

SGA Minutes

09-27-21

Attendance

Officers	Sophomores	Junior	Seniors	Sponsors
Nathan Kim	Wyatt Aiken	Destiny Buchanan	Sinmi Adeyemo	Mr. Barry
Chinonye Alilonu	Saku Cui	Connie Chieh	Holt Templeton	Ms. McMaken
Eugene Min	Fiat Le	Albert Le	Sanju Mupparaju	
Elbread Roh	Lex Mroczko	Zoi Moon	Muhammed Shalan	
Dinali Jayasena	Mekhi Stennis	Jacob Schneekloth	Lena Tran	
Ava Dowden				

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Statements

Nathan welcomes the entire SGA congratulates. Afterwards, Dinali shares the quote of the week, “Look at what’s in front of you with a positive outlook”.

Afterwards, Nathan talks about meeting etiquette and procedures. Meetings are 6 pm every Monday in the media room. For seating procedures, Officers and representatives will have designated spots to sit in during each meeting. Meetings will be exempt during finals week, and hells week (unless an emergency meeting is called).

Parliamentarian – Dinali Jayasena

As Parliamentarian, Dinali wants to facilitate communication between the leadership team, students, and SGA. She also makes sure that assemblies work well. Dinali and Ava are also planning the SGA retreat. Dinali then mentions the Robert’s rule of order and passes copies to all the students. She then moves on to assembly announcements, talking about sign in for assemblies: a junior, sophomore and senior are required for the assembly meeting. Representatives are expected to turn in the sheet to Dinali after 12:45 pm. The assembly for tomorrow will be about Droplet Acoustic Levitation. As for the SGA retreat, this will be a bonding event where members get to know each other. It will occur 6 pm-10:45 pm this Friday. Representatives should make sure to tell Dinali about dietary restrictions as the food issued will be Chick-fil-A.

Sergeant at Arms – Ava Dowden

Ava lists the duties of Sergeant of Arms, which include running Pi Store. Reps will be expected to run Pi Store about twice a month. Calendar sign-ups will be set up to sign for running Pi Store. Ava will teach students about the procedures of setting up and hosting pi store. She wants to make sure that returning SGA members will get paired up with new SGA members.

Secretary – Elbread Roh

Elbread introduces himself as the SGA Secretary, and he lists the duties of the SAS, involving academic processes and communications with the Leadership team, SGA, and the student body. He stresses the importance of SAS, describing it as an underground, behind-the-scenes type of committee. Elbread then discusses the SGA portal. With coordination with Ms. McMaken, Elbread has worked on the SGA portal, and it is now updated with newer information. Then, Elbread talks about bios, asking the SGA representatives to submit biographies and photos of themselves through a Microsoft Teams form to submit to the SGA portal.

Treasurer – Eugene Min

Eugene introduces himself as the Treasurer for the ASMS. He will oversee CLC. CLC goes around to improve the campus through renovations. With coordination with Ms. Whitney, he is hoping for a TV addition to the coffeehouse by the end of fall term. Eugene will go over PO forms during the SGA retreat. He also stresses receipts. Receipts are very important in regard to clubs. Make sure to send them to Eugene. Afterwards, Eugene shows the budget for this year for clubs and asks for the SGA's thoughts on the club budgets and sponsorships for this term. Oculus club has been rejected due to redundancy, and they should be merged with writing club. The AAA (Asian-American Association) club budget was reduced to 70 dollars. Comfort club budget was cut to 70 dollars. Anime club's budget was reduced by 15 dollars. The final club budget for the term is 2,500 dollars. D&D club, Dodgeball club, Pen Pal club and Book club were rejected. Pen Pal club and book club were considered redundant by Eugene. D&D and Dodgeball had insufficient sponsors. Eugene called for a motion to approve the club budgets, with Sanju and Muhammed also motioning for the vote. A vote was casted to finalize club budget.

Vote: Finalize club budget

- 18 Approved
- 0 Rejected
- 0 Abstained

The vote was passed. The club budget has been finalized.

Vice President – Chinonye Alilonu

Chinonye Alilonu introduces herself as the vice president this year. She states that Winter Formal will be Saturday, December 4th from 7 pm – 11 pm. It will take place in the University at South Alabama ballroom. She introduces her committee, the Activities Committee. Events are run every weekend, sometimes on the weekdays. Chinonye also mentions that Prom and Winter Formal are also planned by AC. AC is a big-time commitment. Chinonye states that for the events this week, Victor might do Karaoke night on Friday. Saturday, there will be a skating ring event 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm. On Sunday there will be a tote bag event.

President – Nathan Kim

Nathan Kim introduces himself as the SGA president. He mentions the SGA Constitution and Handbook. Everything in the SGA is based on the SGA Handbook and Constitution. It is on the ASMS SGA Teams. Ask Nathan, officers, or advisors with questions related to the SGA handbook and constitution. Afterwards, Nathan discusses the importance of being an SGA member, in that SGA members are student leaders. Nathan states that the SGA does a lot with campus life, academics, policy, and ASMS as a whole.

SGA members should be role models to other students at ASMS. SGA meetings are usually more fun, but this one is more informational. There will be more interaction between members next year. There are four committees in SGA: SAS, AC, CLC, and Policy Committee. All committees have one SGA member per grade, except AC which has 3 per grade. Policy Committee is a committee which you sign up for optionally. You are officially in one committee, but you can voluntarily go for other committees. Policy Committee looks at the SGA Constitution and Handbook. They propose revisions for the two documents. They also work with advisors and presidents to see if this will improve the SGA. SGA has no say in changing the ASMS Student Community Standards Handbook. PC works on different initiatives around the school. Last year, PC executed the ASMS Research Symposium which proved to be an opportunity for teachers and students. PC will also plan out Mega Musical Chairs, a big charity event where students will engage in a game of musical chairs. This event will occur later in the year, around late spring term. Nathan mentions that SGA T-Shirts will be announced, planned, and released during the beginning of Winter. Feel free to send ideas regarding SGA T-Shirts for now. Nathan announces that he will hand everyone a sticky note of the top committees they want to choose.

Sponsors

Mr. Barry welcomes the SGA. He congratulates them and states he looks forward to working with the SGA representatives. Mr. Barry mentions that the SGA needs to do a specific project. The SGA storage area is no longer the SGA's. We have been given another storage area in the boy's dorm. SGA members will have to move items out of the garage and into the boy's dorm. Ms. McMaken states to Ask residential life members as to where to place the SGA items. SGA will have to clean out the AC closet. Then, they should think as to which SGA items will be used often. Residential life is willing to collaborate with the SGA in sharing items. Mr. Barry also states how future meetings will have more discussion and collaboration. This meeting's club budget discussions were expedited due to how this SGA is starting so late this year. Only 25 clubs will have club sponsorships. Next time, SGA representatives will have a say in the decision for club budgets.

Ms. McMaken congratulates the SGA members. She mentions her position at ASMS, being in charge of Communications and Alumni relations. She also does JBLA and other related processes. She states that now that SGA members are elected to the SGA, people will know that you are in the SGA. You should act and carry yourself in a positive light and follow through with directions. Peers will be looking up to SGA members. Be prepared to model the way and facilitate the culture in the school. We hope that you will be a good role model for ASMS this year. Office is on the 3rd floor administration building. She is excited to work with the SGA members. She asked everyone to say their names. The SGA body responds with their names, county of origin, and their preferred pronouns.

Closing Remarks

Nathan states that committee picks will be chosen and Elbread will email the SGA the final picks.

Elbread states that if reps want to say something during the meeting, they should notify him to add to the agenda. Mr. Barry then stated that rep agenda lists will not hold top priority and have the chance to be announced or announced during open floor. The goal is to prevent many unexpected meetings.

Afterwards, SGA members picked and chose their own committees, and the SGA officers chose which representatives they wanted in their committees.