

CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

General Session Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, April 5, 2021

Meeting Location: On Campus – Lecture Hall, Room B12

Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Recorded By: Rachel Gaines, Secretary

Call to Order: The meeting was officially called to order at approximately 6:04 pm by Secretary Rachel Gaines, in the absence of President Trajan Bell.

Roll Call / Attendance: Rachel Gaines, Secretary

Advisor:

Dean Jeff Jacobs, Advisor
Matthew Trice, Intern

SGA Cabinets and Senators:

Imani Elsey
Precious Riggins
Jayda Parks
Harvey Lee Cason III
Armando Panlilio
Kelsiuna Woodford
Katrinya Jean
Genesis Espinal

Agenda Items:

Approval of March 8 Minutes:

Reading of minutes by: Everyone

Motion to approve: Jayda Parks

Second: Kelsiuna Woodford

Approval of March 22 Minutes:

Reading of minutes by: Everyone

Motion to approve: Kelsiuna Woodford

Second: Jayda Parks

Dr. Tim Hynes, President of Clayton State University, was presented as the guest speaker for the evening. He discussed the vaccination and how receiving a shot is an approach to the 'new normal' in the fall. Additionally, he shared his story regarding the shots, as he has gotten both as of date. Many concerns and questions were asked by SGA Cabinet members, such as 'is the shot mandatory by the University?' The University has the vaccine as COVID-19 is deemed as an emergency, but the University cannot require. However, as a student body, we should receive it as it is free. The University will reopen in the fall of 2021.

Dr. Hynes also discussed the University's decision to mirror last year's fall semester by closing school by Thanksgiving. Many students wished to receive a two-day fall break and felt as though their voices were not heard. He provided his email timhynes@clayton.edu for further contact or questions.

Officer Reports:

President's Report:

President Bell continued to emphasis elections. It should be everyone's top priority. Considering the numbers of candidates, he strongly recommended that we continue to promote, promote, promote!

We did not meet our goal of recommending two people by this general session. However, there is one person who is eligible in winning the \$50 gift card so far.

SGA participation is decreasing. Several members did not attend ANY registered event! Again, we have communicated this with everyone as well as being assessable if you needed us. Attendance should not be an issue! Please keep in mind that we are asked about members and that in order maintain a good recommendation, your work ethic must truly reflect.

University Health Services provided another vaccination drive and encouraged SGA members to volunteer their time and services. The first drive had 600 participants.

Campus Police department is asking SGA for assistance in promoting their raid guarding app. Chief Long would like for 500 students to sign up to receive the app. The application is designed to increase campus alerts.

President Bell attended the CSOL meeting and provided positive feedback about community service collaboration.

Summer graduation will be held in person on April 30 and May 1. If anyone is interested in a graduation stole, please contact President Bell.

Secretary's Report:

Meetings should be scheduled in Teams or Zoom 3 days in advance for planning and fewer conflicts.

Discussed the goal for SGA 2021- 2022, which is to have a full cabinet.

Treasurer's Report:

No report

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs:

Event: Get Fit with SGA Day

Date: TBA

Place: Laker Hall

Someone will be contacting the Department of Recreation for collaboration. Details will be provided later.

Graduate Affairs:

No report

Internal Affairs: (Report given by Mr. Matthew Trice)

Event: Awards Ceremony

Date: Monday, April 19 after General Session meeting

Place: President's Boardroom

Dress to impress!

Student Affairs:

Event: Throwback CSU

This will be memorable posts of events and pre-COVID times, which can be 1-minute videos, with captions. This event is in collaboration with Internal Affairs. All posts should have the hashtag #throwbackCSU

Videos are accepted until April 23 and will be posted on Instagram April 29th.

Motion to approve: Kelsiuna Woodford

Second: Jayda Parks

Everyone was in favor of the event

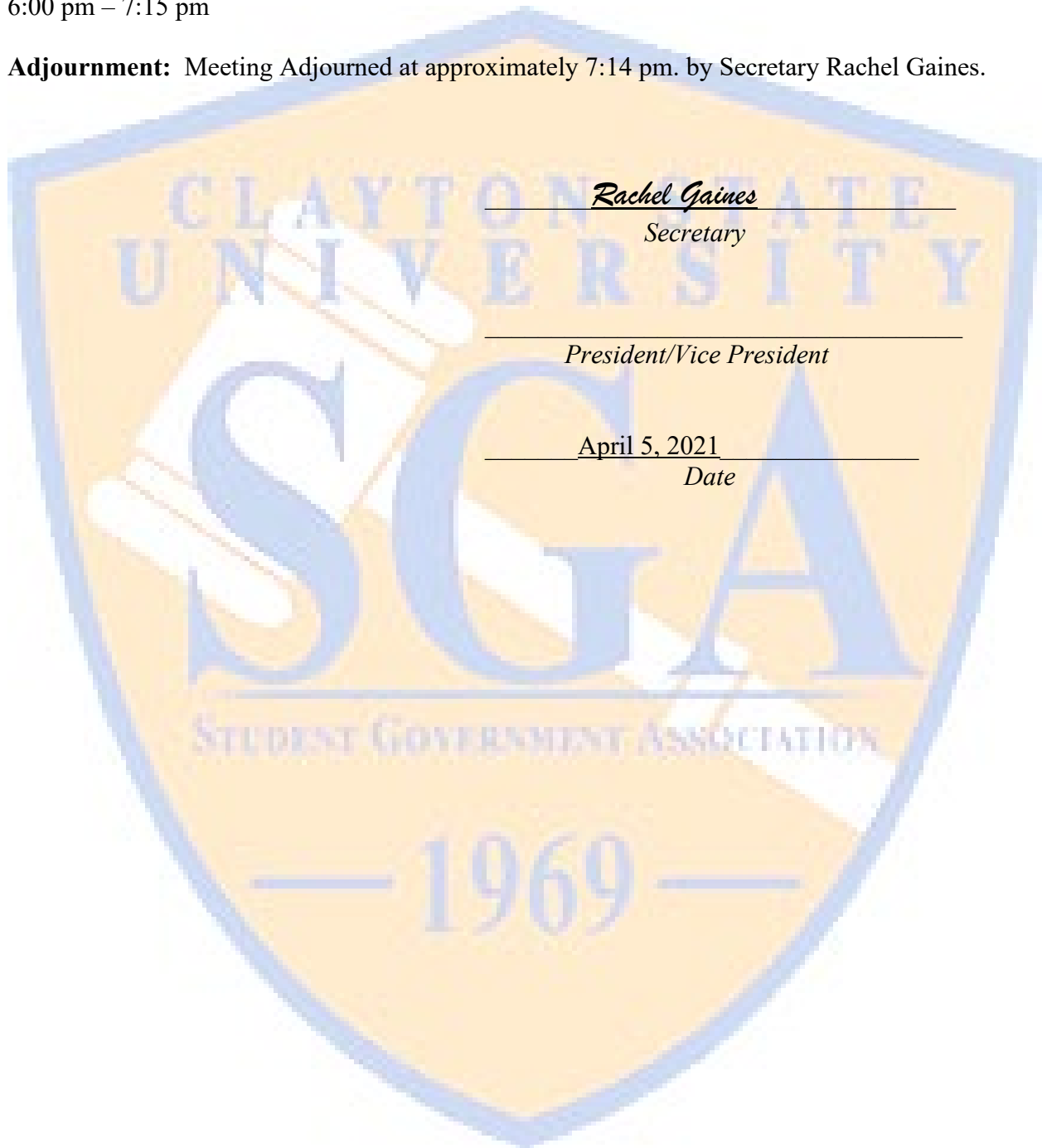
Advisor Report:

Dean Jeff Jacobs urged voting as 53 people only voted so far. Elections started on April 2, 2021 and ends on Friday at 8 am. Officers will be serving 2021 – 2022 academic year. He highly encouraged current Senators, if possible, to consider roles for next year.

Next Meeting:

Monday, April 19, 2021
Awards and Induction Ceremony
On Campus – President’s Boardroom
6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:14 pm. by Secretary Rachel Gaines.



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Spring 2021 Calendar

Monday, April 19

Awards and Officer Induction Ceremony

April 27th Week

Exam Week begins
Positivity is the word for the week!!
Good luck with exams!!

