



General Assembly Weekly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 04 March 2021

Roll-Call Roster 2020-2021 https://sga.drury.edu/members/				
Executive Council (5)	Class	Officer Position	Present	Absent
Mr. Nick Rauscher	Senior	President	X	
Ms. Haley Mueller	Junior	VP of Student Life	X	
Ms. Kate Hall	Sophomore	VP of Institutional Affairs	X	
Ms. Emily Little	Senior	VP of Finance	X	
Ms. Alathia Keith	Senior	VP of Communications & Public Relations	X	
Senators (12)	Class	Committee Affiliation	Present	Absent
Mr. Nick Rispoli	Senior	Institutional Affairs	X	
Ms. Torrey Gabriel	Senior	Student Life	X	
Mr. Mitchell Greer	Senior	Finance	X	
Mr. John Schupbach	Junior	Student Life	X	
Mr. Hunter Clouse	Junior	Student Life	X	
Ms. Emilee Harless	Sophomore	Finance	X	
Mr. Thomas O'Brien	Sophomore	Comm & PR	X	
Ms. Emily Armour	Freshman	Student Life	X	
Mr. Tyler Buff	Freshman	Comm & PR	X	
Ms. Annabel White	Freshman	Comm & PR	X	

Ms. Quinn Vonder Haar	Freshman	Institutional Affairs	X	
Ms. Kaylee Ohlson	Freshman	Student Life	X	
Interns (0)		Committee Affiliation	Present	Absent
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Campus Advisor (1)		Position	Present	Absent
Mr. Paul Hinkle	Faculty Member	Interim Title IX Officer, Director of Student Conduct	X	

- **Call to Order**
 - Meeting was called to order @ 4:35pm by Pres. Rauscher. Roll was taken.
 - Guests declared & introduced —
 - (joining via zoom) Chantel Litrell, sophomore student @ Drury
- **Approving the Minutes**
 - Motioned & seconded to approve last mtg's (Thurs, 25 February 2021) minutes at 0:00 pm; passed 16/0/0.
- **Executive Council Reports**
 - **President**.....Mr. Nick Rauscher
 - This coming week on MON, March 8th & WEDS, March 10th btwn 11am-1pm, campus security officers will help hand out first-aid kits. They will be giving out some stuff as well; a mutual event. Runners will be out there. Please sign-up to be there!!
 - Security is going to get us a catered meal for next week's mtg, whatever meal we pick. A sheet is being passed around w 3-4 options; please select your top pick.
 - Distributed mask sewing kits this week, gave out about 75 of them (half of the ones we currently have). Ran out around 11:15am-ish!
 - Remind everybody that randomly selected COVID testing is mandatory; emails usually send out on Thursdays for the following week.

- Open seats in each class - please encourage peers to apply! Form will be up this evening on the website.
- The StepNPull project is complete!
- COVID-19 giveaway is also completed and all random draw winners have gotten their prizes!
- **SGA Website Pics:** next week at 4:00pm on Thursday before meeting. If you haven't had your picture taken before, POI - we usually take them on the circle in Drury lane.
- VP Keith mentioned 1-on-1's — we are doing it to be able to work together better and be more comfortable with one another. One of the most important skills learned in SGA is how to have conversations, this is a great opportunity to practice that. We traditionally have gone out to dinner at the end of each semester, however this semester we are not due to COVID; this is great way to do that.
- T-shirt & polo sizes sheet getting passed around - make sure to get your sizes on there!
- Paul put in a name tag order for new senators.
- **VP of Student Life**.....Ms. Haley Mueller
 - Updates from meeting with Brandon & his assistant last Friday, February 26th: discussed last semester projects, the StepNPulls are done. Meeting tomorrow about the green boxes for Commons, will report back to students/spread the word ab getting to use them.
 - Working towards Hammocks signage.
 - Started the \$1000 challenge on social media, Senators - please share the information!
- **VP of Institutional Affairs**.....Ms. Kate Hall
 - March 10th is the last day to register for the upcoming City of Springfield general municipal election. Students can register with Paul Hinkle - he's registered with the city as a Deputy Registrar for Greene County.

- **Senators** - please tell peers the election is coming up!
- **Senators:** Please contact me with ideas for all 5 days of our Impact week (April 19-23).
- Working on questions for Q&A COVID press video. Any questions from students about COVID policies for next year - i.e. how next year will look? **Senators** - Send Q's Kate Hall for any information!
- Working on Campus Readership
 - Emailed Peter Miedlinger - going into classrooms with professors & SGA senators on how to sign up for campus readership in their classes and sharing the program.
 - Working on items to motivate signing up, such as stress balls. Will be doing 5 minute presentations in FUSE classrooms on what the campus readership program is and how students can use it.
- Continuing off of last semester with the library chalkboards initiative: working to replace the board in the Lay Auditorium and library - students could not read the chalkboard at all. In contact with the Education Department and Brandon Gammill. In a couple of weeks, I will be able to bring purchase initiative to the floor.
- **VP of Finance**.....Ms. Emily Little
 - Allocations for orgs started this Monday, been about a week and only got one in. Those are due on March 17th, the Wednesday before Spring Break.
 - Organizations need to get them in pronto, please advertise that!!
- **VP of Communication & Public Relations**.....Ms. Alathia Keith
 - Please follow our instagram and twitter (@drurysga) and turn on notifications. This helps our engagement - more people see it. If you see any events advertised, please DM them to @drurysga so we can help them get advertised.

- Started posting on Twitter info about COVID stats and the tornado drill; using this account for more instantaneous, daily stuff.

Instagram is more for upcoming events, this week, month, etc...

- Instagram bio has a link tree, about 11 links for information.
 - Allocation Season, first two links are the renewal application and instructions
 - DruryVotes initiative links. You can check registration and see a sample ballot
 - \$1000 submission forum is on there
 - Link to Common Reading program
 - Standing zoom link is on there
 - Twitter account link is on there
 - Link to our website
- Engagement has gone up (still a small account, but...) the week Feb. 9th - 15th, content interactions went up over 1,000% - thanks for sharing and interactions on your stories! Interactions went up 11,000% the next week!
 - Working towards having communication with ALL organizations we fund AND those we do not, for community cohesion purposes. List of organizations from VP Little, waiting on response from Student Activities office.
 - Working with the Alumni facility to promote Match Madness - An anonymous donor agreed to match a dollar amount that we raise. They present all the good things happening at Drury, then ask for donations. We will be making a video made to help them.
 - We are going to target advertising for DruryVotes next week since the last day to register is Wednesday.
 - **Senators** - Please bug people into filling out \$1000 form if they have a good idea!
 - Working with Nick on getting website photos.
 - Will be next week before the meeting, weather permitting.

- Next week’s meeting also - Comm committee will be taking photos of us and security to showcase our relationship w them.
 - Each EC council member will have a 1-on-1 with each senator - please send me selfies when you do these coffee dates so we can post ab it!!
- **Campus Advisor Report**.....Mr. Paul Hinkle
 - It’s been a long year. I am starting to wear down and tired of the year so far. This is normal, it happens every year. This year has been especially hard because of COVID. This points to signs of burnout. The Runner’s Wall is something you need to learn to push through. If you need something to fill that “energy hole” right now, go find it. Find passion and inspiration to make it and what we need to be looking for. Hopefully the \$1000 projects will help. We have two months left before the end of the year, let’s get some stuff done. It feels like everything has hit a stand still. We could help anyone else who feels the same way. We have to be the ones who bring that energy back. Relax, take a break- walk around campus for inspiration. It is hard, it is tough. Make sure you take care of yourself and let’s not have the thought “we’ve done good enough”. Make it something we can be really proud of. Let’s finish strong.
- **Standing Committee Reports**
 - Academic Affairs Committee
 - We have more information on individual customizable degree programs— 3-4 separate departments, 36-48 hours of upper-level work, capped at 48 hours. Ex. Architectural Design, Museum Studies, Health & Business, etc... Should be a BA or a BS? There isn’t anywhere to find a selected route, now we’re trying to add information about individual majors to the major selection process, but keep it as a guide rather than outline; researching precedent, if people want these?
 - Meeting again next Wednesday.

- Constitution ByLaws Committee
 - Some questions for GA (moving along with the code of ethics, bylaws, constitution, which we hope to have revised to present for approval by the end of March/Early April) — Who was a freshman senator intern? Do you feel there needs to be some ramifications and changes to the freshman senator intern program? What are the positives and negatives of the program?
 - Senator Quinn Vonder Haar: When it comes to voting, I don't mind that. You get to know how SGA works only and allows for it is that it isn't super well-known. The actual elections weren't big, there were only two.
 - VP Mueller: I didn't think the not voting part was weird. Allows me to warm up to SGA and how it goes. We rarely had division, and wouldn't necessarily change the impact of a vote. Usually pretty unanimous. Helped me listen to what was going on.
 - Senator Greer: I agree on the voting. On A SWOT analysis, the biggest threat is the comparison to a high school senator. We are nowhere close to a high school organization, more so a government body. What a senator does. What a freshman intern does, etc...
 - What would you approve or emphasize on anything?
 - VP Mueller: I think the competitiveness of it has always been a struggle, not always for freshman interns.
 - Senator Harless: First event is the Freshman Retreat. It was kind of overwhelming. Having some sort of discussion before going to the retreat would have been more helpful.

- Torrey Gabriel: Never was an intern, but I learned about SGA through the student activities fair and that's the only time I had ever heard. It was kind of intimidating to talk about SGA and changes on campus. Wall in 204 was the only way I realized who was in SGA aside from the website.
- VP Keith: Without the suggestions from Nick to join SGA, probably would not have heard of it. We should start advertising positions, transparency, leadership team, etc... I want that because I did not know anything or anyone at the first meeting. We know based on our name tags, but those not in SGA may just know the people in the front. Did not know much about the internship program. Would love to see it grow through communication with students and SGA members and council.
- Did anyone as a freshman intern feel they had less of an experience or less of a voice in SGA?
 - Senator Greer: We were encouraged to be as much as a senator as anyone else, just did not vote. I did not talk on the floor about something I wanted to speak about. Could say something without some impact.
- Sustainability Council | VP Kate Hall
 - Representatives from the city of Springfield had some good ideas on helping with sustainability efforts - trying to figure out the fines for containment in recycling, Mirror article, and using social media to promote recycling education; we will be continuing that.
 - Ideas for Impact Week —
 - People from the city have things they set up around town for recycling games. Example: pick out something that can or can not be recycled and it becomes sort of a game.

- Still trying to get recycling bins in every residential hall. As far as getting information, still waiting on Brandon for stats, research, etc. in order to collab for Mirror article.
- **Old Business**
 - None
- **New Business**
 - None
- **Open Discussion**
 - VP Keith: I would like to express we need more structure for the thermometer check at the beginning of our meetings, perhaps a sign-up sheet, someone to monitor the door? This would allow us to be more efficient. Would be better to come through the side door by parking lot (consolidating entry to one location)?
 - VP Mueller: Not sure if facilities will allow us to open the side doors. Should we use the stairs outside?
 - Hinkle: According to Panther Plan, people must come through the southern double doors to the ballroom. The side door to FSC is designated as an exit door SO we do not have the power there to prop it for meetings. For temp checks - it would be nice if people got here earlier... Usually, thermometer person is the first person who arrives to the ballroom while EC members are setting up the microphone, etc. We can do a sign-up, but we all know we need our temperature taken before we put stuff down.
 - VP Keith: We should adhere to singular entry and get structured ab the thermometer checker since it's in the COVID Panther Plan.
 - Senator Greer: Probably a Brandon question, I don't know what ADA regulations are for bath rooms. In the men's upstairs bathroom they did not put a door on it, downstairs they did fix it, but not upstairs? Figure out if it can be an ADA stall?
 - President Rauscher: They removed one of the doors to the entrance of the bathroom for better wheelchair access.

- VP Mueller: When driving down Benton and there's the pedestrian walking sign, people hit that and it is now gone. What happened to it?
 - Hinkle: College Park Phase 2 has a lot of their exterior lighting that is out- called security, they were supposed to talk to facilities. Also, U Suites exterior lighting is going out too. Do we not have enough time to replace lights or do we need to fund?
 - Mueller: Did mention the lights last Friday. Assistant already heard about it. Probably already addressed.
 - President Rauscher: College Park phase 2, lights are there but not working,
 - Schubach: Called security about two weeks ago.
 - President Rauscher: Talk to them if they're still not working.
- Outdoor night time lighting - none around Benton, could be a security issue, is it our responsibility?
 - VP Mueller: Last week we talked about passion projects-like a night walk= Students, security, administrators, etc... who would be willing to do a walk around campus and talk about what could be better lit at night and the areas that need to be focused on.
 - Greer: (Directed towards Paul) What is the name of the report? Septem Report was a one time thing for lighting and such. Under the assumption Cepted Report was every year.
 - CEPTED is the crime statistic reporting forum.
 - President Rauscher: Campus lighting is something that's often complained about. The relationship we are creating with security can help with that.
 - VP Keith: I think that if the concern is safety, I know we are missing almost a whole street missing lights near the HSA and TSC, which feels dark. We should make a "reflected ceiling plan"/lighting map for light poles to share and promote as example of our focus on student safety.

- Senator Clouse: Do we have a SGA clean up day at all? We should probably do those.
 - Senator Greer: Every year there is a midtown cleanup that Drury participates in. Midtown hosts many throughout the year that we can participate in.
 - VP Hall: That's also something we can look at for sustainability.
 - Paul Hinkle: We are about to be approached by people with some activities. One of them may be about planting flowers, etc... They are interested in seeing student engagement. Another one is about a scholarship.
- Senator Greer: Haley, John, and myself will be meeting with a lot of people about the Senior experience. Not sure how much funding is open. Goes towards a couple different events. We will be meeting really soon for the Senior experience and celebration.
- **Call to Adjourn**
 - Motioned by Senator Buff and seconded by Senator O'brien at 5:37 pm; passed 16/0/0.

Next Meeting to be Held:

Thursday, 11 March 2021

4:30 pm

FSC Ballroom



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