



Student Senate Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2026

Date: <i>April 14, 2026</i>	Time: <i>7:00 PM</i>	Location: Chem & Nat Science BLDG 100
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Preparation: No preparation needed at this time.	Please review: Nothing to review at this time.
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1. **Call to Order** by Vice President Kelly Lohman on *April 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.*
2. **Moment of Silence**
3. **Roll Call: 40 Seats (27 Senators present, 9 absent, 0 excused absence, n/a seats vacant), 4 Officers, and 1 Advisor.**

Present

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noah Stephan 2. Amira Morales 3. Kathryn Kamlade 4. Cameron Latin 5. Macy Cason 6. Lizzy Moon 7. Abi Clifton 8. Markos Braden 9. Karina Kari 10. Arielle Magee 11. Drake Prunty 12. Balqis Adekanmbi 13. Kaitlyn Apperley 14. Samaria Spears 15. Katelyn Dunn-Vinson 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Lawson Marchand 17. Jaden Youngblood 18. Alyssa Cressionie 19. Alton Sarrazin 20. Keirsten Dixon 21. Brayden Timmer 22. Gwendolyn Abadie 23. Brook West 24. Jordan Gray-Spann 25. Kimora Wilson 26. James Burks 27. Jiara Sheppard 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hannah Habisreiteringer 2. Kelly Lohman 3. Gabrielle Thomas 4. Laura Lee Mayfield 5. Adv. Chris Williams
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Absence	Excused Absence
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blake Guerrero 2. Autumn Meadors 3. Tikera Fields 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Claire Hays

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Mackenzie Meylian 5. Grace Kidd 6. Jeremy Caldwell 7. D'Marcus Wyatt 8. Ciente Downs 	
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4. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

a. Approval of minutes was approved as electronically distributed for 03/17/26 by Senator Cason and seconded by Senator Sheppard.

5. Guest Speaker(s)

a. No Report

6. Speaker of the House Updates

a. College of Arts, Education, and Sciences

i. *Senator Cason reported that she met with Dean Pratt; positive rapport. Addressed surplus t-shirts with inconsistent logos (about 100 remaining) and encouraged distribution. Emphasized budget transparency and understanding terms like “operational service” and etc.*

ii. *She also is planning to meet with Dean Pratt regardless of seat status over the summer.*

b. College of Business and Social Sciences

i. *Senator Moon reported that the survey for CBSS students is finalized; plan to distribute in 2000–4000 level courses.*

ii. *She looks forward to coordination via group chat for majors and professor outreach. Additional meeting with Kelly to streamline and expand distribution.*

c. College of Health Sciences

i. *Senator Magee reported about an event reminder: “Are You Smarter Than a Dean?” scheduled for tomorrow; participation encouraged.*

d. College of Pharmacy

i. *No Report.*

e. College of Graduate School

i. *No Report*

7. Department Head Updates

a. Student Life and Welfare

i. *Senator Spears reported Spring Fever Week occurs the week after spring break; the last lunch social will be Wednesday.*

ii. *Catering ideas discussed include sandwiches and nachos; confusion arises over “Cab lunch social being similar so it will be TBD.*

b. Promotions

i. *Senator Clifton announced weekly recap meeting immediately after. Final call for baby photos due tomorrow via group chat or DM; non-submitters will be excluded.*

c. Research and Judicial Affairs

i. *Senator Morales presented a proposal to rename Department of Student Life and Welfare to Department of Student Life (duties unchanged) and to determine*

placement/naming of Promotions relative to Events and Wellness. Askede for a motion to be made in New Business.

d. Academic Enhancement

- ii. *Senator Kamlade (VP Lohman/Senator Moon) reported “Soda with Senate” received positive feedback; final day tomorrow with sign-ups requested.*
- iii. *“Keeping Up with Castile”: April theme “Castile at the Cafe,” next Wednesday 11–1 at the Cafe; volunteers needed.*
- iv. *“Ace Your Finals”: April 29, 5–7 p.m. at the Grove; activities to be finalized.*
- v. *“ACES Study Space”: April 29–30, 8 p.m.–3 a.m.; seeking suggestions for snacks, drinks (e.g., dirty sodas), and supplies. Birthday recognition for Kat; report partially by phone; remaining time yielded to Senator Moon.*
 1. *Committee Input – Event Content and Ideas*
 2. *“Are You Smarter Than Your Dean?”: Health Sciences attending; Arts, Education and Sciences TBD; request for ULN pop culture or Health Sciences trivia via group chat.*
 3. *“Keeping Up with Castile”: Considering “cupcakes with Castile” or alternatives.*
 4. *“Ace Your Finals”: “Rage room” concept suggested.*
 5. *“ACES Study Space”: Consider a “dirty soda” bar; more ideas sought to boost turnout.*

8. Executive Board Reports

a. Treasurer

- i. *Treasurer Mayfield thanked members; will remain on campus until December. EC arranging banquet food as trays/finger foods provided so attendees don’t pay; full entrees would be a personal expense. Format like tailgate grab-and-go.*

b. Secretary

- i. *Secretary Thomas reported last week of office hours is next week; none during finals.*
- ii. *Service hours accepted through closing of ACES Study Space; will be documented for the next secretary. QR codes can be resent.*
- iii. *Members may keep name tags; laminated ones must be returned after the meeting.*

c. Vice President

- i. *Vice President Lohman reported that returning senators must complete service hours and end in good standing.*
- ii. *Request for department feedback to support transition to the new VP (Noah). Email sent to eligible department head candidates; others believing they’re eligible should reach out.*
- iii. *Ongoing events encouraged. Wi-Fi survey to continue in fall with engagement improvements.*
- iv. *Senator of the Week: Lizzy recognized.*

d. President

- i. *President Habby reported on thanking those who volunteered at the face painting event.*
- ii. *COSP meetings: ~7 legislative policies in process (course closures, hazing policy reform, campus operations changes).*

- iii. *She is also serving on University Council Presidential Advisory Board and Presidential Investiture Committee. Investiture for Dr. Castille listed as Thursday, April 23, at 3:00 p.m.*
- iv. *Swipe Out Hunger: EC voting after the meeting; subsequent votes via messages; disbursements continue through last week of school. Hawks Committee: Mental health peer training tentatively tomorrow 1–2 p.m.; committee to stay after meeting for coordination.*
- v. *Old Starbucks (under University Suites): Plan to enclose and convert to a study room; food-health marketplace likely moved elsewhere. Target readiness by next year; pilot access for University Suites residents with potential expansion. Exploring funding for computers and a MyPrint station. Transition project files to be handed to new EC and department heads at banquet.*
- vi. *SGA End-of-Year Banquet: April 28, 6–8 p.m., at Catahoula’s. Dinner with the President: April 21, 6–7 p.m., at The Terrace. Question forms reopened to align seating with topics.*
- vii. *Richwood Middle School career fair: Friday, April 24; sign-up for extra service hours if interested. Upcoming COSP meetings: May 1–2 and May 11–12.*
- e. Advisor(s)
 - i. *Advisor Chris reported Volunteer Needs and Events*
 1. *Dragon Boat Races: Volunteers still needed for after-lunch shifts on Saturday; counts for service hours. Browse event also Saturday; attendance required for those signed up. Weather-related rain plan updates will be shared if needed.*
 2. *“Kicking it with Castile” (Investiture Week): Friday the 24th, 12–3 p.m. in the Grove; kickball with food by the Q’s (barbecue chicken) plus hamburgers, hot dogs, and extras.*
 3. *Advisor also asked about registration success; at least one attendee reported issues.*

9. Old Business

- a. No Report

10. New Business

- a. Motion to suspend rules and enter emergency legislation passed.
- b. Motion passed to exit emergency legislation and reinstate standard rules.
 - i. During emergency legislation the proposed document revisions failed.

11. General Discussion

- a. n/a

12. Meeting Adjourned by Vice Lohman at 8:23 p.m., by way of motion of many senator Magee and seconded by senator Braden.