

## Senate Minutes 4-15

### President's Report:

Peebles: Thanks the body for their participation this year and congratulates them on all that they've accomplished. He wishes the executive board next year well. There will not be a meeting next week.

### Treasurer's Report:

Melendez: There are three bills for today's meeting.

### Elections Committee Report:

Brooks: Ballots will be open soon. At the end of this meeting, there will be speeches from candidates.

### SAB Report:

Austin: The last Droverstock meeting will be held tonight.

### Young Democrats Act:

Humphrey and Fuston: The bill would be giving money to USAO Young Democrats. It is necessary to spend remaining funds and Young Dems is a valid investment because they weren't able to fundraise with Covid and they would like to hold events and activities and be more active on campus.

Baird: What kind of events?

Humphrey: They want to host guest speakers to talk about legislative issues and racial discrimination.

Peebles: Will the events be open to the whole student body?

Humphrey: Yes.

Peebles: Can the authors elaborate on why they need these funds?

Fuston: Fundraising attempts have not been successful.

Peebles: How many members does Young Democrats have?

Humphrey: around 8-10 members?

Alexander: Could the authors elaborate on what Sally's List is?

Fuston: Sally's List is an organization that tries to increase female involvement in politics.

Baird: moves to make the bill immediate action.

Bill passes unanimously

### Get Outside Act:

Humphrey and Fuston: This bill is designed to fund the purchase of hammocks that students can check out from student services. This legislation gives students something to do outside and it allows the senate to spend money.

Melendez: How much would stands cost?

Fuston: not sure but they are safe to use with trees.

Peebles: (on parliamentary inquiry) Is the wording of the bill adequate to appropriate funds?

Willoughby: Why do students need to use their ID?

Fuston: It forces them to bring the hammocks back.

Peebles: Are the authors open to a friendly amendment?

Melendez: Would the authors be open to buying stands as an amendatory provision?

Fuston: That should probably be a separate bill.

Alexander: would like to see hammocks being used on campus?

Melendez: Is there a good place that the authors would recommend to hammock?

Fuston: has a place she prefers but wouldn't police hammocking locations.

Alexander: Could we trust staff to tell us where it's safe to hammock?

Melendez: How would the instruction video be distributed?

Fuston: There will be an instruction sheet that will likely contain a link to the youtube video.

Baird: moves to make the bill immediate action.

Bill Passes unanimously.

UHC Donation Act:

Willoughby and Melendez: The bill would give \$500 to the United Hispanic Council to purchase graduation stoles, t-shirts, and give out scholarship awards. Recently, they hosted a fundraiser but Covid has limited their ability to do so further.

Peebles: What are the scholarship awards?

Willoughby: The donations fund plaques and certificates.

Melendez: The scholarships give students who might not be able to access most available ones an opportunity to receive financial aid.

Baird: This bill allows us to keep our friends on campus and it's a wise use of SGA funds to support them.

Melendez: There were a lot of applicants this year so the funds to award scholarships are necessary.

Concerns about the legality and safety of students receiving the scholarship were brought up. Out of an abundance of caution, I will not include details in the minutes to mitigate the risks that were brought up.

O'zee: Concerns about the scholarship would be handled better after passage by a higher body.

Brown: Would the authors be open to a friendly amendment to remove the provision that allocates funds for the scholarship?

Melendez: No, the concerns about the scholarship should be handled by a higher body.

Humphrey: Believes that the bill should pass.

Peebles: The primary concern is about the safety of scholarship recipients.

Alexander: Moves to make the bill immediate action.