

# Student Government Association

2008 Fall Retreat

# Agenda

- Our Student Government
- Attendance
- Senate Dress
- Speaking in Senate
- Legislation
- Voting
- Motions
- Debate

# Academic Committee

- Handles academic grievances
- Distinguished Teaching Awards
- Leadership Conference
- Review and make recommendations on proposed academic policy changes

# Finance Committee

- Distributes A&S fees
- Holds budget workshops during Fall
- Review requests for funding from “Loan and Grant Fund” and academic travel

# Student Relations Committee

- Suggestion Boxes
- Marquee of DEATH
- Facilitate communication between SGA and the Student Body by:
  - producing a student newsletter
  - posting minutes from each senate meeting on the SGA bulletin board

# Cabinet Positions

- Public Relations Specialist
- Information Systems Director
- Director of Marketing and Publicity
- Chief of Staff
- Deputy Chief of Staff
- Executive Programming Director
- Director of Diversity
- Director of Spirit and Tradition
- Director of Student Lobbying

# Judicial Branch

- Review legislation upon the request of senate for constitutionality

# Attendance

- Only get 2 unexcused absences a semester from senate AND committee
- Only get 3 excused absences a semester from senate AND committee
  - excused: you have notified Miss Martha BY EMAIL by 5:00pm that Friday
- If you miss a roll call, it counts as half an absence

# Senate Dress

- Always Business Professional unless otherwise notified. Includes:
  - slacks, khakis, skirts, dresses
  - button down shirts, polos, knits, woven
    - NO: flip flops, jeans, tennis shoes, shorts, sleeveless tops

# Speaking in Senate

- To be called on, raise your hand and wait for the Senate President to call on you
- Thank “Madam President”, then stand and address the Senate
- Someone from the Senate has to yield the floor to someone in the Gallery
- During Roll Call, say “here” or “present”

# Legislation

- Bills
  - Legislation over which student government has sole jurisdiction
- Resolution
  - Legislation that is a statement of position
- Recommendation
  - Legislation that is a suggestion for action outside of student government jurisdiction

# Voting

- Only the Senate has a vote
- Vote “yes” if you are in support of the item
- Vote “no” if you are against the item
- Only abstain if you have a direct conflict with the item. For example:
  - If you personally know the person being appointed
  - If you are being appointed to the position, sponsored or wrote the legislation

# Motions

- When making a motion, say, “I move to..” and wait for a second
- Table-
  - should debate be exhausted and there is no motion to a vote, an item can be tabled
  - a member of the senate can motion to table the debate

# Debate

- Motion for debate, then wait for a second, if there is a second for debate, then the item will be brought up for debate, if not, then there is no debate, and they move to a vote
- When there is no more debate, there is a vote, or a motion for a vote