



October 27, 2022 | [Zoom Link](#)

1. Review last week's [minutes](#): vote to approve
  - **No changes made, minutes unanimously approved**
2. Lyft update
  - a. M3 and I had a meeting with a lyft representative to chat about the prospective lyft subsidy program
    - **Josh Mathers (business development leader for higher education institutions) can help us design our specific program and what it should look like**
    - **Discussed funding: in the short-term, ASB can fund it but long-term it will hopefully be passed over to admin**
    - **There is an average 12% utilization rate for other institutions with Lyft subsidy programs**
    - **ASB auditor is working on a survey to send to the student body asking students about their living circumstances, how they would use this service, and what they want it to look like**
    - **Currently, we are leaning towards a Lyft Pass program that will partially or completely cover the cost of rides; we can set limitations on when the rides will take place, location, and how much we want to cover**
    - **Katie raises the possibility of students getting an allotted amount of Lyft money to spend as they choose, Sophia said this is a possibility pending the results of the survey**
    - **Madeleine introduces the idea of an editing session for the survey**
      - **Motion to hold a review session unanimously passes**
      - **Suggestions were put into a collaborative Google Doc attached to the agenda by Sophia**
3. Senator resignation :(
  - a. Press F in the chat to pay respects

- b. Promote the special election for a new senator and once the application closes, you all will vote to confirm the new senator
  - **Sam C (director of elections) reached out to the senator who did not get elected in this year's Senate election to ask if he wanted to run, but he was not able to**
  - **Senate applicants would not have to campaign**
  - **Only senators will vote in the special election**
- 4. That segues perfectly into our next topic of discussion; a new bill!!
  - a. This [bill](#) (SB001) is to formally get rid of the signature requirement on our senate application
    - **A ⅔ majority is needed to pass this bill (9 people)**
    - **This bill was originally presented last year**
    - **The argument against it is that if one wants to represent the student body, they should be able to approach people and get at least 25 signatures**
    - **Katie adds that the argument for this is that it would get more people to run for Senate, a lot of people are scared away by the signature requirement**
    - **Marty adds that the signatures may be exclusionary toward students who want to be senators but aren't as interested in elections and bylaws**
    - **Madeleine brings up that there are ways to participate in Senate other than elections, and elected officials should have a wide and varied level of contact with other students (argument for the signature requirement)**
    - **There are other ways to get involved as a voting member of Senate without being elected (union reps), so Madeleine argues that the signature requirement should stay**
    - **Two senators say that although getting signatures was uncomfortable and difficult, it helped them interact with students and figure out how they wanted to represent students in Senate**
    - **Yonus and Marty think requiring signatures is an accessibility issue**
    - **Main argument for: helps potential senators engage with students, challenge themselves, realize their policies and how they want to represent students**
    - **Main argument against: it is a barrier to people running for Senate and it could potentially be an accessibility issue**
    - **Alex brings up that senators who are unable to get the signatures could talk with OSA, but Marty responds that dealing with OSA is difficult and often unhelpful**

- **Madeleine recommends that we table the discussion until next week and move on to the next bill, motion unanimously passes**
5. Oh snap, what's that?? Another bill? Don't mind if I yes!
- a. This [bill](#) (SB002) is to formally establish when SRC's discretionary fund is open for applications
    - **This also needs a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote**
    - **Student Resource Committee: students submit applications of emergency financial need that doesn't affect their financial aid, the SRC then reviews the applications and decides which applicants to give money to**
    - **Student fee money can only be accessed during the fall and spring semesters, money cannot be allocated during the summer or breaks**
    - **Cabinet has been acting as the interim SRC and has been processing applications**
    - **The bill will make the SRC fund open no more than a week after the school year starts, and it will close 2 weeks before finals**
    - **Motion to vote is seconded, bill is unanimously approved**
6. Another Bill hehe
- a. This [bill](#) (SB003) is to streamline updates to the Election Committee bylaws
    - **Sam C. currently has an Elections Committee but they have not been meeting because it isn't elections season (he at first said he has no committee but later clarified)**
    - **This bill would make it so that EC doesn't have to meet to discuss election bylaws, Sam could do it himself**
    - **Alex says that committees are important to get people outside of ASB involved, chairs should advertise their committees**
    - **There is actually a current Elections Committee, they just don't meet because it is not election season**
    - **Madeleine says Sam C. introduced this bill without the approval of the current Elections Committee and he is not the sole actor**
    - **Alex says the special election is an opportunity for the EC to meet and discuss, so it is important to have an EC available even during non-election season**
    - **Madeleine's issue with this bill is that it incentivizes the director of elections to not hold committee meetings, and committees are very important**
    - **Sam C. responds that the EC has not historically been consulted and he would like to have an EC session after senate; there are a lot of precedents for this happening and this would just codify it**

- **Alex says precedent doesn't matter because we didn't have an EC last year**
- **Madeleine says that just because there is precedent not to have an EC (which was due to the pandemic), it doesn't mean we shouldn't have one**
- **Last year, Cabinet acted as the interim Elections Committee, but there was a committee and there is not precedent to not have one**
- **Motion to vote is seconded**
- **No: 8**
- **Yes: 2**
- **Abstain: 3 due to lack of information**
- **Bill does not pass**
- **The bill will be clarified and then reintroduced**

7. I now yield the floor for any comments, questions and concerns

- **There is a QSU trivia night in the council chambers at 6 tonight**
- **There is an affinity group mixer on Halloween**
- **Motion to adjourn, unanimously passed**