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East Tennessee State University

Tuesday, March 10th, 2020

East Tennessee Room – D.P. Culp Student Center

- I. Call to Order- 4:02
- II. Roll Call- 23/24. Ramsey personal privilege 22/24. Vernon personal privilege 21/24. R. Patel personal privilege 20/24. Both returned 22/24. personal privilege 21/24
- III. Open Forum
 - a. ETSU President, Dr. Brian Noland- Thanked SGA for patience with Culp move. Emphasized all of the fantastic construction plans that the university has planned. Asked us to share input with Dr. Howard. The Martin Center continues to be constructed, and we plan to make use of it soon. The humanities building funding is still up in the air. Dr. Noland has been to Nashville a lot lately to help represent ETSU in the capitol. The tornado has caused considerable damage in middle Tennessee. No new legislation appears to be of major concern to Dr. Noland. Three weeks ago, he would have been concerned about the student carry bill. Tuition will stay within the 2% increase. SGA concerns and faculty staff salaries will be addressed with the increase. A lot of planning is occurring on corona virus. Have a team on campus

meeting everyday for about two hours a day. Harvard and Vanderbilt had closures. When you go home follow WHO recommendations. About 15% of those 80 or older impacted by the disease die. Be prepared just in case we are unable to return. Take your school materials with you. Things change quickly. Dr. Noland had a squirrel in the house last night and had a great time at the basketball game last night. Mentioned the upcoming civility week. What would happen if we shut down for those who live on campus? Answer: undecided currently. Staff would most likely continue to work, so we hope to be able to make necessary accommodations. Communicated that international travel is restricted through June 15th. Corporate groups have set restrictions on domestic travel, and we will deliver an appropriate response. Would graduation still occur if the closure occurred? American counsel for education has terminated their meeting. Students who are set to study abroad will get refunded if impacted. International student situations and questions are being looked into and leniency is being sought. Many private universities are asking their students where they will be going for spring break. The chief of police search has been brought down to five possible people. Encouraged us to help those in need in our state.

- b. Kim Hale- CCAMPIS Grant- Is over Little Bucs and child studies center. We were awarded about \$800,000 over the last few years. Money is used for new hires and to help families with childcare. We got

the money in 2018. This year we awarded about \$90,000 in childcare help. Purchased “hi momma” app. Licensed to serve 82 students at Little Bucs. The grant is very competitive. Tries to connect students with families to resources on campus. We have the money until 2022. A survey should go out after spring break about student needs for those with children. International students can utilize services.

IV. Old Business

- a. Swear in: Emily Connor, Grad student staff E.d.D. candidate.
- b. BucFund
 - I. Public health student association-Wellapalooza- requested \$5,000. Recommended \$3500 PASSED 22-0-0
 - II. CSP Community Council- Spring Fling- requested \$720
Awarded. A similar event may happen the following week. Vote on the recommended amount of \$720. PASSED 22-1-0.
 - III. UKIRK- Celebrate life/good Samaritan- Requested 4,225
Awarded. Vote for recommended amount of \$2500 PASSED 22-0-0
 - IV. National Society of Black Engineers- Conference- Requested \$18,000. The budget had a few issues. The trip has the potential to strengthening our relatively new engineering department.
Sen. Bass noticed budget issues. Vote for recommended amount of \$10,800 PASSED 21-3-0.

V. SGA- Census event- Requested \$4,500 Vote on recommended amount of \$4500. 22-0-0

c. SSR-20-004- Second read waived. Sponsor remarks Sen. Inaba, feels as though all with uteri should have access to tampons on campus.

Committee remarks, fixed a few typos, and said all ETSU affiliated

buildings 5-1-0. Sen. Mosier felt as though this may be a controversial issue, and they should be placed in gender neutral restrooms. Sen.

Cartwright feels as though this is a crucial piece to inclusivity. Sen.

Knott, feels as though having them in the men's room is convenient.

Sen. Inaba thinks that it would be transphobic to only put them in the

women's room. Adv. Howard, Was anyone at the university asked

about practicality? Sen. Bass no. VPFA McGill stressed the importance

of coversheets. Sen. Knott how are the groups on campus that

distribute tampons on campus able to do so? That is a question that still

needs to be asked. Sen. Blowers successfully moved to refer the

legislation back to committee.

d. SSA-20-001- Second reading waived. Sen. Knott The goal is to put into words a clearer absence policy. PASSED 24-0-0

V. New Business

a. SSR-20-005- Assigned to Academic Affairs.

b. SSR-20-006- Assigned to Student Affairs

VI. Executive Branch Remarks

- a. President- Talked about the successes of OER. The pilot program is ending. Talked of the dangers of most third-party homework. Displayed data in strong support of OER. Elections are coming up. Please follow all rules and be civil. Discussed audit by TN state comptroller's office. Encouraged us all to thank Cris Santana.
- b. Executive Vice President- Echoed the need to keep in mind those impacted by the tornado. Do office hours.
- c. Vice President for Finance and Administration- Asked that political wear be kept away from SGA functions by SGA members.

VII. Advisor Remarks

- a. Dr. Howard- The three student trustee nominees are in their final interviews. Go through dean of students to help our students that were impacted by the tornado. Mary B. Jordan Multicultural center named. Pat Robinson Pride Center was opened and named. ETSU payment due date is being moved up. Our ballot is unbalanced. We vote on people as individuals, not tickets. March 31st, we will vote on awards. Elections April 8 and 9. Changing of the guard April 14th. April 16th is summit awards.

VIII. Cabinet Remarks- Secretary of Allocations- \$23,420 all \$50,770 left

- a. Tell people about concert and please volunteer. Volunteering is required of senators.

IX. Senate Remarks

X. Adjourn