



36th Student Senate
1st Session
Agenda for **April 30th, 2015**

I: Call to Order

- 4:30 Former Speaker Del Duke opens meeting and explains why we are having the meeting

II: Roll Call

- 4:32 Sen

III: Approval of the Agenda

- 4:33 Senator Pittman moves to add Harsh Patel for a Student Funding Board Position, Ashley Carter for the Undersecretary of Student Involvement, and removed Devon Flynn from the Community Relations for Local Government
 - Ben Ellison Seconds
 - It passes
- Senator Khan moves to approve the Agenda
- 4:33PM: Agenda Passes

IV: Oath of Office

A. Executive

1. President Khushboo Bhatia

- a. 4:35 President Philip Abbruscato swears in Khushboo Bhatia as the new Student Body President

2. Vice President Ali Zaidi

- a. 4:36 Vice President Dilan Wickrema swears in Ali Zaidi as the new Student Body Vice President

B. Senate

- a. 4:37 Former Speaker of the Senate, Evan Del Duke administers the Oath of Office

V: Old Business

A. None

VI: New Business

A. Election of Senate Leadership

1. Speaker of the 36th Student Senate

- a. 4:40PM Calls for Nominations

i. First Call

1. Ben Ellison by Ryan Powers

- a. Seconded, and Accepted

2. John Daniels by Farah Elherazy

- a. Seconded, and Accepted

ii. Second Call

1. None

iii. Third Call

1. None

- b. 4:41 Candidates give their speeches for the Speaker of the Senate

- i. 4:41 Ben Ellison gives speech

- ii. 4:44 John Daniels gives speech
 - c. Questions to the Candidates
 - i. 4:48 Senator Avramovic moves to consider
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Passes
 - d. Consideration of the Candidates
 - i. 4:49 Senator Lanham
 - 1. In favor of Daniels because he is approachable
 - ii. 4:50 Senator Khan
 - 1. Also in favor of Daniels
 - iii. 4:51 Senator Carse
 - 1. In favor of Daniels, experience of chair and vice chair helps him become the best Speaker
 - iv. 4:51 Senator Krupp
 - 1. In favor of Ellison because of the dedication to the Senate
 - v. 4:52 Senator Avramovic
 - 1. In favor of Daniels, Daniels helped in the transition of him to the Senate
 - vi. 4:53 Senator Warren
 - 1. In favor of Daniels
 - vii. 4:54 Senator Warren moves to vote
 - e. Vote
 - i. 4:55 Senator Pittman calls the roll
 - ii. 4:56 Senator Daniels elected to the role of the Speaker of the Senate by a vote of 21 to 5.
- 2. Speaker *pro tempore* of the 36th Student Senate
 - a. 4:58 Call for Nominations
 - i. First Call
 - 1. 4:58 Pittman nominates Elherazy
 - 2. 4:58 Stubblefield nominates Ellison
 - a. Ellison Declines
 - ii. Second Call
 - 1. None
 - iii. Third Call
 - 1. None
 - b. 4:59 Speeches by the Candidate (Elherazy)
 - c. 5:02 Questions for the Candidates
 - i. Senator Warren moves to consider
 - 1. Properly Seconded
 - 2. Passes
 - d. Discussion and Debate
 - i. Senator Khan in favor of Elherazy
 - ii. Senator Jones moves to vote
 - iii. Senator Elherazy wins

Recess for due to Fire Alarm in Merten Hall

5:44 Recess Ended

B. Passing of the Gavel

a. 5:45 Passing of the Gavel

C. Election of the Clerk of the 36th Student Senate

a. 5:47 Call for Nominations

i. First call

1. None

ii. Second Call

1. Speaker Pro Tempore Elherazy nominates Musirah Khan

iii. Third Call

1. None

b. 5:48 Candidate Speeches

c. 5:51 Questions to the Candidates

i. 5:51 Move to Consider

1. Seconded

2. Passes

d. Discussion and Debate

i. Move to Vote Ellison

e. Vote

D. Executive Appointments

a. Department of Administrative and Financial Affairs

i. Secretary of Administrative and Financial Affairs

1. Saachi Agarwal

a. Questions:

i. Experience with financial affairs?

1. Yes, very qualified

b. Move to Consider

c. Move to Vote Avramovic

i. Candidate Passes

ii. Student Funding Board Appointment

1. Harsh Patel

a. Move to consider

i. Seconded

b. Move to vote

i. Candidate Passes

b. Department of University Services

i. Secretary of Services

1. Alex Seals

a. Questions:

i. Have handled IT, how would you be able to handle everything in Services- parking, dining?

1. Got a perspective by being in the Services committee. There is room for improvement

ii. How do you feel about dining?

1. Modifications and better feedback will help with improvement.

- iii. Move to consider
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Passes
 - iv. Move to vote
 - 1. Candidate passes
 - ii. Undersecretary of University Services for Sustainability
 - 1. Andy Sachs
 - a. Move to consider
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Passes
 - b. Move to Vote
 - i. Candidate Passes
 - iii. Undersecretary of University Services for Parking and Transportation
 - 1. Madeline Williams
 - a. Questions:
 - i. What year?
 - 1. Junior
 - ii. What's your current position within parking?
 - 1. Board member
 - iii. How would you handle someone who wasn't open-minded and wanted change quickly?
 - 1. Candidate has dealt with it. Tells people the board is doing the best they can.
 - iv. How would you make the system fairer for appeals?
 - 1. The system is pretty fair. We have the final say. We have a lot of information, parking history, previous appeals. In terms of rules and regulations pretty fair.
 - b. Move to consider
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Passes
 - c. Debate:
 - i. She will do an amazing job
 - d. Move to Vote Jones
 - i. Candidate Passes
 - iv. Undersecretary of University Services for Housing Services and Residence Life
 - 1. Meleana Moore
 - a. Move to consider
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Passes
 - b. Move to vote Pitts
 - i. Candidate Passes
 - c. Department of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs
 - i. Secretary of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs
 - 1. Laura Freeman
 - a. Move to vote Jones
 - i. Candidate Passes

- ii. Undersecretary of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs for Cultural Affairs
 - 1. Aja Clark
 - a. Questions:
 - i. With the month you've been involved with SG, is there anything you would want to change?
 - 1. Easy to just do SG mandatory events, but it's important to do other jobs as well and should be a priority.
 - b. Debate:
 - i. Candidate very outgoing and passionate and is a representative of the campus
 - ii. Candidate's credential speaks for themselves
 - iii. She would be a great bridge between different aspects of Mason. Can broaden SG
 - iv. Respected in cultural organizations on campus.
 - c. Move to vote Ellison
 - i. Candidate Passes
 - iii. Undersecretary of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs for Identity Affairs
 - 1. Geoffrey Payne
 - a. Debate:
 - i. Pittman-voting yes because of work ethic
 - ii. Stubblefield – Dedicaton and passion make candidate right for the jon
 - iii. Lanham: Great asset to have
 - iv. Carse: Very active in Diversity committee. Has an impeccable resume and goes above and beyond
 - v. Avramovic: What he's done is great and has impacted many students
 - b. Move to vote Ellison
 - i. Candidate Passes
- d. Department of University Life
 - i. Secretary of University Life
 - 1. Gaby Peda
 - a. Questions:
 - i. Khan: How was your time with PAC?
 - 1. Really spent time creating own events such as The Hunt and planned Mason Day.
 - b. Debate:
 - i. Ellison: She worked very hard this semester planning her own events. Will be an outstanding secretary.
 - ii. Warren: She is dedicated, loves what she does, will do a great job in her position

- c. Move to Vote Ouf
 - i. Candidate Passes
 - ii. Undersecretary of University Life for Athletics and Mason Recreation
 - 1. Patrick Shilo
 - a. Questions:
 - i. Loane: Can you be specific about your initiatives?
 - 1. Want to reach out to community, Fairfax and towns. Will help us with community and public relations.
 - b. Debate:
 - i. Powers: He's really into wanting to make a difference on campus
 - ii. Cheema: Didn't have much to say but would be very well suited for the position from his credentials
 - c. Move to Vote Pitts
 - i. Candidate passes
 - iii. Undersecretary of University Life for Student Well-being and Safety
 - 1. Aishwariya Iyer
 - a. Questions:
 - i. Krupp: Could you talk about your initiatives?
 - 1. Suicide prevention is a top passion. Need a 24 hour hotline for the University. Currently the hours are limited. Prevention begins with information. Want to involve offices and organizations on campus to pass information.
 - b. Debate:
 - i. Ellison: Continued dedication. Looking forward to what she will do in her role
 - ii. Stubblefield: Very impressive. She is well qualified
 - iii. Pitts: Her resume speaks for herself
 - c. Move to Vote Pitts
 - i. Candidate Passes
 - iv. Undersecretary of University Life for Student Involvement
 - 1. Ashley Carter
 - a. Debate
 - i. Ellison: Will do a great job
 - b. Move to Vote Ellison
 - i. Candidate Passes
- e. Department of Government and Community Relations
 - i. Secretary of Government and Community Relations
 - 1. Aquilla Ossian
 - a. Questions:
 - i. Warren: Has she been to Mason Lobbies?
 - 1. Yes she has and helped with the activities.
 - b. Move to Vote Stubblefield
 - i. Candidate Passes

- ii. Undersecretary of Government and Community Relations for Federal Government Relations
 - 1. Nakia Ridgeway
 - a. Questions:
 - i. Mcdonald: Does she have connections with anyone from the federal government?
 - 1. Has had many internships.
 - b. Debate:
 - i. Loane: Gotten to know outside SG and is very dedicated person.
 - c. Move to Vote Loane
 - i. Candidate Passes
- iii. Undersecretary of Government and Community Relations for State Governmental Affairs
 - 1. Kate Loving
 - a. Debate:
 - i. Ellison: Kate worked really hard. She was Kevin's right arm.
 - b. Move to Vote Ellison
 - i. Candidate Passes
 - iv. Undersecretary of Government and Community Relations for External Partnerships and Liaison to Virginia 21
 - 1. Caroline Whitlock
 - a. Questions:
 - i. Carse: Which committee was she in?
 - 1. Mason Services
 - ii. Ellison: What year is she in?
 - 1. Rising Junior
 - iii. Lanham: Does she have any other positions?
 - 1. Vice President of standards for Panhellenic and a board member
 - b. Debate:
 - i. Stubblefield: Very smart and involved in the community. Will be voting yes.
 - c. Move to Vote Ellison
 - i. Candidate Passes
 - f. Department of Academic Affairs
 - i. Secretary of Academic Affairs
 - 1. Taylor Sprague
 - a. Questions:
 - i. Ellison: What are your thoughts on priority registration for veterans?
 - 1. Shocked don't have priority but would like to have a conversation on that

- a. Administrative and Financial Affairs Committee
 - i. Hudzik: Nominate Jalen Stubblefield
 - 1. Accepted
 - ii. Warren: Nominate Chelsea Loane
 - 1. Accepted
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. Ellison: How would you handle the appointment process?
 - a. Stubblefield: First come first serve spot, amended code himself
 - b. Loane: More people come for appointments than spots available. Each candidate should be able to debate.
 - 2. Krupp: Any situation you have overcome in any organization and how were you successful:
 - a. Stubblefield: Owed a lot of money, started collecting dues and no more debt.
 - b. Loane: Worked with publication budget. Should debate on how money can be spent.
 - 3. Green: How would you continue to progress the committee?
 - a. Stubblefield: Would like to continue the finance talk and continue the finance expo. Look to serve students
 - b. Loane: Admin and Finance is an internal committee. Would like to continue to put the committee out there and have discussion
 - iv. Debate:
 - 1. Heger: Loane very professional individual. Became vice chair. Is a diligent worker. Will be great for this position
 - 2. Hudzik: Stubblefield is new but is really qualified. He is well organized.
 - 3. Avramovic: Loane's dedication has been amazing. She is professional and was in the Admin and Finance committee this past year. Her experience sets her apart
 - 4. Carse: Both candidates are highly qualified. Worked under Merone as vice chair. Always working hard and attending events
 - 5. Warren: Very old committee and structured. Need to have knowledge of the structure, finds ways to improve. Chelsea worked with Ashwin and Merone and will put in a lot of effort.
 - 6. Krupp: Stubblefield fits the bill when it comes to enthusiasm and passion. Teamwork is very important. He get excited about efficiency and this is something
 - 7. Lanham: Stubblefield said should worry about finance before finals. We are students first. Chelsea would fit the role well.
 - 8. Warren: Stubblefield will be able to help Chelsea in committee
 - v. Move to Vote Out
 - 1. Chelsea Loane Elected
- b. University Services Committee
 - i. Avramovic: Nominate Greg Warren
 - 1. Accepted
 - ii. Stubblefield: Nominate Alexander Krupp

1. Accepted

iii. Questions:

1. Powers: What are some options that alleviate stress from anytime dining?
 - a. Warren: Served on the dining board. Anytime dining is not going anywhere. But we are trying to alleviate frustration. Will create option in SUB 1 a grab and go for anytime dining members. It will be for those who don't have time to sit in a dining hall.
 - b. Krupp: Served on the campus kitchen program. A lot of people think it's a great program. The best thing to do is to allow students to understand why we have anytime dining.
2. Ellison: Is there any way for off-campus students to use anytime dining?
 - a. Warren: This has not been discussed. Some students might not have voiced concerns. Will bring concerns to administration
 - b. Krupp: Have heard concerns from off-campus students but have not been in committee to discuss.

iv. Debate:

1. Green: Think both candidates are qualified. Warren would be a good fit because has a position and has sat on the dining board. Even though Krupp has new ideas need someone who has experience.
2. Carse: Greg is familiar with the committee and will do well.
3. Loane: Appreciate Krupp's enthusiasm. Might not be the best time for Krupp to be chair.
4. Jones: Warren was vice chair and has experience but was not able to do much with his position. Will be voting for Krupp.
5. Heger: Krupp is great but thinks Warren has drive and passion for services. Services does not just include dining but it also includes parking and other things. Warren will be able to work well with the committee.
6. Gregg: Took part in creating petition for dining reform. Feel comfortable with Warren's commitment.
7. Pittman: Both very qualified but Warren has more connections that he has made.
8. Avramovic: Both candidates are great. Having a mix of them would be great. What sets Warren apart is his knowledge and experience. Dealt with dining and IT.

v. Move to Vote Avramovic

1. Greg Warren Elected

c. Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Committee

- i. Ellison: Nominate Heidi Ouf
 1. Accepted
- ii. Green: Nominate Olivia Lanham
 1. Accepted
- iii. Khan: Nominate Zanib Cheema
 1. Accepted
- iv. Questions:

1. Stubblefield: Do you have any initiatives to make the school more inclusive?
 - a. Ouf: We do include other people but we haven't had initiatives that put different groups together so that's something we need to work on. We don't focus on students with disabilities. We should reach out to them.
 - b. Lanham: The diversity mixer was a huge success. We are all in this together. If we could have events to bring recognition to smaller organizations. We can hold events for them. Students will feel more included.
 - c. Cheema: I spoke to people and got a chance to hear their concerns. Should make sure that invitations are clearer. Identify leaders of different groups. Working with disability services. Want to work with so many offices. But definitely reach out first.
2. Elherazy: What is your definition of diversity? And how would you describe your leadership for the diversity committee in one word?
 - a. Ouf: Diversity can't be defined in one sentence. Diversity is something that people go through. Religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity. There are so many things that make our campus diverse. Should have events tailored to that. Open-minded. Be able to listen to what other people have to say. Find common goal and common surface
 - b. Lanham: Demographics, ethnicity, sexual orientation, all of those describe diversity. Transparent. We are covering so many students and should know whose being left out and keep them inclusive.
 - c. Cheema: There is no exact definition. Everyone has different experiences that mold them and can't define those. Diversity is something we can accommodate. Acceptance. A lot of the roots is not being able to be accepted and then go find something to fill the void.
3. Krupp: Would you support initiative on campus and how?
 - a. Ouf: Will most definitely support these initiatives. Passionate about bringing groups together. Important to recognize we should not promote political agenda.
 - b. Lanham: Yes, will support. Not really our place to cause harm to another organization. But would most definitely work towards something.
 - c. Cheema: Yes and no. Yes you promote open dialogue. Everyone should get to their own realization. If both groups agree then have an open dialogue but can't force people to think in one way.
4. Stubblefield: Diversity is similar to Ulife, how would diversity be different than Ulife?
 - a. Ouf: Not like U Life. Talk to groups and ask how we can help their communities on campus. But Ulife is the university as a whole. Mason Life under Ulife but not addressed as much.

- b. Lanham: There are ways we join groups together. We face a lot of issues with Diversity.
 - c. Cheema: Want to look more into detail and no more about it. If a serious issue then completely address it.
 - 5. Move to consider Pittman
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Passed
 - 6. Debate:
 - a. Elherazy: All three candidates are great. When you make your decision make sure you heard everything that is said because will be elected for a whole year.
 - b. Caver: Will be voting for Cheema and will be a great liason. Being new should not disqualify a candidate.
 - c. Ellison: Ouf understand diversity because she lives with it everyday and understands better.
 - d. Carse: Lanham would be best. Lives in global center and involved with INTO. Will be great for diversity committee
 - e. Hudzik: Is a hard choice. Lanham can do a lot by bring the community together.
 - f. Green: Cheema has a great resume but is a lot since she added SG to that. So concerned might not be able to fulfill all resposibilites
 - g. Pitts: Agree with Caver. Cheema would be great. Did not see enough enthusiasm in anyone else.
 - h. Raminpour: Want to see Lanham do more, not there yet. Will be voting for Ouf.
 - i. Short: Ouf really stepped up role as vice chair. She brings disability side and great understanding of it. Will bring in holistic approach. Has done a fantastic job in her role.
 - v. Debate:
 - vi. Move to Vote Warren
 - 1. Division
 - vii. Move Vote of Confidence on Ouf Heger
 - 1. Did not Pass
 - viii. Debate:
 - 1. Ellison: Vote for Ouf
 - 2. Green: Lanham can really grow and worked with events with INTO
 - 3. Gregg: Stand with vote on Cheema. Her passion and dedication shows in diversity. Answered questions and speech was better. Chair will be meeting a lot of people and handled really well.
 - 4. Stubblefield: Cheema has a very impressive resume and very articulate. Her passion will allow her to overcome any obstacles. And will learn and do well in her job.
 - 5. Krupp: Will be changing vote to Cheema. Senator Ouf has passion and enthusiasm but Cheema would be better
 - 6. Carse: Senator Lanham can lead and will be best option

7. Vaghan: Yes passion is important and need drive and get to the point. Ouf has diversity in life but Lanham can get work done. Cheema has a lot on her plate. Will be great in the committee but not as leader.
 8. Elherazy: Time management. Not our role to determine whether someone might not have time. Everyone busy but still fulfill role. This person will be leading for whole year.
 9. Short: Not a focus on Mason Life but wants to include diversity and that includes everyone. Ouf feels disabilities should be included because those students might not feel included.
 10. Pitts: Cheema's time commitment might make her more qualified and other leadership roles don't diminish qualification.
- ix. Move to Vote Ellison
1. Division
- x. Debate:
1. Krupp: Change vote because Cheema will make sure committee runs efficiently
 2. Pittman: Yes all will do great work but it all comes down to who can lead. Obviously all three qualified. Cheema spoke well. Vote for Cheema because truly believe and set aside friendship.
 3. Stubblefield: Changed vote to Cheema. Looks like a natural leader
 4. Djavani: Need to be a good follower to be a good leader. Cheema is a great leader and a great follower.
 5. Powers: Agree with Pittman. Cheema would be an excellent chair.
 6. Mcdonald: Echo Pittman's remarks. Hard to change vote. People say look at experience. All three have qualifications. We have to look at what they said. Look at leadership and who will take off running with it. Time management should not be a factor.
 7. Elherazy: Hardest think learn is putting aside personal relationship. Need to look at what's best for organization. Choose the person who will be the face of next year. There is a reason why we're still debating. Look at credentials.
- xi. Move to vote Warren
1. Lanham dropped
 2. Zani Cheema Elected
- d. University Life Committee
- i. Carse nominated Nathan Pittman
 1. Accepted
 - ii. Ouf nominated Leila Raminpour
 1. Accepted
 - iii. Debate:
 1. Warren: Will be supporting Nathan Pittman. Stepped up and did a great job as clerk. Has done a lot for Ulife. Is organized and proactive. Will be a great chair
 2. Short: Will be voting for Raminpour. Have gotten to work with her on many projects. Won't do anything unless it's the best. Very excited about

Ulife. Helped organize the Flash Mob. Helped with the patriots in action resource expo. Helped with distress fest. Will be great place for her to be a leader.

3. Carse: Pittman was clerk so got to see a lot of legislation especially for Ulife. Ulife known for spirit committee and Nathan embodies that.
 4. Krupp: Pittman has been working really hard and asking people what they want for Ulife. Always give 110%.
 5. Jones: See excitement in Leila. Has helped with event planning. Haven't seen Pittman do that as Clerk. Leila helped plan Galentine's Day.
 6. Gregg: Do something even when times get tough. Have seen Pittman quit.
 7. Warren: Galentine's not an SG event. In order to be successful Ulife chair need to be good leader. His track record as Clerk and within SG speaks for it.
 8. Ellison: Raminpour works really hard.
 9. Loane: Will be voting for Pittman. Very enthusiastic and involved member.
 10. Green: Chair needs to keep decorum in committee and with the hours Pittman puts in should be chairman.
- iv. Move to Vote Stubblefield
 1. Nathan Pittman Elected
- e. Government and Community Relations Committee
 - i. Warren nominate Laura Heger
 1. Accepted
 - ii. Lanham nominate Hannah Carse
 1. Accepted
 - iii. Stubblefield nominate Dan O'brien
 1. Accepted
 - iv. Questions:
 1. Pittman: What have you done in the Fairfax community?
 - a. Heger: Should have more community service activities. Not just taking but giving back as well.
 - b. Carse: Should encourage people to use our school's name instead of V-tech or VCU. Should talk to senator so we can be set apart
 - c. O'brien: Haven't been in SG for too long so haven't had the chance to promote SG in the community. Did work with Wake Up till Dawn. Want to make more connections.
 - v. Debate:
 1. Hudzik: Was on the GCR committee. When Sean Kelly was not present she took over for him. Has gone to committee events.
 2. Krupp: All three very qualified. After hearing O'brien, he would be the best leader for this committee.
 3. Khan: Heger helped out with Mayfield Elementary visit and is very committed to her roles as a committee member of GCR.

4. Warren: None of the candidates have gone to Mason Lobbies. Her experience with the people involved with planning is what will help her be a great chair.
5. Stubblefield: O'brien bring a concrete plant
- vi. Move to Vote Powers
 1. Laura Heger Elected
- f. Academic Affairs Committee
 - i. Carse nominate Jessica Green
 1. Accepted
 - ii. O'brien nominate Ben Ellison
 1. Accepted
 - iii. Debate
 1. Warren: Will be supporting Green. She has shown initiative she's working with affects a lot of students. Very outgoing and someone who would be able to reach out to different schools. The committee has a lot of potential to grow and Green will do that.
 2. Stubblefield: Will be in support of Ellison
 3. Carse: Will be supporting Green. Pushing initiative for IB credit.
 4. Cheema: Will be supporting Green. Can help with experience of Freshmen transitioning into GMU
 - iv. Move to Vote Pitts
 1. Jessica Green Elected
- F. Senate Liaisons
 - a. Military Liaison
 - i. Elherazy nominate Ben Ellison
 1. Declined
 - ii. Stubblefield nominate Ryan Powers
 1. Accepted
 - iii. Debate:
 1. Green: A lot of candidate's goals are aligned with Ben's goals. They would work well together and Ben can help with that transition
 - iv. Move to Vote Warren
 1. Ryan Powers Elected

VII: Announcements

- A. Next Meeting— September 3rd, 2015 in Merten Hall 1201

VIII: Adjournment