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Tuesday, February 4, 2025 10:04 AM

ATU Student Government Association

Executive Board Meeting Agenda

02-05-2025

Call to Order - President White

Approval of Minutes

Role Call - Secretary Eason

Senator Brotherton	P
Senator Davis	P
Senator Flores	P
Senator Hamerlinck	E
Senator Jimenez-Cruz	P
Senator Lawson	P
Senator Mayberry	P
Senator McCready	P
Senator Mitchell	P
Senator Mosby	A
Senator Neal	P
Senator Phillips	P
Senator Riddle	P
Senator Sanders	A
Senator E. Stockand	P
Senator G Stockand	E
Senator Trevino	P
Senator Via	P
Senator Word	P

Officer Reports

- Secretary of Culture and Belonging — Secretary Davis
 - Report:
 - HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH
 - BSA and MMP has events all month long to celebrate including line dancing tomorrow
 - Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc will has a walk a mile a day campaign for heart health this month so take pictures of you walking around on campus and send them to her

- MSS has 'Red Cards' available in their office, these are a resource for Hispanic students
 - Minutes from the last MAB meeting will be in the OneNote under the Multicultural Advisory Board tab
- Secretary of Community Outreach— Secretary Walter
 - Report:
 - February 10th there will be Lunch with a Leader in Doc Bryan 242 at 11:00
 - Blood Drive at Baz Tech
- Secretary of Public Relations— Secretary Burgess
 - Report:
 - Happy Wednesday!!!
 - Posting Schedule for Wonder Week! Please be sharing and encouraging others to attend
 - Social Media Committee
- Secretary of Internal Affairs— Secretary Eason
 - Report:
 - No report
 - Have a great week!
- Secretary of Student Development— Secretary Lane
 - Report:
 - Wonder Week is NEXT WEEK!! WOOHOO!!
 - I am sending the graphics for Week at a Glance and Spirit day themes so if you all want to go ahead and share those, you are welcome to!
 - Official posts to be made with Athletics starting on Thursday, so make sure that you all share those too when they go live!!
 - I will be sending updates about events and any details you all need through the chats in Flare!
 - If there are any questions, please just come see me after the meeting or message me on Flare!!
 - Y'all have an amazing rest of your week and take care of yourselves!
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- Secretary of Finance and Administration— Secretary Smith
 - Report:
 - Updated balance: \$_ 9409.75 as of _2._5._2025
 - Most purchases have been made for Wonderweek. We have a few food items left that will be purchased later this week
- Vice President— Vice President Brickley
 - Report:
 - EMAIL YOUR DEANS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 - Be sure to cc me!
 - Committee reports :

- Green -
 - Food - Concerns over the weekend will be addressed
 - Spirit - Jerry's BDAY planning is beginning
 - Safety - Trying to reschedule safety walk
- President— President White
 - Report:
 - Campus Council proposal: Shared Governance at ATU
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 - CAMPUS COUNCIL ...
 - Email that I sent in response to meal plan proposal:

I would like to follow up on the proposal from Chartwells that was presented to us today in the Senate. I have compiled a list of comments and issues that were said during the meeting as well as other points that were brought up to me personally.

First, as representatives of the student body, we appreciate you bringing this proposal for us to review.

Overall, the proposal to cut back meal trades and times was met with a resounding "no". I have never seen the entire Senate reject a proposal so firmly in my many years of serving on SGA. Students would like to retain the option of two meal trades per day without time constraints.

A large concern expressed by students was the frustration that comes with raising meal plan prices while proposing students get less in return. After a 9% increase last year, plus another increase this year, students would already be on edge. It is troubling that Chartwells would consider charging students more money every year while also cutting back on benefits that are included in that meal plan. If this proposal was to be put in place, I would predict not only student outrage, but a decrease in meal plans bought overall.

Students also enjoy the freedom of choosing when they want to eat. Between classes, work, organizations, and other commitments, the students of ATU are incredibly busy and the ability to choose mealtimes is greatly appreciated. Introducing time blocks for meal trades would negatively impact Baz-Tech, as it already is a high-traffic area. The 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM time is the most popular time for students to visit Baz-Tech, as evident by the 23,000+ meal trades that occurred during this time frame in Fall 2024. During this time, Chambers still struggles to keep up with the high influx of students as evidenced by food shortages and the elimination of options during high-traffic times, which leads to more students walking over to Baz-Tech and waiting in lines for food for as long as 20 minutes.

It was reported that Chartwells loses money on each meal trade. However, I find that hard to be the case, since students are paying thousands of dollars upfront on their meal plans, along with the large amount of money that is given to Chartwells at the end of each spring semester due to expiring DCB. Other schools in Arkansas have maintained the meal trade system, so what about our school is the exception?

As stated above, students do not want to lose a meal trade option, especially during the 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM period. However, if for some reason this proposal is pursued and the students are forced to compromise, we would prefer having one meal trade without time constraints as opposed to having two with time constraints.

In summary, SGA is staunchly in opposition to the proposed meal trade changes. It is disheartening to receive this proposal, especially considering the rocky relationship between Chartwells and the student body over concerns for food quality and service. We recognize the steps that have been taken to improve the public perception of on-campus dining last semester, but that does not mend the years of unsatisfactory service that students have endured.

Please let me know how SGA can further assist you. Again, we thank you for listening to the student voice.

 - "Yes, please provide the update that at this time we are moving forward with 1 swipe per day and no restricted times on that swipe. Again, I want to thank you and SGA for your feedback as we go through this process." - VP of Finance

Advisor Reports

- Dean of Student Engagement – Kevin Solomon
 - Report:
 - New Union tours will be open to full senate after exec signs up.
- Vice President of Student Affairs -- Dr. Nichols
 - Report:
 - Tuesday there will be a meeting with Dr. Huss for the committee proposal
 - Dr. Jones has also extended an offer to meet as well
 - - Why didn't the sun go to college? Because they have a million degrees lol

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Constituent Concerns:

- The light is still flickering by the commons. By building F

Announcements:

Next Tuesday there will be a Valentines day concert

Focus day for the College of Business is tomorrow

Applications for Orientation close tonight!

Miss Tech is this Friday

SAI is hosting self-care night tomorrow

Motion to Adjourn: President White