



## Student Government Assembly Senate Agenda

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 2:00pm

Via - Zoom

The regular weekly meeting was called to order by Alondra Bañuelos, Speaker of the Senate at 2:03 p.m. via Zoom on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. *A quorum was present.*

### Call to Order: 2:03pm

- Roll Call
  1. Alondra Bañuelos – Present
  2. X (Antwaun D. Johnson) - Present
  3. Jessie Jennett - Present
  4. Maryan Issack – Present
  5. Dr. Baron - Present
  6. Guillermo Ramirez – Present
- Public Comment
  - Rachel Lorenz, Student – Met Media Reporter - Present

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- *Motion to approve previous minutes.*
  - *Motioned: Alondra*
  - *Seconded: X (Antwaun D Johnson)*
  - *Passage: 3-0-0*

### Meeting Minutes:

- We need to be identifying inclusive across the university. X doesn't use his legal name but there aren't ways to change his name to X on teams, etc. That can be a larger conversation we have another time.

### Unfinished Business:

- Establishing Committee Assignments
  - **Student Voice Committee**
    - Chair - X (Antwaun D Johnson)
    - Co-Chair – Jessie
    - Member: Maryan
    - **\*Student Fee Review Committee** will now act as an Ad-Hoc Committee under the Student Voice Committee.
  - **Senate Bylaws Committee**
    - Will be discussed during our 1-2pm meeting.

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- *Motion to require us to have our agenda posted 24 hours before our meetings so the people can stay informed.*
  - *Motioned: X (Antwaun D Johnson)*
  - *Seconded: Jessie*
  - *Passage: 3-0-0*

**Meeting Minutes:**

- If the public wants to ask for our agendas that is fine. We also need to solidify a plan to make those more accessible.
- A 24 hour notice should be provided so that if we need to go into executive session the public can be informed. Also, we should have those agendas posted on our website and social media.
- Hiring a secretary for a few hours a week to help us get this done can be an option moving forward.
- Parliamentarian in the past took responsibility for this but we need to establish a plan for who will do this in the future. For now we can work as a team to make sure that gets accomplished.

**New Business:**

- Safer Space Resolution & Sanctuary Space Resolution
  - <https://www.msudenver.edu/gita/safer-spaces-resolution/>
  - Notes:
    - Where are we currently at as a Senate when it comes to the Safer Space Resolution & Sanctuary Space Resolution? Have we read it? Could we vote on it?
    - The Safer Space Resolution & Sanctuary Space Resolution was read individually by all SGA student senators.

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- *Motion to have the first reading as an SGA Senate on Friday, February 12, 021 of the Safer Space Resolution & Sanctuary Space Resolution*
  - *Motioned: X (Antwaun D Johnson)*
  - *So-moved: Jessie*
  - *Seconded: Maryan*
  - *Passage: 3-0-0*
- *Motion to support the Safer Space Resolution & Sanctuary Space Resolution*
  - *Motioned: X (Antwaun D Johnson)*
  - *So-moved: Alondra*
  - *Seconded: Jessie*
  - *Passage: 3-0-0*

**Meeting minutes:**

- We should have a senator at the various senate meetings across campus such as staff and faculty senate.
- Extremely empowering to have all of us read the resolution as a senate.

**Special Guest:**

- Dr. Will Simpkins, *Vice President of Student Affairs*
  - Presented a charge to Student Affairs to look into their eligibility requirements in programs/student organizations and see what requirements are prohibiting students from being engaged and looking to eliminating them.
    - Ex: Credit Hours, GPA, Transfer Student, etc.

- Dr. Davidson requested requirement be barred from scholarships??
- Transfer students lose a semester from transcript.
  - Closing gap from when students transfer to when students can be involved/participate in SGA and other orgs.
- Good Academic Standing (2.0 or above)
  - Not on probation
  - Focused on academic performance.

### Reports of Co-Advisors

- **Report of Co-Advisors, Dr. Baron & Guillermo Ramirez**
  - No Report - Dr. Baron
  - No Report – Guillermo

### Reports of the Student Senate:

- **Tabled for next week**
- **Report of Alondra Bañuelos**
  - Connected with Letty Torres from Brazen Project, scheduled meeting for next week.
  - Connected with Claire Alfus (MSW Department) to learn about work they are doing with graduate students.
- **Report of X**
  - Books, resources, SAB inquiry
  - Creating scholarship, resource funds, and more
  - Began to develop a bereavement process on behalf of work-study and hourly student employees.
  - Began to develop a request to have a campus wide bereavement policy for students with faculty.
  - Began to develop a request in language change for scholarships internal / external including SAP language awaiting response from Director of Financial Aid.
  - Began to develop credit hour / GPA requirement for SGA resolution to change constitution.
  - Elections 2020- reached out to Dr. Pantel and Deputy General Counsel on these matters.
  - Documentation for SGA- Public Records Compliance
  - Wanting clarity if services are being utilized by the greater community of students or if hours need to change.
- **Report of Jessie Jennett**
  - Submission of intentions
    - Focus on succession, student outreach & participation, amending the senate bylaws and ensuring that we have quality transition documents to equip future senators in.
  - How can we give access to students to change their names to their preferred names on Teams?
  - Instagram in progress
- **Report of Maryan Issack**
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### Committee Reports:

- Student Voice Committee (Ad-Hoc: Student Fee Review Panel)
  - No update as of 2/12/21
- Senate Bylaws Committee
  - No update as of 2/12/21
- Finance Committee
- Personnel Committee

**Public Comment:**

- Rachel Lorenz, Student – Met Media Reporter - Present
  - No Public Comment Report
- Sheldon Solis
  - No Public Comment Report

**Adjournment:** Speaker of the Senate Alondra Bañuelos called for adjournment at 3:07 pm

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*Motion to extend SGA Senate meeting 10 minutes to adjourn at 3:10pm.*

- *Motioned: X (Antwaun D Johnson)*
- *So-moved: Jessie*
- *Seconded: Alondra*
- *Passage: 3-0-0*