



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

Date: September 16th, 2024

Location: Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, Second Floor

Time: 8:04pm – 10:04pm

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"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>
Senator Castillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Shoemaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ferrigno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Situ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Glanville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Sterling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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

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1. Call to Order at 8:04pm
 2. Invocation
 3. Attendance
 4. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. On motion of S. Ararba, seconded by S. Ziek.
 5. Approval of the prior Minutes

- a. On motion of S. Kostbar, seconded by S. Khan.
6. Open Forum
 - a. Open Forum attendees from Students Demand Action shared that they are part of a national organization dedicated to combating gun violence and look forward to collaborating.
 - b. Open Forum attendee SEC Chair Flamenbaum attended to promote the events branch of SEC. He would like to increase collaboration between Senate and SEC.
7. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. Presidential Report with SGA President Majiedt
 - i. C. Majiedt reported that IPPC will be meeting on Friday, the space planning working group met to discuss space requests, elections are going well so far.
 - b. Executive Vice-Presidential Report with EVP Lobron
 - i. EVP Lobron reported that CO discussed the mentoring amendment and the initiative tracker.
 - c. Academic Affairs Report with VPAA Barnes
 - i. VPAA Barnes reported that AC met for the first time to brainstorm initiatives and discussed AI. First-gen symposium meeting will be held on Thursday. AC will be tabling to gain willingness- to-serve members.
 - d. Budget and Finance Report with VPFA Castillo
 - i. VPFA Castillo reported that program support has stayed the same as last week. B&F met on Thursday and voted in two club representative members. Budget requests will be seen in Senate soon.
 - e. Student Life Report with VPSL Ziek
 - i. VPSL Ziek reported that CSL met on Sunda. Deans and Donuts will continue.
 - f. Club Affairs Report with VPCA Besikof
 - i. VPCA Besikof reported that the new club proposal form opened and VPCA will be meeting with clubs this week.
 - g. Institutional Diversity Report with VPID Lederman
 - i. VPID Lederman reported that CID met on Thursday to brainstorm initiatives which included resources for international students and posters for gender neutral bathrooms. CID will be taking on the transit initiative. OSDI had a block party this past Friday.
 - h. Engagement and Outreach Report with VPEO Ferrigno
 - i. VPEO Ferrigno reported that the Director of Communications is working on a voting promotional video, posters for candidates will be posted on the SGA Instagram and candidates will be interviewed by Skid News.
8. New Business
 - a. **Resolution 36-03: SGA Mentoring Program Creation Act**
Sponsors: S. Lobron,

i. Introduction by S. Lobron

1. S. Lobron introduced the Mentoring Program as being crucial to new Senators for the last two academic years. One goal of the resolution was to place more emphasis on senator's legislative knowledge. The SGA President and executive committee will identify mentor and mentee pairings, and all new members of the Senate will be matched with a mentor. The goal of knowledge transfer was emphasized as a priority of this program.

ii. Q&A Period

1. S. Kostbar asked if this was the most updated version of the document. S. Lobron stated that it was. S. Situ asked if Senior Senators that went abroad in the past two semesters are unable be mentors. C. Majiedt stated that they could not. S. Ferrigno asked if new senators were required to be a mentee in the past. C. Majiedt stated that it was. S. Ferrigno asked if it would be for every new Senator. S. Majiedt stated that it would be. S. Khan asked if ExComm members that had not served on Senate for two semesters could be mentors. S. Ferrigno asked if a partial semester would be enough to become a mentor. S. Lipman asked if this current semester would count as a full semester. S. Majiedt stated that it must be two consecutive semesters. S. Koegler asked how many people qualify for the criteria. S. Majiedt pointed out that a mentor can have two mentees. S. Koegler asked if it is required to be a mentor. S. Lobron stated that all ExComm members are required but not others that may opt in. S. Lobron asked if the requirements were two semesters in total would others be able to mentor.

iii. Discussion Period

1. S. Ziek stated that an exemption should be made for junior spring study abroad. S. Kostbar stated that more leniency could be made to include mentors and noted that mentorship would still be at the president's discretion. S. Barnes stated that a catch-up session could be held for juniors that studied abroad. S. Situ stated that she is in agreement. S. Ferrigno stated that the program is a great idea and noted that experience level is important and seniors that went abroad are very qualified, as well as potentially focusing on upperclassmen being mentors.

iv. Motion to table by S. Koegler, seconded by S. Situ. Opposed by S. Kostbar. Opposition retracted. Resolution tabled for next week.

b. Resolution 35-04: SGA Calendar Creation Act Fall 2025

Sponsors: C. Majiedt

i. Introduction

1. S. Majiedt introduced the SGA calendar.

ii. Q&A

1. S. Ararba asked why voting took up two days on the calendar. S. Majiedt answered that it spanned over two days. S. Khan asked why the calendar was not made available earlier. S. Majiedt stated it would be up the discretion of the SGA President. S. Koegler noted a mistake in the dates.

iii. Discussion Period

1. S. Majiedt stated she decided to not cancel Rosh Hashanah senate. S. Lobron stated she was in favor of that decision because of such a limited senate time frame.

iv. Motion to table by S. Ferrigno, seconded by S. Ararba

c. SGA Information Session and Tabling for SGA Election Candidates (20 minutes)

i. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt and S. Lobron

ii. Tabling Session

iii. Discussion Period

d. SGA Presidential Nomination:

CID ADA Subcommittee: Elise Hinrichs '26

i. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt and S. Lederman

1. S. Majiedt introduced Elise Hinrichs as the nomination for the ADA subcommittee chair. S. Lederman added that she was very impressed with Hinrichs during their interview. Hinrichs introduced herself as someone who has always been very involved in disability advocacy. She stated she has been very involved in disability advocacy at Skidmore as well as in high school and noted she was very passionate.

ii. Q/A Period

1. S. Ziek asked what some plans for the subcommittee are. Hinrichs stated that most accessibility work is being directed through individuals instead of SGA and believed that SGA could more efficiently connect work with different departments and would like to see Skidmore's

accessibility go above and beyond. S. Aybar asked who Hinrichs has been working with. Hinrichs stated most students that she has worked with would be interested in joining the subcommittee. S. Situ asked how avoiding stress is managed. Hinrichs has stated that making sure she is using all her resources has been very beneficial. S. Ferrigno asked how members of subcommittees are voted in. C. Majiedt noted it was up to the discretion of the chair. S. Ferrigno asked if ADA focused on physical disabilities. Hinrichs stated that ADA focuses primarily on physical disabilities but oversees accommodations for non-physical disabilities as well and that she has not personally worked with SAS.

iii. Discussion Period

1. S. Ziek was in support. S. Khan was in support. S. Kostbar stated that Hinrichs is very passionate and driven and is in support. S. Bigelow stated that she is very well spoken. S. Castillo is in support and stated that Hinrichs is very knowledgeable.

iv. Roll-Call Vote

Member	Nomination		Member	Nomination	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
			Senator Khan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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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Senator King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

9. Senators Forum

- a. C. Majiedt mentioned that there will be an information session next week during Senate regarding a new committee.
- b. S. King stated that she attempted to connect with the SkidShop this summer to increase inclusivity and came to the idea of having a pantry area to hold hair items for people of color that are not available other places on campus.

10. Announcements

- a. C. Majiedt announced speech night will be tomorrow night, there will be two volleyball games this weekend.
- b. S. King stated that AHA will be holding a game night.
- c. S. Besikof announced Hillel is going apple picking.
- d. S. Bigelow announced Italian club will be having a themed dinner and also has biweekly meetings.
- e. S. Ledermen will be speaking on Friday in Wykoff and is open to contributions.

11. Adjourn at 10:07pm

- a. On motion of S. Khan, seconded by S. Aybar.