

# STUDENT SENATE



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## General Body Meeting Thursday May 11, 2017 Student Center Hilberry C

**PRESIDING:** Anthony Eid, President **I. CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:09 PM

## II. ROLL CALL:

 ■ ANTHONY EID Nourhan Hamadi ■ RYAN LAITH STUART BAUM **⋈** KATE PARTIGNTON ■ ANCHITA SANAM ■ AJANTA DUTTA ■ ANDREW OUGHTON ☐ OBAIDAH BITAR ✓ JASMINE COLES SUMMER BARAKA □ DALIA IBRAHIM ☐ CONNOR ASHLEY ⋈ Alan Foreman ☐ AMAL RASS ☐ Kristina Curtiss ✓ ABDUL HARRIS ☐ DANIEL KRUPP ■ DONALD ZEOLLA ☐ PINAL PATEL

## **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

LATE: Kristina and Connor online, Daniel in-person

**LEFT EARLY:** 

## III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Moved: Dalia Second: Alan

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## IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Moved: Nourhan Second: Alan

## V. BUSINESS:

- A. Oath of Office
  - 1. Dean Strauss administered for all Senators
- B. E-Board Elections
  - 1. Aaron read Bylaws describing the rules of voting and how the Transition Meeting will be run
    - i. Those E-Board members who are not returning for the next term cannot vote and are only present to fulfill their responsibilities for the Transition Meeting according to the Bylaws
    - ii. Meeting will be overseen by registered parliamentarian Eleanor "CoCo" Siewert
  - 2. Anthony- Those Senators who are eligible for the first round of nominations for any E-Board position include:
    - i. Kate, Alan, Daniel, Erika, and Dalia
  - 3. Election for President
    - i. Anthony read Bylaws describing responsibilities of position
    - ii. First Round of Nominations
      - a. Stuart- Nominate Kate
        - 1. Kate- Accept Nomination
    - iii. Kate- Speech
      - a. Serving second year on Student Senate, last year served as Director of Student Services where worked to resolve Club Sports issue, hope to focus on community outreach and relations, plan to set up a GroupMe strictly for Senate business alongside a separate voluntary GroupMe for fun, intend to organize monthly community service events in Detroit, hope to establish prescense at Freshman Student Orientations
    - iv. Kate- Ouestions
      - a. Ryan- How do you believe your experience qualifies you/makes you fit to be President?
        - 1. Kate- Held E-Board position from the start, Anthony helped train/push to perform well, worked

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with students directly, responsible worker

- b. Anthony- Role of President is extremely time consuming, is your schedule flexible enough, can you dedicate the time necessary to do the job?
  - 1. Kate- Entering senior year, planned light load with only 2 in-person classes, have job with flexible hours, will make Senate priority
- v. Closed Discussion
- vi. Vote
  - a. Someone called for a secret ballot vote
  - b. Need 11 votes to win, straight majority of 21 voters
  - c. Vote did not pass

vii. Second Round of Nominations

- a. Jasmine- Nominate Kate
  - 1. Kate- Accept Nomination
- b. Nourhan- Nominate herself
- c. Ajanta- Nominate Ryan
  - 1. Ryan- Accept Nomination
- d. Anthony- With more than two candidates, two highest vote winners will proceed to next round of voting

viii. Kate- Speech

a. Not interested in personal politics, committed to job

ix. Kate- Questions

- a. Stuart- Are you continuing your internships next year?
  - 1. Kate- No
- b. Abdul- What sets you apart from the other candidates running?
  - 1. Kate- Value connections/bonds with mutual respect, not interested in drama, good organizational skills, very passionate and proud
- c. Dalia- What is your experience in sorority leadership roles?
  - 1. Kate- Last year served as Risk Prevention Officer where worked to preserve sorority reputation/ adhere to bylaws, had authority to discipline members/keep in line, this year took on lighter role

#### AMAL RASS

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## x. Nourhan-Speech

a. Have personally grown through Senate, dedicated to work of Senate, received highest number votes in election, learned how to effectively run Senate through ASGA conference, want to take advantage of Senate's powerful voice and potential to make change, use committee positions to advance student success, interested in action not just words, want to engage with students, will work to keep E-Board accountable to jobs as described in bylaws, will lead Senate in efficient and transparent manner

## xi. Nourhan- Questions

- a. Heba- As president how will you help new Senators reach their potential and learn how to be effective Senators?
  - 1. Nourhan- When first joined Senate didn't know what to do so reached out and ask questions from older Senators, have since returned the favor by sitting down and training new Senators in order to inform and empower them, help by holding hand and then pushing them to take initiative, hope to continue process for future
- b. Abdul- What sets you apart from the other candidates running?
  - 1. Nourhan- Empathetic quality, stubbornness in making progress, interested in helping others lead by example, significant effort/time invested in Senate, emotional attachment formed with Senate, ability to talk to people
- c. Amira- What have you achieved on the committees that you have sat on?
  - 1. Nourhan- Proud to fight for student access to resources and self-empowerment through Women's Services Committee, also worked with Academic Senate Research Committee to learn about research

component and fight for research grants

- d. Stuart- Do you have any other obligations that might interfere with your ability to serve as President?
- 1. Nourhan- Only a research position xii. Ryan- Speech
  - a. Had a short PowerPoint to show but due to technical difficulties was unable to project
  - b. Served on E-Board for past year as
    Director of Community Affairs, served as
    chair of CAPS Committee where
    succeeded in push Wayne State to agree to
    increase funding for CAPS, co-sponsored
    a resolution to protect students affected by
    Trump's Muslim Ban executive order,
    member of the Iraqi Student Organization,
    hope to lead by example with
    vision/experience and promote diversity
    and inclusion
  - c. Questions-
    - 1. Jack- What is your plan for the future of Senate?
      - i. Ryan- Want to focus on goal of diversity and inclusion by building on previous resolutions to rename Mad Anthony store to address symbol of racism/prejudice, hope to similarly replace Anthony Wayne statue with monument memorializing Officer Rose, help to build community unity
    - 2. Abdul- What sets you apart from the other candidates running?
      - Ryan- Believe leadership experience in ability to successfully lead committee to meet concrete goal of increasing funding for CAPS qualifies
    - 3. Anchita- What is your life like outside of Senate?

- i. Worked as Peer Mentor/SI
  Leader/Freshman
  Orientation Leader where
  helped students address
  challenges they
  encountered, also worked
  as research assistant and am
  an Iraqi Student
  Organization member
- 4. Jasmine- What did you accomplish in your time on E-Board
  - i. Ryan- Only served as
    Director of Community
    Affairs for a short time, got
    in contact with the Director
    of the Student Center to
    start working on developing
    uniform system for posting
    flyers in Student Center

xiii. Closed Discussion

xiv. Vote

- a. Need 11 votes to win outright, straight majority of 21 voters
- b. Top two candidates: Kate and Nourhan
  - 1. Third round of voting out of top two finalists
    - i. Nourhan won
- 4. Election for Vice President
  - i. Aaron read Bylaws describing responsibilities of position
  - ii. First Round of Nominations
    - a. Stuart- Nominate Dalia
      - 1. Dalia- Accept Nomination
  - iii. Dalia- Speech
    - a. Believe actions speak louder than words, as Treasurer planned the Senate advances and banquet while managing the budget, served on Daycare/Women's Services/SAFB committees, founded DCAP student organization where make seasonal care packages for the homeless, worked with past VP so familiar with job role, want to work to expand student access to support/resources (including Women's Services), also want to work toward closing to student graduation race

gap, will help lead Senate as a united front facing faculty/administration

## iv. Dalia- Questions

- a. Jack- What are some of the past accomplishments that you have achieved?
  - 1. Dalia- Worked with Women's Services to rollout free feminine hygiene products bathroom basket pilot program, initially wanted a Women's Services Center but learned how to make and achieve feasible short term goals as a part of a long term plan to continue to work toward
- b. Summer- Can you elaborate on how you want to close the student graduation race gap?
  - 1. Dalia- Know that there is already a system in place to help high school graduates/incoming freshman transition but want to explore why the system is not working, as an RA in the Fall hope to help at the small scale by helping freshmen form an attachment to Wayne State community in order to form roots and foster continuing student success, hope to set up a panel with all stakeholder to investigate how the system is failing since believe unacceptable to let continue
- c. Daniel- Will your job as an RA affect your availability?
  - 1. Dalia- Believe job will actually help make self more available since will live on campus full-time and no longer have to commute to campus, understand RA will be new responsibility but will still make Senate a priority
- v. Closed Discussion
- vi. Vote
  - a. Voice Vote by Acclamation
  - b. Dalia won
- 5. Election for Parliamentarian

- i. Aaron read Bylaws describing responsibilities of position
- ii. First Round of Nominations
  - a. Erika- Nominate Kate
    - 1. Kate- Accept Nomination
  - b. Stuart- Nominate Alan
    - 1. Alan- Decline Nomination
  - c. Daniel- Nominate self
- iii. Kate- Speech
  - Held similar position in Sorority where had to keep members in line and follow order
- iv. Kate- Ouestions
  - a. Stuart- As Parliamentarian will you keep the 2 times per business line item speaking limit?
    - 1. Kate- Will handle on case by case basis, but in favor of keeping in the interest of efficiency
  - b. Anthony- Do you believe that the Bylaws are sufficiently democratic and representative of students?
    - 1. Kate- As a whole believe they are but am open to changing them if necessary
  - c. Dalia- Do you believe that there is another position that you feel you are better suited for, concerned don't want you to simply run down and settle for whatever position comes next rather than take a position you are really passionate about
    - 1. Kate- Want to take whatever position can get, won't limit self by taking a less-than-optimal position because can still work as a regular Senator
- v. Daniel-Speech
  - a. Served on the E-Boards of different
    Residential Hall Councils, helped to found
    RHA where served in Parliamentarian
    role, also served on several faculty
    candidate search committees, work well
    with bureaucratic procedures and
    paperwork, believe Bylaws procedures
    should be streamlined and change with
    time as the needs of Senate demands it

- vi. Daniel- Questions
  - a. Nourhan- What do you want to change in the Bylaws
    - 1. Daniel- Want to review the voting policy within meetings, believe should add option to abstain
  - b. Stuart- As Parliamentarian will you keep the 2 times per business line item speaking limit?
    - 1. Daniel- As Parliamentarian only interested in officiating meeting efficiently, personally believe should keep in the interest of streamlining meetings, should ask additional questions outside meetings

vii. Closed discussion

viii. Vote

- a. Need 11 votes to win, straight majority of 21 voters
- b. Daniel won
- 6. Election for Treasurer
  - i. Aaron read Bylaws describing responsibilities of position
  - ii. First Round of Nominations
    - a. Dalia-Kate
      - 1. Kate- Accept Nomination
  - iii. Kate- Speech
    - a. Believe capable of job, reflective of past job experience
  - iv. Kate- Ouestions
    - a. Maricel- As Treasurer what will you do besides handle the money?
      - 1. Kate- Will manage the budget to fund for any project Senate deems worthwhile
    - b. Stuart- What is you stance on past issue of lobbying administration to fund initiatives vs funding projects ourselves?
      - 1. Kate- Believe should deal with on case by case basis, in the case of a one-time purchase without the obligation of future funding then more willing to fund ourselves vs committing to funding long-term initiatives

- v. Closed Discussion
- vi Vote
  - a. Voice Vote by Acclamation
  - b. Kate won
- 7. Election for Secretary
  - i. Nourhan read Bylaws describing responsibilities of position
  - ii. First Round of Nominations
    - a. No Nominations
  - iii. Second Round of Nominations
    - a. Jack-Nominate Stuart
      - 1. Stuart- Decline Nomination
    - b. Dalia- Nominate Anchita
      - 1. Anchita- Accept Nomination
  - iv. Anchita- Speech
    - a. Served on Budget and Finance Committee, interested in community outreach, even-headed in resolving conflict, experience with past Senator in sister and old roommate so already familiar with the work Senate does, willing to put in the work as a Senator and Secretary
  - v. Anchita- Ouestions
    - a. Stuart- Do you have time during the Summer to work on converting old files in Senate records archives to prepare for switch to new LMS?
      - 1. Anchita- Yes
    - b. Stuart- What is your philosophy of determining how to count lateness and absences?
      - 1. Anchita- Believe have to be understanding with mild lateness but should institute time cap after which lateness counts as absences in order to promote order and to incentivize Senators to care about punctuality
  - vi. Closed Discussion
  - vii. Vote
    - a. Voice Vote by Acclamation
    - b. Anchita Won
- 8. Election for Director of Governmental Affairs
  - Nourhan read Bylaws describing responsibilities of position
  - ii. First Round of Nominations

- a. No Nominations
- iii. Second Round of Nominations
  - a. Dalia- Nominate Stuart
    - 1. Stuart- Accept Nomination
  - b. Abdul- Nominate self
- iv. Stuart-Speech
  - Main priorities to make election day an academic holiday, establish a precinct on campus, and help expand/sustain the annual Lobbying Day, also plan to reactivate the Governmental Affairs Committee to handle other issues
- v. Stuart- Questions
  - a. Kristina- What election days would you want to make academic holidays and how do you think you will get more than just Political Science students to take advantage of it?
    - 1. Stuart- For now want to make city/state-wide general election days academic holidays since believe most feasible, hope to provide opportunity for all kinds of students to participate if they wish
- vi. Abdul-Speech
  - a. (Current Secretary was not present to record minutes due to election)
- vii. Abdul- Questions
  - a. (Current Secretary was not present to record minutes due to election)
- viii. Closed Discussion
- ix. Vote
  - a. Stuart won
- 9. Election for Director of Community Affairs
  - i. Nourhan read Bylaws describing responsibilities of position
  - ii. First Round of Nominations
    - a. No Nominations
  - iii. Second Round of Nominations
    - a. Jasmine- Nominate self
    - b. Stuart- Nominate Ryan
      - 1. Ryan- Decline Nomination
    - c. Dalia- Nominate Abdul
      - 1. Abdul- Accept Nomination
  - iv. Jasmine- Speech

- a. Grew up as Detroit resident, want to establish connection with city through voluntary community service high school mentorship program
- v. Jasmine- Questions
  - a. Ryan- What is you past experience and what are your future plans?
    - 1. Jasmine- Served on CAPS
      Committee to help promote mental health awareness, hope to promote opportunities throughout city beyond Midtown, believe program will help incoming Wayne State students and expand reach of Student Senate
- vi. Abdul-Speech
  - a. With Syrian heritage hope to engage Middle Eastern/Refugees student groups and help them achieve student success, hope to enhance student on-campus experience/connection
- vii. Abdul- Questions
  - a. Erika- How do you want to help Syrian students?
    - 1. Abdul- Want to expand outreach to students and help them adapt to challenges they encounter such as through tutoring to help them overcome language barrier

viii. Closed Discussion

ix. Vote

- a. Jasmine won
- 10. Nourhan- Due to time constraint with Student Center closing early, will cut off elections now and finish at next GBM on 5/18
- C. BOG Budget and Finance Committee Appointments
  - 1. Dalia- Nominate Aaron and Anthony as Primary and Alternate Representatives respectively
    - i. Ouestions
      - a. Ryan- Have each of you been on the committee before?
        - 1. Aaron- Served as the Alternate Representative for the committee, helped institute SOM tuition freeze and 30% Spring/Summer tuition discount

- 2. Anthony- As President served in other committees and was present at all the BOG committee meetings
- ii. Vote
  - a. Vote Passed
  - b. Two votes against
- VI. REPORTS AND UPDATES:
  - A. None
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
  - A. None

VIII. ADJOURNED: 8:53 PM

Moved: Dalia Second: Anchita