



# **General Assembly Weekly Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, 11 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	Х				
Mr. Tyler Buff	Freshman	Comm & PR	Х				
Ms. Annabel White	Freshman	Comm & PR	Х				

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

#### • Call to Order

- Mtg was called to order @ 4:35pm by Pres. Rauscher. Roll was taken.
- Guests declared & introduced:
  - Allie Gipson, sophomore; joining on Zoom

#### • Approving the Minutes

 Motioned & seconded to approve last mtg's (Thurs, 04 March 2021) minutes at 4:40 pm; passed 16/0/0

## • Executive Council Reports

- President......Mr. Nick Rauscher
  - Handed out first aid kits on MON, March 8th & 10th, around 150 units - students really liked them. Stopped once we got rid of them; only stayed about 2 of our allotted 3 hours; security was really excited. They thanked us for the AED for their security cars. First Aid kits project is completed!!
  - Photos cancelled today. Catering moved to THURS, March 25th as well as photos.
  - Senators Remind peers that randomly selected testing IS mandatory. VP Hall and I attended a meeting w/ SHPS (Student Health & Public Safety) - if vaccinated, you still have to test because you could still get COVID.

- We are always looking to fill more seats. This is our first meeting after we sent out the join our meeting link. VP Keith has made the link available in our Twitter and Instagram bios. Mr. Hinkle moderates who joins the link, so having as many access points is fine.
- All the links in the linktree (VP Keith):
  - Wednesday was the last day to register to be eligible to vote in the upcoming election, however you can register anytime, and be eligible for the next elections, SO we will keep the link to register in our bio, and maybe do another informational post about standing registration links.
  - First two: Related to allocations orgs must re-register thru Stu Activities office BEFORE filing allocation.
  - Next 3: Related to voting Check if you are, online register, sample ballot for upcoming election.
  - \$1000 link submission form it ISopen submission, but requires you sign into your Drury Microsoft account.
  - Common Reading Program by Faculty open to students
  - Standing zoom link for meetings
  - Link to our Twitter account.
  - Link to Insta
  - Link to our website
  - Application link
- Since we're in the middle of allocations, inform friends or people you know who are, organization leaders, etc. to do allocations!
- Question from Chris Johnson, is anyone in here an education major? He's the director of security, and can certify people for CPR, hoping to offer that at little-to-no cost to students. Wanted to gauge interest.
  - Tyler Buff: I can bring that up to next Stu Teacher organization meeting

- Sen. Clouse: I think it would be fantastic if a majority of Drury students knew CPR.
- Mueller: Would be good for athletes to know as well, opportunity is valuable to more than just education!
- Soon, you will be receiving timeline and information emails about SGA position elections in April - will name executive council chairs, people who are not running, and senators as well. Of positions on EC, VP Mueller is only seat going to graduate.
- VP of Student Life......Ms. Haley Mueller
  - Few updates from Brandon Gammill regarding the last open discussion - one of them was college park phase 2 and reworking the light timers in that area (college park) and the mens bathroom on the second floor for the FSC.
  - Mentioned pedestrian signage on Benton, he mentioned to the city, waiting on him to get back to me.
  - Talked about the mud situation between Breech and Springfield because of CX egress traffic.
  - \$1000 submissions will be ending on Wednesday the 17th of March, only 3 or 4 submissions so far.
  - Night walk coming up Fri, April 2nd and Thurs, April 8th. Waiting to hear back on those dates for sure
- VP of Institutional Affairs......Ms. Kate Hall
  - Working on details for No Impact Week, these activities are subject to change:
    - Monday, April 19th = local farmer market vendors to campus
    - Reusable straws giveaway
    - Presentation about recycling
    - Planting with facilities
    - Electric scooters
    - Been in contact with Think Green group and Student Affairs, Senator Rispoli has information about the scooters:

- The idea behind this is for increased transportation and reduced rates to run the scooters through the app; each has a GPS tracker. Future goals would be to see how students like the scooters in terms of sustainability, and talked about installing them as a permanent solution. Lime maintains them, it would be part of your tuition every year and you just use them as needed. If something goes wrong, Lime can come in and replace them. No Impact Week can help gather statistics on usage and sustainable transportation.
- Working with security to get those approved.
- Senator Schupbach has more information later about the reusable straws.
- Q&A video was shot today, one more opportunity for questions for the semester, please let me know now if you think of anything.
  - List of questions we had are now answered and thank you Dr. Cloyd for the information pertaining to COVID and other details—
  - Rest of semester look like Can we relax now? Hangout outside? Traditions? Vaccine times/distribution? Next year? Post-covid normality?
  - Greer: Is the university tracking people who have gotten the vaccine?
  - Schupbach : What insurance covers the vaccine from the Drury clinic? How would a student pay?
  - Greer: The federal government is paying for all expenses.
  - Alathia: Johnson and Johnson is the company the USA bought them from.
  - Mueller: Video should address steps for students getting the vaccine, different types, etc...
- Senator Clouse has an update on artwork—

- Will be meeting with Dr. Sorensen on Monday for what we need to get done to put artwork up in Pearsons. Dr. Brown owns the building so we talked to her.
- Maybe a potential summer project due to maintenance having to fix them up. Dr. Rebecca Miller, Dean of Fine Arts, talked with me and Kate about sending an email to all students to get artwork put up. Kate already got one email from a student. Should give us enough resources for artwork.
- Alathia: Will the floor in pearsons be the only one or will the basement get artwork too?
- That's something we should talk about so we can have less depressing colors in the basement.
- Alathia: Downstairs has narrow halls, adding art to walls may not be best for appreciating the art and also it may make halls feel even narrower.
- Clouse: Something we will discuss with maintenance, thinking more in the classroom.
- Getting facilities involved for placement.
- To clarify, this is for student artwork. Students submit artwork to us, rotating artwork eventually.
- Senator Vonder Haar will have a proposal later today that is being brought to the floor before Spring Break.
- VP of Finance......Ms. Emily Little
  - We are still in the middle of allocations, and will come to a close next Wednesday. We are almost out of time and we only have 3 submissions. Share and communicate.
- VP of Communication & Public Relations......Ms. Alathia Keith
  - Weekly reminder, please follow our social media! We appreciate you liking and resharing. We are focusing this week on the allocations that are due & the \$1000 challenge.

- This week, did a poll for DruryVotes. It had a good turnout, 77 participants (1st poll); personally messaged all the students who said they were not registered to vote. One responded. Building up direct communication.
- Just received communication back from The Mirror, will be having advertisements in the next 3 additions of theirs - No Impact Week, Apply to SGA, final one will be about celebrating making it to the end of the semester.
- Send us selfies with EC 1-on-1's!!
- Campus Advisor Report......Mr. Paul Hinkle
  - Elections are coming up. You will also have to run for your Senator position. Every position is elected.
  - VPs are supposed to invite you on one on ones Don't feel like you have to wait to be invited, though. Goal for these is to Senators, talk with VPs about their positions - You don't have to be interested in the position, could just be about building camaraderie, breaking down barriers for people who are new. Might be a little intimidating, this is the goal - to break down those barriers and pursue your passions, etc... So reach out to VPs, they're happy to meet with you all. If you haven't set up a meeting and you'd like to, do so.

## • Standing Committee Reports

- Senator Schupbach will give an update on the Student Affairs committee:
  - Met on Tuesday, had 3 main points in the meeting—
  - Inclusion training with faculty. All of the faculty meetings will have some sort of thing about diversity and inclusion. Emily Pitts is the board of trustees member. Difference between Edward Johns and Drury...is they're a bigger school. Some main things we talked about were differentiation, leveling playing field, student empowerment, and letting students take charge.

- On student pronouns and student names: University computer system logs everyone's names, linked to SSN, Roster is from that. Students may not be referred to by those anymore. Push towards faculty taking initiatives for opening conversations up early. Could open this up through Google forum, information on paper, etc... let us know if these conversations are happening.
- Last thing, continued conversation on environment & sustainability. Might break up into 3 committees on what to do, etc... student interests regarding sustainability on campus - older buildings, windows, heat, etc... Interested in Think Green, they're thinking of creative ways to be sustainable and environmentally friendly - How could we push these on a broader level?
- Will present to faculty or administration. Next meeting = next month.
- President's Council on Inclusion: Sen. Emilee Harless
  - March is Women's Appreciation month
  - April's focus is on the different types of abuses (domestic violence, etc...) the #MeTooSpringfield will donate, possibly hosting an event, not sure when.
  - There's a national Denim day for sexual assault awareness, panhellenic might doing that.
  - Decided not to do anything in May nothing diversity-related.
  - Funding from the President's Council was approved for the panhellenic council. One class has gone through the diversity training/presentation.
  - Fuse 101 class Emilee will be working with class, through zoom.
  - Diverse scholars committee, working on getting those scholarships set up.
  - DruryGo talked about dual credit options for Waynesville High school in the Ozarks, more dual credit for that school.
- Old Business
  - None

## New Business

- Two items, first is the Dorm Building Whiteboard proposal | Senator Vonder Haar
  - Moved and seconded to allocate \$2500 towards the Dorm Building Whiteboards.
  - Sen Vonder Haar: Submitted a new business proposal form. (Anything over \$2000 requires a new proposal, sponsorship (VP Hall), link to expenses, and requires a majority vote. Not required to wait to vote, could pass today)
  - Targeting Wallace and Smith Hall specifically because Sunderland already has boards; This will promote usage of study spaces.
     Whiteboards are an added benefit and very useful. We've already been adding more around campus, bringing Campus to the 21st century. Both facilities and housing are excited about this project & are very involved.
  - Smith Hall wings
    - Each lounge below the light fixtures. Every lounge is a bit different. 6ft long. No lower than 39 inches from the light, due to outlets and reaching purposes.
  - Smith Hall lobby
    - Main floor of Smith. Kind of a hang out room- good for studying and hanging out. There is also a pool table in there too. Ethan identified this as a good place for a whiteboard.
  - Wallace Hall
    - The right wall is for academic uses, left is for entertainment. Art work will need to be moved (right wall). The art will find a new home. 39in threshold for the walls in the lounge spaces, technically 18 whiteboards. Second option on row 11, 1x 4ftx 3ft white board. We will need to amend, reassured the wall. Could be a 6ft whiteboard. In Wallace, it would be 8ft long by 4 ft wide.

- Whiteboard costs information
  - \$84 for 3ft x 2ft
  - \$160 for 4ft x 3ft
  - \$424.99 for 8ft x 4ft
- Hinkle: cost analysis can exclude tax, university is exempt
- For erasers and markers, \$30 has been set aside. It's cheap due to some having markers and erasers already.
- Greer: For Smith, during normal times, wasn't there a wall and a couch?
- The couch was removed permanently.
- I would rather do 1:3, lined up with the light fixture.
- Rispoli: Keep in mind when you go to smith, tripling hardware needed for mounting the whiteboards. Drywall might be better, so they're not spaced far apart. Only ones that would be separate have cinder block walls.
- Schupbach: Which would include most surface area?
- Row 4 is 4ft for the lobby, but remeasured, could fit a 6ft one.
  Added into the total amount for 2nd option.
- Greer: The 6ft board is around \$2500?
- Yes it would cover that.
- Gabriel: Point of information, could Rispoli repeat what he said?
- Rispoli: Spaces on cinder block with three would look nicer with areas with no studs.
- GUEST: Thought about using a whiteboard that has wheels on one of them?
- Something we will look into, but should be easy to move the artwork in Wallace. Emailing Brandon about. Might be a good idea, worried about it getting "lost" or broken.
- Alathia: We did a tour of a higher tech college, they have a lot of marker boards on wheels. Think it would be great addition

- Greer: Didn't think about that, would be more beneficial. Seating is Right next to the entryway, would be hard to used board across room, could move elsewhere with wheels. Would make the room flexible for use.
- Schupbach : Asking to not consider the wheels, space is very open now. Could be filled up with tables and chairs, we don't know if students will take care of the board and that puts more pressure on the RA's and their responsibility. More productive to talk about the ones on the walls now.
- If it is something that we want, there's another proposal coming up.
- Rispoli: Costs Total?
- \$1,821
- Rispoli: Thought it would be a good idea to look at the surface area we are getting. 152 sq ft for first, second is 116 sq ft and extra money. I think we should wait to vote for an option with movable boards. If more expensive, wouldn't be too great, but would be great to invest in. A lot of them can be really cheap. Pricing on really sturdy ones, in favor of increasing a little more for quality.
- Greer: The six wings in Smith are pretty small. I dont think a moving board would be good. In the lobbies they're bigger so they'll be better. Might purchase a smaller version. We should approve the wall boards today.
- Mueller: Point of clarification, are we doing the lobby of Smith, Wallace, and the six wings?
- Wallace is one space, 6 for smith.
- Hinkle: Senator white what do you think?
- White: In my opinion, they are a very helpful tool. Used many times, on wheels could be a future project, concerned with students.
   Damage, etc.. .could have to refund it.
- Buff: Agreed, more usage for larger colleges. Tabling the wheels for now.

- Worrying about damage to furniture, etc..
- Mueller: Would like to point out the white board on wheels are more for academic buildings than for dorms
- Greer: Generally people are very respectful of the lobbies. Not having to put liability insurance on everything. The Student Body is a fairly respectful group. I don't perceive them damaging a lot.
- Schupbach : To adjust that, we have an inventory checklist for students for stuff getting destroyed. We don't have those for the common spaces.
- White: There has not been property damage, but furniture damage.
  It does happen. The wear and tear over the years
- Senator O'Brien: Are there cameras in Smith and Wallce lobbies?
- Can't comment? Assume in some places.
- Rispoli: I think we would like for this to start moving forward and look into the movable ones down the road. We are going in circles.
- Clouse: I suggest we put it to the vote for the student body in each of the halls and ask what the students want.
- Asked several people, this is something people are interested in, for the boarded and movable.
- This isn't something new, the whiteboards on the walls isn't something we would be concerned about getting damagedespecially since they are on the walls.
- VP Hall: I move to amend the motion and allocate \$1,530 and only consider line 3. seconded.
- Let's discuss the ones in Smith and move forward on that in the 3 wings on Smith.
- Mueller: For the moving ones, is that only in Wallace or both?
- I don't think they would work in Smith. Could consider it ⅔ of the lines instead of just line 3.
- Harless: If we do pass this, address Senator Rispoli's point on the three separate ones for spacing them out.

- They wouldn't have any space on the wall in Smith.
- Pass the amendment, pass the money, then reevaluate with facilities and come back if anything happens? We would approve a supplementary.
- Buff: point of clarification, if we amend line 3 and line 5, would we add more markers?
- The current motion is for line 3
- Hinkle: Friendly reminder to add line 6
- Greer: Adjust to \$1600?
- VP Hall: Approved
- Rispoli: Haley brought up a good point, are we passing two motions in one day or?
- Hinkle: Greer brought up concerns about moveable boards.
  Spaces can be reevaluated.
- Moved to a vote to change allocation to \$1600; passed 15/1/0.
- Back to motion on the floor Moved to a vote, all those in favor of allocating \$1600 for the purchase of 8 new whiteboards; passed 15/1/0.
- Next proposal Reusable Straws for Giveaway during No Impact Week | Sen. Schupbach
  - I would like to motion to allocate \$995 for reusable straws, Seconded.
  - Schupbach: Each straw comes with a cleaner. Easy to carry around, has a portable container. Comes with a cleaning brush.
     \$1.75 apiece. This proposal includes adding branding to the carrier case, 500 total straws.
  - Rispoli: Never seen silicone, how do you push them in without crumbling?
  - Schupbach: Not hard plastic, more like rubber. Still strong enough to go back to shape.
  - Hinkle: What does Senator Armour think?

- Armour: My grandma got some of them, they have a funky taste.
- Schupbach: Had issues with metal due to allergies, etc. so trying to be mindful of students and that's why we chose silicone.
- Senator Vonder Haar: This type of straw is good,
- VP Hall: Off her point, does come with a cleaning brush in every case. Can be cleaned easily.
- Schupbach: Can be passed out easily.
- Rispoli: No Impact Week impacts the whole campus, my only concern is that its \$1.75; have we seen one of these yet?
- No. It's difficult to find straw, cleaner, and case. That's why the price isn't the lowest.
- Schupbach: at \$1.75 for 500, cost is \$995 WITH branding (SGA logo), \$875 without the branding. Shipping is still free.
- Hinkle: It is a hassle to pass them out and we still have hundreds of water bottles to give away.
- Clouse: Alternative to paying for branding cases SGA stickers for personal placement on case?
- This proposal is for branded cases, maybe another time.
- VP Keith: What color?
- Blue, light pink, and white. White would be what we choose.
- Senator Gabriel: Wanted to mention last year Fall Fest gave out reusable straws, didn't see a lot of people using them.
- We're not spending a whole lot on these, but enough for people to use them.
- Buff: A little concern, if we haven't tried it and we're giving it to 500 students, we could get a bad reputation if the product doesn't go over well.
- Clouse: I think this is fantastic, but I feel some bias, though, as one of our only students to use the SGA water bottle, my worry is that I'm going to be the only student to use them and that 499 won't use them.

- Schupbach: look at our progress w Olin Library, we change something, behavior would be changed after investment - Good comments about the library. By passing out during No Impact Week, would Inspire students to use more sustainable products.
- Haar: I have a silicone straw, looks great. I feel we are too worried about if people on campus will use them. Shouldn't be too worried about that.
- Advisor Hinkle: If use is a worry, implementation strategy what if we collab w the CX/Commons so that if we're handing out a cup, instead of plastic straw, employees are verbalizing "you could have a reusable straw."
- Senator Buff: Do we have license to tell the CX and Commons what they can and can't give out/provide?
- Senator O'Brien: What was the original plan for the distribution?
- Schupbach: Something along the lines of our typical passouts, table in front of FSC. Possibly the first 500 people who come to the Commons, but we are very open to any ideas for distribution.
- Greer: Think we shouldn't put the SGA logo on there, people use things more or less depending on the logo put on there. The marketing for the StepNPull was good, but questioning applicability here.
- Advisor Hinkle: Point of privilege to leave for restroom. Approved
- Rispoli: Promoting use of these through saying you can reuse them, sounds good. Process - Should we sample one? If we get it and it looks completely different then it could be bad - want to avoid advertising ourselves as giving out cheap products.
- Advocating for not spending until knowing?
- RIspoli: Yes
- President Rauscher: Can we pass with the constituency that we approve of the product prior to handing out? There seems to be a desire to get a sample.

- Advisor Hinkle: Could pass to get a sample before spending on larger order. Would suggest we get a product, and table it until then.
- Mueller: I don't think we need a sample.
- Schupbach: Trying to get this set up and ready to go since No Impact Week is coming. Would advocate we pass this since we don't always sample things, such as the bottle.
- Greer: I know someone who's purchased similar product to this, similar price range; if we are worried, we could reach out and see how theirs is.
- Clouse: Three points of clarification: One, Greer has a great point -There's only two 5-star reviews. Second, were you on board with replacing the SGA logo with Drury logo - Proposal does not specify.
- Suggestion: as chair, we could amend a motion that it must be approved by the Institutional Affairs Committee, so then they can look at those before the next meeting. We will be out for two weeks, so keep that in mind.
- Greer: We could approve up to a certain amount, \$1,000 for a great quality for the purchase of 500 units, place the Institutional Affairs Committee in charge of finding the best quality one.
- Senator Schupbach: I would like to amend the motion to allocate \$1000 for reusable straws that can be branded upon approval of the Institutional Affairs Committee, Seconded. Passed via unanimous consent to give to the Institutional Affairs Committee.
- Pres Rauscher has the floor We regrouped, recircled; full endorsement of this to get a quality straw to pass out during No Impact Week. Moved to a vote to allocate \$1000 for the purchase of 500 silicone straws to pass out to students; passed 16/0/0.

## • Open Discussion

 Greer: First, I don't know why, but the security camera on a pole outside the windows in the Ballroom is gone.

- Greer: Last semester, had reached out to Tom Elis, pet therapy of the Ozarks, dogs were brought to campus for finals week. They informed us then that their organization was not participating in community activities but are now Free to do so this spring.
  - VP Mueller: Very interested.
  - VP Little: What kind of other critters?
  - Rispoly: I am all for doggos on campus. But, allergies? Sectioning off types of animals.
  - Greer: Counseling services has done this before. I can discuss with them on their protocol. Wouldn't have to pet dogs with gloves.
  - Schupbach : Request to be released from the meeting.
  - Clouse: Last time when dogs were here, were service animals a concern? Could cause an issue
  - Greer: Registered therapy dogs, goes to hospitals, etc... trained to interact with people.
  - Pres. Rauscher: They manage events too, very organized and trained. Some frats and sororities have had them as well. Any cost? Need to come to the floor?
  - Greer: Could do a donation or buy stuff for the shelter, direct cost is free. Will schedule this
- Rispoli: Gauge some interest in Lime scooters, who would be interested.
  - White: Some students don't have access to the scooters. Would feel bad for them.
  - VP Keith: Maybe with Drury ID?
  - Rispoli: Not sure if they can do it with ID, but if you could, who would be interested? (hands were raised)
  - Greer: I drive everywhere, so I wouldn't be interested.
    Residential/international students might be different. Look at city ordinances. If they only stay within Drury, this may be allowed, worth asking to avoid conflicts with city

- VP Hall: Been in contact with city and security to see if it is manageable or not.
- Rispoli: Second question, who are commuters? That explains lack of interest from this body...
- VP Keith: Would be great to do an interest poll for Instagram to gauge interest from student body
- Advisor Hinkle: Caution on that, can cause high expectations.
- Rispoli: Those who are residential all nodded for the interest so will talk to the company about accessing it with a student ID.
- VP Little: My concern about locking them, could be stolen?
- Rispoli: Does have GPS, a lot of work for Drury to maintain, but Lime maintains them.
- VP Little: More concerned about homeless stealing.
- Rispoli: Locked with IDs/payment access, I'll ask about locking mechanisms.
- Greer: Not sure if you've used them, they don't move if you don't unlock. They're physically locked. You just have to scan them and locate them with the app. Picture attached most of the time.
- Senator Vonder Haar: Similar homeless demographic in St. Louis, don't think you need to worry about it as much as you do.

## • Call to Adjourn

 Motioned by Senator Buff and and seconded by Senator Greer at 6:40 pm; passed 16/0/0.

Next Meeting to be Held: Thursday, 25 March 2021 4:30 pm FSC Ballroom



