



**TUESDAY, April 13, 2010
1st MEETING OF 2010-2011 SENATE**

CALL TO ORDER

START TIME: 10:45

Speaker Michel: We won't start tonight off with Roll Call, but by beginning with the Oaths of Office.

PRESIDENT JONES Swearing in KOFI MENSAH as the PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT ASH Swearing in DAVID MACIEEICZ as the VICE PRESIDENT

SPEAKER MICHEL Swearing in the 2010-2011 SGA Senate

Roll Call

FINACE: ALL Present

STUDENT ACTIVITES: Senator Brennan Unexcused

COLA: ALL Present

CODDEE: ALL Present

STUDENT ACTION: ALL Present

PR: ALL Present

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: ALL Present

Speaker Michel: I will run through what the agenda will look like. You were here for the last meeting, and that's what they will look like. First thing we do after roll call, is an approval of the minutes. Followed by Public Forum. Old Business is legislation from the week before, Emergency Business is what needs to be passed right then, New Business is legislation for the next week, Executive Reports is what you just saw, committee reports are given by the chair of each committee. For the first meeting you will need to know the difference of Senatorial Forum and Senatorial Comments & Announcements, the first has to do with SGA, the second has to do with other student activities you may be involved in. Anyone to speak on Public Forum, seeing none moving onto old business, seeing none we move onto emergency business, would anyone like to introduce legislation for the next meeting? Seeing none we move onto Executive Reports.

Executive Reports:

SPEAKER MICHEL: I will send out a email going all of this and make it comprehensible, my cell phone is at the bottom, my eyesight is kind of bad, If I mess up your name correct me as many times as it takes. Please don't take it personally.

VP MACIEWIZ: I would like to introduce myself for those of you who don't know me. I am will be a senior Political Science major from upstate New York. I want to welcome you to SGA, and want to get to know you all. Next meeting, Tuesday, I will go over the goals of the organization, and about what I do, but mainly it is to work with the Kofi to foster a vision, and will serve a operational manger, and as mentoring role, and a few logistical things, I encourage you all as committee, to break up and set your committee meeting time, you are required to meet once a week, traditionally they exist right before Senate, but they need to represent the whole committee. If you could send that time for me I will find you a space to meet. Jess will book that for you and put your info online. I will be setting up one on ones with all of you. We are having are retreat in the fall. Welcome to senate, it will be a fun year, and I happy to have you all aboard. Thus concludes my first report.

PRESIDENT MENSAH: Hey everyone, I happy to be working with all of you, and congratulations for those of you who were elected, I want to open up my first report by stating a quote, by Mark Twain, "the secret of getting ahead, is getting started, the secret of getting started is breaking your complex task into small manageable tasks and getting started on the first one." I want us to be an effective senate, and as Senator Buswell mentioned talking to students and getting their input on what we do as senate, to make this school as best as it can possible be. I am from New York, I really hope to get to know all of you, in the next few weeks, I know that I will be having one on ones with all of you, and as president and VP of the is body and seeing what we can do you for you in supporting in your roles as senators. There is party being thrown in Club Lift, in your honor, the woman's team made historic leaps. Alianza Latina will be putting on a show in Ira Allen Chapel. The treasures will be appointed by next week, we worked with Blanca and Hannah to make that as transparent as possible, the speaker will be elected next week, I encourage you to speak to Julia, if you want to do her job this next year.

Senator Michel: I'm willing to talk to all and everyone interested in running for Speaker.

Senator O'Brien: Are we allowed to nominate someone for speaker?

President Mensah: Anyone on the senate floor can nominate anyone then it's approved by 2/3rds majority.

Senator O'Brien: Would that be under emergency business?

Speaker Michel: You cannot nominate yourself. That nomination doesn't have to be seconded, but that always good, the other thing, it will not come up under emergency business, and will be discussing this next week, and the material I will send out Friday I will be letting you know the upcoming agenda, and there won't be any complicated motions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACDEMIC AFFAIRS CHAIR NELSON: I am really excited to sit here with all of my co-chairs, and we will continue working on TRI, and working with the administration, I encourage you all to come to talk to us for what you would like to see, and I yield to my senators.

PR CHAIR MONTEFORTE: We will get PR rolling, if you have any concerns, we are meeting soon. Congratulations to my committee members.

STUDENT ACTION CHAIR SIMMONS: Brimming with optimism and good to see all the new people who have come to join us. I know there are official designated leadership roles from this body, I want each and everyone to take initiative themselves, some of the best stuff done, was done because they grabbed something by the horns and went for it, that could be you. That being said, I want to say real quickly, you may have heard us saying 'here here' and 'nay,' that's a great way to empathize what you might have to say. It's really more valuable to listen and not just recycle what's been said. Use the 'here here' and the 'nay.' If you disagree, we are here to disagree with each other, it's a great form of communication within the body. For now, welcome, thanks and praise, it's exciting.

CODDEE CHAIR HERMAN: I am new to senate, and the new CODDEE chair, and I'm looking forward to working with my committee as a team and taking on new issues as well as old ones.

COLA CHAIR MORGAN: I was planning on having the shortest committee report, but I would like to congratulate everyone for getting elected and look forward to a productive year.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES CHAIR ADAMS: Trying to fill the void left by Chair Chevrier, and so basically I look forward to New Year continuing to bring student activities to the forefront of senate. You probably got my email about Hillel's event that's tomorrow, they are a good bunch to know on campus. There is a big dance party this Saturday, that being said hazing is bad, don't do it. You can expect more information in the future. With that I conclude, I am excited to work with all of you, I see new faces and energy.

FINANCE CHAIR MALLEA: Hi everyone I am a Junior in the business school, and this will be my third year on Senate, I served my first and second year on Senate, and am excited to return and look forward to improving the process, working with the treasurer and letting you know where the funds are going, and excited to work with my committee.

SENATORAL FORUM:

Senator Chevrier: I wanted to say that I was really frustrated by the professor from the business school, Dan Novak, I don't think he answered any question that was posed to him and that it was counterintuitive, saying that this is not a teaching school, by definition we are. The reason I'm frustrated was that current TRI suggests that current professors spend more time for research when my current professors can't get back to emails until two months later, and I don't see how allowing more research is going to enhance undergraduate experience, I mean the classroom. If anyone has questions or disagrees with that, I encourage you to talk to me about it and to talk to your professors about. I made a point of talking to look into it. I also think it's cute that people clapped after committee reports, and I am interested in running for Speaker, and if anyone is interested in asking why I'm interested in position I encourage your thoughts and feedback and that I'm now tied with for most senior member, and I am really excited to work with everyone, in the past the people in the past who have worked the hardest, so much of being chair has to do with fielding questions, and I think it's important to be proven wrong and that every appointment for chairs positions were perfect.

Senator Willis: PO Inquiry, is TRI an acronym for something?

Speaker Michel: PO Inquiry is for procedural workings, if you want to know something then just ask. The TRI is the graduate program being created right now. If you want to offer POI or Inquiry stand up at any time and the speaker will recognize you.

Senator Filstein: Last senate term we did a lot of work on TRIs and will send out a lot of things so you know what it is.

Chair Adams: It's great you're here, it's super late, that's part of the norm that's you've signed up for, if there is anything you want to know, don't be afraid to ask your chair or senior members, we are more than happy to answer and don't be afraid to speak, if you have something to say, say it, even if you don't know all the details.

SENATORAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair Morgan: I would like to solicit community service idea for member of SGA, and if you have any shoot me an email.

Senator Chevrier: I apologize for being on my phone, with the elections in Florida exciting, if you have any questions as to why I'm so happy, ask me.

VP Maciewicz: I asked former chairs to stop by for first committee meeting, and want to give them a couple days to clear the schedule.

Senator Sadeghi: The latest Cynic, about the Israel conflict, tomorrow, the US policy with Israel, human rights Palestine Israel, 4 to 6 Waterman.

Chair Adams: If former members of SAC could give me their club sheets.

Senator Billman: Open mic at the green house, and the master of ceremony will be running it for the first hour or so, and we will try to have it outside, brick oven bread and pizza. Thursday night 7:30 to 12, U heights south.

Chair Morgan: I feel accomplished as an a RA to have two of my residents here. I want to congratulate them.

Senator Chevrier: This past year, SAC swept the elections and want to congratulate all.

Roll Call

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ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ENDS: 11:20