

# Charleston Southern University

## Student Government Association

October 25th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

4:30; AH 204

### ATTENDANCE

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne Akagi	Senator
Patricia Barbely	Senator
Brenna Bourgeois	Senator
DJ Brummett	Senator
Micah Carnes	Senator
Braxton Cranmer	Senator
Brandon Diehl	Chairman
Zach Dietz	Chaplain
Bailey Dinger	Secretary
Samuel Grant	Senator
David Greenwood	Senator
Makena Griffis	Senator
Christopher Hall	Senator
Cole Hodge	Senator
Cayman Hutchinson	Senator
Emma Grace James	Senator
Ben Kuckel	Senator
Elaine Lizarando	Chairman
Logan Malpass	Senator
Davis McNeill	Senator
Doug Meadows	Senator
Elizabeth Napier	Senator

Busola Oseni	Senator
Makenna Patterson	Senator
Mara Pierce	Senator
Joie Pinckney	Chairman
Savannah Ray	Senator
Ma'Kayla Ross	Senator
Caleb Short	Parliamentarian
Sophie Seley	Senator
Dylan Stefyl	Senator
Kelly Venning	Senator
Luke Maybin	Student Body President
Rachel Diehl	Student Body Vice President
Abby Barnett	Student Body Secretary/Treasurer

### Minutes

Vice President Rachel Diehl called meeting to order at 4:33PM

#### **Invocation led by Chaplain Dietz**

##### **1. Treasurer's report:**

Secretary/Treasurer Barnett gave report for a total budget of \$ 5,834.30

This week we spent 2.99 on a hole punch. Which was approved by the judiciary chairman.

*Approval of Minutes from Oct. 4th and Oct. 18th moved to next week*

##### **2. President's Report:**

Well we are back here again on a Monday. Hope y'all had a good weekend! I feel like it was one of the off weekends where we didn't have a ton going on at CSU but we still had things going on. I think it will be a short one! This will be at least the shortest one since y'all have joined as senators. We should get out in about an hour or so! We sure are not going to be here till 6 o'clock! So for Covid Update is that the Exec Board is meeting with Costin and the Task Force later this week so we will keep you updated. We are specifically going to talk about that specific piece of legislation we passed. I believe we passed it on the 4th. It was signed and presented before the senior officers last week so they would like to speak to us about it. I believe it will be on Thursday so we will update you Monday. With other COVID stuff Secretary Dingler will be updating us more. We have two nominations: Brandon Diehl for Student Advocate and Brenna Bourgeois for Chief of Staff. The bill that is on the floor this week is my bill that Diehl is presenting for me just for formality reasons. Sign up for BUCtober as a scarer for one of the shifts. (9-10pm or 10-11pm) There is a sign up in the email chain. We had our first cabinet

meeting before this meeting and we set a time we will be meeting regularly. Then for committees keep up the work and if you have any questions ask! Dates to remember BUCtober is this Friday!!

- a. The SGA Fall Retreat is the 15th of November right after senate.
- b. Nov 12th is the SGA sponsored Swing Dance
- c. Dec 5th is Midnight Breakfast

**3. Old Business:**

None

**4. New Business:**

**a. SL05-21**

- i. Bill presented by Brandon Diehl
- ii. Debated next week

**b. Appointment of Student Advocate**

- i. Brandon Diehl

Nominee presentation:

I'm serious though I don't take this position lightly I'm going for student advocate position right now and if everybody has their constitutions in front of them I'll have to turn to page 7 which talks about the requirements for the student active position and then later on what to connect with does later on what's the matter does so student advocate when somebody gets into a altercation with school such as bringing alcohol into their dorms they will go through the disciplinary process the student advocate is the one that is able to be by their side during the process yeah so I'm doing that process I'll be able to tell them this this is how it's gonna go this is what you should do if you don't have the money for the fine maybe you can plead for community service that's one thing we didn't have this last year but it is very important that this position gets filled if not by me by somebody however according to our qualifications right here I do believe that I am qualified. So I am an RA and I do have a good understanding of the student handbook and those disciplinary offenses and my boss before Zach Z. who was in charge of a majority of the resident's life disciplinary issues. I do need a 2/3 majority vote for this position because it is different. I would be representing SGA outside of SGA. I'd like to say confidently that I take this seriously about anything that I do in this. It is part of my job, essentially long story short. d I take this seriously and I hope that is clear. I yield my time.

Question and Answer:

Senator Cranmer(C): So being titles are just titles, how do I know in such an event that I would say I need a disciplinary act citinga, how do I know that you are going to properly represent me?

Chairman Diehl(D): I am a little confused by what you are saying with titles are titles..

C: So it is a good question, character is character. How do I know besides qualifications that will be able to properly represent me?

(D) One thing is that if you do not know me I am actually a Political Science Major and am planning on going into law for the sole purpose of being a criminal defender as long as I pass the LSAT that's gonna be my passion. So I do believe that everyone needs that representation and

as a Christian university we should be giving grace and that everyone that does something, even if they are 100% guilty which is where some people are put in that situation where their roommate has alcohol and they get stuck in with the penalty as well. Even those people who brought in the alcohol need to be given that grace and ability like the person that is not guilty to have representation.

(C) My next question is that I know you know the constitution quite well that you will keep it at the forefront. Is there anything in regards to the constitution that is under advocate that needs to be added as a duty or be expunged?

\*Extended by one min

(D) On the top of my head no, but if there is something that should be expunged etc.. you can bring it up now or make an amendment to it. \*Remove the previous question.

Pro/Con debate:

- Speeches in favor:

Senator Short: I have known Chairman Diehl for about over a year now and he is very dedicated to constitutional law and defending people. He does it very well and has a lot of experiences with being an RA and takes it very seriously even if it as the expense of his own rest and relaxation, So I think by all means he has the qualifications and integrity for this position. I very strongly encourage this nomination.

Senator Cranmer: I won't just speak as a friend but from a professional standpoint in that he is the most ethical and a good leader. I have never seen him lagging. In regards to the handbook and constitution he knows it very well and will do very well in this position. For these reasons vote for him.

\* remove the previous question

ii. Voting: ( Y: 30/N:0) (30)

### **c. Appointment of Chief of Staff**

Brenna Bourgeois: So if my voice cracks I apologize I was teaching 8th graders all day. So I just want to say something. I did get the honor to serve last year as the VP of SGA and so I have had the experience and I want to help with whatever y'all need. I'll try and solve problems. I'm your girl that's all. and I yield my time.

Question and Answer:

Parliamentarian Short: Could you describe in greater detail exactly what the position's responsibilities will be?

Senator Bourgeois: Basically it is what we want to make it. I will help out with organising things, print things off... Kind of like a bridge between them and the senate if there are any issues or things needed to be communicated.

Senator Cranmer: Regarding your previous years in government, would you say you view this role as a way to expand upon the previous administration?

Senator Bourgeois: No, I did my time and I loved and am thankful for it but I will not do anything except what this Exec board wants me to do. I am here finishing out my senior year and support them. I can't imagine not being on SGA.

\*remove the previous question

Pro/Con debate:

Senator Cranmer: I just want to give reassurance, She is supportive and did a wonderful job as VP. She is great with organizational strategy and such. She did a superb job and even with that I encourage you to vote for her. She is very much qualified.

\*removed the previous

i. Voting: ( Y:30 /N:0) (30)

**5. Committee Reports: (\*\*\*) Couldn't hear it clearly in the audio)**

- a. Student Affair: Lizarondo
- b. Judiciary: Diehl
- c. Commuter: Pinckney
  - i. All are meeting right after this meeting for further details

**6. BSO Reports: Oseni (\*\*\*) Couldn't hear it clearly in the audio)**

- a. Pies
- b. BUcTober at 7pm on Friday

**7. Covid Task Force Report: Dingler**

- a. Pushed the meeting once every two weeks so keep sending questions to Dingler or them

**8. Advisor Report: Dean Carter:**

- a. Intramural complex is making progress
- b. Bills were well received so they will be adjusting the parking
  - i. And the covid task force shocked them and opened their eyes so meeting with exec this week
- c. Progress in COVD numbers so we hope we can move forward
- d. Sprinklers bill is actually been a previous concern so hopefully they will be fixed soon
- e. BUcTober this Friday 7-11pm So come and join us!
- f. Eno City: More lights will be added

**9. Questions, Comments and Concerns:** Maybin reminded the senate of the change we are able to make. Just look at the last two bills. Keep up the good work!!!

**10. Benediction/Ajournement:**

Chaplain Dietz prayed us out.

With no further business, Vice President Rachel Diehl adjourned the meeting at 5:24 PM.

These minutes are hereby submitted for approval of the Student Government Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abby Barnett

Student Body Secretary Treasurer