

Charleston Southern University

Student Government Association

September 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes

4:30; WCCL Room 110

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Lauren Willard	Student Body President
	Michael Logsdon	Student Body Vice President
	Jess Downing	Student Body Secretary Treasurer
	Josh Carter	Student Affairs Chairman
	Chandler Krogh	Commuter Chairman
	Robert Banks	Judiciary Chairman
	Corey Addy	Senior Senator
	Cameron Dominy	Senior Senator
	Lindsey Asarch	Junior Senator
	Alyssa Petzel	Junior Senator
	Ryan Robidoux	Junior Senator
	Ayana Thomas	Junior Senator
	Jeremy Worthy	Junior Senator
	Tanner Brunson	Sophomore Senator
	Kyle Chandler	Sophomore Senator
	Micah Deveaux	Sophomore Senator
	Jenny Kenny	Sophomore Senator
	Princeton McBride	Sophomore Senator
	Aaron McGavin	Sophomore Senator
	Katrina Phelps	Sophomore Senator
	Diana Snellgrove	Sophomore Senator
	Caroline Shreve	Sophomore Senator
	Kyle Addy	Freshman Senator
	Ryan Coughlin	Freshman Senator
	Julie Jarrett	Freshman Senator
	Margaret Jarvis	Freshman Senator
	Morgan Pheffer	Freshman Senator

OTHERS PRESENT:	Clark Carter	SGA Adviser/ Dean of Students
	Kevin Coriolan	Director of Student Activities

MINUTES

Vice President Michael Logsdon called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Dean Carter led the Student Government Association in an invocation.

1. Treasurer's Report/Approval of Minutes

Secretary/Treasurer Jess Downing gave the treasurer's report for a total budget of \$5,870.97. Minutes were approved as read.

2. President's Report

Hello, everyone! Welcome to the first meeting. It was nice meeting all of you before this. We will learn everyone's names and have fun at the senate retreat in a couple of weeks. Hopefully you will get to meet everyone and become close to them this year; SGA is like a family. First off, I want to go over our vision that we have prayed about for this coming year. I really felt that unity was the word for this year. We want unity among our commuters, athletes, and minorities. With everything we do we should be a unified body under Christ. Let's keep that goal in mind with all that we do in our meetings. I would like to briefly go over what SGA's four core values are:

1. Glorify God
2. Pass quality legislation and put on good events for students. We pass quality legislations just as the years before. No silly legislations, let's get things done for the students quickly and efficiently!
3. Maintain good and lasting relationship with administration. Say hi to them and talk to them about improvements for campus.
4. Have fun and build each other up. If you get a point of order, do not be discouraged; we are here to build each other up. Take criticism seriously but never personally. We are here to encourage- not to discourage.

I think we are going to have a fantastic year. Have a servant's heart in all that you do. We are going to make CSU a better place this year. Be in contact with students and open to hearing the improvements they would like to see on campus. Represent SGA well, CSU well, and most of all, represent Christ well. Thanks for being here everyone. We are going to have a great year!

3. Swearing in of New Members

Vice President Logsdon had the new Senators stand, raise right hand, and repeat after him. All new Senators were sworn in.

VP Logsdon: It is our joy and our honor to declare all of you who just did that as our new and official Senators for Charleston Southern University's Student Government Association.

4. Approval of Student Affairs Chairman

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Josh Carter approved.

5. Approval of Commuter Committee Chairman

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Chandler Krogh approved.

6. Approval of Judiciary Committee Chairman

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Robert Banks approved.

7. Approval of Parliamentarian

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Cameron Dominy approved.

8. Approval of President Pro Tempore

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Corey Addy approved.

9. Approval of Chief of Staff

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Jackson Woodle approved

10. Approval of Multimedia Specialist

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Marybeth Albertson approved

11. Approval of Press Secretary

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Alana Cain approved

12. Approval of White House Correspondent

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Kevin Gustafson approved

13. Approval of Secretary of Dining

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Emily Watson approved

14. Approval of Event Coordinator

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Gordon Washington approved

15. Approval of Secretary of Campus Ministries

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Rebecca Foster approved

16. Approval of Sergeant at Arms

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Aaron McGavin approved

17. Approval of Secretary of Athletics

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Alec Emenhiser approved

18. Approval of Secretary of Student Organizations

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Hannah Medford approved

19. Approval of Secretary of Diversity Relations

It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it, Eric Addison approved

Motion to suspend the rules and open the docket by Chairman Banks

Motion seconded by President Pro-tempore Addy

Rules are suspended

Parliamentarian Dominy made a motion to entertain the adoption of a resolution.

Parliamentarian Dominy: I know there have been some questions as to whether or not we can do this, but our body states in our Bylaws that we have to abide by Robert's Rules of order, and Robert's rules, as I have here, defines a resolution in the same category as a motion, which means that there is a discrepancy in our Constitution as to what to apply this applies to. The decision about whether we can do this or not falls under the responsibility of the Parliamentarian, and I am Parliamentarian. In this case, I want to entertain the possibility of the acceptance of this resolution which I am currently distributing.

Parliamentarian Dominy reserved his last rights

PPT Addy made a motion to reinstate the rules and close the docket

Senator Worth seconded the motion and rules were reinstated.

Parliamentarian Dominy: I am going to read this out loud. This deals with the new visitation policy on campus. This isn't law by any means, but hopefully this is a good way for us to address some of the changes we have made and what we think about them- whether or not they are positive or negative changes.

Parliamentarian Dominy read the resolution aloud and yielded time at 4:46 PM.

Period of question and answer:

Senator Worthy: What do you see this resolution doing? I had a person come to me talking about this the other day.

Parliamentarian Dominy: I think it is important to note that the reason we have any power comes from our ability to put through legislation. It's important to note when changes have been made

because of legislation coming out of our body, and it is also important for us to note when something has been changed back without any input from us. It takes away our power, and we need to take a look at what is going on here. Some of the changes are good, but some need to be talked about, and it is important that we open a place for discussion on this topic.

Senator Snellgrove: What was the reason given for them changing the times back?

Parliamentarian Dominy: In conversations I've had with people, it was student safety, which is important to think about. I don't want to get into a discussion here about whether or not this is a good or bad thing. But what I would like to point out is that we need to know that when we put legislation in place and legislation is decided upon, it will stay implemented and not changed without any sort of student input. This gets the ball rolling on future policy discussion.

PPT Addy: Were students aware of this change made over the summer?

Parliamentarian Dominy: Some of them were, and some of them weren't. My brother was a freshman coming in now with understanding that he would have visitation. A lot of students were expecting things to be a certain way, and they're not. That's something we need to talk about as a body and as a school.

Senator Kenny: Do you have any specific things saying "this is what we want changed back," or is this just an open thing saying let's sit down and talk about it?

Parliamentarian Dominy: This is essentially a statement coming from the Student Government Association at CSU saying that we can't condone the actions until we take a further look at policy. I think it's important for us to be involved on everything going on around campus, and I also think we need to be aware of changes that are happening. We have the ability to at least say, 'Let's stop here and take a gander at what is going on.' Specific changes for visitation policy would be discussed further in actual legislation.

Pro Con Debate:

VP Logsdon explains how the pro con debate works before moving further into the process.

Chairman Banks in favor: I rise in strong favor of this resolution. Regardless of how you feel about our policy regarding visitation, it is very important that we as an organization are heard and active in what goes on around campus. By supporting this resolution, you are saying we matter as an organization and contribute to our sovereignty. We worked really hard for the visitation that had been put in place, and if that's all taken away without our input, we lose all credibility. Stand with me in favor of this resolution.

No one rises in opposition of resolution.

PPT Addy makes a motion to remove the previous question
Chairman Krogh seconded this motion

Parliamentarian Dominy: I believe it's all been said now. Thank you.

Moved into a period of roll call voting
With a vote of 23 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions, the resolution was passed.

19. Calendar

VP Logsdon discusses the papers that were handed out during the meeting, which included the budget, corrections, and he specifically goes over the calendar.

20. Senate Retreat

The mandatory senate retreat is on October 1st 10am-12pm with optional but paid for lunch, which will most likely be at Moes.

21. Student Forum

The student forum which will be on October 4th at 4pm either located in new student lounge or Ashby Hall 204

22. Legislation

All are to submit any legislation each Thursday by 11:59pm to be on the following Monday's docket. Each committee is required to write 3 pieces per semester. Individually, we encourage all to write a piece of legislation.

23. Committee Assignments

All members were assigned to either the Student Affairs Committee, the Commuter Committee, or the Judiciary Committee.

24. Constituency Program

VP Logsdon explains that the purpose is to provide a way for the Senate to receive input from students at CSU. Each committee will select two times per month to be in the dining hall with two or more senators from that committee at table at each of those times. It is a question and answer desk. These dates must be approved by the executives and brought to the next meeting.

25. BSO Report

Secretary of Student Organizations Hannah Medford: We stressed fact that we want all clubs to get info into us for better accountability from the clubs about what is going on campus. We are also talking about homecoming with all of the clubs.

26. Adviser Comments

Dean Carter: Before you leave, I brought books from my friend of mine, so feel free to take some. *Freedom's Foundations* talks about our freedom and foundation of our country, and you can take it for free! Take one or two and give it away. As far as the resolution that was passed earlier, you can ask me any questions because I am the advisor in the room. I am happy to answer any questions you have about it . I'll give you some backstory about the change in policy this past summer. Many years ago there was no visitation at all for students period. Dr. Hunter said there would be no open house period. SGA and students constantly asked if we could have visitation allow on campus, and so the university constantly looked at bills about visitation from SGA and moved them forward. SGA can make bills, but we are the ones who have to read them over and sign them off. It's a matter of us working together to make the university the best that it can be. Unfortunately, as visitation continued to expand from 1 to 2 to 3 days a week and so on, we saw more and more levels of visitation violations that cost 250 dollars, academic probation, disciplinary probation, 20% of student life, and other serious things. Most Title IX cases have dealt directly with quads, and we have had some very serious problems arise. Each of the quads have 5 entry points with cameras, and there's even a security guard down there. We are trying our best to keep things from happening in the quads, but still the most serious cases of Title IX have happened there. We had to compromise and realize that for now, we have to modify the policy. The issue isn't that the guys can't be trusted, but that the quads are not able to be monitored correctly at the moment. Until we can get strategic funding, and find money to put in access gates for quads, things will have to be this way. Before senior officers made a decision, we called SGA officers for their blessing on the situation, and we had some discussion. We knew this wouldn't be popular with the students, but we had to use good leadership and take responsibility to do what was best for the students and the university. This isn't an issues of the rules, but rather an issue of doing what is right. I want you do know why we did what we did.

PPT Addy: Was it ever mentioned in the conversations about visitation that people who would break rules would break rules no matter what?

Dean Carter: Yes, we know that. I understand that locks and laws are for honest people, but it's a lot easier to police things and watch any female at any time going to the quads and know for a fact that it is off limits.

PPT Addy: In previous conversations I've had with you, you even expressed that you wanted daytime visitation of Saturdays. We could have people over and watch football and that kind of stuff.

Dean Carter: You're right, and I would like to see more hours on the weekends. But here is the challenge- we need people to watch the lounges, which takes a lot of students to work and a lot of money coming out of your pockets to fund that.

Chairman Banks: Now our guys in the quads have no lounge because the room is being used completely for storage.

Dean Carter: Yes, and we are opening a huge student lounge now that will be open from 6am-3am in the old Charleston Room for all students. The furniture has already been ordered, and we will have everything in place by the Halloween party on October 31st for the students. We also have the LJP lounge. So we are adding another lounge.

PPT Addy: I'm super glad that we are doing that; it just seems sometimes a little counterproductive that we add one awesome lounge and take like 4 away and restrict hours.

Dean Carter: I'm open to trying to see about moving stuff around, but given the situation we were in, we had to do what we had to do. Not everything has been done yet, but the new lounge is the nicest and biggest and there are two open lounges in the quads I would think.

Senator Kenny: What was the concern from administration with the lounges considering that those are more secure? What did you guys think of that and why were the hours in lounges cut?

Dean Carter: It's because of the issues of what genders are on which hallways. You would have guys in lounges in the female buildings trying to sneak into girls rooms, and it's difficult to police that. Now, we are trying to have more common places on campus for both girls and guys to be in. I'm not positive about the hour changes and whether or not all of the lounges really are secured with cameras. I will come next week with more detail about the before and afters of the visitation policy so we can look at that. The reality is that we suffer indirectly from things that have happened, and the choices that people make even within the past years do affect us as a university today. We are trying our best to accommodate people in the safest and fairest way.

Senator Krogh: Was there any talk about increasing the money that we spend on security?

Dean Carter: There's been all kind of talk about security. What we would like to do is to hire all CSU security guards. These kind of improvements cost money, and this money has to come from somewhere. A lot of money was spent in dealing with the legal cases in the quads, and the university has to find a way to pay for these expenses. But I'll come next week with more data about lounges. I want to be transparent with all of you. We haven't heard many complaints about this topic so far.

Senator Kenny: This is just a personal opinion from me as a student. I think next time a drastic change is made, maybe getting the information out in a better way would be awesome because a

lot of us came in not aware at all about changes. That's just something I wanted to bring to your attention to improve that process. A lot of people were set back because they weren't clear about reasons for changes.

Dean Carter: Yeah, we tried to get something out to you in the first Pages of Possibilities with changes. But yes, I agree I'm sure it was a shock for returning students. That is a valid concern. Feel free to come to me not just to hear the rules and regulations but also to hear our heart in the matter.

VP Logsdon: Feel free to ask any more questions at the student forum.

Dean Carter speaks more about the rules of the new student lounge and encourages all members to grab a free book before they leave.

27. Questions/Comments/Concerns

President Willard: Just to add on, this is a great thing to bring up at student forum. Encourage everyone you know to be there, and everyone will hear about this topic and know the reasons behind it. We did speak with Dean Carter about it this summer, so if you have any questions, speak to us about it as well. Also, write down your t-shirt size so we can get it out next meeting.

Parliamentarian Dominy: SCSL is fast approaching. If you would like to go, I need to know by Wednesday at the latest. We meet twice a year to write legislation. Any passed legislation goes to the state itself. My number is 860-639-4281. If you would like to come, text me to let me know by Wednesday. We may have to hold a process to decide who gets to go.

PPT Addy: Dates October 26-28. It's all paid for also with university excused absences. You get to meet people from all around the state and other universities.

Senator Thomas: Did you look more into public relations for SGA and who is the attorney general?

President Willard: I am working on it. I do not have an attorney general yet, but I will make selection by next week. One more important thing; meet with your committee chairman to find out a good time to meet every week. Try to meet and talk before our Senate meeting next Monday.

28. Benediction/Adjournment

Vice President Logsdon prayed us out.

With no further business, VP Logsdon adjourned the meeting at 5:34 PM.

These minutes are hereby submitted for approval of the Student Government Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jess Downing
Student Body Secretary Treasurer