

Student Government Association

Senate Meeting

January 13, 2009

- 6:30 Meeting called to order by VPLA Davis
- 6:31 Prayer led by Senator Tatum
- 6:31 Pledge of Allegiance led by Sergeant at Arms Senator Barnett
- 6:32 Mission statement recited

As representatives of Troy University we commit to excellence in leadership through service, enthusiasm, and Trojan Pride.

- 6:32 Roll called by Secretary Hooper
Quorum present
- 6:34 Chair recognized the NAACP to the senate meeting
- 6:34 Broke into Senate committees
- 6:40 Meeting called back to order by VPLA Davis
- 6:40 Committee Reports

Senator Rana-Academic Life

The committee would like to welcome everyone back to Troy and reiterate that they are excited about the upcoming semester.

Senator Ash-Student Welfare

No report

Senator Drinkard-Constitution and Rules

No report

Senator Soltis-Student Life

The committee recognized the hard work of Senator Scates with the Christmas Tree Lighting Event.

Senator Finerty-Publicity

The committee took time to publicize and remind the senate of the attire to meeting. The description of attire may be found in a senate notebook and is posted in the SGA office.

7:05 Old Business

Senator Dumas made the motion to take the Constitution and Rules of the Saudi Student Association off docket. The motion carried and the Constitution and Rules of the Saudi Student Association passed.

Senator Drinkard made the motion to take the Constitution and Rules of the Trojan Air Club off docket. The motion was carried and the Constitution and Rules of the Trojan Air Club passed.

7:06 New Business

Senator Drinkard moved to place the Constitution and Rules of the Computer Science Club on docket for next week. The motion carried.

Senator Rana moved to instate the proclamation to recognize February 12, 2009, as National Association for the Advancement of Colored People day. The motion carried and the proclamation was presented to the president of the NAACP, Rachel Falu.

Senator Harrison moved to instate the proclamation to be presented to Professor Chris Warden's family in recognition of his dedication to the university.

Senator Dumas made the motion to allocate \$100 to the Black History Month Council for the Inauguration Ball. The motion carried.

Senator Embry moved to suspend the rules for VPLA Davis to speak to the chamber. The motion carried. Senator Drinkard presided over the senate. VPLA Davis made the motion to instate a standing rule of having a roll call vote upon recognizing new constitutions, approving bills, resolutions, proclamations, amendments, or any other documents introduced through the legislative process. Lengthy debate took place among the senators. Senator Tatum made the motion to table the motion until next meeting. The motion to table failed. Further debate on the roll call vote motion took place. The motion to replace the voice vote with a roll call vote failed.

Senator Tatum made the motion to reinstate the rules. VPLA Davis resumed his position to preside over the meeting.

7:06 Executive Announcements

President Parr

President Parr welcomed all senators back for the semester.

If any senators helped place trash bags around campus for the football games they may receive volunteer hours.

Higher Education Day will be held March 5, 2009.

The recycling program mentioned before the break will begin next week provided the bins are placed in the dorms and on campus.

President Parr is aware of many burglaries that took place over the Christmas break and will be getting in touch with the city of Troy to ensure more police patrols around off-campus student housing. This issue will be readdressed during Spring Break Safety Week.

Vice President of Campus Activities

February 12th will be Basketball Spirit night and hopefully quarter hotdog night. Support the TROJANS as they play Middle Tennessee.

There will be a cookout in conjunction with the Troy Baseball games either March 3rd or March 25th.

The Women's History Month packet will be available February 3rd and the packet will be due February 17th.

The Chinese New Year Banquet will be January 25th.

The Troy Cheerleaders will be showcasing their routine for nationals Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Trojan Arena.

Secretary Hooper

Calendars for the upcoming semester have been handed out. Please be aware of approaching events and important dates.

Secretary Hooper is also the representative for the SGA in the Black History Month Council and will be reporting further details about upcoming events soon. The BHMC has planned an Inauguration Livestream and Ball. The Livestream will take place in the Trojan Center Ballrooms at 10 a.m. January 20th. The Inauguration Ball will be that evening at 8 p.m. in the Trojan Center Ballrooms. The attire is semi-formal and entrance fee is a canned good and the a \$1 donation. All senators are encouraged to attend.

Clerk Vaughan

Applications for senate vacancy seats are due Thursday at 4 p.m.

The Graduate seat will be added to the list of vacant seats

Executive Officer applications are available. They are due February 6th at 4 p.m. A debate will be held for these candidates on February 9th and the election will be the 18th.

Senators are asked to be prepared to sign-up for a time to work the senate vacancy elections and their office hour time slot for each week by the next meeting.

Vice President of Legislative Affairs

VPLA Davis encouraged senators to be thinking about bills and resolutions to be writing.

The next meeting on January 20th will be formal.

Freshman Forum Directors

The Martin Luther King Ceremony will be January 22nd at 6 p.m. in Sorrell Chapel.

Spring Sports Appreciation Day will be February 5th.

Faculty Advisor Patterson

The African American Leadership Conference will be February 6-7. All Senators are encouraged to attend. Keynote speakers will include Judge Greg Mathis and Master Andrew Young.

7:24 Meeting adjourned