



# MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™ STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## 63rd Senate Minutes September 3, 2024

Vice President Mellen called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Secretary Chen proceeded to call attendance and determined that quorum was met with 40 senators.

Vice President Mellen entertained the motion to approve the date for fall elections.

Senator Wamble made a motion to approve the date for fall elections. Speaker Howell seconded.

Elections Commissioner Dawson announced the election date: October 8.

Speaker Howell sent out a poll to approve the date. The Elections date was approved by a vote of: 42 yay, 0 nay, 0 present.

Senator Morgan made a motion to add Senator Dear, Senator Black, Senator Lishman, Senator Pate, and Senator Porter to attendance. Senator Berry seconded the motion.

Vice President Mellen entertained the motion to open a hearing for Commissioner Dawson to explain revised Elections Code.

Senator Keyes made a motion to open a hearing for Commissioner Dawson to present revised Elections Code. Senator Wamble seconded the motion.

Vice President Mellen entertained the motion to vote on revised elections code.

Senator Wamble made a motion to vote on revised elections code. Senator Keyes seconded the motion.

Speaker Howell sent out the poll. Elections code approved by 45 yay, 0 nay, 0 present.

Senator Keyes made a motion to approve proposed Judicial Council members.

Senator Wamble made a motion to open a hearing for Chief Justice Rizzo. Speaker Howell seconded the motion.

Senator Wamble made a motion to add Senator Heathcock to roll. Speaker Howell seconded the motion.

Senator Keyes made a motion to end Chief Justice Rizzo's hearing. Speaker Howell seconded the motion.

Vice President Mellen entertained the making of a motion to vote to approve the Judicial Council members.

Speaker Howell sent out a poll to vote to approve Sophie Cuellar. Cuellar was approved: 42 yay, 0 nay, 5 present.

Speaker Howell sent out a poll to vote to approve Nash Dowlan. Dowlan was approved: 40 yay, 0 nay, 7 present.

Speaker Howell sent out a poll to vote to approve Suzanne Wells. Wells was approved: 39 yay, 0 nay, 7 present.

Judicial Members Cuellar, Dowlan, and Wells are sworn in by President McFatridge.

Vice President Mellen entertained a motion to add Senator Ellis to the roll.

Senator Biggerstaff made a motion to add Senator Ellis to the roll. Senator Wamble seconded.

Senator Reeves made a motion for presentation of Act 1. Senator Wamble seconded the motion.

Senator Berry presented his act. The Senate was free to ask Senator Berry questions.

Senator Daniels asked why we were buying containers; Senator Berry answered: food is donated, influx of food, not enough materials.

Vice President Mellen entertained motion to previous questions.

Senator Keyes made a motion to previous questions. Senator Heathcock seconded.

Speaker Howell sent out a poll to vote on Act 1. Act 1 passes: 46 yay, 0 nay, 0 present.

Senator Wamble made a motion to begin removal proceedings for Senator George Jones. Senator Daniels seconded.

Vice President Mellen presented the removal case. Secretary Chen presented absence information on Senator Jones.

Senator George Jones presented his case to the Senate.

Vice President Mellen entertains the motion to vote on the removal of Senator George Jones.

Speaker Howell makes a motion to vote on the removal of Senator George Jones. Senator Sanders seconded.

Speaker Howell sent a poll for the voting of the removal of Senator George Jones. Removal was denied: 9 yay, 36 nay, 2 present.

Senator Keyes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Senator \_\_\_ seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Exec updates:

- Carson: Respect towards all executive council members. Be respectful and have decorum when in the office.
- Hunter: For all those 21 years old and older, the Stop-Tops have been distributed to multiple bars and restaurants in The District.
- Amaya: Will be sending sign-ups for programming events quicker in the future.
- Lewis : There have been many appropriations applications. If you know anyone in organizations or clubs that need appropriations, tell them to apply.

- Joseph: Interaction with SA posts, especially posts about the Senate, needs to improve.
- Maggie: Office hours start this week. If you cannot make it to your designated hour that you signed up for, complete your requirement another time during the week. The Cabinet meeting requirement also needs to be completed before the October elections.
- Lucy: Open Minds has two executive positions open. It's a great way to get involved in something that is very fulfilling and a great opportunity.