



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

Date: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Location: Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, Second Floor

Time: 8:03pm – 10:13pm

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

Others in Attendance: SGA Clerk Izzy Bryant, Director of Leadership Activities Zach Schwan, Chief Judicial Board Officer Bradley Kadets, Judicial Board Officer Jazlin Chen

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1. Call to Order at 8:03pm
  2. Oath of Office
  3. Invocation
  4. Attendance
  5. Approval of the Agenda
    - a. On motion of S. Lipman, seconded by S. Khan to approve the agenda.

- a. Unanimous consent.
- 6. Approval of the prior Minutes
  - a. On motion of S. Bigelow, seconded by S. Aybar to approve the 4/25/25 minutes.
    - a. Unanimous consent.
- 7. Open Forum
- 8. Executive Committee Reports
  - a. Presidential Report with SGA President Majiedt
    - i. President Majiedt reported that IPPC met on Friday, concerns around space can be shared with C. Majiedt. ExComm met and discussed elections and Senate plans.
  - b. Executive Vice-Presidential Report with EVP Lobron
    - i. EVP Lobron reported that CO met on Monday and discussed the initiative tracker and worked on a resolution to add the mentoring program to the Bylaws. Next Senate, prospective Senators will be invited.
  - c. Academic Affairs Report with VPAA Barnes
    - i. VPAA Barnes reported that AC will meet tomorrow to discuss AI and textbook prices. VPAA Barnes met with Dean Bautista to discuss National First Gen Day and a potential symposium.
  - d. Budget and Finance Report with VPFA Castillo
    - i. VPFA Castillo reported that she led club treasurer training and B&F finalized committee time. Program support is similar to this time last year.
  - e. Student Life Report with VPSL Ziek
    - i. VPSL Ziek reported CSL has finalized meeting times. VPSL Ziek will be meeting with various members of the community.
  - f. Club Affairs Report with VPCA Besikof
    - i. VPCA Besikof reported that club training and the new club founding process happened. The form to demonstrate interest in starting a new club will officially open on Friday.
  - g. Institutional Diversity Report with VPID Lederman
    - i. VPID Lederman reported that that CID will be brainstorming new ideas and discussing initiatives from last year.
  - h. Engagement and Outreach Report with VPEO Ferrigno
    - i. VPEO Ferrigno reported that the SGA bulletin board has been completed; EOC met on Sunday. VPEO Ferrigno encouraged Senators to spread the word about elections.
- 9. New Business
  - a. **Community Norms**
    - i. Introduction by VPID Lederman
      - 1. VPID Lederman introduced the community norms as reminders of how the treatment of others should proceed. Norms included taking personal accountability, respecting others, and encouraging constructive feedback.

ii. Discussion Period

1. S. Bigelow stated that her group discussed the point of being genuine. S. Khan stated that his group found that the community norm of critiquing ideas, not individuals, was very important. S. Ferrigno stated that speaking truth while staying respectful is very important. S. Koegler noted that topics can be sensitive, but remembering to stay calm is important. S. Glanville noted that assuming positive intent is critical when asking questions. S. King stated that the senate is all a team and should recognize the importance of working together. S. Ziek thanked S. Lederman. S. Kostbar wondered what the outcome would be if the values were to be violated. C. Majiedt noted that she cannot strictly enforce the norms but will ask for self- reflection. C. Majiedt stated also she does not condone disrespect or discrimination. S. Aybar stated that speaking from the “I” perspective is very important when sensitive topics arise. S. Bigelow wondered what S. Lederman’s favorite community value is. S. Lederman stated that respectfully calling out issues is very important.

**b. Resolution 36-01: A Resolution to Amend the Judicial Board Rules of Procedure**

Sponsors: C. Majiedt,

i. Introduction

1. CJBO Bradley Kadets stated that he attended all club training and that the judicial board has one open seat. Kadets introduced the resolution, which would extend the statute of limitations from 10 to 60 days to allow more time for considering options and finding resources, as well as giving students and clubs more time to resolve issues on their own. Kadets additionally introduced clarification for the carrying over of cases from semester to semester and certain case specifications.

ii. Q&A Period

1. S. Aybar asked what the rationale for 60 days was. JBO Jazline Chen answered that 60 days was decided because it provided flexibility for the student body and doesn't put pressure on cases. Kadets added that it would give time for different circumstances that may arise. S. Ziek asked if the judicial board can make a case carry over the summer or instead re-open a case. Kadets answered that cases would likely be discussed in a meeting at the beginning of the next year. S. Lobron asked what Senate could do to help bring

attention to the Judicial Board. Kadets previewed a potential post on the SGA Instagram. Chen noted potentially redirecting issues to the Judicial Board. S. Lipman asked what constitutes the fall and spring semester. S. Kadets noted that it would be defined by the Skidmore College Academic Calendar.

iii. Discussion Period

1. S. Kostbar stated that there was significant discussion of the activity of the judicial board last year and hoped that this resolution would be helpful. S. Ziek was in support. S. Koegler was in support.

iv. Amendment Period

v. Roll-Call Vote

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

Member	Resolution 36-01		Member	Resolution 36-01	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
			Senator Khan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ararba	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Koegler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**c. Resolution 35-02: A Resolution to Affirm the College’s Diversity and Inclusion Statement**

Sponsors: C. Majiedt, S. Lederman

i. Introduction

1. C. Majiedt noted that every year the Senate is asked to affirm the Diversity and Inclusion statement.

ii. Q&A

iii. Discussion Period

1. S. Castillo stated that it is very important to have a statement like this to give a standard to act on. S. Lederman pointed out that Senate should be centering diversity and inclusion in all actions.

iv. Amendment Period

1. S. Situ motioned to make a friendly amendment to add an apostrophe to College's, seconded by S. Kostbar.

v. Roll-Call Vote

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

Member	Resolution 36-02		Member	Resolution 36-02	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
			Senator Khan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ararba	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Koegler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Aybar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Kostbar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Barnes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lederman	Abstain	
Senator Besikof	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lipman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Bigelow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lobron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**d. SGA Presidential Nomination:**

IPPC Subcommittee on Cultural and Global Understanding: Zara Nwosu '27

i. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt

1. C. Majiedt introduced the subcommittee and stated that S. Lederman and she nominated Zara Nwosu. Nwosu stated she has experience as a Willingness to Serve member on CSL. She is most excited about working to be more vocal about diversity and would like to become more involved and be an advocate.

ii. Q/A Period

1. S. Aybar stated that he has heard speeches by Nwosu and is in support. S. Ferrigno asked if Nwosu has considered

Junior Senator position. Nwosu stated she had. S. Castillo asked if Nwosu had a good understanding of CIGU. Nwosu stated that she does. S. King asked if Nwosu had any particular skills she was excited to use. Nwosu stated that the word advocacy came to mind immediately and noted that she is always attempting to support others. S. Lobron asked how Nwosu plans to get in touch with people with diverse backgrounds. Nwosu stated she is currently in a role that requires her to reach out to diverse affinity groups on campus.

iii. Discussion Period

1. S. Khan asked C. Majiedt why Nwosu was chosen. C. Majiedt stated that she has seen Nwosu’s work in various forums and would be an asset. S. Kostbar stated that Nwosu is very caring and insightful. S. Ziek is in support. S. Lederman stated that she is in support. S. Castillo stated that Nwosu represents values and is in support.

iv. Roll-Call Vote

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

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Motion to take a 2 minute recess by S. Ferrigno, seconded by S. Ziek

**e. Professionalism Training and further Useful Resources**

- i. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt
- ii. Overview by SGA President Majiedt and Director of Leadership Activities Zach Schwan

1. S. Majiedt reviewed professionalism documents giving tips regarding tone, demeanor, and communication in formal settings.
- iii. Q/A Period
- iv. Discussion Period
  1. S. Ziek noted that showing personality along with respect is important. S. Ferrigno stated that when in doubt, being personable is always helpful. S. Castillo noted that reading up on a person before meeting can be helpful. S. Lobron stated that bad grammar can be misinterpreted, and proofreading is important. S. Besikof stated that asking for advice can be a tool to get to know people. C. Majiedt noted to use administrators as resources. S. Castillo noted that connections are easier to maintain once they begin. C. Majiedt noted that being prepared is important. S. Ferrigno always enjoys seeing Senate members practice professionalism. S. Castillo stated she would take away that administrators are friendly and want to help. S. King stated that everyone should be willing to make compromises.

**f. Overview of SGA Election Timeline and Outreach**

- i. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt
  1. C. Majiedt stated that the self-nomination form closes Friday and the information session is tomorrow. Speech Night will take place on Wednesday, September 17 at 8:00 pm in Filene Hall.
- ii. Q/A Period
  1. S. Khan had a concern about elections being so early in the year, because First-Years have not had a chance to see Skidmore fully. C. Majiedt stated that this was a thoughtful concern and that the information session includes a Q&A session. S. Ziek stated that as SGA grows as an organization, more information will be available to everyone. S. Ferrigno stated that SGA's baseline is passion and interest, and there is plenty of freshman interest. S. King stated that many freshmen have been involved in student government in high school. S. Lipman stated that freshman will gain valuable experience being in Senate that they wouldn't get elsewhere. S. Ziek wondered if there were ways to hold freshman elections later. S. Castillo that having more participation is always beneficial and allows Senate to contain representation from all grades. C. Majiedt noted that gaining freshman early on is helpful. S. Glanville asked what time speech night begins. C. Majiedt answered 8:00 pm and asked Senators to make an appearance. S.

Ferrigno asked if endorsements could be made. C. Majiedt stated that it is allowed but cautioned.

iii. Discussion Period

1. S. Ferrigno stated that Senators should participate in outreach and attend speech night if possible.

10. Senators Forum

- a. S. Lipman recommended moving Senate for Rosh Hashanah. S. Besikof noted the importance of checking calendars for important events. C. Majiedt planned on speaking with ExComm. S. Castillo stated she believes dates should be held for this year. S. Kostbar stated that if Senate can function it should be held.

11. Announcements

- a. S. Kostbar announced he is holding a meeting for a constitutional ammendment and would love attendance.
- b. S. Lederman stated CID will be tabling on Friday at the OSDI block party
- c. C. Majiedt announced there is a band playing on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

12. Adjourn

- a. On motion of S. Lipman, seconded by S. Glanville to Adjourn at 10:13pm