



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Government Association

GENERAL MEETING

Monday October 04, 2021 | 6:30 PM | Student Union Ballroom C

- I.** Call to Order: 6:31PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum: 35/39 Quorum Met
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes: Unanimously Approved
- IV.** Oath of Office: President Smith administered the Oath of Office to Graduate Senator Jones and First Year Senator Thomas
- V.** Executive Reports
 - a.** President Smith
 - i.** Homecoming Court Announcement
 - President Smith brought to the attention of SGA the opportunity for us to nominate someone for Homecoming King and Queen President Smith said that if you are interested reach out to him.
 - ii.** Safety Remarks
 - President Smith reflected on the event that happened on campus on Friday October 1st near the Student Union. He Started by thanking the Senate for continuing to display citizenship. He then expressed his personal experience in the situation and thank the University and Local police departments. He then expressed the importance of the SGA senators taking a stance of truth, unity, and leadership.
 - iii.** Safety Recommendation Time
 - President Smith then invited Senators to have an open discussion in which President Pro-tempore Carter motioned to suspend Roberts Rules of Order 2nd by Senator Nwigwe.
 - The Senate then had a time to make comments and express concerns.
 - After the discussion President Pro-Tempore Carter moved to reinstate Roberts Rules of Order 2nd by Parliamentarian Eppes.
 - President Smith then invited each Senator to provide recommendations for improved safety on campus by using the provided notecard to write them down.
 - b.** Vice President Clinton
 - i.** SGA Week

- Vice-President Clinton introduced to the entire Senate the plan for SGA week which will be held from October, 25th -29th please look out for more information coming soon.
- ii. The Buzz: Alcohol Awareness & Safety Fair
 - VP Clinton invited the Senate to help or attend with the Buzz which will be held next Thursday, October, 14th from 4-7pm on the Front Lawn a sign up will be sent out sometime this week.
- c. Secretary Bacon
 - i. No Report
- d. Treasurer Thinnifel
 - i. Pink out Tailgate
 - Treasurer Thinnifel informed the Senate that on Saturday October 9th there will not be a regular tailgate instead we will just be passing out cookies that will be breast cancer awareness themed if you are available to help please arrive at 3:30pm reach out Secretary Bacon if you have any questions.
 - On the same Saturday we have an open house and Treasurer Thinnifel will be sending out a sign up for this as soon as she can

VI. Legislative Reports

a. Health and Wellness Committee

- Senator Wilkinson informed the senate of the committees tabling for mental health resources this week Senator Wilkinson has sent out a sign-up to help which includes more information.

b. Safety and Parking Committee

- Senator Andolsek touched on the main points that have been discussed in the Safety and Parking committee meetings. 1st of which is the importance and advertising the Blazer Guardian app, the committee will be tabling regarding the Blazer Guardian App on the 26th and 27th of October in part of SGA week. 2nd Informing students of the new parking system more with signs. 3rd Food For Fines work 4th Rain Safety 5th Residents parking out of area in commuter spots

c. Student Engagement Committee

- Senator Guinyard spoke on some things that his committee is working on like Snacks with Senators which will be held on October 26th during the SGA Week. Along with this SGA will also be supporting VSU Soccer at their game for more information contact Senator Guinyard.

VII. Blazer Allocation Report

- i. No Report

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business: None

X. Miscellaneous Business

- i. Gallery Member Malcom Parris

Malcom spoke on the importance of academic effectiveness and their concerns on how effective the current state of Valdosta State University is.

- ii. President Pro-Tempore Carter

Asked specific members of the Senate to please speak with him after the meeting

- iii. Senator Meeker
Reminded the Senate that SGA will be having a team for intramural dodgeball and asked everyone that wishes to participate to sign-up on imleagues.com
- iv. Senator Ponder
Informed the Senate that tomorrow 10/05 is Senator Simpsons Birthday and the Senate sang Happy Birthday.
- v. Dr. Miller
Spoke to the Senate on different points of concern that were brought up throughout the meeting and informed everyone that they have all been taken down by him. Dr. Miller also took a moment to encourage everyone to keep going here in this time of mid-terms
- vi. Senator Sweet
Brought to the attention of the Senate of her concerns regarding the systems set in place by the university regarding recycling and other environmental concerns.
- vii. Secretary Bacon
Spoke to the Senate about an email that was sent out regarding points, and affirmed the recipients of this email that it was not meant to discourage or put down anyone rather a time for a check in to ensure each Senator is doing okay.

XI. Adjournment: 7:21pm

- a. Motion to adjourn by Parliamentarian Eppes 2nd by Senator Harper