpace the benchmark for the stock market by 1-2%. S. Lobron asked what the small adjustments were for. The club representative noted that points were to differentiate E-board roles from analysts. S. Lobron asked what would happen if the club were to lose money. The club representative noted that in the worst-case scenario the club could liquidate their investments. S. Glanville asked who is responsible for the money when there is no active analyst in a position. The club representative noted that it would be the responsibility of the faculty advisor as well as the E-Board.

iii. Discussion Period

1. S. Lederman was in support because it is important to have strengths and work experience in the business department.

iv. Roll-call vote

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	Yes	No		Yes	No
			Senator Kostbar	Abstain	
Senator Ararba	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lederman	Abstain	
Senator Aybar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lipman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1. Investment club representatives voiced concern regarding the new bylaw prohibiting E-Board members from retaining positions while abroad.

10. Senators Forum

- a. S. Gordon and S. Bigelow believed that the e-board member abroad resolution should be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. S. Sterling noted that the resolution affects clubs more than many may realize. S. Castillo stated that research regarding other clubs should have been done prior to voting yes on amendments, and members should not have to depend on an e-board member that is abroad. S. Koegler noted that there may be issues knowing when to draw the line when addressing club e-board members on a case-by-case basis. S. Situ was in agreement. S. Aybar stated that it was a case-by-case basis, but when he personally studied abroad but he wasn't personally involved in student life. He stated that it would take a certain level of dedication to hold an e-board position while abroad. C. Majiedt thanked everyone for their responses and noted that there is a difference between choice versus necessity to remain in a position. C. Majiedt also noted that the club bylaws are being modeled after the current SGA structure.
- b. S. Gordon seconded by S. Sterling motioned for non-senators to speak. Prince Shyllon stated that it should be on a case-by-case basis.
- c. S. Castillo noted that clubs shouldn't be dependent on people who are abroad and should be dependent on a member that is present. S. King that it is a club's responsibility to be prepared for events such as a member going abroad. S. Bigelow noted that making an exception for one club wouldn't be fair. S. Aybar believed the new resolution was unfair to the investment club. C. Majiedt noted that the bylaws apply to all clubs. S.

Ararba asked if there is an appeal process. C. Majiedt noted that any appeals would be against the bylaws. Prince Shyllon noted that there are limited opportunities for business students at Skidmore, and this resolution may stand in the way.

11. Announcements

- a. S. King stated film club will be having a movie night.
- b. S. Lederman announced CID tabling in Dhall.
- c. S. Bigelow announced Skidmore Cares.
- d. S. Sterling announced the first-gen symposium this Saturday in Wykoff.

12. Adjourn at 9:30pm

Motion by S. Situ, seconded by S. Ararba.