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SGA Student Senate Agenda
Sunday, March 31, 2019, 7:10pm
Joe Rosenfield '25 Center - Room 101



Lana Katai
President of the Senate

Dylan Welch
Administrative Coordinator

Rev. Myles Becker
President

Riley Murphy
VP of Academic Affairs

Khadijah Toumbou
VP of Student Affairs

Quinn Ercolani
Treasurer

Amanda Weber
Assistant Treasurer

Vacant
ACE Chair

Joshua Tibatemwa
Services Coordinator

Cassidy Christiansen
Concerts Chair

Syamala Gumidyala
*Diversity & Outreach
Coordinator*

Carrie Stallings
Senator – OCCO/OCNCO

June Christian
Senator – OCCO/OCNCO

Sophie Doddimeade
Senator – OCCO/OCNCO

Mary DaVega
Senator – Jamaland

Luca Nelson
Senator – Jamaland

Dechen Khangkyil
Senator – Loosehead

Declan Jones
Senator – Loosehead

Lukas Mendel
Senator – Loosehead

Amelia Zoernig
Senator - LaKeRoJe

Rande Nieto
Senator – LaKeRoJe

Patrick Goldammer
Senator – LaKeRoJe

Steven McDowell
Senator - CaNaDa

Tali Tesar
Senator – CaNaDa

Carlos Piedrasanta
Senator – CaNaDa

Elizabeth Collinger
Senator – Clangrala

Julian Ashton Aveling
Senator – Clangrala

Prerana Adhikari
Senator - Smounker

Vidush Goswami
Senator- Smounker

Felipe Monteforte
Reform Committee Chair

Addison Gould
Technical Advisor

DJ Coleman
ACCESS Co-Director

Gabby DeRoche
ACCESS Co-Director

Jamal Preston
ACCESS Outreach Coordinator

Rachel Snodgrass
Green Fund Co-Chair

Vincent Noh
*International Student
Organization Delegate*

Errol Blackstone
QPoC Delegate

Vivian Cheslack
SHIC Delegate

(1) Roll Call

Absent: Senator DaVega (no substitute), Senator Nelson (no substitute), ACCESS Co-Director Coleman, Green Fund Co-Chair Snodgrass, ISO Delegate Noh, SHIC Delegate Cheslack.

(2) Approval of the Minutes

Name	Response
Collinger, Elizabeth	A
Christian, June	A
Stallings, Carrie	A
Nath, Puravi	A
Doddimeade, Sophie	A
Piedrasanta, Carlos	A
Aveling, Julian Ashton	A
Jones, Declan	A
Tesar, Tali	A
Mendel, Lukas	A
McDowell, Steven	A
Khangkyil, Dechen	A
Adhikari, Prerana	A
Zoernig, Amelia	A
Cab, Cab	A
Nieto, Rande	A

Vote: 16-0-0; **Passes.**

(3) Public Comment, Announcements, & Additional Events

Anyone can address Campus Council for one minute about concerns they have about the college, SGA, or anything else they believe should be brought to the attention of SGA.

Announcements

Events

- (4) Budgets - ACE
[ACE Budgets](#)
- (5) Budgets - SPC and Services
[SPC and Services Budgets](#)
- (6) Vote on the Approval of the Free College for All Budget

Name	Response
Collinger, Elizabeth	A
Christian, June	A
Stallings, Carrie	A
Nath, Puravi	A
Doddimeade, Sophie	A
Piedrasanta, Carlos	A
Aveling, Julian Ashton	A
Jones, Declan	A
Tesar, Tali	A
Mendel, Lukas	A
McDowell, Steven	A
Khangkyil, Dechen	A
Adhikari, Prerana	A
Zoernig, Amelia	A

Cab, Cab	A
Nieto, Rande	A

Vote: 16-0-0; **Passes.**

(7) Confirmation of Amelia Zoernig '21 (Fall) and Lana Katai '21 (Spring) as All-Campus Event Coordinators for the 2019-2020 Academic Year

ACE Fall: Amelia Zoernig

● We are appointing Amelia Zoernig as the All Campus Events Coordinator in the

Fall of the 2019 school year because she has a strong understanding of the Grinnell community and a vision for the ACE chair position. She has a clear game-plan for making all-campus events accessible and inclusive in various ways, as well as for optimizing the ACE planning process. Amelia is a committed senator that understands SGA process, is involved with the ACE committee, and works many jobs around campus that amplify her interconnectedness in our community. She is also an Advocate and a leader of Connecting Grinnellians, which we think gives her an intimate understanding of both Grinnell campus and community culture. We look forward to having her perspective and ambition as a part of next year's cabinet.

ACE Spring: Lana Katai

● Lana impressed us with her organization and project management skills, her

understanding of campus culture, and her vision for Grinnell's all campus events culture. She has juggled being a tour guide, a class ambassador, the presiding officer, all while being an athlete and student. She is well-connected on campus, which allows her to understand how events appeal to different communities. Having been PO and a class ambassador, she is familiar with both SGA and college processes and will be able to navigate them. Lana has a complex understanding of accessibility, looking to manage events where all

students not only *can* go, but all students feel like they want to go – so that All-Campus Events are genuinely *All-Campus Events*. With a vision for clarifying budget guidelines as well as gathering and incorporating student input, we know that Lana will ensure that all-campus events are as fun as they are valuable as they are inclusive. We are thrilled to appoint her to be ACE Chair next spring.

Name	Response
Collinger, Elizabeth	A
Christian, June	A
Stallings, Carrie	A
Nath, Puravi	A
Doddimeade, Sophie	A
Piedrasanta, Carlos	A
Aveling, Julian Ashton	A
Jones, Declan	A
Tesar, Tali	A
Mendel, Lukas	A
McDowell, Steven	A
Khangkyil, Dechen	A
Adhikari, Prerana	C
Zoernig, Amelia	C
Cab, Cab	A
Nieto, Rande	A

Vote: 14-0-2; **Passes.**

(8) Confirmation of Phinn Lloyd '21 (Fall) and Victoria Park '21 (Spring) as Concerts Chairs for the 2019-2020 Academic Year

Concerts Chair Fall: Phinn Lloyd

● Phinn has been an involved member of Grinnell concerts since his first year at Grinnell, offering him an in depth perspective of the scope of the position and the various responsibilities it brings, in addition to having hands on experience with equipment and running outreach. He has also been a senator since last semester and has been exposed to SGA and its functioning. In addition, he brings an enthusiastic outlook to the role and its appeal; both in the college and beyond - to the wider Grinnell community. Finally, he has a good understanding and significant experience working with structures and supervision, which are skills that highlight his capacity to take on this role. We are confident that he will have a significant impact on the student music experience at Grinnell, and are excited to have Phinn participate in SGA in this capacity.

Concerts Chair Spring: Victoria Park

● Victoria has an extensive and impressive portfolio of working with music communities, both in Grinnell and outside it; from being a Freesound manager, to working for concerts, playing bass (and touring) with squirrel flower and now with her own project pictoria vark, interning at a recording studio and organising concerts in the Northeast. Her various roles contribute to a comprehensive understanding of how to access and utilize resources, cater to student tastes and preferences, network with students, student leaders and administrators, market and promote events, and understand the nitty-gritties of managing sound. In addition, in my own experience over the last year working with her as a co-manager for freesound, I have seen her commitment to student interests, her ability to prioritize and organise and I think all of these traits make her an ideal candidate for the position of Concerts Chair. I am confident that she will do a great job and work towards organizing concerts that are accessible to all students and that continue to define student music tastes on campus.

Name	Response
Collinger, Elizabeth	A
Christian, June	A
Stallings, Carrie	A
Nath, Puravi	A
Doddimeade, Sophie	A
Piedrasanta, Carlos	A
Aveling, Julian Ashton	A
Jones, Declan	A
Tesar, Tali	A
Mendel, Lukas	A
McDowell, Steven	A
Khangkyil, Dechen	A
Adhikari, Prerana	A
Zoernig, Amelia	A
Cab, Cab	A
Nieto, Rande	A

Vote: 16-0-0; **Passes.**

- (9) Confirmation of Tucker Haddock '21 (Fall) and Syamala Gumidyala '21 (Spring) as Diversity and Outreach Coordinators for the 2019-2020 Academic Year

DOC Fall: Tucker Haddock

- Tucker is one of the administrative coordinators for the Stonewall Resource Center, and will bring experience in both serving historically underrepresented students, and navigating grinnell funding sources and

resources. Tucker has led the SRC in partnering with other organizations to host events, which we know will allow them to strengthen SGA’s partnerships with other student organizations.

Tucker is also a co-leader of Queer People of Color, which hosts incredibly successful events that celebrate underrepresented students on campus. We know that Tucker will be a strong advocate for students and are excited for them to be one of the next diversity and outreach coordinators.

DOC Spring: Syamala Gumidyala

- Syamala is two semester senator and an active member of the outreach committee. As DOC, I have appreciated her fresh ideas, excitement about outreach, and her willingness to take the lead on projects on outreach committee. She is also the reform committee chair, where she has developed the skills to facilitate a meeting and lead a team. She is committed to students and ensuring they have a positive experience at Grinnell, and I am excited to appoint her as one of the diversity and outreach coordinators for next year.

Name	Response
Collinger, Elizabeth	A
Christian, June	A
Stallings, Carrie	A
Nath, Puravi	A
Doddimeade, Sophie	A
Piedrasanta, Carlos	A
Aveling, Julian Ashton	A
Jones, Declan	A
Tesar, Tali	A
Goldammer, Patrick	A
Mendel, Lukas	A
McDowell, Steven	A

Khangkyil, Dechen	A
Adhikari, Prerana	C
Zoernig, Amelia	C
Cab, Cab	A
Nieto, Rande	A

Vote: 15-0-3; **Passes.**

(10) Vote on the Resolution to Limit the Length of Student Senate Meetings

Motion to make the ending time of Student Senate 9:10pm for this semester by **Senator Zoernig.**

Seconded by **AC Welch.**

Vote to end Student Senate 9:10pm for this semester.

Name	Response
Collinger, Elizabeth	A
Christian, June	A
Stallings, Carrie	A
Nath, Puravi	A
Doddimeade, Sophie	B
Piedrasanta, Carlos	D (Counted as C)
Aveling, Julian Ashton	A
Jones, Declan	A
Tesar, Tali	A

Goldammer, Patrick	A
Mendel, Lukas	A
McDowell, Steven	A
Khangkyil, Dechen	A
Adhikari, Prerana	A
Zoernig, Amelia	A
Cab, Cab	A
Nieto, Rande	A

16-1-1; Passes.

Motion to table this agenda item by **AT Weber**.
 Seconded by **Senator Stallings**.

Name	Response
Collinger, Elizabeth	A
Christian, June	A
Stallings, Carrie	A
Nath, Puravi	A
Doddimeade, Sophie	A
Piedrasanta, Carlos	A
Aveling, Julian Ashton	A
Jones, Declan	A
Tesar, Tali	A
Goldammer, Patrick	B
Mendel, Lukas	A
McDowell, Steven	A
Khangkyil, Dechen	A

Adhikari, Prerana	A
Zoernig, Amelia	A
Cab, Cab	A
Nieto, Rande	A

Vote: 16-1-0; Passes.

(11) Cabinet Reports

Administrative Coordinator Welch

- Attended Friday Meeting with Angela and Raynard. Ask us about it!
 - Arranged lunch for the meeting.
 - Built agenda for the meeting.
 - Took minutes.
- Created GCSS agenda
 - Wrote, edited, and sent minutes to GCSS attendees.
- Read and responded to emails.
- Attended Reform Committee and collaborated with Senators/Petitioners Collinger and Aveling on Amendment voting.
- Held office hours
 - **10am-11am, Monday through Thursday in the Grill**
- Scheduled and attended Say My Name Workshop
 - There's another workshop on Saturday, April 13th 10:30am-11:30am at Drake Library!

Senator Piedrasanta motions to limit discussion on AC Welch's Cabinet report to 5 minutes.

Seconded by **Senator Goldammer**.

The motion **passes**.

DOC Gumidyala

- Was confirmed yay!
- First cab meeting yay!

- Moved into office yay!
- Talked to Regina about continuing DOC projects & maintenance
- Lots of emails
- Met with Maure & Regina (Maure is awesome im sad it took me so long to actually talk to her fr)
- OuTrEaCh CoMmItEe ♥ (easily my fave part of the job more ppl need to join frfr)
- Reform committee
- Solidified focus group/survey questions - focus groups and survey will go out after break
- Quit my job :(def bittersweet i liked the tech desk they do good work
- Say my name Workshop !!! thank you to the students for taking the time to teach us, that's 100% not their responsibility but they were patient w us & i'm eternally grateful to them
- meeting w RayK & Angela Voos
- interview for S&B
- somehow managed to get all my work done for midsems while juggling this transition
- office hours!! i actually had ppl come talk to me!!!
- there's so much to learn and I am very overwhelmed but thank you to everyone in cab and to Regina y'all are amazing and supportive and do great work
- wrote 1st cab report yay!

Treasurer Ercolani

- Constitution Project w/ Myles Continued (this time: Organizational Structure and Institutional Memory)
- Purchases (as always)
- BPC- 2020 college budget
- Job Descriptions Project continued
- Toaster for Class Ambassadors (FINALLY GOT IT, it'll be cool af)
- Trying to make funding easier/less restrictive. If you have thoughts, lmk please
- Working with Amanda to start transferring over SGA \$ responsibilities (this time: NOVATime)
- Emails and invoices and questions (as always)
- work with Addi to get SGA our own clicker set
- work with Riley to start buying the office renovation items
- dealing with missing receipts (dealt with)

Motion to increase the Cabinet Wages budget by \$4,000 to accommodate for the new Cabinet trainees by **Treasurer Ercolani**.

Seconded by **AC Welch**.

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Collinger, Elizabeth	A
Christian, June	A
Stallings, Carrie	A
Nath, Puravi	A
Doddimeade, Sophie	A
Piedrasanta, Carlos	A
Aveling, Julian Ashton	A
Jones, Declan	A
Tesar, Tali	A
Goldammer, Patrick	A
Mendel, Lukas	A
McDowell, Steven	A
Khangkyil, Dechen	A
Adhikari, Prerana	A
Zoernig, Amelia	B
Cab, Cab	A
Nieto, Rande	C

Vote: 15-1-1; **Passes**.

Assistant Treasurer Weber

- Filed a bunch of receipts, because the grind truly never stops
- Budget Planning Committee
- Replied to some emails
- Chatted with Quinn about plans for Oscar's training

- Hope y'all had really good breaks—make sure to take care of yourselves as we get back to it!

VPAA Murphy

- Admitted students dinner: more planning going into the next one, starting now
- Went to student initiative fund committee to see first steps on academics-related initiatives
- DOC Hiring: applications, outreach (posters, fb, email), interviews, rationale
- Reform committee, follow up meetings about elastic clause
- Student Curriculum Committee: discussed admitted students dinner, mid-semester reports
- GURJ accepting submissions starting later this week until Monday, April 1st, watch your inbox for a submission link
- College Experience Survey outreach, hoping to get to 50% response rate
- Lots of meetings cancelled because of the email to prospective students (<https://www.chronicle.com/article/Hackers-Broke-Into-Admissions/245840>)

President Becker

Old Business:

- S&B interview regarding last Student Senate
- Spoke to admitted students during their program
- More constitutional work with Quinn
- Do Student Programming and All-Campus Events sound too similar?
- Does Chief of Staff sound better than Administrative Coordinator?
- Should DOC be two positions? Outreach Coordinator and Diversity Coordinator?
- Should we have just 1 funding committee, supported by both ACE and SPC so students don't have to worry about knowing the ins and outs of SGA to submit a budget / don't wind up going to the wrong committee and getting delayed.
- Feel free to email me or come to office hours (MWF 1-2) to talk about this! All about internal consistency, accessibility, and efficiency
- Stifund meeting, got the ballot out
- VOTE plz ty
- Hiring the new DOC

- Met with Angela, always pleasant
- Wrote a document outlining the SGA Cabinet composition for the last 15 or 16 years or so
- Working on drafting more policies: SGA Personal Item Purchasing policy up next.
- What else should be institutionalized?
- Any other processes I should look at getting in writing / develop a guiding document or best practices on?
- Working on cataloging the student initiatives from my time as TA, as well as voting data for future years.

New Business:

- Regular Meetings
- Checkins with all the Class Ambassadors plus QPR training
- Working with Syamala on DOC stuff
- Mostly regular meetings
- Oh but I did do a bunch of institutional memory stuff
- Organized SGA google drive
- Attempting to make a catalogue of resolutions going back to 2003
- Not necessarily ones that passed, but ones that were presented
- Catalogued as many iterations of the constitution as I could find going back to 2003
- Began work on a new SGA H A N D B O O K

VPSA Toumbou

- Oral Report

Concerts Chair Christiansen

- Been gearing up for the rest of the semester - we have a concert every weekend for the next 5 weeks!!
- April 5th (this Friday) we have DJ Cquifruit and La Spacer from Chicago performing and ushering in the start of Pride Week!!! Extremely excited to be bringing these amazing queer activists+artists to Grinnell - there will also be a lunch + roundtable earlier in the day organized by the SRC so that students have a chance to talk to Jacquelyn and Natalie! You can check out their music and other work at <http://laspacer.com/> . Spread the word about this awesome queer gardner rave!
- Brought our 715 speakers to the Music Shop in town because we've been having trouble with distortion and were worried they were blown.

Good news is that doesn't seem to be the case (would be an expensive repair), bad news is that this means the distortion is most likely being caused by a lack of adequate power supply on the Gardner stage itself. The committee is currently discussing how we want to deal with this - my prediction is that we will work alongside FM and possibly an expert sound technician (reaching out to members of the music/theater dept. and/or CatTracks) to help resolve this.

- Green room is mold free and hopefully will be a functional space for storing equipment next fall! (hey its only been a year since I first started begging FM to deal with this!)
- Still working on the Concerts Handbook

Services Chair Tibatemwa

- Oral Report

Adjourning Motion

Time - 9:10pm.