



**36<sup>th</sup> Student Senate**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session

Agenda for **September 3, 2015**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Journal
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
  - A. Bill #1 moved into old business
- V. Officers' Reports
  - A. Speaker – John Daniels
    1. Expressed goals and wishes for Student Government for the upcoming year
  - B. Speaker Pro Tempore – Farah Elherazy
    1. Explains why Bill #1 was moved to old business: 9/11 day of service is coming up next year and everything needs to be ready for the reception
    2. Reminds everyone to CC herself, Sara and Jen on email regarding SG business
  - C. Clerk – Musirah Khan
    - 1.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Administrative and Financial Affairs – Chelsea Loane
    1. Echoes what Speaker Pro Temp said about pushing Bill #1 into old business
    2. Committee will be 4:30 on Tuesday
  - B. University Services – Greg Warren
  - C. Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Zanib Cheema
    1. Announces committee time at Mondays at 4:30 and to be ready to get to work
  - D. University Life – Nathan Pittman
    1. Announces committee time at 3:30 on Tuesday
    2. Expresses how the committee will be doing more hard work this year
  - E. Government and Community Relations – Laura Heger
    1. Expresses the possibility of service opportunities this year
  - F. Academic Affairs – Jessica Green
    1. Announces committee time at Mondays at 2:30 pm
    2. Expresses how there will be establishing relationships with the different colleges
  - G. Senate Military Liaison – Ryan Powers
    1. Expresses how there isn't as many active numbers and how they want SG to help get more people-many focus is outreach
    2. They will be at 9/11 day of service and another event the day before about life post-9/11
    - 3.
- VII. Public Session
  - A. Executive Report- President Khushboo Bhatia and Vice President Ali Zaidi
    1. Announces that it was a busy summer for SG
    2. Says that Sexual Assault initiatives will be rolling out come October
    3. Spent time develop visions and goals for Student Government
    4. VP expresses wishes for senators to come forward with any initiatives and to use the SG office and use it appropriately

- B. Student Government Advisor- Sara Heming
  - 1. Introduces herself
  - 2. Expresses how there will be a lot of dividing and conquering and how she will challenge SG students to work efficiently to make things happen for Mason
- C. Graduate Assistant- Jennifer Khoo
  - 1. Introduces herself and encourages students to come to her office if any help is needed
- D. Mason Life Representative
  - 1. New Mason Life representative introduces himself
- E. Other Members of the University Administration
  - 1. None
- F. Gallery Members
  - 1. None

## VIII. Appointments

- A. Kyle Jackson – Parking Appeals Board Member
  - 1. President Bhatia reads statement since appointee is absent due to class
  - 2. Bhatia introduces Parking Appeals Chair and mentions interview were conducted
  - 3. Senator Lanham asks if appointee has experience with “parking” and Chair says the appointee has not but was involved with the Fairfax Fire Department
  - 4. Motion to Consider and Discussion: Bhatia and Parking Appeals assures that he is qualified and would be a great addition to the Parking Appeals
  - 5. Chairman Warren: If the Chair believes that they are good addition, that’s important because the board member will be working close with Chair and other board members
  - 6. Senator Ellison: Expresses the need for more people due to the vast amount of appeals
  - 7. Candidate passes 26-0-1
- B. Megha Sorot – Parking Appeals Board Member
  - 1. Appointee introduces herself, explains her past activities and experiences on campus and the reasoning as to why she would like to be on the Parking Appeals Board
  - 2. Senator Ellison moves to consider
  - 3. President Bhatia gives executive report: trusts Madelyn and Wesley’s interview
  - 4. Chair of Parking Appeals says appointee is really passionate about what the position entails
  - 5. Senator Ellison says that with her qualifications that the candidate would be good for the position and moves to vote
  - 6. Candidate passes 26-0-2

## IX. Presentations

- A. Musirah Khan- Clerk
  - 1. Gives presentation on bills and resolutions
  - 2. Explains what the difference between a bill or resolution: bill is to allocate fund while resolution is to show support for an event, person or organization
  - 3. Expresses that bills and resolutions should be sent no later than 4:30 on Wednesday and the only exception is Services chair and members of that committee; Clerk is willing to give extension as long as told beforehand and expresses how she is willing to be lenient
  - 4. Reviews the things to add on bills and resolutions for submission
  - 5. Advises to keep minutes detailed but not too long
  - 6. Emphasizes everyone to CC the clerk, speaker, pro temp, Sara and Jen on appropriate excuses and messages (such as being late or not being about to attend an event)
- B. Farah Elherazy- Parliamentary Procedure
  - 1. Explains what parli pro is and how Robert’s Rules are used to keep the meetings efficient, allow every piece of legislation enough time while giving everyone have an ability to voice
  - 2. Explains the role of secretary of the Senate and what the members do during general senate meetings

3. Goes over general rules for senate meetings in addition whenever the gavel may be used
  4. Explains motions, debating using motions and limiting debate time
- C. John Daniels- Dress Code, Attendance Policy, and Title IX
1. Goes over appropriate business casual attire for general Senate meetings with the exception of SG gear in a few rare occasions
  2. Attendance presentation: new rule to be enforced if three unexcused absences for meetings or mandatory events, it automatically results in removal from the organization (3 per semester, 6 per year)
  3. President Bhatia mentions the new system for office hours: it will no longer be recorded in the binder and SG members must be doing something productive for the organization during that time
  4. Speaker and Pro Temp go over Title IX and the different aspects that fall under it: Servant leadership (201), role modeling (202), academic achievement (203), work ethic (204), teamwork and cooperative attitude (205), professionalism (206), upholding the code (207)
  5. Briefly went over the strike system: three strikes entails a one week probation and a fourth strike entails an impeachment process

#### X. Old Business

- A. None

#### XI. New Business

##### A. Bill #1: A Bill to Allocate Funds for the September 11th, 2015 Day of Service

1. Speaker pro temp reads the title of bill, Chairwoman Loane gives a summary of the bill: putting on a luncheon for 200 first responder, SG was approached by the Honors College, name will be changed to “day of service” reception
2. Clerk Khan amends bill to remove “luncheon” to the word “reception”
3. Senator Ellison expresses opposition due to moving into first reading
4. President Bhatia mentions that there was discussion about this bill and event and the decision to push into first reading and how the work and planning for this event started over the summer
5. Bill passes 25-1-1

#### XII. Announcements

- A. Next Meeting – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 4:30 pm in Merten Hall 1201
- B. Speaker Pro Temp mentions how committees start next week, Monday committees don’t meet next week but Tuesday and Wednesday do as normal. Office hours also start next week
- C. Chairwoman Cheema expresses the need for volunteers for Fear2Freedom as well as 9/11 Day of Service

#### XIII. Adjournment

*“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.” ~ Henry Ford*