



16th Meeting of the 2024-2025 Student Government Association Senate
January 21st, 2025 | 7:00 PM | Livak Ballroom

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Speaker Kennedy Connors.

Roll Call

Senators Gottfurcht, Quinn, and Keppel not present.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved unanimously.

Public Forum

Old Business

Emergency Business

Inducting New Chairs

- Chairs Arnone and Rice sworn in by Speaker Connors

New Business

Senatorial Forum

Executive Reports

Speaker Connors

- New Chair placards will be updated with new Senators next week after elections.
- Judicial Committee is meeting next week once we can figure out a time.
- February 2nd is Groundhog Day and I love Punxsutawney Phil so I thought why not bring the tradition here. Burlington Brett is coming to town 1-3pm at the Davis Center Amphitheater. There will be fun games like Pin the Tail on the Groundhog.

Senator Esbin: Can you post these details in the Teams and send it straight to PR?

- **Response:** Yes, Campus Programs has a template already and I will make sure Chair Modun gets it too.

Senator Grace: Did we get a groundhog for this?

- **Response:** I cannot share any secrets, show up and it will be great!

Chair Modun: I am so excited to be there.

Chair Espejo: I'm sad it's not Bunxsutawney Bill.

- **Response:** I suggested that but Campus Programs said they didn't get the reference.

Vice President Bednarik

- Catamount Safety Awards is looking for a Senator to join their meetings. They meet one or two times and then attending the ceremony on April 15th.
- SGA Retreat is coming up on February 1st from 10am-3pm in Innovation. Attendance is mandatory but if you can't make it let me know and I will send out makeup information.
- Tomorrow I have a Government Leadership meeting with President Prelock.

- Also meeting with the Office of Sustainability and Orientation to discuss the Traditions Scavenger Hunt idea that was raised and make it more sustainable.
- My office hours this semester are Thursday 10-11am. Come in and chat about whatever.
- Meg's birthday was this past weekend, it would be nice if everyone could come up and sign a card for her.

President Teferra

- Happy Tuesday!
- Monday was not an easy day for a lot of people, take care of yourselves and reach out if you need support.
- The Student Trustee selection process is coming to an end soon.
- SGA is hosting a Friday breakfast at the Mosaic Center February 7th from 9-11am. Come help out with cooking or attend if you can. This is a great opportunity to go out and talk in the community.
- Lunar New Year Celebration is this Saturday, but the tickets are sold out.
- Soccer parade for winning the National Championship is Sunday at 1pm at Church Street Marketplace. There will be buses going down at noon.

Treasurer Sorensen

- Finance Committee is doing budget advising sessions Tuesday and Thursday 3-4pm and Wednesday 5-6pm until February 7th. Open to everyone, but required for clubs requesting over \$20,000 or a 20% increase from last year.
 - Budgets are due February 5th at 3pm.
- Working on a Clubsigner Banquet with Club Affairs and Finance.
- LUVMyClub registration is open, the deadline is February 17th.

- Send any videos of your club to me for a video that is being put together.
- Midterm elections start tomorrow and close Friday at midnight to fill seven open seats.
- My office hours this semester are Monday 2-3pm.

Senator Renallo: How many people are running?

- **Response:** So far 13 people came to info sessions, the final deadline to submit is tonight.

Committee Reports

Public Relations Committee

- Chair Jones and I have been working on Week of Kindness planning, we already met with the full committee last week. Reminder that it is February 10-14.
- We currently livestream our meetings through Instagram and upload the Reels there. We will still be doing that but have removed them from the grid and will upload the video to the SGA YouTube which makes it easier.
- I created a LinkedIn account for SGA. You can now put it on your LinkedIn easily with the logo.
- Activities Fest is going on this week, come by.
- Fun Fact of the Week: The eye makes 50 movements every second.

Committee on the Environment

- Starting meetings up next week. Excited for some new members.
- Getting the ball rolling on Earth Week planning soon.

Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity

- Our first meeting of the semester today went well.

- SVAM and MARCH! planning is coming along, I am meeting with Dr Ruggles on Monday.
- Please keep in mind that all of the identity centers are open to everyone, please utilize resources on campus that are available when you need them.

Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs

- We are carrying on projects from last semester.
- Focusing on a group initiative to make COLCA more accessible to other students.

Committee on Student Action and Well-Being

- Identity centers and LivingWell resources include 24 hour hotlines and CAPS drop in hours. Use them if you need them or have friends who do.
- If you still want to join or help out with Week of Kindness, let me know. We are definitely looking for help with tabling for the whole week.
- Artist of the Week: Billie Eilish.

Club Affairs Committee

- We have been busy already this semester with Activities Fest this week Tuesday through Thursday 11am-2pm. SGA has our own table, Treasurer Sorensen is tabling for elections.
- Senator Grace and I will be holding our last two makeup sessions for clubs on Teams.
- We have gotten 25 clubs back in good standing in the last month and a half. Please thank Club Affairs and Finance because we've been working hard.

Academic Affairs Committee

- Starting meetings next week.
- Jay Dickinson has secured funding to expand a study program from CEMS to other colleges which will provide extra resources for students that are struggling with studying.

- The first two weeks back can be very challenging, the add/drop deadline is at the end of this week if you need it.

Finance Committee

- We are busy with budget advising and getting ready for budget season.

Senatorial Comments/Announcements

Senator Steele: Pack the Gut is this Saturday for Women's Hockey. We are trying to break the attendance record again and they still have the sugar waffles so you should go.

Adjournment