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**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY

Agenda: 05 February 24- **6:30pm**

Dress Code: Business Casual

**Location: RUC Multipurpose room**

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Moment of Silence
- III. Roll Call- **29/34- present**
- IV. Approval of the Agenda- solo applications before guest speakers
- V. Approval of the Previous Minutes- approved
- VI. S.O.L.O. Applications- SGA Microsoft Teams channel -> S.O.L.O. Funding Committee -> Files -> SOLO Applications -> Spring 2024—Trumpet guild- 26- aye, 0- nay, 0-ABS-  
**PASSED**
- VII. Guest Speakers
  - **Student Trustee- Addison Dorris- Board of Trustees update- Budget revisions- no increase of tuition for fiscal year 2022-2023, She also talked about the new telehealth program services for the mental health services, Tennessee Tech scored a perfect 100 on the Quality Assurance Funding and therefore was allotted more state funding for the 2022-2023 school year! Goals for Research at TN Tech: Increase proportion of research-active faculty, New Hires and Support for Current Faculty, increase research of research-active faculty, more proposals and larger projects, Increase Teamwork, Research Infrastructure.**

**S.O.L.O Concert Information- Dr. Benjamin Stubbs and Ms. Keisha Claybrooks- February 20<sup>th</sup> S.O.L.O ticket release party at 7pm in the MPR, S.O.L.O concert is on March 27<sup>th</sup> Tickets sales will be first come first serve, but sometime in March they will be released to the public. Students get first dibs on the tickets though. Students can bring a guest, but you need to register them in Eagle Engage.**

VIII. Public Comment- none

IX. Reading of Executive Cabinet Reports

**Chief of Staff-** working on planning a new university town hall with administrators for some time after Spring Break.

**Attorney General-** The Supreme Court will be having a Gold Parking Pass giveaway again this semester. SGA members **CANNOT** participate! We need to fill a few spots in the Supreme Court, so please spread the word!

**Secretary of State-** Please stay tuned for upcoming posts! Make sure you interact with our posts (comment, like, and/or share). Also, especially for those who will be making graphics for their committee tabling events, the marketing club will be hosting a Canva Workshop on February 20th at dead hour. It will be in Foundation Hall 238 and will go over the basic foundations of design on Canva. Good graphics for tabling could increase the number of students who interact with us, so please consider coming! It is free, and lunch will be provided. We are asking people to sign up in advance, so I will put the registration link in Teams!

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**Secretary of P.I.E-** No report.

**Secretary of the First Year Assembly-** This week we will have the executive council coming to the meeting to talk about their roles.

**Secretary of Student Life-** Please do the tabling survey in the Teams. You need 4 tabling/ work hours this semester. On Valentine's Day we will be tabling, so sign up for a spot.

**Secretary of Legislative Affairs -** Please use the bill templates pinned in the Teams channel. Pay attention to when Legislation due dates are for the semester, also in the teams' Middle column is when it must be submitted to him. We will be having a Bill workshop soon so please come to that. One for the FYA and one for the Senate, but you can come to both.

X. Reading of Executive Council Reports

**Secretary- Hello, So Claire made an “SGA Senate Meeting Agenda Item Request Form” on Eagle engage basically if you have something that you think needs to be voted on or someone you may want to speak to the Senate. It has 7 questions so fill them out and Claire and I will review them. These should be sent in 4 days before the senate meeting. So, the Thursday before a senate meeting. The service hours this semester has been moved up from 3 to 4 hours this semester. We have tabling events this semester where you can get those easily, or the SOLO concert if able. If you do not think you can make these hours, please come talk to me and Cheyenne Bare because she will be keeping track of your hours for the semester. If you are a vice chair or a secretary of your committee you need to send me your agendas and minutes from each meeting.**

**Treasurer- please join SGA and Intercultural Affairs campus conversation @ 6pm February 6<sup>th</sup> in the tech pride room. Faculty members and Students will be on the board discussing.**

**Vice President- Check out the new resource page on the team's channel and please utilize it. Nominations for February cabinet, senator and supreme court member of the month are open. Get it done by February 26<sup>th</sup> please.**

**President- We have 2 Supreme court seats that NEED to be filled, so ask your friends! He also thanked Claire, Lindsey, and Jeb for the work that they do.**

#### XI. Reading of Standing Committee Reports

Kensea Skelton Student Affairs and Health and Wellness Committee- Joint meeting talked about tabling events for the semester.

Brenlee Goins Governmental affairs- have been connecting with other SGAs across the state. The conversations have been going well.

Sammi Bugter Environmental and sustainability- Discussed tabling for the semester

Aaron Stewart Academic Affairs- has appointed a new vice chair

Augusta Long- Const. Committee working on a constitutional review- plan to meet on Fridays

Madison Jones- Solo funding- Ashley Hayes coming for an event. On February 13<sup>th</sup> build a bear event- sign up! S.O.L.O Release party on February 20<sup>th</sup> in the MPR a chance to enter and win a giveaway basket at the event! Please attend.

#### XII. Reading of Special Committee Reports

The Information Technology Committee's Subcommittee on TAF Innovative Computing met last Thursday during dead hour discussing potential use of innovative computing funding on several projects.

1. Expanding the HPC Cluster

2. Building a new cluster at the planned Crossville satellite campus

3. E-Sports interest and data collection. The university is interested in potentially expanding the e-sports program into an official team rather than just a student org. I have been tasked by the

committee to collect data on student interest. I would appreciate any help in running a large survey to collect the data. Senators interested should contact me at [ectidwell42@ntech.edu](mailto:ectidwell42@ntech.edu).

Michele Niec- grad school executive meeting, denied a student and made 6 changes to the college of education.

Kelsey Hewitt- Admission and credits committee- new policy changes, updates, and revisions

Pooja Patel- Chapter 606- 6 applications 5 were approved, 1 was sent back

XIII. University Committee Reports

XIV. Unfinished Business and General Orders

XV. New Business

a. Confirmations

**Madison Jones- Secretary of State- no debate- voting 29- aye, 0- nay, 0 abs.**

**Cheyenne Bare- Secretary of Student Life- no debate- voting 29- aye, 0- nay, 0 abs.**

**Russell Perry- Secretary of Legislative Affairs- no debate- voting 29- aye, 0- nay, 0 abs.**

**Angelica Magpayo- Supreme Court Justice- no debate- voting 29- aye, 0- nay, 0 abs.**

**Audrey Palladino- College of Interdisciplinary Studies- no debate- voting 28- aye, 0- nay, 0 abs.**

**Sahera Abumariam- Graduate Studies- no debate- voting 29- aye, 0- nay, 0 abs.**

**Chief Justice Mr. Bryson Lee- administered oath of office- Everyone besides Angelica Magpayo**

b. Informational Items

c. Bills Recommended for Adoption

d. Bills with No Recommendation

- e. Bills Recommended for Defeat
- f. Other New Business

**Guidelines for the Implementation of the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Parking (TIP) Fee Student Survey-**

**Motion- seconded by Senator M. Henderson**

**Debate- Senator A. Palladino-**

**E. Tidwell- point of information- Sponsor to recognize the asking about when SGA will find out the results. We will find out. Then the university is at their discretion of when they can point out the results to the students when they see fit**

**Senator A. Porter- is this being sent out to students? - sponsor it will be put into the eagle engage application where the doc will be- yields.**

**Senator M. Henderson- Speaking in support of this, would help with parking on campus- yields**

**B. Westbrook- speaking in support- it impacts the future of campus and future students; I am paying extra to see the campus be improved- encourages to vote in favor- yields**

**Secretary K. Hewitt- Speaking in support- gives experience from being a trailblazer- if we come at pros of this to students and families- this is for the WHOLE campus. Will create a positive look for the campus.**

**Senator P. Patel- speaks in support- it may not affect the seniors, but we do need to see do the students look at the fee and just see it and approve or not approve**

**Attorney General M. Jones- In support, the students may see the fee and say no, can we have a town hall so the other students can talk about- H. Simpson- on february 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 we will be having a town hall to talk about it.**

**Executive Treasurer L. Taylor- Playing devil's advocate some students will look at this and be like I will not be here when the garage is built. Some students will be walking to campus, the students will want to know why? Why am I having to now pay for this pass**

**Sec. E. Tidwell- possible series of questions- appreciated the work for this- will it be disingenuous to give a timeline when it could change- Senator H. Simpson- Townhall style of information meetings- who will be invited and 2 will there be a recording of this? Harrison- not talked about that much but believes that it can be arranged. Or a virtual options, An open invite event, believes it would be 20% of student body what is the percentage of students- will be the entire student body- should go through- good consensus- why choose 55% - a lot of people have good points, try to make it as compelling as it is a block of text people may be scared of that, 50% would be the difference of 1 person- vote with 55% it's a little more of a better stat. Why not call it TIP fee instead of TPI- Dr. Stinson thought it better connects our roots to Tennessee Polytechnic Institute.**

**Senator K. Nucum- according to the master plan they already have it as net loss of spots. What about this? Harrison says there would only be a small net loss for a brief period.**

**Senator H. Conder- if the survey is approved by SGA when will it be sent out to the student body and when can we see the results- may not be able to see the results, the document does not talk much about it.**

**Senato I. Rodgers- what about the commuter students' sentence that is decrease. The sponsor says that they will get a parking pass. The fee will benefit the campus a lot more than just parking.**

**Bugter- Is the timeline for the order of garages being built based on the master plan? And is it possible to move the library garage building to be last? It can be discussed.**

**Secretary C. Bare- the purple is currently included in this as well, even if students do not want to park there. Simpson agrees.**

**Senator M. Henderson- Secretary Bare also took her point. The purple lot is open and can be seen that it is far, but can have struggles**

**Dr. Benjamin Stubbs, who speaks about how we can view the results in the eagle engage application, and if we keep it confidential, we already have images and graphics approved? Emma is welcome to market it however she wants with some limitations.**

**VP- Page 42 of master plan lays out the students enrolled and the parking spots- the ratio in the construction is the same as now net projected loss showed depending on the student population is what spots are available, not much is explained how it will be kept in ratios**

**Madison- is there a 3d rendering of these parking garages? Look up Georgian architect and the first 5 images show what we would have**

**Closing remarks- thank you so much for taking the time to engage with this.**

**VOTING list the name of the motion**

**Aye- 29**

**Nay- 0**

**Abs-0**

**This motion does **pass.****

#### **XVI. Announcements**

**Eli- thank you for the debating and please let you friends know about the to sign up for the supreme court**

**Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> RHA event- ask Mason for more info!**

**Jeb- please be aware of the absences**

Harrison- recruiting to the constitutional committee- we want to sell it like a car and want to disband the committee at the end of the semester and here is the location – ruc 222 and dates

Dr. Stubbs- Shout out to everyone for a good meeting. And shout out to everyone for everything and all the challenging work y'all are doing!

New senators and senate officers see Claire at the end. Now that the motion passes, PLEASE JOIN AND HELP US TO GET THIS BALL ROLLING AND COMWE TO THE PARKING COMMITTEE ON EVERY OTHER WEDNDESADYS 6-8

XVII. Adjournment