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### **59<sup>th</sup> Session of the Student Senate Minutes**

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**Additional information:**

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
59<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE STUDENT SENATE

AGENDA

First Meeting, Wednesday, April 20, 2016

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Order called by VP Azad
- II. ROLL CALL  
Roll call completed
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
No minutes to approve
- IV. PUBLIC FORUM
- V. OFFICER REPORTS
  - A. President, Joseph Shepard  
Expressing excitement and encouraging positive vibes
  - B. Vice President, Taben Azad  
Expressed his high expectations for VP  
Expressed required office hours  
Apologized for meeting starting late  
Office hour: Come to VP or President's office to talk about 5 issues on campus
  - C. Treasurer, Mariah Smith
- VI. OTHER REPORTS
- VII. SWEARING IN
  - A. At-Large Senators  
Sworn in
  - B. Graduate  
Not present, not sworn in
  - C. Business  
Sworn in
  - D. Education  
Sworn in
  - E. Engineering  
Sworn in
  - F. Fine Arts  
Sworn in
  - G. Health Professions  
Sworn in
  - H. Honors  
Sworn in
  - I. LAS Senators  
Sworn in

Motion to extend meeting as needed, seconded and passed
- VIII. APPOINTMENTS
  - A. SB - 59 - 001 Appointing the Position of Chief of Staff  
President Shepard read the bill  
Questions
    - Senator Hower asked what other candidates were interviewed and what made Kiah stand out → Joseph answered resume, previous experience
    - Senator Hungate asked if fresh perspective was considered, and why Kiah was chosen if it was considered → Joseph said Kiah was most qualifiedVote
    - Hand vote, voted in unanimously
  - B. SB - 59 - 002 Appointing the Position of Director of Public Relations  
President Shepard read and spoke to the bill  
Questions

- Senator Shelby asked for the other candidates who were interviewed → Joseph answered
- Senator Hower asked what set Misha apart → Joseph talked about Misha's experience with photo-shop and in-design, and her ideas to reach out to constituents
- Senator Hower asked which other applicants had experience with photoshop → Joseph said that Jenny and Katie did
- Senator Shelby asked if Misha had experience with photoshop → Joseph said yes, and she took summer classes to further her experience
- Senator Hower asked if Misha had any prior SGA experience at all → Joseph said not officially, but she did create the banner and ran on a ticket

Misha's speech to the senate

- Looking forward to learning from Maha, pointed to her experience working on her RSO's social media, talked about her love for designing

Debate

- Senator Hungate argued against Misha because of her lack of experience
- Senator Morton argued for Misha, saying that she has experience and wants to learn more
- Senator Ensz argued for Misha saying that her inexperience won't hinder her because it's quick to learn art programs if one wants to learn about them
- Senator Banuelos argued for Misha because she has raw talent

Voting

- Hand vote, passes

Re-vote on request of Senator Hungate

- Failed 17 to 11

SB - 59 - 003 Appointing the Position of Legislative Director

Joseph read and spoke to the bill

Morton's speech to the senate

- Spoke to her Model UN experience, experience in the previous session, knowledge of the journal

No debate

Voting

- Passed, one abstention

C. SB - 59 - 004 Appointing the Position of Campus Issues Chair

Joseph read the bill

Katie's speech

- Spoke to previous experience on SGA, ideas for making a more green campus, grant for bikes on campus, student mental health

No debate

Vote

Passed with one abstention

D. SB - 59 - 005 Appointing the Position of Interim Organizational Outreach Chair

Joseph Shepard read and spoke to the bill

Questions

Senator Hower asked why it was an interim instead of an outright chair → Joseph answered that it's because she isn't a senator

Senator Hower asked who else applied → Joseph answered

Senator Morton asked for the procedure for removing an interim position → VP Azad answered

IX. SWEARING IN

A. Chief of Staff

Sworn in

B. Director of Public Relations

Not appointed, not sworn in

C. Director of Legislative Director

Sworn in

D. Campus Issues Chair

Sworn in

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. SB - 59 - 006 Removal of Academics Committee

Senator Azad read and spoke to bill

Questions

Senator Hungate asked what committee would be added in place of the academics committee → VP Azad answered with the Diversity Task Force Committee

B. SB - 59 - 007 Addition of Diversity Task Force Committee

President read the bill

C. SB-58-068: Appointing the Position of Treasurer

President read the bill

Ashwin reiterated first speech

Debate

Senator Enz spoke against Ashwin because of how patient she was with Ashwin

Senator Lopez spoke against Ashwin because of Mariah's student fees experience and qualifications

Senator Hower spoke against Ashwin because of Mariah's student fees experience and qualifications

Vote

Fails 11-14-4

XII. REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remarks made

XIII. FINAL ROLL CALL

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-Ralph Waldo Emerson

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
59<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE STUDENT SENATE

AGENDA

Second Meeting, Wednesday, April 27, 2016

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Called to order
- II. ROLL CALL  
Roll call taken, quorum met. Simple majority 15 people, 2/3 majority 24 people
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Minutes approved
- IV. PUBLIC FORUM
- Dalton Glasscock expressed that he wanted to hear why the DPR was being appointed as interim
  - Christina Lynn expressed that she doesn't support unqualified people carrying weapons on campus because of safety/academic/enrollment concerns, and urged us to consider academic sanctions
  - Maha Madi spoke in favor of Misha being appointed as the new interim DPR
  - Mariah Smith announced that she withdrew her application and expressed her support of appointing Ashwin to the position of Treasurer
- V. OFFICER REPORTS
- A. President, Joseph Shepard
- Budget briefing with cabinet and Mary Herrin. Discussed budget cuts, tuition going up, and programming fees. Wants to proactively communicate with student body about increases to avoid backlash. Town Hall Meeting May 5<sup>th</sup> to communicate these issues to students and answer their questions
  - Talked to Dr. Sexton about co-advisor position
  - Wants to revamp Wichita State Inspire initiative by collaborating with the Pando initiative. Wants senate to go into USD 259 school and promote WSU and promote higher education in general
  - Met with Amanda Lind about gender neutral restrooms
- No questions
- B. Vice President, Taben Azad
- Met with interim OO chair and CI chair.
  - Met with transitioning DPR and Maha Madi
  - Talked to senators about the issues they see on campus during their office hours
  - Spoke to amendment that would send senators to SRB for not completing 3 office hours
  - Gave senators ability to choose their committee preferences
  - Explained Diversity Task Force
  - Senators will have first committee meeting next week
  - Talked about senate retreat, and expressed that he would explain senate rules better
  - Encouraged everyone to attend banquet
- No questions
- C. Treasurer Mariah Smith
- Gen-ed budget meeting revealed that we will be facing a big cut, but there's a cap on how much that they raise tuition (2.1%) if we keep a flat budget
  - Looking at removing 2.1% cap, so tuition and fees announcement will depend on legislature, and may not come out until June. Tuition will probably change more than fees
  - Looked at efficiency study within the university, so maybe millions of dollars could be saved by becoming more efficient
  - Looking at adding another freshman seminar
- No questions

VI. OTHER REPORTS

A. Chief of Staff Kiah Duggins

- Talked to faculty senate about mandatory diversity training and opposition to transgender bathroom bill. Faculty wanted autonomy and statistically significant data
- Received donation from Admissions for food locker
- Coordinated volunteers for food locker
- Talked to Amanda Lind about gender-neutral bathrooms. Got list of single-stall bathrooms to convert to gender neutral. Some of them would need new locks and signs. Map of gender neutral bathrooms on orgsync
- Contacted Dr. Burdsal about creating a statistically significant representative sample for a survey
- Will not be collecting applications if bill passes
- Encouraging apps for out of state and veteran positions
- Will hopefull talk with spectrum
- Reminded senate of Joseph's right to nominate and senate's constitutional right to vote, and reminded senate to only vote based on the qualifications of the nominees presented

Questions

Graduate senator asked Kiah to clarify which vote she was talking about when she referenced S034 → Kiah clarified that she was referencing the Treasurer vote

B. Interim Director of Public Relations Misha Nazir

- Working with Maha Madi to transition into her position
- No questions

C. Legislative Director Marilyn Morton

- Resolution
  - Organizing files
  - Made appointment with special collections to find resolution honoring man who served SGA for 20 years
  - Reminded senate that she's their reference if they want to write resolutions
- No questions

D. Campus Issues Chair Katie Deustch

- Transitioning with past chair
- Prioritizing campus issues
- Promoting budget and fees and town hall
- Creating/refining sub-committees within CI

No questions

E. Interim Organizational Outreach Chair Taylor Thomas

- Transitioning
- Wants to raise awareness about her position
- Wants to help with a welcome back fest for organizations
- Utilizing more outside resources

No questions

VII. SWEARING IN

A. Graduate (Ali, Nidhi, Rakib)

Sworn in (not Rakib)

B. Engineering (Luis)

Sworn in

C. At-Large Senators (Amanda, Heba, Dane)

Sworn in (not Dane)

D. Student Advocate

Sworn in

## VIII. APPOINTMENTS

### A. SB - 59 - 008 Appointing the Position of Out-of-State Senator

- President Shepard read the bill and expressed his support
- No questions
- Taylor expressed that she looked forward to serving in the position
- No debate
- Passed unanimously

### B. SB - 59 - 009 Appointing the Position of Interim Director of Public Relations

- President Shepard read the bill
- Explained that it's an interim position so that she can prove herself since many senators felt that she wasn't qualified, and because she's the only qualified applicant left

#### Questions

- Senator Ensz asked if she would most likely be appointed permanently → Joseph said yes
- Senator Hower asked when she would be appointed permanently → Joseph said at the beginning of next semester
- Senator Shelby asked if the summer was enough time for her to prove herself → Joseph said yes because she will be in the office all summer and release/start working on a strategic plan
- Senator Hower asked who else was considered for a position → Another applicant withdrew her application
- Senator Hower asked if Ruben Lebron withdrew his application for the position → Joseph said that he did not
- Senator Hungate asked why only one candidate was considered for the interim position even though several people applied for the normal position → Joseph answered that it was because Misha had the most experience and was the most qualified, which was expressed in her interview and her application

VP Azad clarified that there cannot be a vote to approve or disapprove because it's an interim position, but allowed for a motion to repeal the interim appointment by a 2/3 vote

- No motion to repeal
- Misha was appointed as interim DPR

### C. SB - 59 - 010 Appointing the Position of Treasurer

Joseph read the bill

#### Questions

- Senator Hower asked who the other applicants were → Joseph explained that Mariah withdrew her position, Ruben Lebron applied, and another person applied but couldn't get the position because he couldn't fulfill 30 hours
- Senator Hower asked what set Ashwin apart from other applicants → Joseph said that his interview and application was great, Ashwin can create great relationships with the necessary people, reach out to people who generally don't know about funding by collaborating with OO, and handle all of the upcoming budget cuts
- Senator Hower asked Joseph to speak to Ruben Lebron's experience as treasurer → Joseph answered that Ruben was the treasurer of College Democrats, but Joseph felt that Ashwin's experience with Spirit Aerosystems made him more qualified. Also, Joseph was able to examine Ashwin's qualifications more clearly than Ruben's because Ruben didn't submit a resume.
- Joseph yielded the chair to Ruben in order to be fair and let him speak to his application

#### Ruben's speech

- Spoke to being treasurer of Kansas Democrats, whose budget is bigger than SGA budget
- Knew funding guidelines as OO chair, and already formed relationships with organizations who submitted funding
- Spoke to his innovative ideas, like releasing 45 day rule and funding students before their event

#### Questions (pt. 2)

- Senator Hungate asked why President Shepard did not consider previous SGA experience when making the decision about treasurer → Joseph

answered that he does not believe that tenure in SGA makes someone more qualified than someone else

Ashwin's speech

- Expressed that he understands the gravity of the situation, reiterated the experience that he expressed in the last meeting and attended a budget meeting with the budget director.
- Expressed how seriously he would take the transition period
- Discussed desire to start financial literacy program and OO outreach collaboration

Debate

- Senator Sirois → Pointed out that there were other people without previous experience who were voted in unanimously with little questions, and pointed out that they were treated differently than Ashwin and other nominees. Spoke to how Ashwin has clearly proved that he is qualified for the position
- Treasurer Smith → Recommended Ashwin to position because he's ethical and a leader. Also pointed out that the university is not allowed to give out money before events like Ruben Lebron suggested because it creates legal/auditing nightmare. Has met with Ashwin about the transition period

Voting

- Passed unanimously
- D. SB - 59 - 011 Appointing the Position of Organizational Outreach Chair  
Joseph read the bill  
No questions  
Taylor spoke about her hopes to receive the position and serve students  
No debate  
Passes with vote of 30-0-3

## IX. SWEARING IN

- A. Out-of-State Senator  
Sworn in
- B. Treasurer  
Sworn in
- C. Organizational Outreach Chair  
Sworn in

## X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. SB - 59 - 006 Removal of Academics Committee  
VP Azad read the bill  
Questions
- Senator?? Asked why it's being removed → VP Azad stated that its redundant because Campus Issues committee and student advocate can handle academic issues

Debate

- No debate

Passes unanimously

## XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. FB59001  
Treasurer Smith read the bill  
Passed unanimously
- B. R-59-001 Opposing the Governor's Budget Options
- Read the bill
  - Treasurer Smith asked about percentages → LD Morton clarified that KWCH said it was 3% for option 3, treasurer Smith clarified that LD Morton was wrong
  - Senator Hungate motioned to amend the amendment as Treasurer Smith suggested. Seconded. Motion passes
- C. SB - 59 - 012 Amendments to Bylaws  
VP Azad read the bill. No questions
- D. SB - 59 - 013 Amendment to Bylaws Related to Senator Office Hours  
VP Azad read the bill. No questions
- E. SB - 59 - 014 Amendment to S002  
VP Azad read the bill. No questions

## XII. REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Remarks made

XIII. FINAL ROLL CALL  
Silent roll call

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59<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE STUDENT SENATE

AGENDA

Third Meeting, Wednesday, May 4, 2016

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Called to order
- II. ROLL CALL  
Taken
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Approved
- IV. PUBLIC FORUM  
Director of RSC gave senate pizza and thanked them for their hard work
- V. OFFICER REPORTS
  - A. President, Joseph Shepard
    - Maybe switching conferences in sports, wants to track students' opinions about it
    - Diversity symposium for college students to encourage cultural competency
    - Budget cut Town Hall reminder
    - Reached out to David Moses about making policies and recommendations for concealed carry on campus. Town Hall on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
    - Working with PDC and Dr. Marche about diversity symposium for college students to encourage cultural competency
    - Reiterating that he's available to talk to senators who have questions or concerns

No questions
  - B. Vice President, Taben Azad
    - Reiterated office hours over budget town hall meeting
    - Reiterated dress code for 59<sup>th</sup> session
    - First committee meeting, will not be officially appointed to committees until fall
    - Thanks to campus rec for massage chair
    - Will be in the office over the summer
    - Possibly amending 48 hour rule
    - Senator retreat in the last week of July or first week of August
    - Reiterated that we are a unified session and senators should vote based on what their constituents want

Questions

Senator Hower asked how long the retreat would be → VP Azad answered that it would be 6 hours per day.
  - C. Treasurer Ashwin Govindarajan
    - Preliminary transition document
    - Starting official training on the 16<sup>th</sup>
    - Meeting with B&F tonight, outlined goals, expectations, and how they will b
    - Meeting with SI with Taylor on Thursday
    - Set up banner training appointments with Becky North
- VI. OTHER REPORTS
  - A. Chief of Staff Kiah Duggins
    - Created survey questions about gender neutral restrooms
    - Created disparate treatment survey questions for mandatory diversity training
    - Coordinated volunteers for Thursday/Friday's service at the Shocker Food Locker
    - Sent survey questions to Dr. Charles Burdsal for the pre-summer survey that SGA will send to a statistically significant representative sample of students
    - Set up a meeting with Spectrum to learn about their perspectives on gender neutral bathrooms and other issues effecting LGBT students on campus

Diversity Task Force

  - Discussed the difference between collecting disparate treatment/disparate impact data

- Discussed researching diversity issues in each academic college
- Discussed reaching out to multicultural organizations and seeing how we can make sure their needs are being met
- Discussed reaching out to veteran, returning adult, low socioeconomic status etc. organizations on campus and seeing how we can make sure their needs are being met

### Questions

Senator Hower asked how the DTF would deal with a specific class → Kiah answered that the DTF would do further research on this class if it was presented as a clear concern in the more general data collection

## VI. Interim Director of Public Relations Misha Nazir

- Transitioning
  - Working on summer branding
  - Sent out reminders about Town Hall and apps
  - Put meeting minutes on the SGA website
  - Brainstorming about better outreach efforts, specifically with freshmen
  - Making all senators to like the SGA Facebook page, invite 10 friends, and follow on twitter
- B. Legislative Director Marilyn Morton
- Overview of bills up for voting tonight
  - 48 hour rule for two resolutions
  - Made journal gender neutral
  - Meeting with Zach and Andy Schlapp
- C. Campus Issues Chair Katie Deustch
- Attending executives for sustainability meeting this week, releasing survey
  - Working with campus recreation for the bicycle initiative
  - Meeting with Spectrum with COS Duggins
  - Senator Sirois spoke about promoting student health services
  - Attending town hall and recording input given by students
- D. Organizational Outreach Chair Taylor Thomas
- Meeting with Chas and Ashwin to discuss summer and fall plans
  - Talked about committee expectations
  - Implementing different activities for getting the word out
  - Discussed tabling strategies
  - Meeting with 3 potential organizations
  - Creating a flyer/brochure about organizational outreach and how it can help

## VII. APPOINTMENTS

### A. SB - 59 - 015 Appointing the Position of LAS Senator

Joseph read the bill

Questions

- Senator Hower asked about other applicants and what set Ricky apart → Taben answered that both candidates were great, but Ricky had more of a knowledge about the association and what it's been doing
- Senator Hower asked if he was running for the LAS position → Taben said yes

Address

Ricky spoke to his nominations

No debate

Passed unanimously

### B. SB - 59 - 016 Appointing the Position of At-Large Senator

Joseph read and spoke to the bill

Questions

Senator Hungate asked when AL apps were due → VP Azad answered today at 5pm

- Senator Hungate asked when interviews were conducted → VP Azad answered that they were conducted today before 5pm and yesterday
- Senator Hower asked what set Elizabeth apart → VP Azad answered that her previous experience at Emporia State, her previous experience on campus issues, etc. gave her the experience

No debate

Passed unanimously

C. SB - 59 - 017 Appointing the Position of At-Large Senator  
Joseph read and spoke to the bill

- Senator Hower asked about her qualifications compared to the other two candidates → VP Azad pointed to her deep understanding of the association compared to the other two candidates
- Senator Hungate asked if knowing what happened in the 58<sup>th</sup> session was a qualification for being a senator → VP Azad answered that he prefers that they understand the powers of the association
- Senator Hungate asked if everyone had a scheduled interview → VP Azad answered that everyone did

Debate

- Senator Hungate said she spoke with Carley Larson and was asked to give an interview on the spot, and doesn't feel that it was fair because she didn't have the ability to prepare for an interview
- VP Azad answered that he asked her to stay for 5-10 minutes because that's how long interviews take
- Senator Hungate motioned to table the appointments until next semester
- Senator Hower seconded it

Motion to table appointments

- VP Azad explained that it would take a simple majority vote
- Motion failed 5-13-2

Debate

- Senator Ensz believes that Nibras is qualified and the timing of the application did not matter

Passed unanimously

D. SB - 59 - 018 Appointing the Position of At-Large Senator  
Joseph read and spoke to the bill

Questions

- Senator Hower asked what ticket Lupe was on → President Shepard answered that he was on Progress and Nibras was on Shockers United

Debate

- Senator Sirois spoke in favor of Lupe because of the professionalism he showed in FHCP

Passed unanimously

## VIII. SWEARING IN

- Graduate (Rakib)
- At-Large Senators (Dane)  
Sworn in
- LAS Senator  
Sworn in

## IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- SB - 59 - 012 Amendments to Bylaws

Joseph read the bill

Questions

- Senator Hower asked what this bill was about → Joseph answered that he wanted to remove the impression that he's creating a machine or monopoly in senate and implement checks and balances. He also noted that VP Azad is president of the senate, and should thus conduct senator interviews

No debate

Passes unanimously

- SB - 59 - 013 Amendment to Bylaws Related to Senator Office Hours  
LD Morton read the bill

- Senator Hower asked what SRB is → VP Azad explained the constitutional significance of the SRB. LD Morton clarified that we had a similar de facto system before this bill
- Senator Sirois asked what qualified as a programming hour → Explained that it's a weekly duty that VP asks senators to do
- Senator Hower asked if the 3 missed hours were for the whole session → VP Azad answered yes

No debate

Passed unanimously

C. SB - 59 - 014 Amendment to S002

President Shepard read the bill

No questions

No debate

Passed unanimously

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. R-59-002 Commending The Admission Office's Shocker Food Locker Food Drive

Kiah read

No questions

No debate

Passed unanimously

B. R-59-003 Commending The Child Development Center's Support of the Shocker Food

Locker

Kiah read

No questions

No debate

Passed unanimously

C. R-59-004 Reaffirming the need for the Diversity Task Force

LD Morton read the bill

- Senator Hungate asked if O&I responsibilities, aka keeping senators accountable, would fall under DTF → President Shepard answered that VP Azad would absorb the responsibility of holding senators accountable, and that he's currently looking for a way to check/balance VP and President
- Senator Hungate began to ask a question, VP Azad said it was not germane, President Shepard answered what he thought she was about to ask by reiterating his previous answer
- LD Morton clarified that the senate has power over the VP because it can override anything that the chair does
- Senator Hower asked if senate was voting on DTF and wondered why we met before it was approved → President Shepard said he did it to raise awareness about the task force, and in hopes that it would be approved later

No debate

Passes unanimously

D. R-59-005 Commending Dr. Eric Sexton's Support of the Shocker Food Locker (Requires 48-hour rule)

Voted to suspend 48 hour rule. Passed unanimously

COS Dugginsread

No questions

No debate

Passed unanimously

E. R-59-006 Honoring the Theater Department's Production of Chicago (Requires 48-hour rule)

Voted to suspend 48 hour rule. Passed unanimously

LD Morton read

No questions

No debate

XI. Passed unanimously

XII. REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Remarks made

XIII. FINAL ROLL CALL  
Final roll call taken

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AGENDA

Fourth Meeting, Wednesday, August 24, 2016

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Called to order
- II. ROLL CALL  
Roll call taken, quorum met.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Minutes approved
- IV. PUBLIC FORUM  
Rick Muma discussed the University's Self-Report document created for University HLC accreditation
- V. OFFICER REPORTS
  - A. President, Joseph Shepard
    - Tobacco Free Wu & Me update: Revision policy being reviewed by committee PET-- currently excludes Innovation Campus. Expressed intent to advocate for policy to extend to Charles Koch Arena and Eck Stadium.
    - Child Care Facility meeting update: Initial talks to implement a child drop off center for students to receive child care during their class schedule.
    - Working with Counseling and Testing to stigmatize mental health: Free sessions available for students in the RSC on the second Thursday of each month from 11am-1pm
    - Wichita State Inspire to be launched at Mueller Elementary Tuesday, August 30 to encourage higher education and provide mentorship. Encouraged all senators interested in attending to contact Chief of Staff, Katie Deutsch by Friday.
    - SGA Conference Scheduled for November 10-12, tentative on funding approval. Applications to be posted on the SGA website for attendance.
    - Will attend the SAC Retreat with Vice President Azad and Legislative Director Morton on September 4 at the University of Kansas
  - Questions
    - Chair Sirosis asked for more information in regards to the Wichita State Inspire launch. → Joseph recommended for contact with Chief of Staff Deutsch for the presentation's time frame, agenda, items to bring, etc.
  - B. Vice President, Taben Azad
    - New senate layout overview: Asked for feedback and provided clarification for the changes. Senators will now face the cabinet for improved visibility and be asked to speak at the podium for debate.
    - Senate dress code: Maintain professional dress code as outlined in the Journal.
    - Interfaith Prayer Space update: Joseph, Katie, Grace, and himself have been working on a proposal throughout the summer to improve the space's usability, meeting with Dr. Marche, Christine, and Kevin Konda throughout the process. Proposal to be submitted to PET Thursday, September 1. Meeting to discuss the proposal with religious orgs next Tuesday, August 30.
    - Senator hours: HLC document review; At-Large Senators to contact faculty members to discuss SGA and role of senators
    - Programming hour: helping Chair Thomas tomorrow hang posters for Wu-Rah Friday
    - OrgSync as potential new vendor to conduct SGA elections. Recommend all At-Large Senators to submit a write-in ballot to test process.
    - Request all Senators not present at Senator Retreat to set up a meeting to review content discussed.
    - University Committees available for Senators to sit up: Will gather preferences

- Open Association seats: LAS, Veterans, Fine Arts, 2 Health Professions, Business, 8 Shocker Freshman Council. Applications due next Friday.

Questions

- Senator Rose asked for clarification in regard to Programming Hour. Taben clarified helping with the posters would extend no longer than one hour.
- Senator Sterling asked for open Senator seats to be repeated. Taben clarified open positions state above.

C. Treasurer Ashwin Govindarajan

- Budget & Finance committee conducted first RSO interview with Spectrum. Requesting funding for Anniversary Banquet. Main concern is that SGA is not allowed to fund org events intending to raise revenue. Will meet with President again to see if they'd be willing to waive the fee for students to obtain funding eligibility.
- Two individual funding requests submitted this week. Five organization funding requests to be screened this week will interview by B&F to be conducted following. Senate will hear funding bills after the Nuts & Bolts Conference September 15.
- Upcoming funding bill amendment: definition of funding allocation, funding bill contract organization applying for Nuts & Bolts Conference, other specific clarifications to statute 27
- Ending balance in the account
- Funding overview graphic released to provide comprehensive overview to orgs and students

Questions

None

VI. OTHER REPORTS

A. Interim Chief of Staff Katie Deutsch

- Scheduling interviews for Shocker Freshman Council. Goal is to have 20 applicants by September 1 deadline. 11 applications have been received so far. 2 interviews have been scheduled.
- Wichita State Inspire press released to be sent out Monday. Anyone wishing to participate in launch at Mueller Elementary next Tuesday, August 30 should contact by Friday at 5pm.
- Don't Text #JustDrive update: Social media launch to take place September 19. Goal is to get 6,000 students, faculty, staff, and community members to take pledge. Commissioner Selzer at the Kansas Insurance Department will speak more on behalf of the initiative at next week's Senate meeting.
- Working on "SGA Week in Review" templates with Mishap. Goal is to launch within next two weeks.

Questions

None

B. Interim Director of Public Relations Misha Nazir

- Sign-up sheet to obtain sizes for SGA polos. Polos contain new SGA logo.
- Will be live streaming all Senate meetings on Facebook.
- Request to share any event/information posts on social media.
- Working with Buzz App within College Readership Program. The Sunflower, WSU News, and USA today will be streamed through app. Official launch to be announced. As soon as The Sunflower rolls out their new website, they will be included in the feed.
- Shox Talk: Last Thursday of every month, will have 3 each semester. First event to take place September 29. Speaker to be announced.
- Follow SGA on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Instagram account is newly launched.

Questions



C. Legislative Director Marilyn Morton

- Overview of Cabinet restructuring. DPR will be moved under the President. LD will be moved under the Vice President.
- Clarifications and grammatical corrections made to the Journal.
- Voter registration: 62 people have been registered as part of Voter Engagement Initiative. This initiative to include candidate forums for District 4 and Presidential Debate screenings.
- Title IX Committee presentation: Recommended clarification in wording for Student Code of Conduct Policy (e.g. Sexual Misconduct instead of Sexual Assault). Policy avoids legal language.
- DC summer lobbying overview for comprehensive sex education that will impact college students.

Questions

None

D. Interim Campus Issues Chair Grace Sirois

- Programming overview: Wellness Week in September focusing on Shocker Food Locker, IPS Week in October promoting Interfaith Prayer Space, Shocker Against Sexual Assault Campaign to take place in November.
- Shocker Against Sexual Assault campaign to launch with a video from student leaders.
- Working with Carla to see how to set up a Marketplace for Shocker Food Locker to collect monetary contributions. Can't asked for donations as Locker is not tax exempt.
- Coordinating with DPR Nazir for all graphics and promotional materials needed.

Questions

None

E. Organizational Outreach Chair Taylor Thomas

- In the process with Student Advocate Zane to review disability survey.
- Finalizing date with committee to meet with Mind Matters.
- Toady's Resource Fair: collected applications for Senate positions and distributed informational material.
- Wednesday, August 31 tabling in RSC or patio depending on weather. Sign-up available at the end of meeting.
- Reading two organizational recognition bills later tonight: Higher Altitude Balloon Club and Russian Club

Questions

None

VII. APPOINTMENTS

A. SB - 59 - 019 Appointing the Position of Director of Public Relations

- President Shepard read the bill and expressed his report.
- No questions.
- Misha addressed Senate.
- No debate.
- Passed unanimously.

B. SB - 59 - 020 Appointing the Position of Chief of Staff

- President Shepard read the bill and expressed his report.
- No questions.
- Katie addressed Senate.
- No debate.
- Passed unanimously.

C. SB - 59 - 021 Appointing the Position of Campus Issues Chair

- President Shepard read the bill and expressed his report.
- No questions.
- Katie addressed Senate.
- No debate.
- Passed unanimously.

VIII. SWEARING IN

- A. Director of Public Relations  
Sworn in
- B. Chief of Staff  
Sworn in
- C. Campus Issues Chair  
Sworn in

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. N/A

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SB - 59 - 022 Recognition of Organization
  - Chair Thomas read and spoke to the Bill.
  - Chair Sirois asked question clarifying org purpose. Chair Thomas clarified.
- B. SB - 59 - 023 Recognition of Organization
  - Chair Thomas read and spoke to the Bill.
- C. SB - 59 - 024 Amendment Regarding Vacant Position
  - Legislative Director Morton read and spoke to the bill. Specified it will change how we promote vacant seats.
- D. SB - 59 - 025 Amendment to Clarify Allocation Definition
  - Legislative Director Morton read and spoke to the bill.
  - Senator Khan asked if RSOs can apply once per semester or once a year → Yes, they can apply for both semesters.
- E. SB - 59 - 026 Amendments to S027
  - Legislative Director Morton read.
  - Treasurer Govindarajan provided clarification.
- F. SB - 59 - 027 Meeting Attendance
  - Legislative Director Morton read and spoke to the bill.
  - No questions.
- G. SB - 59 - 028 Addition of Diversity Task Force Committee
  - Vice President Azad read the bill.
  - No questions.
- H. SB - 59 - 029 24 Hour Rule
  - Legislative Director Morton read and spoke to the bill.
  - No questions.
- I. R - 59 - 007 Recognizing Black Lives Matter
  - Agenda amended to remove read.

XI. REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remarks made

XII. FINAL ROLL CALL

Silent roll call

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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
59<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE STUDENT SENATE

AGENDA

Fifth Meeting, Wednesday, August 31, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call taken, quorum met

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes to be approved Wednesday, September 7.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

- Chief of Staff Deutsch introduced Insurance Commissioner Ken Selzer who spoke on behalf of Don't Text #JustDrive Initiative, launching September 19.
- Student Isaac Stine spoke towards Black Lives Matter Resolution. Expressed he does not believe the Senate should endorse the BLM Movement. Expressed a yes vote would only advocate for a particular group of students instead of all students.
- Student Michael Lee advocated for new RSO Global Friends—Recognition Bill to be read next Wednesday. Expressed the org is purposed aid international students in transitioning process. Christine asked if they are working with International Education Office. Michael clarified they have not yet connected to work together as org is new.
- Kristian Jones, BSU President, spoke in favor of Black Lives Matter Resolution. Jones expressed that she often has not felt supported in the College of Engineering and provided with adequate academic resources to succeed as a black student. Expressed it is vital the Senate support black students through a yes vote on the resolution.
- Student Tim Dodd advocated for Russian Club as new RSO. Working on language promotion and increasing student involvement. Club could especially benefit political science students and those seeking a profession in international relations. Will give students an opportunity to learn more about Western European languages.
- Student Matthew Brinkmeyer spoke towards Black Lives Matter Resolution. Read Duties of the Association for the Legislative Journal. Expressed belief that the resolution does not align with the Association's outlined duties.
- BSU Vice President spoke in favor of Black Lives Matter Resolution. Said a yes vote is important for SGA to advocate and speak on behalf of black students.
- Abrianna, BSU Treasurer, spoke in favor of Black Lives Matter Resolution. Expressed the the isolation black students face on campus and need for SGA to advocate on their behalf.
- Student Tyra (last name?), spoke in favor of Black Lives Matter Resolution. Expressed a yes vote is important for Senators to show they support black lives matter.
- Student Jenna Farhat spoke in favor of Black Lives Matter Resolution. Expressed the importance of advocating for marginalized groups, even when you do not belong to the group.
- Student Sandra Carlo spoke in favor of Black Lives Matter Resolution. Expressed belief that it is SGA's responsibility to advocate for marginalized students and take a stance against social injustice by endorsing black lives matter.

V. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President, Joseph Shepard

- Met with Student Advocate May, Dr. Stephens, Christine, and Mandy Hamilton to review Student Advocate website
- Attended enrollment planning meeting Tuesday with Vice President Azad.
- Visited Panhellenic organizations Monday with Treasurer Govindarajan and Vice President Azad to ensure orgs are aware of SGA's resources. Will be meeting with IFC orgs in the future.
- VP Student Affairs Search Committee update

- Meeting scheduled with Dean of Libraries to discuss improving safety for 24-hour library study spaces
- Wichita State Inspire launch at Mueller Elementary Tuesday, August 30 overview— Initiative will reach more than 1,000 students this semester

Questions

None

**B. Vice President, Taben Azad**

- Senate layout: Requests any Senator with concerns towards the layout reach out to him by Friday
- Senator Office hours: Encouraged to complete future Senate office hours and provide clarification towards lack of past completion
- University Senate Committees: Senators will find out which committee they will be placed on next week
- Review of vacant Senate seats: Applications are due Friday by 5pm
- Appetizers after Senate at Applebee's

Questions

- Senator Murray asked clarification in regards to assigned Senate seating. Azad said in the future, Senators will be able to choose where they sit.

**C. Treasurer Ashwin Govindarajan**

- B&F had a no-show RSO interview at today's committee. Will reach out to reschedule interview.
- Spectrum retracted funding requests after determining they could execute the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet event without SGA funding in still being able to raise revenue through ticket sales.
- Mind Matters, Engineers without Borders, Team K12, Adhensa funding requests: B&F Committee Hearings to be scheduled, Senate will hear funding bills after Nuts and Bolts Conference September 15
- One individual funding requests to be hear September 7.
- Four other individuals have submitted funding request this week.
- Account updates and dollar amount left to allocate this semester.
- Overview of amendment clarifying allocation definition and amendment to S027.
- Funding 101 guide uploaded to SGA Facebook page.

Questions

None

**VI. OTHER REPORTS**

**A. Chief of Staff Katie Deutsch**

- 11 Shocker Freshman Council Interviews scheduled. Interviews to take place next Wednesday-Friday with Christine, Joseph, and herself. Application deadline is September 1 at 5pm.
- Overview of Interfaith Prayer Space meeting with religious orgs and Chapel Use Committee members Tuesday, August 30. Proposal presented and feedback received.
- Wichita State Inspire press release sent out yesterday to The Sunflower, Wichita Eagle, KAKE, KSN, KWCH, and KMUW announcing launch of initiative
- Reaching out to student orgs to volunteer with Wichita State Inspire fall 2016 line-up. All Senators to contact her if interested in being involved.
- Diversity Task Force members setting up meetings with various student organizations and academic college deans to review disparate impact data (Data provided by Office of Planning & Analysis uploaded on OrgSync)

Questions

None

B. Director of Public Relations Misha Nazir

- Ordering SGA Polos
- Buzz App launch. Clarified misunderstanding in The Sunflower in regards to access. Anyone can download app and access content anywhere.
- Senator headshots to take place Wednesday, September 14 before committee meetings

Questions

None

C. Legislative Director Marilyn Morton

- Found point of contact for Pompeo campaign and working to content. Working on format of candidate forum.
- Working with Chief of Staff Deutsch on resolution recognizing history of LGBTQ groups on campus. Resolution to be on agenda next Wednesday. Spectrum will be sending a representative to speak a public forum.
- Attended meeting with Zach Gearhart, Andy Schlapp, President Shepard, and Vice President Azad, along with Christine to follow up with overview of parking update given to Senate in April and clarify outstanding questions.

Questions

- Senator Hungate asked what other campaigns were reached out to for Candidate forum. → Morton said all three District 4 campaigns have been reached out to as the Candidate Forum is for District 4 candidates.

D. Campus Issues Chair Grace Sirois

- Met with Senator Mohr to discuss Shocker Against Sexual Assault Campaign taking place in November and organizational partnering.
- Met with Dr. Stephens to discuss student responses for Not Anymore Training. Wanting to pull stats for Shockers Against Sexual Assault campaign launch video. Will be partnering with Title IX Office for Campaign.
- Shocker Food Locker update: Taking inventory tomorrow from 2-4pm. Can count towards Programming Hour.
- Attended Dean of Library meeting with President Shepard and Vice President Azad. Followed up with UPD Chief Morris in regards to student safety procedures in the 24-hour library study space.

Questions

None

E. Organizational Outreach Chair Taylor Thomas

- Disability survey to be released beginning of October.
- Thank you to all volunteers that helped at Involvement Fair.
- High Altitude Balloon Club and Russian Club org recognition bills to be voted on tonight.
- First read of Pro Viate and Global Friends recognition of organizations to be read.

Questions

None

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- X. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. R - 59 - 007 Recognizing Black Lives Matter
    - President Shepard read the bill.
    - Debate:
      - Senator Banuelos read the Senator Duties as outlined in the Legislative Journal. Expressed that a yes vote gives Senators the opportunity to effectively represent their constituents and fulfill their outlined duties.
      - Chair Thomas read an excerpt from Sybrina Fulton's (Trayvon Martin's mother) letter to Michael Brown's mother addressing gun violence against black children. Expressed that a yes vote is a vote to support black lives and social injustice.
      - Chair Siros shared statistics from American Journal of Public Health related towards racial and ethnic disparities in health care. Expressed support towards the resolution.
      - Senator Joad expressed support for the resolution and reiterated the need for SGA involvement in advocating for black lives matter.
      - Senator Karim expressed the importance to stand up for marginalized students, even if controversial.
      - Senator Hungate said the conversation should be centered around what the scope of Student Government is and what Senators' rights are to do. Expressed belief that

resolution does not fall within Senator responsibilities and that Diversity Task Force committee should be responsible for implementing change instead. Expressed belief that the resolution passing will not lead to any direct change for students on campus. Expressed she would be voting no.

- Senator Shelby stated he is a believer in black lives matter movement and what it stands for but expressed belief that resolution will not accomplish anything for students. Expressed belief that Campus Issues Committee can address concerns for marginalized students.
  - Motioned to strike WHEREAS statement citing epidemic of killing unarmed black people disproportionately affecting black students on campus.
  - Senator Hungate seconded the motion.
  - Senator Shelby spoke in favor of motion to amend resolution.
  - Senator Banuelos spoke in opposition to amend resolution.
  - Motion fails on a vote of 6 to 18.
- Senator Natesan expressed support for resolution. Natesan said it is the Senate's moral obligation to address student concerns that have been expressed in public forum and elsewhere to stand in solidarity and ensure students that equity and social justice is something the Senate stands for.
- Senator Johnson expressed support for resolution. Stated there is clear disproportionate impact academically for black students on campus.
- Senator Colglazier expressed that this resolution stands to support students and does fall within Senator responsibilities.
- Senator Salim spoke in favor of resolution. Expressed need for students to receive support from student leaders on campus as experienced personally through being President of MSA in times of controversy on campus.
- Senator Ricky Oshakuade spoke in favor of resolution. Said it is unfair for Senate to ignore problem and constituent concerns after a need representation has been clearly expressed.
- Senator Elizabeth Oshakuade spoke in favor of resolution stating a yes vote reaffirms our commitment to provide a safe and nonjudgmental campus for black students.
- Senator Sterling spoke in favor of resolution. Expressed it is important to support black lives matter in all aspects of one's life—both personally and in one's student involvement.
- Senator Khan spoke in support of the resolution stating that if the resolution makes just one student feel more comfortable on campus, its passing is crucial.
- Senator Banuelos expressed that the Diversity Task Force supports the resolution as it aligns directly with its goals to equally represent all students on campus.
- Senator Hungate motioned for a roll call vote
  - Motion passes
- Resolution passes 20-4.

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