



Senate Minutes

October 3, 2024

A. WELCOME - Alfredo Trevedan

- a. Thank you for being here!
 - i. We appreciate you being here
 - ii. We see your work and so will campus

B. WORSHIP - Charlyneth Dizon

- a. Chacha's favorite Psalm - Chapter 13
 - i. 3 points from this chapter
 - 1. Verse 1 and 2 - Run towards God, not away from Him
 - a. David went to God, he didn't run from Him
 - i. We should do the same
 - 2. Verse 3 and 4 - Have the strong craving of God's presence
 - a. Have the hard conversations with God
 - i. Wrestle with Him
 - ii. Keep praying
 - 3. Verse 5 and 6 - Practice faith
 - a. Trust in His unfailing love
 - b. Give Him praise for He is good to me
 - ii. Hebrews 11:1
 - 1. Have faith
 - iii. If you are every questioning God, ask Him for His guidance
 - 1. Go back and read over this chapter!
 - iv. Thank you for your effort on behalf of SA

C. PROJECT PITCH - Edvan Benitez

- a. 423 Night Market is this Saturday at 9pm
 - i. 80+ vendors
 - ii. Please help us promote via social media or with friends

- b. Outdoor futsal (soccer) courts - 1st proposal
 - i. Faculty wants Southern to be inclusive and united in all ways
 - ii. Most popular sports
 - 1. Soccer
 - 2. Basketball
 - 3. Cricket
 - 4. Tennis
 - 5. Football
 - iii. Pickleball has also become very popular by 39% in the US
 - 1. Also popular on campus
 - 2. Tennis courts have been adapted for pickleball
 - iv. 11 million adults are playing recreational soccer in the US
 - v. There is something for all popular spots on campus
 - 1. Examples
 - a. Pickleball
 - b. Volleyball
 - c. Basketball
 - 2. Nothing for soccer
 - a. Field issues
 - i. Cannot play soccer when it is not soccer season
 - ii. Grass is not mowed for most of the year
 - iii. There is usually an intramural in the gym
 - 3. We represent different cultures on campus
 - a. Many international students
 - vi. Proposal
 - 1. Research outdoor futsal courts
- c. Proposal 2
 - i. Part of campaign is to have bikes
 - 1. Issues on campus
 - a. Lack of parking
 - i. Very hard to find parking
 - b. Late to campus that are on the other side of campus
 - c. Less students live in the dorm
 - i. Village
 - ii. Spalding point
 - 2. Problem
 - a. Student handbook pg 20

- i. There is a risk of injury
 - 1. University assumes no liability for those who are injured on campus
 - b. We cannot provide scooters because of policy on page 20 of the handbook
 - c. Electric mobility is not allowed on campus
 - 3. New proposal -
 - a. Bikes on campus
 - b. Handbook pg 14
 - i. Bikes need to be parked in appropriate bike parking locations
 - c. Promotes
 - i. Easy accessibility (ex. Station in downtown Chattanooga)
 - 1. Students can use their card to borrow
 - ii. Exercise
 - iii. Less cars on campus

Discussion/ questions

- Need to wear helmets because it is provided by Southern?
- Needs to be researched
- Where will the money come from?
 - Senate budget
- Cost of futsal courts?
 - Needs to be researched
 - Can Southern use CA's field?
 - No
- How many bikes can we purchase
 - Depends on budget
- Where will they be placed
 - Have different location on campus
- There is a field nearby, can Southern use them
 - Not part of Southern, no courts year round
- Does there need to be a roof over the court?
 - No
- What is futsal?

- Paved court for 5 people
- Will this replace the projects that Senate is currently working on (Contingency fund)
 - Will be coming out Contingency fund in addition to current projects
- Will there be an issues with students walking on Promenade
 - Safety needs to come with project
- Will we be over bike maintenance?
 - Yes, needs to be researched
- What is the budget for these bikes?
 - Needs to be researched

- Is this something that Senate should do? - Alfredo
 - Would the bikes be in Southern Village
 - Will be around campus
 - Senate should be a part of this decision
 - Who will be the one to make this decision
 - We would need to find someone on Senate who would be interested or someone from SA to do so
 - Project will die if Senate does not support do to lack of people to research
 - Students want pickleball courts
 - One futsal court and one pickleball
 - Pickleball is more popular on campus
 - Replace one of the current projects with futsal
 - A lot of Hispanic students want futsal courts
 - There is no place to play
 - Senate should be involved
 - People do not get tired of soccer
 - Some people will drive 20 minutes to play soccer because there is no place to play on campus
 - This is a very good avenue for students to make friends
 - Gives school spirit
 - Bikes
 - There is a lot of liability
 - There needs to be a lot of research
 - It can be expensive
 - Motion for 2 more minutes, seconded,

- 12/24
 - 2 minutes added
 - Good ideas
 - Students are very enthusiastic about soccer
 - There will be more issues with bikes
 - Safety
 - Where will they ride
 - Budget will be very expensive
 - Only deciding to support or not today
 - Motion - replace campus safety gates with futsal
 - Amend add 1 minute 22/24
 - Replace Grid
 - Can we replace 2 projects?
 - Yes
 - Grid and safety gate
 - Results from research done said that it could be expensive
 - Usually food is catered
 - Gate
 - Should not be responsibility of school for student safety
 - Suggest it to those who are responsible for school safety
 - Amended motion - Colid Emde
 - Remove gate and grid project for futsal project
 - 21/22
 - Favor to do futsal project over gate and grid project
 - 20/22
 - Motion Carried
 - Now futsal project

D. COMMITTEE UPDATES

E. Bylaws Committee - Allen

- a. Has meet 2 times
- b. Going over Constitution

F. Community Service Committee - Nathalie Jacome

- a. Met last Sunday

- b. Planning on having location after Fall break
- c. Should have project by November

G. Public Relations Committee - Caroline Bridges

- a. Created moodboard
- b. Working with campus safety

H. Safety Committee - Priscille Mikala

- a. Working on Air Tag giveaway
 - i. Wasp nest removal

I. Scholarship Committee - Nema Ogal

- a. Will meet with Ellen in the next couple of weeks

J. Social Committee - Isabel Genovez

- a. Senate Surprise on 11th
 - i. Collab with SA
 - ii. Empanadas by Senate
 - iii. Horchata by SA

K. Finance Committee - Fabian Lubis

- a. Has rundown of all active clubs on campus
 - i. 40-45 clubs
- b. Sent out Google form with questions on criteria on what is needed
 - i. Has gotten 20 responses
- c. Should have proposal by next Senate meeting

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. 423 Night Market
 - i. October 5 9pm - 11pm
- b. Supper on the Promenade
 - i. October 24
- c. Senate Spirit Week
 - i. October 28 - November 1
- d. Next Senate Meeting
 - i. October 31