

Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 87th Session
Minutes for Friday, April 26th , 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
4th Floor Joe Crowley Student Union Room 406

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Senator Supple called the meeting on Government Operations to order on Friday, April 26th, 2019 at 8:03am in room 406 on the 4th Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding Secretary, Morgan Zimmerman.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Senator Supple, D. Hall, Murphy, and Rogers were present.
Senator Prempeh was absent excused.
Senator Watt was absent unexcused.
A quorum was present.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

4. **MINUTES**

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

There is no old business to be discussed at this time.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Election of a Vice Chair**

The Committee will nominate and elect a Vice-Chair for the Committee on Government Operations.

Senator Murphy moved to nominate Senator D. Hall for the position of Vice Chair for the Committee on Government Operations.

Senator D. Hall accepted the nomination.

Senator Supple asked Senator D. Hall if she wanted to give a speech.

Senator D. Hall said she did not have a speech, but she did want to quickly talk a little bit about her goals as Vice Chair.

Senator Supple said go for it.

Senator D. Hall said obviously if Senator Supple could not be there, she would take over in her place and facilitate best she can.

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She has of working with the Attorney General for this committee, in addition to anyone else who wants to. She wants to work with him as his needs, as we should all have department heads assigned to us. Along with reading through the SAS and continuing to get a better understanding of it.

Senator Supple asked if there were any further questions for the Candidate.

Senator Rogers moved to approve the nomination of Senator D. Hall for the position of Vice Chair for the Committee on Government Operations.

Senator Murphy seconded.

Motion carried.

Senator Supple said all those in favor of electing Senator D. Hall for the position of Vice Chair for the committee on Government Operations please designate by saying aye.

All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Senator D. Hall has received the the majority vote and is now the Vice Chair for the Committee on Government Operations.

b. Committee Goals

The Committee will create future goals for committee during the 87th session.

Senator Supple said she wanted to have a discussion on what their goals as a committee are for the upcoming session.

Senator Rogers said she wanted to talk about some of the goals she has for the committee and personally. She wants to focus on accountability for herself and her fellow senators, regarding a better understanding of the SAS.

Senator Murphy said he would personally like to learn how to revise the SAS, and thinks it is important to meet with each department to be held accountable to what is written in the SAS. He knows there are a lot of things they don't follow, like big things. For example, in their elections code, there are still a lot of positions that don't exist in there. The specific to the internship he is running, there are things he would like to see changed. Also, part of the SAS has too much information, he would like to see things a little more vague so they can choose the direction. There are some things that are broken down completely and he thinks if you don't follow those steps you aren't doing your job correctly.

Senator Rogers agreed. Sometimes that does get confusing, there's so much interpretation that can be done. But, she thinks that in the past they had the

issue so it was broken down more. She thinks it would be beneficial to let it play out a bit more, and should be something they bring to the table later on in their session to change it. They did that with outreach hours, and didn't like it. Just to make it a little bit more of a learning experience.

Senator Supple said she put in her list of goals as the chair that she would like to meet with the heads of each department, so what they are saying is definitely something that she would want to hit on, so they can add clarification.

Senator D. Hall said that is exactly what she was going to mention too.

Senator Supple said she would like to make an excel sheet with all of the senators, and assign departments in order to talk to department heads. That way they can discuss the duties of their department and begin to edit. She is planning on doing a presentation next committee meeting about editing the SAS. That way they can reconvene, and their changes will pass through senate easily. She thinks this would be the most effective way to go. She asked if anyone had anything to add.

Beyond that, she wanted to share the things she put on her sheet when she ran for chair. She would like to read the governing documents to delegate over the summer so they can come back and know the SAS. She doesn't expect everyone to know it like the back of their hand, but she would like to discuss with a general idea. Knowing the duties and the positions and what each roll plays. This way they can simplify the governing documents, creating projects, and meet with department heads. She was a judicial council intern so she got to work on editing the SAS, they also started looking at the chair sheets, if anyone would like to discuss more at the committee meeting. As, Senator D. Hall said, she wants to review the elections procedure, meet with the Attorney General and Chief Justice. Overall, she would like to create a spreadsheet and read the SAS over the summer, come up with projects and ideas so future officers can understand, read, and comprehend, so it's not this crazy document. The goal is to make it simple and to the point.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator D. Hall said she wanted to also reach out to the Attorney General. During the meeting, Omar mentioned having students help with initiatives and it would take a year, personally she does not agree with that. She reached out and asked if he would like to meet and try to add or write legislation on that. So if anyone would like to help, here is not a meeting yet, but she can send updates in the group chat.

Senator Supple said yeah, if she could email her on that too, they can all work together with the Attorney General more on fixing the SAS. There is a lot in the SAS that he wants to revive, sooner rather than later would be good.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Supple adjourned the meeting 8:15am.

9. NOTES.

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