

## Senate Minutes April 17th, 2024

This meeting was called to order by Quinn Margrett at 6:08 PM.

- Roll call
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Open forum:
  - Rebecca Larson, senior and involved in student government previously
    - No malice towards Trey, wants to explain his behavior and why he is not right for the role
    - Some people do not fit certain roles and that's okay
    - Director of governmental relation, acts as a liaison
    - Both in agricultural policy (small major)
    - CALS representative only for a few weeks then resigned
    - Resigned as a senator as well
    - Will he resign and hold this position in little regard?
    - Trey left early/came late often
    - Resigned before given a malfeasance
    - Never on the legislative ambassadors
    - Strong personality, unprofessional conduct
    - Lets personal biases gets the best of him
    - Table his bill and look into it
    - Ask Trey if his personal time commitments has changed, why he decided to come back to student government, if he cannot express his personal biases, have a civil discussion, how he would lead a committee he has never been on, what issues he wants to prioritize
    - Didn't want any senators to receive backlash
    - Trey isn't here, which speaks to his tardiness
    - Thank you, have a good meeting
- Adopting the agenda
  - Momaney: Motion to strike 2024-1-00 SD from the agenda
    - Seconded
  - Momaney: Motion to move bills 2024-1-01 SD through 2023-1-06 SD to beneath 2024-1-03 SC
    - Seconded
- Approval of the minutes:
  - Moved and seconded
- Comments from the Executive Branch:
  - EMO and ISU catering to have refreshments available during senate

- We have to be more professional to represent students
  - Not mandatory but would be appreciated
- Comments from the Judicial Branch:
  - Looking to fill positions to the court
- 2024-1-06 SC:
  - Seating director of academic affairs
  - Mytch Hagan, director of affordability last semester
  - Expand leadership roles within student government
  - Gopa: What did you do last year?
    - Parking ticket forgiveness
    - Started in November
  - Gopa: Remind us what this role entails please?
    - I would sit in on things like faculty senate, to speak on the student's behalf
  - Gopa: How would you best represent students?
    - I'm level headed, and see both sides
  - Kammeyer: What is your experience that makes you qualified?
    - I am the DEI chair in the fraternity, I am part of various different clubs currently as well as being a director last year
  - Everheart: If you could describe yourself in one word what would it be?
    - Persistent
  - Everheart: He was an essential part of cabinet last year, he really does care and would be a great fit
  - Passed by way of unanimous consent
- 2024-1-03 SC:
  - Seating director of communications
  - Erik Braun previous director of outreach and college of engineering senator
  - Good understanding of how senate and cabinet works
  - Making sure that everyone is heard and welcome
  - Wants to make PR a well oiled machine
  - Outreach events to get our goals out to the university
  - Consistency with both social media posts and events
  - Schedule of events that would be created during the summer
  - Revamping the social medias to be clean and uniform
    - More Reels to engage and create viewership
  - Using our budget, having shirts for outreach events which shows our logo and can give them away
  - Gopa: Doyou have the skills to make these videos?
    - Yes, I am a user and willing to learn
    - Close with director of marketing
  - Gopa: how are you going to recruit members?

- One on one emails
    - I want hard workers and motivated individuals
  - Everheart: Can you elaborate on your previous role?
    - Creating outreach events/ things that go out to the public
    - Set up tabling for ClubFest
    - Mass Emails, I have created four templates to make this easier
    - Made sure senators get their outreach credits
  - Everheart: Is there a way you would be able to help the director of outreach to obtain their credits?
    - I think that comes down to working over the summer so that we can reach out consistently
    - Finding emails
  - Everheart: What other time commitments do you have?
    - President of fraternity, time commitment is variable but most of the time it averages out to 5 hours a week
    - Student government is the main priority
  - Everheart: If you could describe yourself in one word what would it be?
    - Hardworking
  - Kammyer: Can you go more in detail about your monthly outreach events?
    - ClubFest, going in front of Parks Library
    - Consistency, showing what we do
    - Student government Expo
    - Passing out t-shirt to get promotion outside of our work
  - Passed by way of unanimous consent
- 2024-1-01 SD:
  - Served as the previous IDEA director
  - Want to be part of student government and IRHA
  - Gopa: What kind of things do you want to do?
    - Work with IRHA and the committee to improve residence life for everyone
  - Eisma: Are you available at 7:30 on Saturdays?
    - Yes I am
  - Verriger: Do you have plans for projects?
    - Not right now, but I plan to work on them over the summer
  - Pedddisani: Why did you choose not to continue with your previous roles?
    - This role allows time in both organizations
  - Everheart: He is a great fit for this role. What committees would you want to serve on?
    - IDEA committee and the residence hall committee
  - Passed by way of unanimous consent

- 2024-1-02 SD:
  - Anna Sphan in healthcare management
  - Previous health and wellness director
  - Many projects passed last year
  - Received the empowerment and cabinet member of the year awards
  - Passed by way of unanimous consent
- 2024-1-03 SD:
  - Jennifer Holiday, fourth year in student government
    - President, at large, and senator
  - Passion for service
  - Dedication and have been here long term
  - Worked on FAFSA accessibility
  - Would like to join the Rules Committee
  - Still wants to accomplish 12 platform points from election time
  - Gopa: How will you see this transition from administrative roles to a more active role?
    - Instead of meetings this will be put into projects
    - Know what it takes to get things done
  - Passed by way of unanimous consent
- 2024-1-04 SD:
  - Momaney: Motion to add bill 2024-1-04 SC underneath 2024-1-02 SC
    - Seconded
  - Sydney Jones, sophomore in political science
  - Work on 12 platform points and continue work with the athletic department
  - Gopa: What projects did you do last year?
    - I worked with the athletic department to get more student athlete voices heard on campus
  - Gopa: What are some of the big points of your campaign?
    - Working with campus director of dining to have one dining hall open during breaks
  - Passed by way of unanimous consent
- 2024-1-05 SD:
  - Junior in chemical engineering and philosophy
  - First time being in student government
  - Gopa: What do you want to work on?
    - I'm not sure yet but I am passionate about things such as sustainability
  - Gopa: How are you going to effectively hear student voices?
    - Being open to as many people as possible
  - Gopa: What is the time you've worked on a project?
    - Lots of group projects, I like to set tasks and make an agenda

- Communication
    - Step by step
  - Everheart: What is one word you would use to describe yourself?
    - Curious
  - Everheart: Are there any other committees you would be interested in serving on?
    - I'm not sure at this time
  - Kammeyer: What are some organizations you've been a part of?
    - I'm in a couple clubs and also an SI leader
  - Rollinger: Has a lot of leadership qualities and would make the senate better.
  - Udoka: How will you balance academics with this role?
    - I am a big planner person and very organized and focused
    - My course load has lightened so I can put important things first
  - Passed by way of unanimous consent
- 2024-1-06 SD:
  - Jake Snyder
  - Worked with the residence halls extensively
  - Want to further leadership experience with student government
  - Pursley: What are some initiatives you have?
    - I want to work on the PR committee
    - Experience to schedule post
    - Philanthropic initiatives
  - Passed by way of unanimous consent
- 2024-1-01 SC:
  - I am so excited to see the room as full as it is today
  - Evan Martinez, sophomore studying political science
  - Joined at the start of this academic year specifically to serve on finance committee
  - Provided proper oversight to student funding
  - Get to meet with clubs that request funding
    - Wants to see what everyone is pursuing
  - Eisma: Valuable member of the finance committee this past year, especially with budgets. He has a clam and approachable personality and back him completely
  - Gopa: The first question Martinez after asked me was "how do I join finance", he is passionate and well educated and would like to voice my support for him
  - Kammeyer: This is one of the most important positions in the cabinet. What is one trait that will help you in this role?
    - My experience, including my role as a legal and risk intern which had a lot of risk management and financial support. I have also interned with Senator Nuun to help distribute grants
  - Holliday: Another big portion is serving on the special student fees committee, what does your availability look like for those meetings?

- I would not applying if I did not think I did not have the availability for it
      - Other than schoolwork, this is my main priority
    - Passed by way of unanimous consent
  - Pursley: Motion to table 02SC until next week
  - 2024-1-04 SC:
    - Emily Boland, sophomore studying political science
    - First student government leadership position
    - Events director for an executive counsel last year
      - High turnout rates
    - Advisor to the president of the high school, to advocate for student's needs and wants
    - Attend city council meetings as a non-voting member
    - Leading local affairs council
    - Work with the Catt center to get voting registration numbers up
      - Specifically with college students
    - Send newsletters about city council meetings
    - Attended the city council meeting yesterday, I have a newsletter prepared to send out
    - Everheart: You already attending city council meetings show your passion for this position, that is very commendable in a position that had challenges last year. Are there any other specific ideas you have for events?
      - I am not 100% sure but would like to include what kind of events the city is putting on such as the farmers market to include participation in the city and the students here
    - Pursley: I just wanted to put in a good word for Emily, I think she will do a great job
    - Holliday: This past year our ex-officio was working with bars to create an Ames Safe Word project?
      - Yes, I would love to
    - Holliday: Do you have any ideas to make the meetings more efficient and create better results?
      - I would work with the local affairs committee to get a priority list and would be working with the city council so I would get both points of view and create a curated agenda to make it more efficient
    - Jones: Do you have any contact with the city council so far?
      - I went to the meeting and introduced myself to the council and they seemed very receptive
    - Passed by way of unanimous consent
  - 2024-1-05 SC:
    - Mindi Heeren, an Industrial Design major

- In the role since December last year
- Worked with SHOP and Sloss House
- Worked with a nonprofit previously
- Everheart: I just wanted to voice my support for Minid, she was a vital part of the cabinet last year.
- Holliday: I also wanted to voice my support for Mindi, she jumped in and was very dedicated and seeing them come to fruition
- Passed by way of unanimous consent
- Pursley: Motion to table 07 SC until next week
- 2024-21-08 SC:
  - Sofia Lima Barbosa, applying to major in architecture
  - From Brazil
  - Work as an AV tech and say the meetings and was very interested in it
  - I want to make this happen for every international student on campus
  - Want to improve the international student experience
  - Everheart: What are some projects you would want to do in this role?
    - Continuing international movies in Cyclone Cinema and an international career fair
  - Jones: Have you talked to the director about her work last year?
    - I have wanted to and am planning to do so
  - Jones: Would you be interested in having a dining center open over break?
    - Yes absolutely
  - Gopa: Do you have a plan to work on the international career fair?
    - I would work to figure out the main reasons why people don't hire international students and finding the majors of international students to find their needs
  - Gopa: How are you planning to engage more international students?
    - I want to go into classes and talk to them and I am also in International Student Ambassador to spread the words
  - Gopa: Would you be willing to make the shuttle to the airport free?
    - That is something I would work on
  - Agarwal: Would you be willing to work with the IDEA committee?
    - I would be willing to work with every commit so I can represent every student
  - Jones: I have a lot of connections to the people we have talked about, so please feel free to reach out.
  - Passed by way of unanimous consent
- 2024-1-02 SG:
  - We want to get our Rules committee set right away

- Hannah Everheart: served on the Rules committee during the third session of last year
  - Very familiar with the by-laws
  - Enjoys writing legislation
- Hunter Schnider: sophomore in political science, been in student government in one year
  - Worked on the by-law combination
  - Enjoyed previous time in Rules
- Momaney: I put my full faith in everyone we are putting forward for Rules committee. We have a lot to do and I know they will get things done
- Peddesani: One of Momaney's goals was to make "baby by-laws" . How do you see yourself working on this?
  - Schnider: I will help however I can because I want to make things more digestible
  - Everheart: We also discussed the pathway projects and how the by-laws would help during those mentor sessions to create deeper understanding
- Passed by way of unanimous consent
- 2024-1-03 SG:
  - Eisma, junior in ag studies, I've been around for a while and been in rules and finance
    - Want to help understand by by-laws
  - Rowles sophomore in industrial design, been part of Rules since November and learned a lot and wants to continue
    - Have experience I want to bring to this committee
  - Passed by way of unanimous consent
- 2024-1-04 SG:
  - Cecil could not be here, but he is the most senior member of student government and probably has the most knowledge on the by-laws
  - Jones, served previously in the Rules committee, I enjoyed my time a lot
  - Want to bring back decorum to Rules committee
  - Cecil was the one that got me into Rules committee, he knows what he is talking about
  - Eisma: Cecil is one of the few people who can be confirmed without being here as he is the only one pre-COVID and wrote the judicial branch binding documents. He is an amazing guy and we could talk about him all night
  - Everheart: This is the man who sent us on a scavenger hunt through the by-laws
  - Passed by way of unanimous consent
- 2024-1-09 SC:
  - Margrett: I yield my chair to Speaker Momaney
  - Quinn Margrett, vice president for the second year

- Most important committee we sit on as student government
- Allocation process to decide the student fees
- Served last academic year
- Experience when it came to making those difficult decisions
- Passed by way of unanimous consent
- 2024-1-05 SG:
  - Everheart: I nominate Senator Gopa
    - I accept
  - Jones: I nominate Senator Holliday
    - I accept
  - Gopa: I nominate Senator Peddesani
    - I accept
  - Introduction Phase:
    - Gopa: sophomore in computer science, part of student government for two years
      - Committee started by the state government
      - Very vocal for sticking up for students
      - Would be able to stick up for myself and make an argument
      - I would like to discuss what I can legally to increase awareness
      - Better PR and outreach is needed
      - Previously held by Political Science and Finance majors, and I want to bring a fresh perspective
      - Served on the ISUPD advisory board and have had experience with that
      - Free to attend all meetings
    - Holliday:
      - Passionate about student affordability
      - Voting member of this last year
      - Student input is valued on that committee
      - This is truly important
      - I was confident last year to ask questions and would like to continue this
      - Not afraid to be outspoken
      - Understand how the committee works
    - Peddasani:
      - Senator for IHRA, second meeting in student government
      - Residence Hall director of communication
      - Wants students to have their voices heard
      - Great way to help people in unfortunate situations
  - Questioning Phase:

- Momaney: You will be in a room where you are advocating for students across campus, and there is a lot of confusion about fees. How will you ensure that these fees stay at a reasonable cost?
  - Gopa: It is supporting the people that need you the most. I routinely talk to different people on campus, and I don't find people intimidating usually. While there is a learning curve, I think I would pick it up quickly
  - Holliday: Last year I was constantly in intimidating experiences, and I have the connections to reach out as needed to put into use in this scenario. It is important to find ways what students truly want and need as I did in the past year.
  - Peddesani: I have worked on campus while campaigning as president of IHRA and sitting across from professionals is intimidating but it is getting past those nerves and you are here to represent the students. I am a quick learner and want to help others adapt.
- Kammeyer: Can you talk about your experience in budgets?
  - Gopa: I am fiscally responsible and will fight to the last penny. I have experience in the Senate advocating for student dollars.
  - Holliday: I would say I have immense experience when it comes to planning money. I also served on the parking committee which discussed ticket costs and fines (which we did not increase last year). Outside of Iowa State, I had my own business to fund coming to college and currently I am budgeting to get to college
  - Peddesani: I have worked with the director of finance with my residence hall to reallocate funds. I have also worked as an intern as a financial analyst to manage asset portfolios.
- Snyder: How do you plan to educate the student government about what happened in the committee weekly with the black box?
  - Gopa: I will try to reach out to discuss these things that I am allowed to talk about, so more outreach such as Instagram posts.
  - Holliday: I didn't share the contents, but shared what I could such as when we had meetings and during the voting. I do ask students random questions to help take into consideration before I decide how to vote.
  - Peddesani: I have worked under NDAs and also one to provide information without giving things away.
- Debate Phase:
  - Everheart: I think all nominees are great, but want to put my support behind Holliday as she is passionate about student government and

affordability in general. She has experience about what the committee is. It is also helpful that she has those personal connections to decide what is best. She has a wonderful opportunity to be an intern at a national level which goes to show how driven she is and how effectively she would be able to advocate for students.

- Jones: I also want to support Jennifer, she has made great connections with faculty who believe in her mission. She has a passion for where student dollars are going at a national level and has done things with Senator Ernst.
- Kammeyer: I want to share my support for Peddesani. When we went through the budget he had plenty of questions. While I understand experience is important, I think he is the right person for the job.
- Eisma: There are lots of difficult discussions that happen within this committee. We cannot talk about things because of the sensitive nature of the data. I am supporting Holliday as she has experience and has interacted with a lot of the faculty.
- Clarification Phase:
  - Momaney: to Gopa: when you say you want to get the most out of student dollars, these resources are used. Would you try just to keep costs low or work to make the dollar work?
    - We would look at the feasibility, conduct an analysis, and make a decision
    - At the end of the day, I would do what they want not what I personally would do
  - Spahn: to Holliday: could you elaborate on your experience advocating for affordability at the federal level?
    - There have been issues with the FAFSA such as response time and changes negatively impacting farmers and small businesses owners
    - I've been working with Senator Ernst to reverse these negative changes
    - I have gone to Washington DC and participating in a roundtable event
    - I am also working on creating a video to continue to share my story
  - Everheart: to Holliday: Can you talk about how your internship will help your role?
    - I will be working with the Ministry of Education including those in the financial areas to see how the finances work
    - I will be immersing myself in international culture that will help me represent international students

- Final Comments:
  - Gopa: While I don't have experience I do have a different perspective. I will try to use those experiences to ask questions that will further the student experience. I am a decent communicator and help create awareness.
  - Holliday: Thank you for the opportunity. I hope my experience shows how worthy I am in this role. I want to connect with students and this is something I have done and will continue to do so.
- First Ballot:
  - 4-18-2-1 to Holliday
- Passed by way of unanimous consent
- 2024-1-00 Y:
  - Changes the name and remove two parts of the by-laws which have not been done as they do not exist anymore
  - Everheart: Will this be reviewed in Rules next week?
    - Yes
- 2024-1-01 Y:
  - Allows for co-director of committees
  - This would benefit the cabinet/ committees
- Closing Announcements:
  - If you were confirmed tonight you should see the steps to take to have access to what you need
    - I brought snacks, please take as many as you'd like
    - There are pins, please take one if you'd like to commemorate this work this year
    - Thank you for a great year
  - Gopa: Great conversations today. Sometimes we do not have to call for UC as consistently, but we had great discussions. The LAS Start Something Academy is looking for new members. Look into possibilities of getting at-larges if you are a new director. I also want to acknowledge the work done by the seniors such as Senator Larson and Senator Janes, they will be missed.
  - Holliday: Thank you for a great first senate back, thank you for electing me to the committee. The Immediate Access One Program would like FAQs for the website. You would not have to individually buy textbooks, but could opt out. I can send this in the Teams, please reach out if you have questions.
  - Hursh: Congratulations to the newly sat senators, I will be sending out a recap soon. It is imperative we understand what we know at the city-level. Plan for snacks in August.
  - Ackigos: The One Sustainable Iowa COnference is coming up, the last day to register is tomorrow. We have a great keynote speaker.

- Everheart: The keynote speaker is the president of the Sirrea Club and it will be a great experience.
- Margrett: I am happy we are not at max time, I yield
- Pursley: A reminder you have to spend one hour at the office per week. If you have any questions, reach out.
- Momaney: I am also glad that it's only 8:44. Firstly, thank you for electing me. We will do great things. There will be a dress code recommendation sent out to achieve more professionalism. If you struggle to find clothes there is a pop up shop in the MU open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5-8. We will also be trying to have consistent snacks as well as songs of the week, there is a link to fill out the form. I would like to have a working meeting next week to begin the pathway program so we can begin this program over the summer to maximize the position.