

**SGA Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**East Tennessee State University**  
**March 11th, 2025**  
**Culp Forum Room 311**

I. Call to Order by Vice President Finnigan Shirley at **4:15pm**

II. Open Forum - Dr. Cerrone Foster, Director of Undergraduate Research

- Discusses her experience with mentorships and Research and her career path to being a professor and how she became Director of Undergraduate Research.
- Create an office and a culture on campus where undergrad research activities an integral part of the university experience as students.
- We want to recruit more students and have more engagement for a broader range of students. And recognize students at graduation and keep the connections with them as alumni.

III. Roll Call

- A. Quorum **Met**
- B. Attendance: 29
- C. Absent:6

V. New Business

- i) Senator of the Week
  - a) Will Harden
- ii) BUCFund Committee Consent Calendar

International Justice Mission, Student of Finance, Men's basketball club

- a) Motion to vote as a slate by Matthew Sutphin
- b) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aashi Vora
- c) Motion to adopt by Senator Aashi Vora
- d) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Matthew Sutphin
- e) Motion to discuss by Senator Aashi Vora
- f) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Matthew Sutphin
- g) Move to Previous Question Aashi Vora
- h) 2<sup>nd</sup> Senator Matthew Sutphin

- i) Roll Call to fully fund - Men's Basketball Club, Students of Finance,  
IJM Y- 29 N-0 A-0

Party Bucs, Asian American Student Association

- a) Motion to adopt by Senator Aashi Vora
  - b) 2nd by Senator Brayden Gullet
  - c) Motion to slate Matthew Sutphin
  - d) 2<sup>nd</sup> Aashi Vora
  - e) Roll Call as a Slate Y-27 N-0 A-0
  - f) Motion to adopt Aashi Vora
  - g) 2<sup>nd</sup> Matthew Sutphin
  - h) Motion to discuss by Senator Aashi Vora
  - i) 2nd by Senator Matthew Sutphin
  - j) Move to Previous Question Aashi Vora
  - k) 2nd Senator Brayden Gullet
  - l) Roll Call to fully fund Y-26 N- 0 A-1
- iii) SSR-25-013
- a) Resolution sent to Academic Affairs Committee
- iv) SSR-25-014
- a) Resolution sent to Student Affairs Committee

V. Old Business

SSR-25-008 (Amended)

- a) Motion to adopt Aashi Vora
- b) 2nd by Matthew Sutphin
- c) Motion to discuss by Senator Aashi Vora
- d) 2nd by Brayden Gullet
- e) Move to previous question by Senator Matthew Sutphin
- f) 2nd by Brayden Gullet
- g) Roll Call Y-28 N-1 A-0

SSR-25-009 (Amended)

- a) Motion to adopt Aashi Vora
- b) 2nd by Matthew Sutphin
- c) Motion to discuss by Senator Aashi Vora
- d) 2nd by Aashi Vora
- e) Move to previous question by Senator Aashi Vora
- f) 2nd by Matthew Sutphin

g) Roll Call Y- 27 N-0 A-0

SSR-25-010

- a) Motion to waive the second reading by Matthew Sutphin
- b) 2nd by Aashi Vora
- c) Motion to adopt Eliza Smith
- d) 2nd by Aashi Vora
- e) Motion to discuss by Senator Aashi Vora
- f) 2nd Matthew Sutphin
- g) Move to previous question by Senator Matthew Sutphin
- h) 2nd by Aashi vora
- i) Roll Call Y- 27 N-0 A-0

SSR-25-011

- a) Motion to waive the second reading by Aashi Vora
- b) 2nd by Shelby Koerton
- c) Motion to adopt Aashi Vora
- d) 2nd by Matthew Sutphin
- e) Motion to discuss by Senator Aashi Vora
- f) 2nd Matthew Sutphin
- g) Move to previous question by Senator Matthew Sutphin
- h) Motion is in order by Vp Finn Shirley
- i) Roll Call Y- 26 N-0 A-0

SSR-25-012

- a) Motion to waive the second reading by Aashi Vora
- b) 2nd by Jared Huff
- c) Motion to adopt Aashi Vora
- d) 2nd by Brayden Gullet
- e) Motion to discuss by Senator Aashi Vora
- f) 2nd Brayden Gullet
- g) Move to previous question by Senator Aashi Vora
- h) 2nd by Brayden Gullet
- i) Roll Call Y- 27 N-0 A-0

VI. Executive Branch Remarks

- a) President Hunter Turgeon

- NLE Choppa Concert tickets for Sale tomorrow!
- Local Hearts Concert Please Come!
- SGA Football Practice!
- CSI-1100 Legislation
- The library is finding a fee and budget to make it 24/7 again.
- New provider to become an opt-off campus for safety.

b) Executive Vice President Finn Shirley

- Thanks for coming to the Jeremy Ross meeting.
- We only have two more senate meetings. April first has to be the last time you introduce new business.

c) Vice President for Finance and Administration Katricia Robinson

- Have fun and a safe Spring Break, and there is no more money left for Buc-fund.

## VII. Advisor Remarks

- a) Dr. Byrd – Thanks for all of the hard work you guys did. There has been a lot of work done so far, and the work isn't over yet.

## VIII. Cabinet Remarks

Secretary of Allocations Samuel Adenekan- Thank you to my Buc Fund family for all of their hard work.

Secretary of Interior Leah Loveday– The next time you will see us is election time. Please reach out to your people and make sure you attend a campaign orientation meeting.

Chief of Staff Morgan Blazer- We have a lot of events coming so please show up. Please send them to me so I can put them in Snapshots.

## IX. Senate Remarks

Aashi Vora – SASA & YPOC collaboration event tomorrow. The SASA color war event is coming soon.

Motion to Adjourn by Aashi Vora 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthew Sutphin

X. Adjourn at **5:21 pm**