

Minutes 9/12/22

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Swear in Senators
3. Approve 5/3/22 Minutes
4. What is Senate?
5. Committee Overview and Chair Introductions
6. Brainstorming and Icebreaker
7. Open Forum

Zane: Welcome to first senate of the year, Please sign in. Automatically gain senatorship if come to first meeting of the year. Feel free to grab some food

Zane: Automatically granted senatorship at first meeting

Zane reads oath of office to new senators

Zane: Way senate runs is following robert rules of order, but we take it a bit looser than that. Senate minutes must be approved

Nicole: Motion to approve the minutes

Aara: Seconded

Motion passes

Zane: Open forum for all student ideas, hosts visitors from DOS, exec board, faculty etc. Senate is a place for dialogue, we ask that you respect each other. Sometimes controversial issues arise, but please enter with a spirit of openness and respect. Senate is a tool to spark change. Senate has been at forefront of changes at campus- during COVID year started convo about universal pass fail. If senate speaks, DOS listens.

Zane: Senate Committee Overview:

Aara: I'm Aara, goals for the year are divided into student success- resource page especially for freshman, newsletters as a line of communication from faculty to students, accommodations, mental health. Second part of divide is curriculum, focused on reading period, equal grading scale in gov and econ, and low grade notices.

Nicole: I'm nicole, chairs SLC, idea of committee is to make improvements to student life. Studentwide non partisan voting registration program, harm reduction, ice machines in every dorm, SLC is vehicle geared towards taking in student input. Looking for people who are project oriented

Kristen: I'm Kristen, EAC works to reduce and minimize college's environmental footprint. Work with collins to engage in sustainable practices or composting. Instituting events such as clothing swap, wants to hear new idea

Haven: I'm haven, main goal for CSC is to drive engagement in cmc in community service. 2-3 monthly activities surrounding community service. Exactly what were doing is up in the air, committee driven.

Zane: Meg is absent till now, but AAA will be explained by desmond

Desmond: I'm CFO, past AAA chair, handles funding (senate budget) and amendments and resolutions, by laws amendments, things that need to be passed by senate. AAA hearing before senate. For people who like detail, budgeting, administrative matters. Good way to be transparent about budget.

Lavi: Is there a diversity and inclusion committee?

Zane: Yes, two different ones

Kaitlyn: Nisha singh is chair, contact her with any other questions

Zane: Special senators represent the senate (budget and elections). Budget oversees budget of ASCMC, participate in discussions and report on activities back to senate. Typically vote is considered by convention.

Desmond: Strawpolls typically take your vote into account. You get a lot of say on how budgets are set across ASCMC. Budget is about half a million dollars, ASCMC spends money, gets money

Zane: Elections committee oversees appointment and election of every single staff member. Report on activity to senate

Kaitlyn: Elections is pretty low commitment.

Zane: Elections and budget will be elected next senate

Zane: As a senator, vote on all matters, propose amendments, serve on senate committees, eligible for \$500 stipend for extraordinary work.

Zane: Executive assistant to the board, secretary of senate are both open. Colleges committees also have openings. Brief activity around icebreaking and what we want to see from senate this year

Haven: Motion to Adjourn

Quinn: Seconded

Motion Passes

