



Agenda for September 26, 2022

I. Attendance

A quorum was present.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Minutes Approval

A motion to approve the minutes with edits passed.

IV. Budgetary Committee Recommendations

Dania presented the budgetary committee's recommendations.

Taha requested \$350 for games for a game night between SASA, MSA, and MEENA

Hannah requested \$95 for Antonios for speech night for the elections committee.

Gillian asked about the Philosophy club fall break event, and if it was happening over the break.

Dania said that it was changed in the official spreadsheet, and it was happening the Thursday before fall break.

Lori asked if the website would be updated as it currently just showed the spring 2022 budget online.

Jeffrey said that everybody had been kicked off of it, but he would look into it.



A motion to fund the BC recs for discretionary and senate funds passed.

V. Officer Reports

Fareeda asked if they had been paid by the College for a Senate stipend yet.

Jaden said no.

Rachel said that she had talked to the new co-chair of La Causa about sending out an email for fundraisers for hurricane relief, and asked if anybody else wanted to help with that.

Jaden suggested that they figure that out after the letter writing task force.

VI. Campus Check-Ins

Lori said that Alana and her had gone to the first food justice alliance committee meeting, and that the FJA had been disappointed at AAS's involvement in the dining committee last year.

Taha said that TYPO had been funded half by AAS and half by the school, as senators had asked about bringing it back.

Mollie said that they needed more AAS vans, as the number had been going down.

Jeffrey said that there had only been three administered by AAS, one of which had been totalled.

Mollie said that AAS would be spending a lot of money on transportation now that COVID restrictions were looser, and asked if there was anything we could do via getting vans.

Dania said that that would come from the currently low rainy day fund.



Jeffrey said that it had been in the talks for a while.

Dania said that they had to fix EMS first so people could actually book vans. She said that they were very low on rainy day funds, and that if they had extra money, which was very unlikely, they could do something. She said they would discuss more.

Fareeda asked how many vans and cars they had.

Jeffrey said they had one car and one van.

Fareeda asked if the school had other options.

Jeffrey said that those were the only options for students that he knew of.

Fareeda asked if they could work with faculty vans that were not always in use. She also noted that people had to book things 72 hours in advance, and it should be lower.

Jeffrey said that the other vans were usually pretty booked.

Dania said that other departments even booked AAS vans regularly.

Jeffrey said that he was inclined to leave the 72 hour hold in place, and that he was doing roughly a third of reservations manually because EMS was so broken. He said that people could email AAS if they had less time and could get a van if one was available. He said that he wanted to get another van, but money and fixing EMS were beyond their control. He said that EMS was strung between three departments, which made it difficult to manage.

Hannah asked if AAS could send an email explaining who students could email to get the van, since EMS wasn't working.

VII. Committee Updates



Fareeda said that the Powerhouse committee was trying to revamp, and asked if any senators wanted to help with that.

Mollie, Rachel, Chris, and Dania volunteered.

Dania asked that there not be an absurd amount of Pork options at Val.

VIII. Senate Project Updates

Gillian asked if anybody wanted to work with her to get no-men hours at the gym.

Mollie said that they could not do that because of Title IX.

Sirus suggested women-encouraged hours.

Gent said that he thought it was a good idea, but it would result in a lot of very angry people considering the lack of resources and space at the gym.

Rachel and Kate expressed interest in helping with this.

Isaiah said that he loved this idea, but as someone with a very tight schedule who could only be at gyms at certain times, he would want to be considerate with scheduling something like this.

Fareeda asked what the hours for the gym were, and suggested tacking on an extra hour.

Sophie noted that people could also utilize the pool more.

Chris asked if gender non-conforming people would be included in the women-encouraged hours.

Gillian said it was meant to be everybody except cis-men.

Lily suggested doing just one of the floors.



Isaiah noted that there was very different equipment on each floor.

Dania said that if somebody had a tight schedule they could just show up during the women-encouraged hour.

Isaiah noted that people could be stigmatized for that.

Gent said that during the week, every hour, at least two teams came in every single day and they had no choice but to do so, so the only way you could actually do women encouraged hours would be once a week on the weekends, and also that he didn't see people not going if it was just women-encouraged hours.

IX. Email (Sexual Respect) and Letter Writing Task Force

Jaden said that people could look at the letter and make suggestions, and they would talk definitely about it next week. He said the thesis of it was asking for a more comprehensive sexual respect education.

Jaden said that AAS had been discussing a letter writing task force for a long time, and they should vote on making one.

Sirus said that they had voted on this last year.

Jaden said that even if they had, they didn't have any record of it so they should vote again.

Dania asked if anybody would be able to edit the emails.

Jaden said that they would, the task force would just present a draft.

Fareeda asked if it would just be the Senate working on this task force.

Jaden said it would be.



Mia said that there was sometimes a lack of participation outside of people directly impacted by issues, and this could encourage complacency.

Jaden said that they did not want to compel people who didn't want to do it to do a bad job.

A motion to create a letter writing task force passed.

Alex suggested that if an extra senator or two wanted to join a specific email, they could.

Rachel, Isaiah, Chris, and Zane expressed interest in joining this task force.

X. Elections

A. **Mental Health Committee (4 seats)**

Zane nominated himself.

Henry nominated himself.

Kate nominated himself.

Sophie was nominated, accepted nomination.

These four were elected.

B. **Arts Committee (3 seats)**

Mia said that they were just figuring out the structure last semester, and it was pretty low commitment. She said they just helped arts events on campus, and would hopefully be organizing more of their own.

Chris was nominated, accepted nomination.

Rachel nominated herself.



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Mia was nominated, accepted nomination.

Isaiah nominated himself.

Chris said that the arts on campus were a very important part of social life on campus, and said that they needed to fund more galleries, concerts, film screenings, etc. He also said that there should be peer tutoring in the arts as it was hard to get formal instruction from people with more experience than you, and a peer system would make people less anxious to learn more about the arts.

Rachel said that she was passionate about the dance community on campus and that she had planned many events around dancing. She said that she was a dance major in high school and planned a lot of events for them, and would like to be more involved in arts on campus.

Mia said that she was in the committee last semester, and they had done the black arts matters festival. She said that she had a lot of ideas she was excited to work on.

Isaiah said that he was also on the arts committee last semester, and that arts, specifically performing arts, were a big part of who he was. They said that they should bring in local community members to support local artists and bring more exciting and diverse opportunities to the school.

Jaden asked what nominees thought about opening creative studios to all students.

Isaiah said that he thought it was a great idea, and that it could be expanded beyond visual arts and that studio spaces should be open.

Mia said that she agreed and that studio arts spaces couldn't always be opened to outside students, so they could have recurring open spaces for art.

Rachel said that she supported this, and that EMS hadn't really worked when dance clubs were trying to book spaces, and they should work on expanding access to dance spaces.



Chris said that he formed a band his first year, and getting a space for practicing for performances was very difficult, and there was often a lack of Freshman performers at open mics because of this.

Clara asked, related to that, if they could make it so you didn't have to register for specific classes to use art spaces.

Chris said that that was part of his peer tutoring idea, so students already knowledgeable in those fields could teach other students.

Rachel said that she was not sure.

Mia said that she was in the committee about the new student center, and they should have more community spaces run by students where people could participate in arts outside of class.

Isaiah said that that was a great idea, and they could even offer student employment to those tutors. He said that he was very passionate about paying artists.

Sophie added that whoever was elected on to the committee should work on getting more student art on the walls.

Chris, Mia, and Isaiah were elected.

C. Library Committee (1 Senator in the Sciences, 1 Humanities, 1 Social Sciences)

Lori said that they met a few times last semester, and the library was falling apart. She said that the library was having a really hard time hiring, and that the committee wanted to communicate what was going on with the student body. She said that a lot of students hadn't shown up to the meetings before which was disappointing.

Clara nominated herself (sciences)

Lily nominated herself (social sciences)

Jaden said they would wait until they had more Senators to elect the last position.



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These two were elected.

XI. Adjourn

Minute Taker: Caden Stockwell, Staff Recording Secretary

Length of Meeting: 1 hour and 15 minutes