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November 14, 2024

I. Roll Call

# II. Approval of Minutes

III. Ice Breaker: Would you rather?

### IV. Guest Speaker:

• Destiny Alvarado: Study Abroad

- I was the Transfer-at-Large last year and I am an intern at the Study Abroad office, did
  study abroad for 2 weeks then came back to be an intern
- 90% of study abroad alumni got into their choice of grad school, typically people who
  study abroad have higher GPAs, graduate on time
- You can earn credit abroad, there are three types of programs, you receive transfer credit
  from another university and another study can come to our university
- o Freshmen and transfers can receive certain credit with certain scholarships
- Faculty-led programs are the most popular, they are going to Australia from MCOB, it varies
- Over 800 programs in 60 different countries, you gain an international perspective, a lot of programs are taught in English, but you can learn a language while there
- Eligibility requirements: 2.2 gpa, some require a 3.0, pass a Dean of Students review, you
  have to travel to a travel advisory
- Program types: faculty led a professor from South will take you, typically 10 days to 6 weeks and strictly in the summer, affiliate programs they will not fit into your major plan, cultural immersion
- You can use your FASFA, there is many scholarships they offer, they do 2 scholarship
  workshops each semester, offer in the Fall and the Spring, and can award up to \$5,000
- If you already have a passport, it needs to be good for 6 months past when you come back
- You can get certification through studying abroad in any part of your major, shows interpersonal skills and intercultural skills

## V. Officer Reports

- Martha Claire Thaxton: President
  - o I am looking forward to the tree lightning and the tabling for the LiveSafe app
- Owen Stubbs: Vice President -
  - Committee chairs we can not meet Monday at 6
- Olivia McDonald: Secretary -

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### VI. Committee Reports

- Governmental Relations: Benjamin Bruce
  - Working on new events for next semester
- Student Engagement: Katie Shanks
  - o Looking forward to Deck the Halls and try to bring one friend
- Campus Safety and Improvement: Helen Hendrix
  - CSI has a very busy week
  - o Campus cleanup is Sunday 1-3 and wear your polo
  - o Tabling Tuesday from 1-4
  - o Coffee with Cops is December 3rd
- Student Resources and Outreach: Olivia Keller
- Public Relations and Marketing: Liza Mays
  - Thank you for reposting flyers, and this is our last official meeting before Thanksgiving so
    happy Thanksgiving
- JP-At-Large: Bryson Beverly

#### VII. Old Business

#### VIII. New Business

#### IX. Sprinks Speaks

- Every year, SGA does a trip during football season, so the InvolveSouth form is open if interested,
  free bus ride to game and back, leaving at 11 am, and lunch is provided (Chick Fil A), and snacks
  and drinks for ride home
- 200 seats available, free

## X. Hone in with Hamilton

- Christmas Tree Lighting:
  - o Next Tuesday, along with Counseling and Wellness SRO event is from 12-3 on Wednesday

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### XI. Student Forum

- Diamond Girls are doing t-shirts
- Come to Song Fest

### XII. Announcements

- We need to set where all FYCers meet for Tree Lighting event
- Office hours due December 6th
- Spring retreat date is Saturday, January 25th

## XIII. Adjourn @ 6:40 pm