

G. President Johnson

Homecoming: Inviting RAs and KAB Saturday, October 16th at 5pm

Interview 6 people with Chief Justice Thompson for Associate Justices position

Student Fee committee will be established

Treasurer will be on it and up to 5 other SGA members

Let her know if you want to be on the committee

H. Advisor(s) Update

Advisor Eric Arneson

Encourages SGA to attend Homecoming events

V. Open Forum (2 min/officer)

Please send Officer Reports to Chief of Staff Gary

Will send out form soon

VI. Old Business

A. Support for Addressing COVID-19 Responsibly Act

Written by Director Cochran - Internal Affairs

Edits

Updated the number of Americans who have died during the pandemic to 700,000

Independent thought and a fresh mind

Senator Rhodes: Define yourself with 1 word and describe yourself with that word.

Adaptable; Started political and social work at age 16/17; learned to balance his time

Senator Yaledah-Bashaar: What makes you passionate about the work that you do?

Realized in elementary school that he wanted to be a leader; Driving force is doing more for others than he does for himself

Senator Yaledah-Bashaar: How will you apply that to your position?

Making sure he reads and educates himself on the Bylaws and Constitution as best as he can

Senator Wahab: Biggest weakness and how do you think you can improve upon that in this role?

Do sometimes get hesitant to let his views be known which is one reason why he applied for the position; felt like the court would be a safe space for him to do that

President Pro Tempore McCroskey: How will you take politics out of it when making decisions about the laws and policies?

Learned through his experience with other nonpartisan organizations that he is in on how to put his political party aside to carry out business; rated the most moderate delegate in the Senate Youth program for 20-21

Senator Williams: Since everyone is a student, how do you plan on rendering judgement in cases where your knowledge of policy may be limited?

Would carefully make decisions by studying his weak points; will try to interpret the best he can

Senator Thompson: How are you going to be impartial to other ideologies given that you are vocal about being a Democrat?

He is able to put his beliefs to the side

nonpartisan orgs that he is in

Senator Valdez: How will you compartmentalize your relationships between Chief Justice and yourself as well as another justice that is a part of your organization (Young Dems).

They are two different organizations; I will strictly handle business with Young Dems and SGA as separates

Senator Ulloa: What are your goals? Why do you want to be a judge?

Political sci major; Want to serve in armed forces; want to be a public servant

Discussion:

VP Wittmayer: We do not want to rush this process. If you are not comfortable, we want to give you more time. We can extend the meeting so we can interview more people but suggests that this goes into a next succession.

Senator Williams wants to put a motion on the floor to refrain from mentioning the performance of any other candidates when questioning candidates.

agree. Says to do everything tailored to that; do not

performance; Will strike that down if it happens again

Senator Edgar: Some of you are asking the same questions.

to elaborate.

President Pro Tempore McCroskey advocates voting on the three candidates that were interviewed today and voting on the other three at the next GB meeting or doing it all at the next GB meeting.

Senator Yaledah-Bashaar motions to vote on the 3 that were interviewed today and vote the other 3 at the next General Body meeting.

Before accepting motion, VP Wittmayer makes a point of information. The reason why SGA was an RSO was to protect us from being too partisan. University previously had 2 lawsuits for discriminating against certain viewpoints.

longer an RSO. Word is getting back to him that there is a perception that we (SGA) are too liberal. Candidates are

very qualified, but it does matter about qualifications, it matters about perception. Be careful.

Senator Powell: Associate Justices are not dealing with the entire school, just the Senate body. Vote for them if you are confident in them, not for their political party.

anything to put SGA at risk regarding partisanship, then you have no argument.

VP Wittmayer: It is the perception. He has seen this

President Pro Tempore McCroskey: If we have majority liberals or conservatives on decision making, it will not look good on us. Many of our e-board (Internal Affairs Director, Press Secretary, and Chief Justice) hold positions and are known for their positions in Young Dems.

Senator Williams moves to extend the meeting to 9:20pm;
Senator Valdez seconds; passed

Senator Yaledah-Bashaar motions to vote on the 3 that were interviewed today and vote the other 3 at the next General Body meeting; Senator Valdez seconds; passed

Senator Harrison: It should be clear on their application that they should be neutral to any political affiliations because it is unfair for them.

Senator Valdez: He (and his committees he is in) were blindsided about the swear-ins. He thought we were just swearing in the Bagwell Senator. He would like to see more transparency.

Senator

Senator Baldwin: We do have three people on the Executive Board who are apart of Young Dems. It unfair to now use that as a point against other people who may be joining the organization because now, we have 2 sets of rules.

VP Wittmayer: He met Dir Cochran through SGA when he was a senator. He got things done last year and that spoke to this ability of being the Internal Affairs Director. He worked with Dir Weston for 2 years CHS MUN. Both were chosen based on their executive ability to deliver change. The perception is that these candidates are being brought on because they are Young Democrats.

Senator Williams: He does not feel uneasy about the first candidate because she has experience with other RSOs. One

of the candidates is a freshman with RSOs. His experience comes from Young Democrats which makes it a different situation.

Senator Branche: It is partisan to scrutinize their partisanship. He agrees with Senator Williams; Looking at where their experience comes from is important. It is discriminatory to judge them based off the fact that they are in Young Dems.

experience does not come from Young Dems. His experience comes from all of the other organizations that he is in.

President Pro Tempore McCroskey: As we have seen in history, if one side gets too much power, it hurts our legitimacy and our gov.t. We are not trying to discriminate against any political viewpoints. We are arguing that they actively hold executive board positions in a partisan group. She does not feel like any of the senators are confident in voting anyone in and does not think they have had enough time to take in all the factors.

anyone right now. We have another meeting. Suggests that senators reread the bios, rethink questions, and talks amongst themselves.

Attorney General Waits: We should restrict the previous motion and postpone any voting until the next meeting. He does not think they are confident in voting either.

Senator Yaledah-Bashaar motions to table the voting until the next General Body meeting; Senator Stephens seconds; passed

VIII. Announcements (2 min/officer | 5 min/audience member)

Senator Valdez

Model UN having another meeting tomorrow in Social Science building

President Johnson

Thank you for being here and continuing to stay after. Thank you to the people who came here today, and she is sorry that they did not get to be sworn in or voted on at all. Next General Body meeting is on the Kennesaw Campus.

IX. Adjournment

Senator Fortson moves to adjourn the meeting; Senator Wahab seconds; passed