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Student Government Association
East Tennessee State University
Tuesday, October 1st, 2019
Brown Hall 265

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call- 23/25 quorum is met. Personal privilege, Whatley 5:02 22/25, quorum maintained. Personal privilege, Ramsey 21/25, quorum maintained.
- III. Open Forum
 - a. Dean of University Libraries David Atkins- Dean Atkins gave positive updates on programs that are designed to save students money. He discussed the funding that has been set aside by the Student Library Advisory committee to kickstart the OER (open educational resources). Atkins also discussed working to move away from paying for logins and utilizing services like D2L for quizzes more. Librarians will now be working seven days a week until nine o'clock, for the time being. The library is utilizing a chat feature that allows students to interact with library workers from afar. The library is excited to explore new technologies when able. The library doors project for swinging doors is now up for bid. The project will hopefully be done over the winter break. Senator Smith asked if anyone would be able to utilize the new technologies that the library is looking into exploring. Atkins says

ideally, yes. Atkins explained that to him libraries are about providing what people need. Senator Bass asked that more teachers be encouraged to submit a copy of their textbooks to the library to be checked out when needed. President Shaikh raised a concern of a student that Einstein's Bagels is, allegedly, no longer providing free ice. This was deemed to be more of a concern for dining services.

- b. ETSU Board of Trustees Student Trustee Cristopher Santana- The September 20th board meeting included three new members, Santana, Foley, and Wolfe. Efforts to increase diversity are being made. Santana discussed Jeremy Ross' master plan for boulevard commons, cost 2.5 million. Campus center building is hopefully going to be demolished and replaced with a nicer humanities building, 72 million dollars. 50-million-dollar project to improve housing. Projects are still in planning phase. Little Bucs is operating on a loss. Slocomb Galleries had an issue with depositing a check in the wrong account, found in internal audit. Medical amnesty is going to be implemented to a degree. More information on the medical amnesty policy is online. Many programs are seeking accreditation.
- c. Senate Parliamentarian Scarlett Knott- Explained parliamentary procedure in an easier to understand way for BucFund.

IV. Old Business

a. BucFund- \$145,000 approximately remaining. \$12,050 up for debate today. Whatley adopts consent calendar, properly seconded. Whatley calls the previous question, seconded by senator E. Patel. Objected by S. Patel. Whatley withdraws her motion. Paolucci pulls the Organization of Student Representatives. Whatley calls the previous question to fund the committee recommended amounts for all organizations on the consent calendar aside from student reps. 22-0-1 passes. Kelley moved to adopt the Organization of Student Representatives, properly seconded.

I. Organization of Student Representatives requested \$4100. The committee recommended they be funded \$2800. Reasoning, funds six students. Paolucci asks to see how many students this event will benefit by inquiring about the PreMed Pipeline. Kelley requests that E. Patel explain how students outside of medicine will benefit. E. Patel says that it will impact about 80 students at the moment. Discussion has been limited to five minutes. Knott questions the number 80, as the website says 38 ETSU student and 9 Milligan students. Dr. Howard pointed out that Quillin is a small college that pays the same fees as the other students. Kelley requested information on what kind of relationship this event will help build with us and Milligan. Ramsey, says this is a good event to support the region. Knott believes the committee

recommended amount is appropriate. Blowers believes that Johnson City has the potential to be a focal location for medical innovation. Knott calls the previous question to fund for \$2800.

S. Patel abstained due to being in the pipeline program. 18-2-2

II. Chinese- Requested and recommended for \$3300.

III. Davis- Requested and recommended \$500

IV. Carter-Stone-Powell- Requested \$700 recommended \$500.

V. Pre-Law Society- Requested \$2500 recommended \$1170.

- b. SSR-19-001- 2nd reading waived. Committee Chair Todd for feedback- Legislation amended for minor corrections. One member voted no in committee, 4-1-0. E. Patel believes a \$45 cap is too high. The legislation's author, S. Patel, mentioned that Dr. Burchett wishes to not charge a fee at all. Bridwell feels as though the legislation is not finished and lacks proper student input. Bridwell claims to be the one who voted no in committee. Knott says she supports the legislation. Shah, wants to know how this impacts those who go home for laundry. S. Patel this will encourage them to use them on campus. Inaba, some machines are broken as is. Smith, how many students would prefer to just go home? S. Patel, I believe this will be a positive impact as a whole. Knott, how would this impact BucRidge? S. Patel, this would aim to target those that do not already have usable machines in

individual units. Paolucci, called the previous question, seconded,
passed 19-1-1

- c. SSR-19-002- Failed in committee. Thought it was a good idea, but committee disagreed with timeline.
- d. SSR-19-003- 2nd read waved, Wisecarver 19-0-2. Storey and Vernon abstained as they made the bill.

V. New Business

VI. Executive Branch Remarks

- a. President- We are considering Nov. 13 as a possible date to engage with a satellite campus 11-1pm. Civility committee will involve other groups than just SGA. Applications are open to students to apply for the Civility committee. President Shaikh is impressed with Secretary of Allocations Rosenbalm's work.
- b. Executive Vice President- All meetings are open to the public. Junior Senate appears to be a good group. Do your office hours. EVP Cook is impressed with Rosenbalm and Knott for going above and beyond to explain parliamentary procedure. Thanks goes out to the committee chairs.
- c. Vice President for Finance and Administration- N/A

VII. Advisor Remarks

- a. Dr. Howard- Rosenbalm is doing very well. File your FAFSA! Junior Senate is to tour Culp center on Monday the 28th.

VIII. Cabinet Remarks-

- a. Secretary of Exterior Copley, Gabriel Iglesias was a huge success. SGA tabling will occur as previously mentioned. Monday October 21st, October the 10th for tabling.
- b. Rosenbalm- BucFund's off campus funds are tricky to create rules for, but we are looking into this issue.

IX. Senate Remarks- Motion to adjourn.

X. Adjourn