**Charleston Southern University**

**Student Government Association**

October 19th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

4:30; WCCL Room 103

**ATTENDANCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matthew Pettersen

Brenna Bourgeois

Matthew Fortner

Marisa Thomas

Becca Edwards

Brandon Diehl

Bailey Dingler

Rachel Metzger

Nataysuan Taylor

Jaynae Jefferson

Jeremy Thomas

Brooke Murray

Busola Oseni

Braxton Cranmer

Chandiben Patel

Student Body President

Student Body Vice President

Student Body Secretary/Tres.

Senior Senator

Senior Senator

Junior Senator

Junior Senator

Junior Senator

Junior Senator

Junior Senator

Sophomore Senator

Sophomore Senator

Freshman Senator

Freshman Senator

Freshman Senator

Others Present:

Caitlin McCrudy

Abigail Barnett

Joie’ Pinckney

Zach Dietz

Freshman Senator

Freshman Senator

Freshman Senator

Chaplain

**Minutes**

Vice President Brenna Bourgois called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

*Zachary Dietz led us in an invocation.*

1. **Treasurer’s Report/Approval of Minute**

The minutes were approved, and the budget has a balance of 5,917 dollars.

1. **President Report:**

Matthew Pettersen: Hello everyone, I hope that you are all having a fantastic week! I am a statistic this month because I am now in my second round of quarantine. Do not worry, I am not positive for COVID. In this report, I want to ask you two questions that are important to everything else that we do as the SGA this semester. What are our values? In light of these values, what do you want to see changed this year? What is your WIG (Wildly Important Goal) in the SGA? I want for you to write these two questions down, and I want for you to really be dwell on them for this year ahead in the senate. If we do not know our values and our vision, then we have no idea where we are going, and we have no idea why we need to get there. I would even encourage you to have these discussions with your fellow senators so that we can best serve our student body. Remember that we are servants and leaders, not just leaders.

**3. Old Business**

*There was no old business to discuss.*

**4. New Business**

**Approval of the Parlimentarian**

Jaynae Jefferson: Hi everyone, I am senator Jefferson, Jaynae Jefferson. I am a junior here at CSU, and I am a Public Health major. I want to be parliamentarian because it is a position that is very important to the body so I hope that you all approve me! I yield my time.

*Period of question and answer*:

Bailey Dingler: Will the speaker yield to a possible series?

Jaynae Jefferson: I do!

Bailey Dingler: Are you aware of the duties of parliamentarian as outlined in the constitution?

Jaynae Jefferson: I do!

Bailey Dingler: What experiences do you have in SGA and not in SGA that makes you prepared for this position?

Jaynae Jefferson: Well, I’ve been in SGA for three years, and I have seen how the parliamentarian runs the position. I am also apart of different clubs of different clubs around campus as well and see their leadership.

Bailey Dingler: Thank you very much.

Marisa Thomas: Will the speaker yield to a possible series?

Jaynae Jefferson: I do!

Marisa Thomas: How well do you say you are acquainted with Roberts Rules of Order?

Jaynae Jefferson: So I just started studying them, I have a Roberts Rules book that I have been going over so I am fully prepared for the position.

Marisa Thomas: The position of parliamentarian can often be seen as a confrontational one as you have to point out body members and say “Hey you are out of order and I need to protect the protocol.” How comfortable are you as a person to call out the body?

Jaynae Jefferson: I am very comfortable with this as I know how to approach confrontation without being disrespectful.

*Speakers Last rights:*

Jaynae Jefferson: That's basically it, thank you everyone for your questions. They were great questions. I hope you chose me for this position because I am very excited about working with everyone!

*Period of Pro-Con debate:*

Bailey Dingler:I rise in strong favor of this candidate for this position. I know her personally as well as in SGA, and I have seen her do amazing things on the floor. She is a very well read person when it comes to being able to be studious and understand different concepts. Especially with ROberts Rules, I know it can get very muddled and very hard to understand because there are so many of them. She handles it well. She is a very hard worker and can handle it.

Marisa Thomas: I rise in strong favor of this candidate. I find it extremely encouraging that she has not only read her portion of the constitution but also the fact that she has a copy of Robert's Rules of Order. I know personally I presided over a organization that was used and I haven’t fully read the book. So the fact that she has the book and is reading is super encouraging.

Motion to pass unanimous consent.

It was seconded

With no objections

*By a unanimous vote, she is approved.*

**A Bill by Brandon Diehl**

Brandon Diehl: Hey everyone, the purpose of my bill today is I feel like most of our student body doesn’t know what SGA is doing. As a student last year, I really wanted to know and get involved in the goings on of campus. If you guys recall, we have those eno stands that are due to the votes of SGA last year. I couldn’t find anything else going on and I felt kind of left out and unrepresented. I felt that I had to become a senator just to have a say. I don’t want everyone else to feel the same way. My bill wants to record the meetings, which is now easier with zoom, and post those on the SGA webpage for everyone to see. I yield my time.

**A Bill by Braxton Cranmer**

Braxton Cranmer: Good afternoon everyone. So the purpose of this bill is to enact and apply an update to the information to CSU SGA site. I feel such a credible association as ourselves should be streamlining the most up to date information on our website. Not only for current students to engage in the information, but also students hwo are looking at our school. If I do remember correctly the last revision of constitution and by laws posted is from 2017, the head title is obsolete and the senate and cabinet roster are also obsolete. As the senate roster is absent and cabinet roster is out dated. That entails this bill overall. I yield my time.

**Committee Reports**

Jeremy Thomas: Judiciary committee, we didn’t get a chance to meet last week, but we are working on the revision.

Brooke Murray: good afternoon, we are in the process of creating some bills and getting ideas out there. We are also looking at doing constituency online someway so we are working on that. We are also looking at doing krispy kreme again but reassess since we don’t have chapel. I will be updating everyone in the group me as well.

Bailey Dingler: Elaine couldn’t make it so she asked me to do her report. She has a tentative date for the commuter cookout is October 28th. She is still waiting to hear from Isabella. If you are in the committee not in the groupme, check with me and I will get you squared away.

**BSO Reports**

Busola Oseni: Just a couple things. Densonville is October 23rd. Make sure you come and bring spirit. Another thing happening is the International Club is doing a thing called Mask and Craft where you can design a mask from a plain white mask. You can paint them and submit it to their instagram to get a prize. Another thing is the Walk for Life. You can sign up online. That is all I have today thank you!

**Advisor Report**

*Dean Carter was not present.*

**Questions, Comments, Concerns**

Brenna Bourgeois: For fall retreat, we want to do it next Monday, but that might not happen with Dean Carter out of town. If not next monday we will do the next. We have two options: Moes or Jersey Mikes. There will be a poll, make sure you vote!

*Zachery Dietz prayed us out and dismissed us.*