

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH

Congress Agenda
4.22.24 | 6:00 pm
LSBE 229

1. **Call to Order** 6:00
 - a. Call to order at 6:00 pm
2. **Roll Call** 6:00-6:02
 - a. Absent: Rebekah, Corbyn
 - b. Late: Ethan
3. **Approval of the Agenda** 6:02-6:05
 - a. Jackson Moved, Elaina Second
 - b. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions
4. **Approval of the Minutes** 6:05-6:07
 - a. [4.15.24 Minutes](#)
 - i. Jackson Moved, Sam Second
 - i. All Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain
 - ii. *Dakota moves to amend the minutes.*
5. **Dr. Erwin** 6:12-6:20
 - a. Email her with any questions!
6. **Advisor's Minute** 6:20-6:25
 - a. Jeremy: Good Evening, I'm the SGA Advisor and Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Life!
 - b. Jeremy: I'm looking forward to working with all of you! A few things are coming up over the summer. At the May Board of Regents meeting, on May 8th and 9th, the new chancellor will be approved. This will start Charles's process and communication with us. His start date is July. It'll be an exciting summer on campus for those who are around!
 - c. Jeremy: I am here all summer, if you need anything let me know. I can set up a Zoom meeting. I will be keeping a close tab on Remi and she will be a good person to reach out to as well.
 - d. Jeremy: I am heading to Old Chicago!

7. Speaker's Spotlight 6:25-6:27

- a. Remi: Freshman Reps will have voting power until the next freshman reps are voted in, senators need to vote on resolutions. Same with reps at large.
- b. Remi: No phones or laptops out. Be sure to read all of the links!

8. Guest Speaker

- a. No Guest Speaker

9. Old Business 6:27-6:28

- a. No old business

10. New Business 6:28-6:55

- a. Speaker Election

- i. [Oath of Office](#)

1. *Liz moved to nominate Dakota Kath for Speaker of Congress, Sam Second*
 2. *Dakota accepted the nomination.*
 3. Remi: Please tell us about yourself
 4. Dakota: Gemini has been in SGA for two years, Majors are teaching Spanish and Spanish studies
 5. Jackson: How has your associate speaker position prepared you for this role?
 - a. Dakota: Worked very closely with Ana, which has very much prepared me for this role. I got to know the role and asked her questions. Worked with COC so I am prepared for conflict resolution.
 6. Aidan: What are some Initiatives you would like to bring to SGA this year?
 - a. Dakota: I will make Congress a more inclusive space and give everyone a voice in and outside of Congress.
 7. Ricquelle: How will you benefit from being Speaker?
 - a. Dakota: As a teaching major, I will have a good opportunity to practice talking to people. Practice soft skills to acquire
 8. Liz: Why is Wanda your favorite?
 - a. Dakota: Wanda is the most powerful and coolest.
 9. 9 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstentions
 10. *Dakota reads the Oath of the Speaker.*

- b. President and Vice President Appointment

- i. [Oath of Office](#)

- ii. *Remi and Sam read their President and Vice President Oaths respectively.*

- c. [2024-2025 Executive and Cabinet Appointment](#)

- i. *Remi motion to bring 2024-2025 Exec and Cabinet Appointment to the floor, Elaina Seconds.*
 - ii. *Remi and Sam present background information.*

- iii. *Olivia Call to Question, Izzy Second.*
 - iv. *Remi reads Whereas.*
 - v. *7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention.*
 - vi. *Executive and Cabinet Read Oaths.*
 - vii. [Oath of Office](#)
- d. 2024-2025 Public Office Appointment
- i. *Remi Motions to bring 2024-2025 Public Office Appointment to the floor, Liz Seconds.*
 - ii. [Oath of Office](#)
 - 1. CAHSS Senator, Olivia Pemberton
 - 2. CEHSP Senator, Nakila Fernandez
 - 3. LSBE Senator, Jackson Poetz
 - 4. Representative-at-Large, Sam Welchance
 - iii. *Senators and Rep and Large Read Oaths.*
- e. Associate Speaker Election
- i. *Point of Order by Remi:* This cannot be tabled.
 - ii. *Point of Information by Dakota:* The Associate speaker takes attendance, manages COC for conflict resolution, will work with Dakota to revise over the summer, and take over for Dakota in the event he is not able to attend Congress.
 - iii. *Remi nominates Sam Welchance.*
 - iv. *Sam accepts.*
 - v. Sam W: Junior, in LSBE, human resources and health care management, Gemini. I ran a last-minute campaign after recommendations from friends, interested in law and legal places in general
 - vi. Elaina: What prior experiences do you have that have prepared you for this role
 - 1. Sam W: I am from a big town of 2,000 people, class president who prepared me for procedures and leadership opportunities. This gave me perspectives and leadership positions so people are more apt to bring problems to you.
 - vii. Riley: Are there any time commitments that will prohibit you from committing time to this role?
 - 1. Sam W: Nothing comes to mind immediately. Works part-time on campus and am in a couple of clubs and organizations. Not worried about time.
 - viii. Jackson: How are you at conflict resolution?
 - 1. Sam W: HR major so conflict management is huge. Being able to understand both sides of the issue is crucial and being able to be a mediator is vital in conflict resolution.
 - ix. *Elaina Call to question, Liz Second*
 - x. *6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention*

- xi. *Sam elected as Associate Speaker*
- f. Application for CAHSS Senator
 - i. [Anna Manshack for CAHSS Senator](#)
 - ii. Remi motions to bring the Application for CAHSS Senator to the table, Olivia Seconds.
 - iii. *Remi introduces Anna and gives background information*
 - iv. Anna: I am a freshman, Taurus, and am majoring in Cognitive Science and Political Science, and minoring in Spanish.
 - v. Jackson: How will you find the time to fit student Government into your busy schedule?
 - 1. Anna: I am a Google Calendar warrior. I am very organized and have been involved in clubs and sports so I know how to manage my time.
 - vi. Liz: How well do you think you will be able to cover the stress of the position?
 - 1. Anna: I pick up and learn pretty fast. I will have to find ways to manage stress, but am not worried about the stress.
 - vii. Olivia: What initiatives will you bring to the position?
 - 1. Anna: Improve overall student involvement on campus. I would like to enliven campus life again.
 - viii. Aidan: Do you prefer breakfast or lunch foods?
 - 1. Breakfast, but savory breakfast foods.
 - ix. *Sam calls to question, Elaina Seconds.*
 - x. *Remi reads Whereas*
 - xi. 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions
 - xii. *Anna elected as CAHSS Senator*
- g. Applications for Representative at Large
 - i. [Andy Kornitz for Representative at Large](#)
 - ii. [Ella Swarbrick for Representative at Large](#)
 - iii. [Ricquelle Miles for Representative at Large](#)
 - iv. Remi motions to bring Applications for Representative at Large to the table, Sam S Seconds.
 - v. *All 3 candidates introduce themselves with their majors from the application.*
 - vi. Dakota: Questions are gonna be generated in a way so everyone can answer. We will vote through a ballot vote, so keep questions general.
 - vii. Sam: What are some initiatives you would like to pursue in your position?
 - 1. Andy: The University likes to say there is a specific college of Engineering, but it seems disconnected. I would like to build up those connections between colleges.
 - 2. Ricquelle: Make sure all students have voices. Have friends who are in the minority and want to make sure their voices are heard.

3. Ella: I would like to highlight sustainability practices on campus. I didn't know about composting until about halfway through the year so I would like to highlight those.
- viii. Julia: What made you interested in SGA?
 1. Ricquelle: Was sitting in the MC and Remi came up and asked me. Always wanted to be in some sort of congress position. I did mediation in high school.
 2. Ella: Got an email from Remi for the Sustainability Director and looked into it further and chose to be a Rep at Large.
 3. Andy: Also got an email for Remi, so I looked into other positions on campus.
- ix. Aidan: What past experiences have you had to prepare you for your role?
 1. Ella: I was vice president for the local library board in my town and worked in the National Honor Society
 2. Ricquelle: Training in mediation with students and conversing in different diasporas.
 3. Andy: Part of model UN club, was also lead of one of the subsections of our Robotics team, bo stranger for talking to people and trying to get them to do things.
- x. Riley: What is the evening meal called?
 1. Andy: Dinner
 2. Ricquelle: Dinner
 3. Ella: Dinner
- xi. *Jackson calls to question, Aidan Seconds.*
- xii. *Remi reads Whereas*
- xiii. Andy: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions
- xiv. Ricquelle: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention
- xv. Ella: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absentions
- h. [Bylaw Suspension for R2R SRSC Interview](#)
 - i. Remi motions to bring Bylaw Suspension to the table, Sam S Seconds.
 - ii. *Remi gives background*
 - iii. Jackson: I know that a change to the constitution requires the motion to be tabled for a week.
 - iv. Remi: Since this is a suspension, not a change, it will just be suspended for a period of time. There will be no lasting change to the bylaws or anything.
 - v. Jackson calls to question, Nakila Seconds.
 - vi. Sam reads bylaws
 - vii. 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions

11. Discussion 6:55-6:56

- a. No discussion

12. Governance Reports 6:56-6:57

- a. Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM)
- b. Assessment
- c. Facilities
- d. Liberal Education
- e. IT and Library
- f. Athletics
- g. Strategic Planning and Budget
- h. Student Experiences (SE)
- i. Teaching and Learning (TLC)
- j. University Coordinating Council (UCC)
- k. Commission On Disabilities
- l. Alcohol Drug Advisory Committee (ADAC)

13. Executive Reports 6:57-7:00

- a. Student Life Officer - Riley Ward
- b. Academic Affairs Officer - Aidan Zeissler
- c. External Affairs Officer - Elaina Kuhfuss
- d. Financial Officer - Ethan Daniels
- e. Rep. to the Board of Regents -
- f. Vice President - Sam Schmall
- g. President - Remi Foust
 - i. [Committee Interest Form](#)
 - ii. [Report](#)

1. *Remi presents.*

14. Director Reports 7:00-7:01

- a. Public Relations - Liz Gonnerman
- b. Bulldog Lyft -
- c. Diversity & Inclusion - Izzy Marin-Torres
- d. Rules and Elections -
- e. Systems Administrator - Clara Tangen
- f. Sustainability - Katlyn Dexter
- g. Legislative Relations - Julia Covert

15. Senator Reports 7:01-7:02

- a. CAHSS Senators - Olivia Pemberton
- b. SCSE Senators - Hayden O'Connor and Rebekah Muhlenkamp
- c. CEHSP Senators - Nakila Fernandez
- d. LSBE Senator - Jackson Poetz

16. Representative at Large 7:02-7:03

- a. No reports

17. Open Announcements 7:03-7:06

- a. Liz: Welcome to Congress everyone. Please give me your information for social media if you haven't already and update your contacts. Everyone has to stay after for a picture.

- b. Remi: Late Night Library hosted by Becca will be in the library from 6-8 on Wednesday. Come and help out if you can.
- c. Olivia: French club [Tuesday the 23rd], at 5 pm in Humanities 464 come hang out
- d. Aidan: UA finally updated their website and changed some of their terminology. If anyone wants the new link, just let me know.

18. Adjournment

- a. Jackson motioned to adjourn, Sam Second
- b. All ayes, 0 nay, 0 abstain
- c. Adjourned at 7:10 pm