

Student Government Association provides updates on resolutions

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The Student Government Association provided updates on ongoing resolutions on the Oct. 10 meeting.

During staff reports, vice president Micayla McGowen, a junior marketing major from East End, Arkansas, discussed her upcoming resolution to update ER. 11.12.04, which allowed graduating senators the right to receive and wear SGA graduation cords. It passed in 2012.

McGowen is trying to update the resolution to be more modern. "We're just kind of modernizing those qualifications to make it fit more what students are doing now rather than back in 2012," McGowen said. "Maybe change it with how many hours you have, how many absences you've had, you're in SGA, how many years you've served. We haven't figured out exactly what the qualifications are."

McGowen said the idea for the resolution came from the idea after hearing senators did not get graduation cords.

"It seemed a little weird for me considering that it is such a big organization on campus and it does make such a big impact on campus," McGowen said.

McGowen said she hopes to have the resolution completed by the next SGA meeting on Oct. 24.

President pro temp Garrett Partain, a senior political science major from Lepanto, Arkansas, provided updates on the housing scholarship resolution passed last semester. SR 22/23-01 allowed five students to receive \$1,100 each academic year to use toward housing.

The amendments are being added to make the scholarship more sustainable. One way proposed to make the scholarship sustainable includes providing funding to cover payments for students staying on campus over breaks.

"(The amendment is) not

getting done by the semester, but we allocate funds by the year. So I was talking to the president and basically we're going to use the money that we have allocated for the housing scholarship right now. We're creating an amendment to the resolution to free it up a little bit more," Partain said.

Partain said he will be working with the Student Philanthropy Council to get the infrastructure ready for the scholarship. Partain said this might involve using the same access portal as the Student Emergency Fund.

Partain said he is aiming to have the amendment completed by the end of the semester.

Other announcements included Landon Valdez's proposition for a series of guest speakers to speak to SGA in the new year. Topics include personal finance, love and sustainability.

At the start of the meeting, staff members from the University Advising Center spoke to the senators about



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Student Government Association meeting on Tuesday where they discussed upcoming resolutions and changes scholarships.

the You Made a Difference Advisor Award. In the past, the Advising Center has handled everything related to the award, but this year they wanted SGA to help promote the award.

Senators proposed having multiple nominees from different colleges, so students can recognize academic advisors who win the awards, as well as recognize multiple advisers.

"I'm in the College of Nursing and Health Professions and we have so many different advisors even for nursing alone that we're in the same classes and need a different adviser," said

Senator Emma Martin. "If you could maybe even make a smaller award for advisors great for this college and then maybe an overall one from there."



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Salo appointed research fellow for modern war institute and JSOU Programs

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PRESS RELEASE

One of Arkansas State University's faculty members in history has received two prestigious appointments for conducting specialized military research.

The Modern War Institute at West Point selected Dr. Ed Salo, associate professor of history, as one of 11 research fellows for its 2023-24 class.

In addition, the Joint Special Operations University (JSOU) at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., has appointed Salo to serve as a non-resident research fellow. "I am honored and excited

to have been selected for these fellowships and I look forward to working with different cohorts," Salo said. "I think it is important to use the lens of history to examine modern issues related to our national security. While the past does not repeat itself, we can use the lessons of the past to help guide our actions and learn lessons."

One of the roles of the research fellows is to help enhance the rigor of the institute's research program, contribute to MWI publications, and participate in MWI programming and events.

Salo described the anticipated scope of his research work, which may include guest

lectures, working on panel discussions, and assisting with the Modern War conference that is hosted at West Point.

"I will be examining the weaponization of heritage as part of irregular war as well as historical examination of contested logistics and how that can help the U.S. in future military operations," he continued. "We can see that the Russians have been trying to use misinterpretations of heritage to undermine Ukrainian claims of a national history, and I believe this weaponization of heritage will continue in future military operations, and we must be ready to counter them."

Salo also is assistant chair for the Department of History and associate director of the Heritage Studies Ph.D. program.

A spokesman for The Modern War Institute (MWI) noted, "Those we selected as research fellows demonstrated both impressive accomplishments and a strong desire to contribute to improving our understanding of issues related to modern war."

The MWI was established in 2015 by the U.S. Military Academy superintendent as a center of excellence. It promoted informed debate and discussion among military and national security professionals, policymakers and academics

to advance the study of war.

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At the JSOU, Salo may develop and deliver a course, publish research through the JSOU Press or comparable publication, or moderate a panel in support of a JSOU or JSOU-affiliated event.

One of the benefits to the non-resident fellows is the opportunity to benefit from the immersion in issues relevant to the future of military Special Operations, facilitated by



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Ed Salo, Ph.D.

the association with JSOU.

Department of Art + Design at A-State to offer pottery class to public



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A-STATE NEWS

PRESS RELEASE

For those who have admired pottery and thought about making their own, the Department of Art + Design at Arkansas State University will offer a class this fall for the public.

Dr. Temma Balducci, chair of the Department of Art + Design, said they have offered

printmaking workshops for the community for several semesters, but this is their first time offering a pottery course.

"We've had numerous community members inquire over the years about a pottery course," said Balducci, who is also a professor of art history.

She said the previous workshops were very successful and always fun for attendees.

"With the opening of the new Windgate Center for Three-Dimensional Arts, we thought this would be a great time to welcome people into the space and give them an opportunity to learn or expand on skills, as well as meet some of our faculty," continued Balducci.

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POTTERY, 4A

CAMPUS CRIME

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Oct. 4 | 1:43 p.m.
Dispatch sent out a call for a possible fire in a room in Building 4 at 1809 Aggie Road.

Officer Matthews arrived at the scene where officer Barnett pulled the fire alarm on the way up to the room where the RA was standing in the hallway specifying the room. Officers made entry into the room to determine smoke coming from a bedroom. Officer Chase Barnett got into the room where they determined that the fire was caused by incense put into a can and set on top of a chair before the student left their room.

Oct. 3 | 5:04 p.m.

Dispatch received a call regarding a possible fire taking place at 2611 Cherokee St. Jonesboro Police Department dispatched fire to the location. Upon arrival the fire alarm was sounding in apartment two.

University Police and Jonesboro Fire Department made contact with the occupant who said she had burnt potato chips. No active fire or smoke was present and JFP cleared the scene.

Oct. 2 | 5 p.m.

Victim One reported that an unknown suspect emailed him with a "Paid Intern Needed" offer. Victim One attempted to inquire about the opportunity when the person emailing requested information on how he would like to be paid. Victim One found this suspicious and believed it to be a phishing scam and did not provide any information. Suspects contacted him from the email "Cremenslaura@gmail.com" and claimed to be Laura Cremmens of Financial and Scholarships. Officers informed Victim One to terminate contact and never to provide financial information via email.

Oct. 2 | 7:16 a.m.

Complainant One called the

University Police Department to report a break and enter of his vehicle. Officers Barnett and Matthews responded to the scene at 120 Dean St. Complainant One said his vehicle had been parked in the location since Sept. 30. When he came out to the car that morning, his door was open and contents of the vehicle were thrown around. No items were found to be missing. Officers reviewed the camera footage and believe it happened on Oct 1. At 12:45 a.m. when two subjects entered the lot in yellow hoodies, they approached the listed vehicle before leaving the parking lot and jumping the fence and were last seen headed to McDonald's.

Complainant Two reported her car broken to later that day with her passenger door open and contents were removed and thrown around the car. No items were reported missing.