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Student Government Association
East Tennessee State University
Tuesday, February 25th, 2020
SGA Suite – D.P. Culp Student Center

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call- 21/25 Personal Privilege Sen. Ramsey 4:40, 20/25, Personal Privilege Jacobs 19/25.
- III. Open Forum
 - a. IT Services Consultants- Here to asses overall IT organization. Are here to better the student experience in relation to IT at the University. What was your experience getting connected? International students have experienced trouble with logins. Rogue routers are an issue. A reliable source of Wi-Fi can be difficult to come to. Sometimes hotspots are used by our students on campus. Many international students use WhatsApp. The student helpdesk in the library is a helpful resource. Labs with thicker walls are an issue for Wi-Fi. D2L could be better utilized.
 - b. Board of Trustees Updates- Student Trustee Cristopher Santana-
 - I. Audit Committee- Policy to develop policy because the committee is new. Did an open records policy. Chief of police position will be searched for soon. No major findings. Hacker got

into payroll and snagged about \$7000, but we were able to recover about half. We have an amazing audit team.

- II. Administrative Committee- Decreased out of state tuition for QCOM last meeting. Campus living is increasing in cost, but they are not increasing very much. They keep the cost competitive. They understand the students are unhappy with required meal plans with certain housing options. Faculty salary was recommended a 2.5% increase. Tuition is not increasing by too much. The Wellness fee, concert fee, and technology fee are coming along nicely.
- III. Executive Committee- Appeal by Dr. Anthony Mosino. His appeal was denied.
- IV. Academic Committee- Looking into having a new sport. Acrobatics and tumbling look to be favorites.
- V. President's report- It is time to step back and reevaluate our goals. We need to look nationally on goals. We are number one in six-year graduation rate.

IV. Old Business

- a. BucFund- Starting balance about \$70,000
 - I. Patchwork Players- Requested \$1,500, received ineligible due to lack of proper time to process travel application, as specified in the SGA SOP.

II. MSWSA- Requested \$1,397, received \$1,400. 20-0-0 PASSED

III. SOFA- Requested \$6,054, received \$6,060. Sen. E. Patel, questioned the room situation. Sen. Smith, the rooms are cheaper this way. The workshops that they put on after the event have experienced success in the past. Concerns about cost were raised, but the impressive history of results of this event have merit.

The group was VERY well prepared. 17-3-0 PASS

- b. SSR-20-002- Closed Captioning- Committee remarks added section 2B passed 5-0-1. Felt like it should pass immediately. Sen. Bass, our hearing impaired and international students need to be able to understand our videos. PASSED 19-0-0
- c. SSR-20-003- Religious Accommodation- We went ahead and worked with the administration on this policy. This is primarily to more solidly voice our support. Committee thought the legislation was fair passed 4-0-0. The appeals process will protect students that feel wronged.
PASSED 19-0-0

V. New Business

- a. SSR-20-004- Student Affairs Committee
- b. SSA-20-001- Internal Affairs Committee

VI. Executive Branch Remarks

President-

- Student, Faculty, and Staff Senate are partnering to collect canned foods for Bucky's Food Pantry Drive - items will be collected during the Culp Opening Week. Please contribute as you can and drop off any items to the new SGA space.

ODK applications are due by Friday. March 6th

- this is the highest individual leadership honor given to ETSU students and is a replacement for Who's Who (after it went defunct in 2017)
- minimum qualifications are: 60 credits and 2.8 gpa

Election applications are due this Friday by 4pm

- Check out YOUR new SGA space. We want to reestablish the old culture where SGA members spent their casual hours in the SGA space. This will help to increase visibility and justify the need for this space.
- Executive Vice President- Thanked President Pro-Temp Vernon. Will not be able to attend committee meetings this week due to travels to Nashville. Please use our new space! Apply for Summit Awards and ODK. MiniFridge volunteers, if VPFA McGill does not grab it. Please be respectful by attending meetings. Dr. Noland will be here next week.
- Vice President for Finance and Administration- Use the space! Apply for various awards.

VII. Advisor Remarks

- a. Dr. Howard

VIII. Cabinet Remarks

- a. Secretary of Allocations Ward- \$72,102

IX. Senate Remarks

X. Adjourn