



39th Student Senate

2nd Session

Minutes for February 21st, 2019

I. Call to Order

a. 4:32

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of the Agenda

a. D'Alacio – May I have a copy of the agenda?

IV. Approval of the Journal

V. Appointment of New Senator

a. Joseph Pagan

i. Candidate Statement

1. Good afternoon, thank you for having me here. My name is Joseph Pagan. The main reason why I'm here is because I like government and I would like to set forth my future in political office. I want to have a great influence on the community and make a change. I'm a dedicated person to do that. I hope that you all will give me a chance to show my potential. One of my weaknesses is that it takes some time for me to adjust, but I am dedicated and flexible. You are the right people to put me in. I will show you all that I will be a great addition.

ii. Questions

1. Weinhold – Does the candidate have any previous qualifications?

2. Pagan – This is my first time in this kind of format. I've overseen different things in high school. I can learn relatively quickly because I'm dedicated and determined to be involved.

3. Allado – How will you pursue government in Senate?

4. Pagan – I want to gain experience and learn from being here. I want to make a difference here and a greater difference in the future.

5. Olivier – Remove conversations from the floor.

6. Baker – What's your biggest strength?

7. Pagan – I am hardworking, dedicated, and determined.

8. Nichols – Are there any specific initiatives you want to achieve?

9. Pagan – I want to focus on education, safety, and well-being. They are my top priority. I also want to work on maintenance issues on campus. I want students to study and learn in a safe environment.

iii. Discussion and Debate

1. Chair Bates Report: Passed eight in the affirmative, one negative, and one abstention.
2. Portnoy – I read through the minutes. Something that was brought up was that he said he has a weakness of getting into the swing of things. Even though we have time with the session, that concerns me. We have so much business that we have to do. Do we have time for a senator who doesn't know the swing of things?
3. Cone – I was the one negative. I agree. We asked about his initiatives and they are very broad. There are around seven Senate meetings left. He doesn't have an exact initiative. He says he wants to work on student safety and maintenance. It is not a good service for us to bring him in. I'm voting no. With the time frame we have, we shouldn't appoint any more senators.
4. Brown – He lives in my hall. He always asks me about Senate stuff. He's dedicated when it comes to what's going on. He mentioned his initiative was to enhance safety. He mentioned to me before that he was concerned about smoking and the blue light system. He learns very fast, and he will keep trying to come into Senate.
5. Attiya – I wasn't able to be in Admin. He mentioned that he wanted to have a career in politics and use SG as a stepping stone. It came off wrong to me. It seems like he's joining more for a resume builder than making a change on campus.
6. Hoffman – I don't think that's a bad thing that he takes a while to get into the swing of things. He has the opportunity to build himself. His weakness shouldn't disqualify him. We are the representation of every type of student. He's not a disservice. When I started SG, I was very broad with my initiative, but then an opportunity came to ULife. So, these things don't disqualify him from being a part of this body. Not everyone is involved.
7. Kim – Retweet everything Hoffman said. I didn't say a single word during Senate when I first came. I'm not the best senator, but I grew. I think the fact that he doesn't know, he can learn a lot. If he's perfect, then he shouldn't be here.
8. Gillette – Point of Information: If he doesn't get through appointments, is he still eligible to run in the spring elections?
9. Olivier – Yes
10. Diment – In the Fall election, we had 23 new senators. I would say not all of us got the grasp of what Senate was at the same time. He spent 80 hours working in the hospital. That is hard stuff. It can be intimidating to talk in front of all of us, especially when we're deciding whether he gets in or not. I think he can learn. He has determination. I will be an advocate for him and help him get in line. He wants to make a difference.

11. Baker – I'm going to vote for him. His biggest strength is hard work and dedication. That's the number one quality a person can have. You can't do tasks unless you work for it.
 12. Fernando – Everyone has a different learning curve. I had a slow one, but I built it up through leadership. He's coming from the same area. About 85 hours in the hospital shows dedication and hospitality. Hope you all see that his weakness is not a hindrance. He's a great addition. I will be happy to support him. I will be voting for him.
 13. Nichols – Yield
 14. Bates – The candidate sent a letter of intent saying he would like to join Senate. It was dated in October. Cedric and I got it a few weeks ago. He was interested for a while and ran in the Fall. We are repeating each other. I move to the previous question.
- iv. Voting Procedures
1. Passed
 2. Cone – Point of Inquiry: Is move to the previous question affirmative yes or no?
 3. Olivier – It's under the chair's discretion.

VI. Oath of Office

VII. Presentation on the Gunston Hall Memorial Proposal

- a. Hoover – I motion to allow the presenter to have 20 minutes. I would love to hear what they have to say.
 - i. Motion passes
- b. Thank you for your time and allocating time for us. So, this project has a long history. It began in the Fall of 2016. The Honor College students asked questions about George Mason's slaves, then a team of five went into research with the funding provided by OSCAR. Students were able to create a website. This video will show the great work they accomplished in 2017. Watched video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4emJTL-e8k>
- c. So as a result of the amazing research, President Cabrera was in support. We have created a memorial to the enslaved people of George Mason. We will show you an overview of Wilkins Plaza. The panel has a girl named Penny with the names of other slave children imprinted on the panel. When you stand at a particular location, you can see George Mason through the panel. There's a water fountain with a quote from Roger Wilkins. It includes the names of enslaved men and women on the panel.
- d. The intentionality and detail in terms of research to creating a memorial, it will have a lasting impact on the Mason community. There are three elements:
 - i. Element 1: The "traditional voice" which is the GMU statue
 - ii. Element 2: The middle piece is the "hidden voice" with the panels of Penny and James
 - iii. Element 3: The last element is the "student voice". A space of dialogue for freedom and learning.
- e. Penny Panel – Holds the image of Penny (one of the enslaved children) and gives a brief history of Penny.

- f. James Panel – James was George Mason’s servant, he took care of Mason. The panel will include a brief text on James life, to serve as a different perspective. There will be a quote from Roger Wilkins on there.
- g. There are two locations that visitors will be able to stand.
 - i. First location: There’s a footprint at Penny’s panel. Through her panel, people can see the relationship between George Mason and his slave children, with text on the wall. We are encouraging visitors to question narratives and histories.
 - ii. Second location: When people look at James’s panel with text, it encourages visitors to engage in conversations. You will be able to see different elements.
- h. You may have noticed that there are four quotes on either side of George Mason’s statue. Professors have worked hard to select these quotes to give visitors a full sense of who George Mason was as a man. There’s a brick included with the quotes. Researchers worked with archivists at Gunston Hall. They believe that it was a brick that was discarded with the fingerprints of a slave.
- i. Wilkins Plaza – Focuses on a quote by Roger Wilkins. This is a central place for all members of the community to come together and reflect. Imprinted at the bottom has a spiritual design. One of our students was researching potential slave dwellings. The design represents those who were violently taken away and forced to come to Chesapeake.
- j. We’ve worked very closely and shared this project with most of the Mason community. It speaks to who we are as a university. How we are able to wrestle with the messiness of the past and learn to move forward. If there’s any feedback, let us know. We are approving it at the board next week.
- k. Olivier – Senators be aware that you can email me questions.
- l. Hoffman – This makes me very proud to be a student at GMU.
- m. Diment – This is making me so excited. I love history and love this.
- n. Brown – I would like for you all to incorporate conflict-free minerals in this.
- o. Weinhold – How much will this cost?
- p. Speaker – About \$100,000 to do it. We are looking at fundraising. This project won’t be done until 2021. It’s very achievable.
- q. Ballard – I motion to add five minutes.
- r. Nichols – Thank you so much for this. This almost brought me to tears. It’s amazing.
- s. Portnoy – I’m a Mason Ambassador. Thank you so much for this. Prospective students sometimes ask if Mason had slaves, because he has. But we give off the impression we are a diverse school.
- t. Speaker – This is not about removing his statue, this is about the fullness of the story. What makes it even more amazing, it was the impulse and detail that came from students. No other project like this in the U.S., that deals directly with slaves on campus.
- u. McLendon – This is gorgeous, and it makes me feel something. My parents like to tell me a lot of stories. This memorial talks about a people. It’s bringing attention to a reality that this was what it was, and we shouldn’t brush it off. It brings names to the people who didn’t have names before. This is amazing.

- v. Speaker – We encourage the messy conversation. We like to sweep a lot under the rug. This is incredible for me too. Before it was going to be a whole plaza, but now its uniquely Mason and tells this full story. This started with students. Incredible to be at a place to have students who work very hard.
- w. Attiya – I want to reiterate literally everyone. The attention to detail is phenomenal. I’m an ambassador too, and I can just imagine showing this to new students. You’re not erasing George Mason but adding full context. It gives a personality and face to a person. It’s really great.
- x. Cone – This is going in front of the board? Are we allowed to come?
- y. Speaker – Yes, at the Board of Visitors meeting. I think it is open.
- z. Olivier – The president is a representative, you can ask her.
- aa. Kelly – I will be proposing a Resolution supporting and promoting this.
- bb. Fernando – I encourage everyone to co-sponsor this resolution. This will speak volumes to what we are as a university.
- cc. Olivier – If you have anything else to say, let me know. Maybe I’ll put out a google doc in slack for comments.

VIII. Officer Reports

- a. Speaker – Claire Olivier
 - i. I hope you all had a great snow day! I know I did. Make sure you check slack for info on office hours, outreach hours, and monthly events. The tailgate is this weekend. It can count as an outreach or monthly event if you stay for one hour. Absences must be approved by Wednesday at 5 PM. With absences, you are asking for approval, it’s not automatically given. Please let us know beforehand.
- b. Speaker Pro Tempore – Cedric Price
 - i. Hope everything is going well. Google forms will be on slack. We will be putting office hours on the website. If you have questions, look on slack before you ask. Monthly events and outreach hours are due March 1st at 5 PM. If you don’t fill it out, you will receive strikes. Declare your office hours by Sunday. I will periodically be checking on your progress with initiatives.
 - ii. Diment – Does Mason Lobbies count as a monthly event?
 - iii. Price – Yes
- c. Clerk – Amanda Attiya
 - i. Make sure you’re submitting legislation and minutes on time. Look through the minutes, before you send them in. Vice-chairs use the minute template and check with your Chair first.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Administrative and Financial Affairs Committee – McKenna Bates
 - i. The appointment came through. There are six bills we’ll be discussing today. I hope you all read the minutes. Be conscious of time. We will be planning the Town Hall at the next committee meeting. The Town Hall will be March 1st from 12 to 2 in Merten Hall.
- b. University Services Committee – Dustin Cone

- i. We got nothing done because it snowed, so there's nothing to report. Please give feedback on Grave Guardian. We are trying to see how effective it is.
- c. Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Committee – Natalia Kanos
 - i. Hey guys. So, we're planning an event called "Talents and Talks". Thank you, Shelby, for the name. Hopefully, we'll be doing an event with the Collegiate Black Men about situations with the police. There's an ODIME training next week during committee. Monday at 5!
- d. University Life Committee – Leah Hoffman
 - i. May I approach the bench? We have a PIA Bill and Resolution that's going into first reading. Homecoming is this weekend. Salt and pepper shakers will be passed out at the men's game. You can find that on the flyers. Women's game is on Sunday and you can get a shirt. Please make sure you encourage people to go to that. I encourage you all to hand out flyers and take pictures of the salt and pepper shakers and post on social media. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in green and gold. There's a Lip Sync battle tomorrow and I encourage you all to come. Hope to see you tonight at Preacher Lawson. If you have questions, read the minutes before you ask.
- e. Government and Community Relations Committee – Joseph Fernando
 - i. Shout out to Speaker Olivier, Senator Hoover, Senator D'Alacio, and our Secretary for the homecoming initiative. SG took part in this, I'm happy. We should hear the results during the game. Political resume workshop is delayed. We are looking at different options. We are reserving a new room and working with career services. Witch Watch is being redone for the Fall. The planning is going well.
- f. University Academics Committee – Erica Kelly
 - i. There's nothing in my report that isn't in the minutes, so read those.
- g. Faculty Senate Liaison – Monet Ballard
 - i. No report
- h. Senate Military Liaison – Jasper Swan
 - i. No report
- i. Public Relations Liaison – Dominique Dowling
 - i. Give PR a couple of days to adjust. Use the PR email and wait 24 hours. Share the election flyers. Tag us if you're doing anything cool at homecoming and Friday wear green and gold.

X. Public Session

- a. Mason Life Representative – Hannah Bourlakas
 - i. No report
- b. Student Involvement Advisor(s)
 - i. You all are awesome. Appreciate the work. Remember why you're here.
- c. Executive Report
 - i. Hey everyone, hope you all enjoyed the snow day. Huge congrats to Dominique for PR. The PR team loves her, we love her. Candidate meetings began tomorrow. They're required if you want to run again. So please make sure you're looking at the schedule. If you have questions,

ask the EDC or anyone who's gone through. It's an easy process. Share graphics and get the word out. Make sure you are coming out to homecoming. SG booth will have a giveaway and pass out water. It's from 11 to 3:30. You can sign up for an hour or 30-minute shift. Lead team meetings are Wednesday's at 9 AM. Please feel free to attend the Board of Visitors meeting next week on Wednesday in Merten. Go to at least one, you can learn a lot. Very informative. Lastly, I spoke to the speaker, I just had thoughts on Bill #36. It's my fault I wasn't able to make admin. In the past that hasn't been especially stated. I highly recommend making it a majority vote. Most of the time cabinet members can't make it to confirmations. It's up to Erik and I to be a third party on why we chose them. That's the concern that we have. There are different thresholds for cabinet members. They are not granted the same courtesy for senators and exec members.

- ii. Olivier – Bill #34 was what she was talking about.
- iii. Ben – Also, be safe this weekend if you're doing anything out of the ordinary.

d. Gallery Members

- i. None

XI. Old Business

a. B. #34 A Bill to Amend the Code of Student Governance

i. Author Statement

- 1. Kelly – This is my bill. We were all present when we couldn't decide whether exec member vote was two-thirds of senate or majority. Exec should be held by the same standards as senators. You have to reach two-thirds to have the confidence of the Senate. Executive members are directly responsible for planning the execution of events. It is not inappropriate to hold them to a two-third vote. We hold ourselves to a two-third standard. If you have a question, you can send note.

ii. Discussion and Debate

- 1. Chair Bates Report: Nine in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, 0 abstentions
- 2. Bates – I agree with the responsibility part. But if we were to uphold to a two-thirds vote, our secretary Tim O'Shea wouldn't have gotten in. I motion to change "two-thirds" to "simple majority".
- 3. Olivier – We are discussing the amendment and its entirety. Simple majority abstentions do not count. If there are 30 here, over 15 people will have to vote in the affirmative. In a simple majority, abstentions won't count as a no vote, it's like you're not in the room.
- 4. Hoffman – I will not be voting for this. I have nothing against Tim. I think that if we are uncomfortable, we should have more. I've asked to be in interviews for ULife department, haven't been asked. They need to be accountable to the same level as senators.

We are all held accountable. We don't have the same level of standard. They have the President, Vice President, and Chief of Staff. They don't have enough. If you can't make it passed a two-thirds vote, then you shouldn't be in exec.

5. Cone – I highly support this amendment. It's very hard for exec members to come to meetings. When they can't come, it makes it hard to get a two-thirds majority. There's this idea that exec does everything, and we just pass resolutions. This is a negative connotation and I'm upset that it's going through senate. For me, I don't think that we should be held to the same standard. Not appropriate to say. They can be removed easier than senators. There's a lot of systems in place to remove someone in senate. It's a lot easier to be held accountable in exec. A majority of you all said yes to Chris, and I trust you all. They have the blessing of the Senate. The 50% of Senate is better for me. Not fair for those coming through appointments.
6. Kim – Cone said a lot of things I was going to say. If we say no to secretaries, we will get the second or third best person. Exec does have power, but they come to us, asking us to do things.
7. Hoffman – Point of Information: Can you state the roles of exec members?
8. Olivier – You can look it up on your phone. They have the power to bring legislation to you all, but they can't themselves. They can allocate any funding without Senate approval.
9. Portnoy – The intention of the two-thirds vote is a good one to hold. I don't feel as informed. If I abstain that means I'm saying no. In a simple majority, when I abstain I'm putting trust in you all.
10. Olivier – Abstain doesn't count. It's not a no count. Simple majority is what we are talking about. When there are abstentions, it's fewer people in the room voting. Abstentions don't count as a no vote, but as if you're not in the room.
11. Cone – What does that mean if there's 30 of us and someone abstains?
12. Olivier – 30 people and one person abstains, there will be 29, and two-thirds of 29 is a decimal point.
13. Diment – Point of Information: How much time does it take to choose a secretary?
14. Olivier – It's completely up to exec's discretion.
15. Attiya – I am supporting this amendment.
16. Gillette – There's something I want to address. That we should be confirming people we will work well with. I don't believe that should be the reason why we confirm people. Exec chose someone to do their job right. The best candidate will fill those responsibilities. Exec decided to give them the opportunity. If they aren't doing their job, they can be removed. A simple majority is fine.

17. Kelly – I understand the concerns of not having time with candidates. Secretaries are directly responsible for more. There are no checks and balances their actions have to go through. I have to propose different plans to my committee. Secretaries do it out of courtesy. My secretary can do what she wants and not keep us informed. I have to keep my committee informed. They don't have to operate within the legislative system like we do. They plan initiatives and events without us. Exec plans events and puts it before the senate. Taking more time and scrutiny is more important. We weren't collaborating well with the resume workshop, that's why it was not received well in Senate. Mason Lobbies was planned entirely by exec. With the abstention power, I understand you don't know what decision you want to make. However, with a simple majority, when you abstain, you are allowing someone to make the decision for you. There were 15 abstentions last week. It is protected in this proposal.
18. Olivier – Chairs are not directly responsible to relay things to committee. Resolutions written by Senate go to committee for collaboration. A resolution has to go through committee to be discussed before they go to the Senate floor.
19. Baker – The main thing we have to worry about, is that we have to work well with exec members. Which will be the two-thirds. In in a simple majority, half of us dislike the person and can't work with them.
20. Wolfson – I trust exec, but I do agree with Hoffman's claims. Exec has a lot of responsibility. I read the code and some responsibilities go down an entire page. In the case of exec, half of the Senate is uncomfortable with an appointee. It's important to have more than half. I will not be voting in favor. It can open up room for abuse down the road.
21. Weinhold – Yield
22. Bates – Yes, we are considering this threshold for the next senators. For Spring elections, you have your internal leadership elections. Then you go through exec. I don't think new senators should feel comfortable voting because they don't know.
23. Kelly – Could they not abstain?
24. Kanos – Are they allowed to be brought back?
25. Hoffman – I would like to read a part of the code. ULife is responsible for the execution of the department. These people do have power. If half of us don't want to vote and don't feel comfortable, the exec could've done a better job of informing us. I'm not comfortable having 15 people vote for a candidate. Abstain doesn't count as a no vote. They only go through an interview of the president and vice president. Senate goes through appointment of Admin. You don't want to bring the bar down low. Think about this.

26. Cone – Point of Information: What were the previous rules?
 27. Olivier – We automatically revert to a simple majority
 28. Hoffman – I move to the previous question.
 - a. Voting Procedures
 - i. Amendment Fails
 29. Gillette – Point of Information: If we do not pass this, it will remain as simple majority?
 30. Kelly – Thank you for the debate. Yes, it is true that if this fails it will go to the simple majority. You all have heard my opinions. It is appropriate for us to be held at the same standard. We can hold the exec branch to this standard in the future. I move to the previous question.
 31. Brown – Point of Information: Can you provide another example of this issue that has happened with the exception of last week?
 32. Olivier – This is not stipulated in the code, so we have to go to Robert’s Rules. I’m not aware of any issues where this has happened. I haven’t seen most fail. Under my discretion to move to the previous question. All in favor of moving into voting procedures. This amendment says that it will have a two-thirds vote, abstentions don’t count as a no vote.
- iii. Voting Procedures
 1. Failed
- b. B. #35 A Bill to Amend the Code of Student Governance
 - i. Author Statement
 1. O’Connell – Can we get Senator Pagan the bills?
 2. Olivier – Remove conversations from the floor. We will project Bill #35.
 3. Cone – Point of Personal Privilege: Speaker, can you speak louder I didn’t hear.
 4. Olivier – It’s hard to hear when people are speaking, I will speak louder. If you don’t have a copy you can look at it on your phone.
 5. Attiya (Author) – This bill is to clarify some clerk stuff. Saying that the Clerk has to show the journal to the speaker first. I don’t think I should have the power, to just put anything in. I should be held to a standard. In the code, it says that printed copies are given to Senate leadership. My original plan was the give it to everyone. But in Admin they amended it to give it to people who asked before the meetings. I like that idea. It’s more sustainable and cost effective. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.
 - ii. Discussion and Debate
 1. Chair Bates Report – Passed unanimously with one amendment.
 2. Kelly – We submit our legislation to the clerk for them to look it over and for advising. It’s a second set of eyes before it goes before the Senate. I’m in favor of the amendment. Rather than all of us getting copies, we give it to those who request copies. I hope you vote in favor.

3. McLendon – Since you said we will only request it once, I'm in favor of this amendment.
 4. Nichols – Yield
 5. Baker – Motion to add after the word speaker, "and/or speaker pro temp"
 6. Olivier – I want to clarify that any Senate business is automatically requested to be cc to myself, the pro temp, and the advisor. Any words that have to do with Senate.
 7. Kelly – I move to amend the amendment and strike "or"
 - a. Voting Procedures
 - i. Amendment passes
 8. Bates – This redundant you already have to cc people. I got 50 emails a day. Doesn't make sense to have this. I will not be voting.
 9. Olivier – We will be voting on the code bill and its entirety.
- iii. Voting Procedures
 1. Passed
- c. B. #37 A Bill to Amend the Code of Student Governance
 - i. Author Statement
 1. Attiya – You don't have this legislation because it's 50 pages long. The only part that matters for the change is that I am striking section 204 and striking all masculine language and replacing it all to be gender neutral. It's a demand for it. Senator Diment proposed two code bill amendments. He changed the duties of President and Vice President to be gender neutral. This is not a political motive. I was going through the code and it has a lot of inconsistencies. Some parts just say he/her, and others say him. It's important to denote this in the code. We will not have those inconsistencies. You can tell it was written originally masculine, and now it's inconsistent. This is the main part of the bill change.
 - ii. Discussion and Debate
 1. Chair Bates Report: Passed unanimously
 2. Whitehurst – Clerk Attiya worked hard for this. It makes the code uniformed and standard for new members. This will not only promote inclusivity but make it better code as well.
 3. Nicholas – GRRRR I love it so much. Yes! Go off! YES! We should respect everyone!
 4. Swan – I move to the previous question.
 5. Olivier – Remove conversations from the floor. If I have to remind you again, you will receive a strike for unprofessional behavior.
 - iii. Voting Procedures
 1. Passed
 - d. B. #38 A Bill to Amend the Code of Student Governance
 - i. Author Statement
 1. Ballard – Basically this bill is allowing more people to the Parking Appeal Board. At first it was up to six members. But now, it's going to be up to nine members including the chair. This helps

with scheduling because there are evening and afternoon sessions. There are more people for debate too. The Secretary of Services came to me and O'Connell about this. There was an amendment to make it eight members, with nine as the chair.

ii. Discussion and Debate

1. Chair Bates Report: There were two amendments to clarify the official members and quorum. Bill passed unanimously.
2. Kelly – I amended it. The minutes may have been confusing. There can be up to 8 members, plus the secretary is nine. It's not even, so there can't be a tie. Quorum is three, where they can still meet with three members present. It can be difficult to coordinate to meet but being able to find three people to meet makes more sense.
3. Hoffman – I am pumped for this. I made these amendments. There were a bit of problems within the Parking Appeals Board, but it's a wonderful little process to figure this out and better serve the student body.

iii. Voting Procedures

1. Passed

e. B. #39 A Bill to Amend the Code of Student Governance

i. Author Statement

1. Price – Hey guys. This bill was put forth by the EDC. It's changing up the language. This was discussed in committee and the EDC was able to answer questions.

ii. Discussion and Debate

1. Chair Bates Report: Discussion is in the minutes, passed unanimously.
2. Attiya – I see that the establishment of the commission has a strike through it. That seems like a concern for me. If it's not there, the commission doesn't exist.
3. Price – It's listed in the constitution, but we can keep that here.
4. Kelly – Permission to address the chamber. It's in Bill #40.
5. Bates – It's in the constitution.
6. Olivier – Would anyone want to look in the constitution? We can keep it in the code. You have the option to change it.
7. Diment – This ties directly to both bills. EDC exists no matter what we do with this. It proceeds in the code.
8. Bates – In the constitution, it exists.
9. Olivier – Does anyone feel uncomfortable voting?

iii. Voting Procedures

1. Passed

f. B. #40 A Bill to Amend the Code of Student Governance

i. Author Statement

1. Price – This is the second part from the EDC. They came and talked about it. Appeals portion lists an outline. It's appropriate and makes a lot of sense. If you have questions, ask.

ii. Discussion and Debate

1. Chair Bates Report: Eight in the affirmative, one in the negative.
2. Cone – *Makes amendment to the bill*
3. Ballard – Point of Information: Can the Chair speak on it while we wait?
4. Cone – There are concerns about grievances and the bias we've had. The current system would be to have a hearing. If you think there's bias, you propose it the EDC. If they accept it, they will be judging you based on that bias. They approved this amendment. I think this is good to protect against bias. The person who's accused of bias, shouldn't vote to say it wasn't. This has gone through EDC and the Chair approved it.
 - a. Voting Procedures
 - i. Amendment passes
5. Kelly – Point of Information: Was there unanimous consent?
6. Olivier – Any objections? Would you like to discuss and debate it?
7. Price – Point of Information: Did that just pass?
8. Barth – Kelly asked for unanimous consent.
9. Olivier – One person objected, so it passes. If you would like division of the house say so.
10. Kelly – This portion of the code proceeds what's in Bill #39. I will be voting in favor.
11. Bates – Yield
12. Price – Yield
13. Weinhold – Under the ground for appeals, what is the burden of proof for that? Without a doubt?
14. Olivier – Burden of proof is up to the EDC's discretion. They can accept whatever they deem.
15. Weinhold – Bias within bias, but up to the EDC?
16. Olivier – Amendment now states the commissioner that is accused of bias will not vote.
17. Wolfson – Point of Information: In that case if they all had bias, would none of them get to vote?
18. Olivier – It's a case by case basis.
19. Kelly – Point of Personal Privilege: In your first appeal, only three are there. It's hard to find bias against all.
20. Hoffman – Yield
21. Bates – They don't hear every grievance. They make committees based on grievances. Cedric, the EDC, and I have been working on this for a while now. So, I move to the previous question.
 - iii. Voting Procedures
 1. Passed

XII. New Business

- a. R. #38 A Resolution to Support an Off-Campus Housing Accessibility Awareness Campaign
 - i. referred to the University Services Committee
- b. R. #39 A Resolution to Support Patriots in Action Campaign Spring 2019

- i. referred to the University Life Committee
- c. B. #41 A Bill to Allocate Funds for Patriots in Action Spring 2019
 - i. referred to the Administrative and Financial Affairs Committee
- d. R. #40 A Resolution to Support Talents and Talks
 - i. referred to the Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Committee

XIII. Other Business

XIV. Announcements / Points of Privilege

- a. Attiya – Seeing the passage of Bill #35, if you would like printed copies of the journal, let me know by 4:30 PM on Wednesday. It will count for the rest of the session. You can let me know if you change your mind too.
- b. Bates – There’s homecoming Shabbat in JC George’s. All Jewish orgs are coming together. Alumni will be there. Also, read the governing documents.
- c. Brown – We met for committee and we weren’t at quorum. So please join, you all passed the resolution. Committee is from 3:00-4:00 PM on Thursday’s.
- d. D’Alacio – I’m on the Eboard for the org, WellSo for women’s empowerment. Please give us support and show up to our events. This Friday, we are having a “Galentines” day event at 7:00 PM in the JC. If you have questions about the org, just ask.
- e. Cone – There’s a recycling bin outside. If you don’t want your papers, leave it on the table and I will recycle them. Video game of the week: For Honor. You can play a samurai, viking, or knight. It’s special if they can work together. We are all very different, but we work well together. Something to keep in mind. Let’s all be kind to one another. Don’t say comments about anyone. It may be all fun and games, but you don’t know how someone else feels.
- f. Diment – Dustin is doing great in services. At the game, sit at the student section and go to the block party. Preacher Lawson is tonight. Also, I want to say congrats to Senator Pagan.
- g. Dowling – I know its homecoming, but it’s still Black History Month. If you haven’t gone to an event yet, I have a list. Go out and celebrate.
- h. Essig – I’m going around dorm buildings and placing flyers for events in them. I will put the flyers on slack. When we did Chilly cuz it’s Chilly, I handed them out.
- i. Baker – Quote of the week and joke of the week. Right before Senate, I went to SimplyToGo. I asked the people in charge about milk, because they run out of stuff really quickly. Just an initiative idea if you need one.
- j. Hoffman – I want to echo Dustin’s comments. Keep personal opinions about people out of Senate and keep it professional. Tomorrow is Friday, wear green and gold. You can still buy Preacher Lawson tickets. Also, go to homecoming.

- k. Kanos – Hope everyone got a flyer. Go get panda before you leave. There’s a school drive for orphans. If you’re interested let me know. We are kiosk Tuesday and Thursday.
- l. Whitehurst – We need to recycle more. I’ll help collect papers with Dustin. I’ll be here a little after. Please share PR videos on social media. You all want me on your timeline.
- m. Wolfson – One thing I notice is that you all do a great job at promoting events. We can improve outreach by letting the student body know we have office hours. I’ve asked my peers, and they don’t know. We can do better with that. We can better serve the students. At dining halls, serving sizes are in ounces. I’ve been talking to people within dining about the sizes. We can take a more proactive role in what students are eating. If you notice this in the dining halls, let me know.
- n. Nichols – The housing initiative is going great. We are making sure students know their resources. The Gun Violence Freedom and Learning Forum with Cameron Kasky is on Monday from 4 to 6 PM. The sign up is online. He is a survivor of gun violence.
- o. Brown – My service dog is for me and my disability. But, he’s a dog. Maybe we can throw a ball around with him.
- p. Olivier – I appreciate the speakers we had today. They are taking time out of their day to speak with us. Even though we had stuff to discuss, it’s important that administration feels included. We need to listen to administration’s obligations. If you all would like to have an event next Thursday, like my post on slack. Cedric and I don’t want to punish you all, but we do work outside here. We do our best to serve you all and the student body. I addressed you all speaking out of term. It’s disrespectful for me to keep trying to maintain order. Your own behavior makes us be here for a long time. Last time for us to address this. Like my post on slack.
- q. **Next Meeting – Thursday, February 28th, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in Merten Hall, Room 1201**

XV. Adjournment

- a. 7:04