THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
37TH SENATE, FIRST SESSION
AGENDA

Date: 9/15/2026
Location: Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, Second Floor
Time: 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Member	Attendance		**Member**	Attendance	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Chair Kostbar Y	☐	☐	Senator O'Brien Y	☐	☐
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Senator Kokas Y	☐	☐	Senator Zhou Y	☐	☐
Senator Minkah Y	☐	☐	Senator Zheng Y	☐	☐
Senator Nwosu Y	☐	☐	Senator Ziek Y	☐	☐

Others in Attendance: Director of Leadership Activities Zach Schwan, SGA Clerk Mamadou Dia, Interested Members of the Student Body

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1. Call to Order
    a. Called to Order at 8:08pm
2. Invocation
3. Attendance
4. Approval of the Agenda
    a. Motion to amend Agenda to add Senator Ziek to the agenda by S. Shoemaker, seconded by Senator Crespo Hernandez

b. Motion by S. O'Brien seconded by S. Khan to approve the agenda as amended

5. Open Forum
    a. Open Forum
6. Executive Committee Reports
    a. Presidential Report with SGA President Kostbar
        i. Recent meeting with ISU in regard to changes to CPT
        ii. Been chatting with Zach Schwan about Student Activity Fee
        iii. Had first meeting of the year with Dean Bautista to coordinate IPPC subcommittee on student affairs
        iv. Had meetings with Presidential Cabinet of Skidmore
    b. Executive Vice-Presidential Report with EVP Terry
        i. Been speaking with multiple organizations and non-profits
        ii. Been offered to join a Saturday community crow with Pitney Meadows Community Farm
        iii. SGA has also been offered a wildlife engagement project with Rebuilding Saratoga County
    c. Academic Affairs Report with VPAA Sterling
        i. Met with Christina Montville, Dean Bautista, Dean Taylor and Academic Council
        ii. Second ever First Gen Council on November 7th
        iii. CEPP met for the first time right before the Senate with 11 members attending, the crux of this meeting is what to do with the results of the AI survey
    d. Budget and Finance Report with VPFA Khan
        i. Meeting with Emily, Club training starting on the 19th from 10:00am to 4:00pm
        ii. Ujima has requested a supplemental budget which will be looked at on the Monday B&F meeting
        iii. Program Support currently at $70,000 and none has been spent so far, last year program support was $75,000 and spent $27,221.23 dollars ending with $47,779.54
    e. Student Life Report with VPSL Ziek
        i. Starting one on ones this week
        ii. CSL met for the first time on Thursday
    f. Club Affairs Report with VPCA Castillo
        i. This past week the Club Fair and Club Showcase ran successfully
        ii. This week club training for club presidents and vice presidents is taking place, as well as info session invitations are being sent out to club leaders who met with the VPCA

g. Institutional Diversity Report with VPID Nwosu
    i. CID is still in the process of setting there meeting time, CIGU met for the first-time this last Friday and has a biweekly meeting
    ii. During this meeting Joshua Woodfork Co-chair of CIGU asked senate to review Skidmore's Diversity and Inclusion statement
h. Engagement and Outreach Report with VPEO Shoemaker
    i. The first EOC meeting is tomorrow, a meeting with Zach Schwan to touch base with a couple projects is happening soon as well as meetings with President Kostbar to work on upcoming Resolutions
    ii. Looking into ordering more SGA merch and starting the process of Skylight Schedular for SGA meeting space to hopefully increase organization
    iii. Re-organizing SGA campaigning guidelines to make them both clearer and more useful

7. New Business
    a. Resolution 37-01: 2026-2027 Academic Calendar Act
        i. Introduction by President Kostbar
            1. Every year at the beginning of each semester there is a resolution to lock in SGA events for the semester, some notable differences from last semester to this one, is religious observances have been added to the calendar
        ii. Q/A Period
            1. Q: S. Castillo asks about a missing part of the resolution
            2. A: President Kostbar clarifies there was an error and the missing events will be taken care of
        iii. Discussion Period
            1. S. Ziek notes another error in the calendar which will be fixed with a friendly amendment
        iv. Roll-Call Vote
        v. Motion to amend appendix A by S. Crespo Hernandez to add the second senate session on September 22nd seconded by S. Castillo motion passes unanimously
        vi. Motion to amend appendix A line 3 to SGA President Kostbar from SGA Kostbar by S. Ziek seconded by Crespo Hernandez motion passes unanimously
        vii. Motion to vote as amended by S. O'Brien seconded by S. Koegler

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b. Resolution 37-02: Reaffirmation of the Skidmore College Diversity and Inclusion Statement Act
    i. Introduction by President Kostbar and S. Nwosu
        1. Yearly tradition to reaffirm Skidmore Colleges Diversity and Inclusion statement
        2. Joshua Woodfork chair of CIGU asked senate to review the statement as done yearly, which is a process that does not have to be immediate and can be a point for continues discussion over the year
    ii. Q/A Period
        1. Q: S. Ziek asks if Joshua Woodfork is expecting us to amend or suggest changes for the statement
        2. A: President Kostbar clarifies he is expecting suggestions
        3. Q: Is there anything specific he wants us to look at
        4. A: S. Nwosu clarifies it's the entire statement and that it's just to make sure the statement is refined
        5. Q: S. Castillo asks if we are voting on this today or are we voting on this the whole semester
        6. A: S. Kostbar is of the mindset that the re-affirmation can be passed today if Senate is comfortable with the statement as is barring significant issues that would require the resolution to be tabled
        7. Q: S. Zhou asks if there has been any significant change in the Diversity and Inclusion Statement
        8. A: S. Nwosu first clarifies the question, then states there possibly may have been
    iii. Discussion Period
        1. S. Shoemaker has a point of feedback specifically about the ordering of pseudo-cultural characteristics which seems random and should be revisited
        2. S. Ziek asks why S. Shoemaker made this suggestion.

a. S. Shoemaker clarifies that grammatically the order of the pseudo-cultural characteristics, should be kept together with same things of the class i.e physical characteristics, cultural, spiritual in that order

3. S. Thomson asks a point of clarification that the physical characteristics would be named first, which S. Shoemaker affirms as well as S. Ziek
4. S. Nwosu reminds Senate to reach out to her if there are any ideas about the Diversity Statement as they have a meeting next Friday

iv. Roll-Call Vote

1. Motion to vote with the suggestion proposed by S. Shoemaker to be catalogued, by S. Sterling seconded by S. Shoemaker

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c. Resolution 37-03: Class President Role Revision Act

i. Introduction

1. President Kostbar introduces the bill namely the role of the Class president has been a highly contentious issue with some asking if the Class president could/should be doing more
2. This legislation would allow the Class president to sit on 3 committees instead of 2

ii. Q/A Period

1. Q: S. Castillo asks how the chairs of the All-College committee feel about this legislation

A: President Kostbar has not spoken to the All-College Committee as this act would more be a suggestion than a hard requirement

iii. Discussion Period
    1. S. Ziek completely supports this amendment: “It’s a long time coming”
    2. S. Sterling point of information, S. Sterling is personally serving on the All-College Committee and notes there are 4 unfulfilled seats on said committee
    3. S. Shoemaker affirms this act as of right now, being class president has generally been nothing more than a title difference and this bill would change that
    4. S. Nwosu thinks this would be a great learning experience and would help strengthen the bond between students and administrators and would be a big step in fortifying the leadership skills of class presidents
    5. S. Minkah was first hesitant when it came to this bill as it may have been overwhelming for first years but has since changed his stance after further deliberation
    6. S. Crespo Hernandez affirms S. Nwosu and S. Sterling’s statements and encourages people to join All-College committees
    7. Point of Information by S. Zheng, this legislation would require all class presidents to sit on at least 3 committees with the recommendation that at least one of these committees are All-College Committee, S. Zheng advocates for class president as these requirements may be a tad steep
    8. S. Thomson & S. Kokas are in support of this legislation
iv. Roll-Call Vote
    1. Motion for Roll-Call vote by S. Castillo seconded by S. Minkah

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8. Senators Forum
    a. S. Ziek asks if it would be possible for S. Nwosu to handle the earlier talked about suggestions on the Diversity Statement
        i. S. Koegler recommends an email being sent to whomever oversees the statement
        ii. S. Shoemaker asks is it not enough to trust Zara to handle the delivery of this statement
        iii. S. O'Brien agrees with the idea that Zara can accurately and concisely can extend S. Shoemakers suggestion to Joshua Woodfork
    b. S. Terry announces a very successful volunteer project where a thousand lb. of food has been raised and is now asking for feedback on how often the student government should be engaging in philanthropy
        i. S. Crespo Hernandez believes once a month preferably on weekends would be best
        ii. S. Zhou adds that once a month would not be overwhelming to first year senators
        iii. S. Thomson also thinks once a month is great and that if people are contacting S. Terry then the events should be sent out to more senators so that they can volunteer more if that's what they want to
        iv. S. Shoemaker affirms S. Thomsons statement and recommends some volunteering should be done at a senior center
    c. S. Shoemaker brings attention to the trialing of a new system for senate, which includes holding up signs
9. Announcements
    a. S. Crespo Hernandez announces preview party this Thursday 7:00pm in the Tang for the Roommate Program
    b. S. Castillo reminds everyone to email her by hopefully tomorrow about the club sessions, her email is SGA_VPCA@skidmore.edu

i. Motion for non-senators to speak by S. Ziek seconded by S. Castillo
    1. Non-senators request clarification on this email address

c. S. Khan reminds them about club training this Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm
d. S. Nwosu reminder about OSDI block party from 4:30pm to 6:00pm on Case green September 18th Friday
e. S. Nwosu announcement that AHA Potluck is September 19th, at 5:30pm by the Volleyball courts near the apartment

10. Adjourn
    a. On motion of S. Shoemaker seconded by S. Koegler to adjourn at 9:31pm