



Student Senate Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2026

Date: <i>March 17, 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 *March 17, 2026*, at *7:07 p.m.*
- 2. Moment of Silence**
- 3. Roll Call: 40 Seats (30 Senators present, 5 absent, 0 excused absence, n/a seats vacant), 4 Officers, and 1 Advisor.**

Present

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Noah Stephan Amira Morales Kathryn Kamlade Claire Hays Cameron Latin Macy Cason Abi Clifton Jeremy Caldwell Markos Braden D'Marcus Wyatt Karina Karki Drake Prunty Balqis Adekanmbi Mackenzie Meylian Kaitlyn Apperley Autumn Meadors Samaria Spears 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Katelyn Dunn-Vinson Lawson Marchand Jaden Youngblood Alyssa Cressionie Alton Sarrazin Keirsten Dixon Brayden Timmer Gwendolyn Abadie Brook West Jordan Gray-Spann Kimora Wilson James Burks Blake Guerrero 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hannah Habisreitinger Kelly Lohman Gabrielle Thomas Laura Lee Mayfield Adv. Chris Williams
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Tikera Fields 3. Arielle Magee ½ 4. Grace Kidd 5. Lizzy Moon 	
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4. Urgent Business

- a. President Habby introduced urgent business to address procedural issues from a previous meeting concerning a senator's impeachment, which occurred under improperly used emergency legislation and was not accurately reflected in the minutes.
- b. Review of Invalid Impeachment Trials
 - i. Senator Morales, head of the Research and Judicial Affairs (RJA) department, presented findings on two recent impeachment trials, both deemed invalid by her committee.
 - ii. Case 1:
 - iii. Alleged violation was missing multiple meetings.
 - iv. The case was invalid because the senator had already been formally removed for not being in good standing (meeting attendance, service/office hours).
 - v. The Executive Council (EC) had unanimously voted for this removal, and the RJA committee determined the removal was proper, as it was a probationary removal and not subject to the constitutional clause for resignations.
- c. Case 2:
 - i. Alleged violation was missing two meetings.
 - ii. The case was invalid due to a missing signature on the filing and contradictory evidence. The senator was in good standing for meeting attendance.
 - iii. A probationary clause regarding absences did not apply to this senator.
 - iv. Clarification on Senator Requirements and Procedures
- d. Secretary's Responsibilities: Secretary Thomas outlined their constitutional duties, which include maintaining attendance, tracking GPA/enrollment, and notifying the RJA head and the member if they fail to meet requirements.
 - i. Senator Requirements:
 - 1. Failure to meet the 10-hour service requirement may lead to removal or probation at the discretion of executive officers.
 - 2. A probationary clause requires senators who missed four or more meetings in the fall to acknowledge a limit of two missed meetings in the spring.
 - 3. Election Candidacy: Candidates for SGA elections must be in good standing at the time of the election. Any member on probation or failing the five-hour midterm service requirement is ineligible to run. The deadline for the five service hours to be eligible is Thursday at 11:59 PM.
- e. Senator Resignation: A senator announced their intention to resign, citing confusion over service hour support and discomfort after being reported for social media activity without direct communication.
- f. Impeachment, Removal, and Emergency Legislation Procedures

- i. Impeachment Initiation: Impeachment can be initiated via a written charge to the RJA and advisor (requiring an RJA majority vote before going to the Senate) or by a petition signed by over half the Senate. A recent impeachment motion was unconstitutional as it bypassed the RJA committee's vote.
- ii. Constitutional Clarity on Removals: Confusion arose over Section 9 of the constitution regarding "removals." It was clarified that this section pertains to resignations, not probationary removals. A motion was presented to amend Section 9 by removing the words "and removals" to prevent future confusion; the vote will occur at the next meeting.
- iii. Emergency Legislation: This should only be used for urgent motions. It was determined that moving forward, if rules are suspended for emergency legislation, EC members can participate in debate for clarification, and the President will assume the role of Chair. This was proposed to prevent miscommunications and misuse, such as keeping discussions off official minutes.
- g. **Procedural Motions:** A motion to suspend rules for EC stand-ins was passed.

5. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

- a. Approval of minutes was approved as electronically distributed for 03/10/26 by a Senator and seconded.

6. Guest Speaker(s)

- a. No Report

7. Speaker of the House Updates

- a. College of Arts, Education, and Sciences
 - i. *No Report*
- b. College of Business and Social Sciences
 - i. *Waiting on Survey Feedback!*
- c. College of Health Sciences
 - i. *Senator Magee reported that the "Are You Smarter Than the Dean" is planned for Spring Fever Week on the 15th, with the goal of having all deans participate.*
- d. College of Pharmacy
 - i. *No Report.*
- e. College of Graduate School
 - i. *No Report*

8. Department Head Updates

- a. Student Life and Welfare
 - i. *Senator Spears reported on planning a finals event with therapy dogs and a "paint/color and chill" activity. A poll will determine the date.*
- b. Promotions
 - i. *Senator Clifton reported on creating a TikTok account and filming a reel for the electoral debate*
- c. Research and Judicial Affairs
 - i. *guidelines.*
- d. Academic Enhancement

- ii. *Senator Kamlade reported "Let's Talk Warhawks" on mental health is on March 23rd. "Keeping Up with Casteel" events are planned for March 31st and later at The Café.*

9. Executive Board Reports

- a. Treasurer
 - i. *Treasurer "Hays" reported on the four scholarships awarded this semester, with four remaining*
- b. Secretary
 - i. *Secretary "Timmer" reported that Senator of the Month is tabled due to tracking issues. Midterm check-ins are underway. SGA applications are live and close Friday at 11:30am.*
- c. Vice President / President
 - i. Vice President "Sarrazin" and President "Sheppard" reported on Upcoming SGA Meetings: Scheduled for March 31st and April 14th.
 - ii. Town Hall and Electoral Debate: A Town Hall is on March 23rd (5-6 PM). A proposal to move the electoral debate to immediately follow at 6 PM was discussed but no motion was made, so the debate remains on Tuesday.
 - iii. Dinner with the President: April 21st, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at The Terrace.
 - iv. SGA Banquet: April 28th, time TBD.
 - v. Presidential Transition: The newly elected president must attend a mandatory meeting on May 1st-2nd. Shadowing opportunities are available.
 - vi. Service Hour Opportunities: Opportunities include submitting debate questions and writing faculty thank you cards. Members needing hours were asked to stay after the meeting.
- d. Advisor(s)
 - i. *Advisor Williams reported on SGA Composite remake being on Thursday.*

10. Old Business

- a. SR031026-Honors Council- Funding request for \$450 to cover presentation materials (\$150) and cash prizes for top projects (\$150 for 1st, \$100 for 2nd, \$75 for 3rd) **PASSED**
 - i. Note at this time EC resumed their regular spots for the duration of voting by motion of Senator Marchand and seconded.

11. New Business

- a. **Speaker of the House Nominations:** Nominations were opened for the Speaker of the House for the College of Arts, Education and Sciences. Senator Latin and Senator Kaysen were nominated and will give speeches at the next meeting before a vote.

12. General Discussion

- a. Brief discussions on service hour opportunities, electoral debate timing, and senator of the week were announced as Senator Spears.

- 13. **Meeting Adjourned** by Vice Lohman at 8:36 p.m., by way of motion of many senators and seconded by many.