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SGA introduces new resolution, clears up failed one

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In their first meeting of November, the Student Government Association (SGA) voted on a new resolution, introduced a new resolution and mentioned a compromise for a recently failed resolution.

Senator Johnny Toma, a senior finance and accounting major from Hot Springs, Arkansas, was the primary sponsor for the newest resolution presented by SGA.

The resolution would reduce the University Housing laundry removal waiting period from 30 to 10 minutes.

"A lot of people leave their clothes in for half an hour and it's unacceptable," Toma said. "But if we put it at 10 minutes, then people will be way more incentivized to go out and get their laundry and not let it just sit there and hog up the dryers and the washers."

Currently if someone leaves their laundry in the machines after it's been done for 30 minutes, other students are allowed to remove the laundry and start their load. This would just reduce that wait time to 10 minutes.

Toma was also one of the senators who worked on the previously failed resolution titled "Resolution to Establish Executive Officer and Committee Activity Reporting and Documentation."



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The SGA senators pose for a photo following their bi-weekly meeting in their new SGA quarter-zips that they received during their first November meeting. During the meeting, a resolution was read and checked for grammar and another one was passed.

The proposed resolution specifically said in its report document that it was drafted to maintain "a consistent record of Executive Cabinet activities would provide the SGA and the student body with a clear understanding of the initiatives, meetings, projects, administrative duties, and other official work being conducted by Executive Officers and Committee members; and regular documentation of Executive Officers and Committee activities would promote institutional accountability, transparency, continuity between administrations, and a more effective transition of responsibilities between elected officers."

The sponsor of the resolution, Senior Senator Parker Hicks, an accounting and finance double major from Poplar Bluff, Missouri, said that a compromise had been made to fix the original resolution and update it so it can be read again at a later meeting.

"The executive board committee has been very clear that they want to meet in the middle on this, and I'm a person who wants to meet in the middle. That's where this whole resolution was born out of, because there was a lot of strife," Hicks said. "Differences between senators on the budget that was passed and that this executive board got a raise, and some senators didn't agree with that."

Hicks said that a little progress is better than no progress and that's what he's striving for with this compromise and this resolution.

"I wanted to meet in the middle, and we have some accountability here with the increased raise," Hicks said. "That's what this resolution was born out of. So I'm willing to compromise again, just so we can make some movement and progress."

What progress is being made and passed within SGA at the moment, however, is the passing of the extended hours for the library to 1 a.m. from its current closing at 12 a.m. on weeknights. Public Relations Director Camille Turney, a junior biological sciences major from Jonesboro was the leading force when it came to the resolution.

After Turney read the resolution, she contributed a preface before the conversation started.

"I already talked to the library and this is kind of already done," Turney said.

She then added that it would just be to get SGA's name on the decision. The resolution passed unanimously.

During the executive board's opening reports, different members of the staff teased different events they're planning on hosting: Mental Health Reset on Dec. 2 and SGA Express in the Red Wolf Center after Late Night Breakfast on Dec. 3.

A vote of acclamation then filled the three open seats. The new senators include Morgan Donald, a biology major; Alexis Paton, a radiologic science major; and Houston Boling, a business administration major with an emphasis in pre-law.

The reduced laundry wait time resolution will be voted on at the next meeting. Hicks said the compromised and edited version of the executive cabinet activities resolution will be reviewed and established next spring at the latest.

A-State Career Fair connects students with potential employers

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The Arkansas State University Business & Technology Career Fair is a professional networking and recruitment event that connects students and alumni with corporate employers.

Hosted by the A-State Career Development and Engagement Office at the Cooper Alumni Center, the event focused on job and internship opportunities in the corporate, financial, management, and technology sectors.

Paula Hughes, a career counselor for the Career Development and Engagement Office, said the fair serves as a gateway for students to explore opportunities beyond the classroom and kick-start their careers while showcasing the quality of A-State students to potential employers.

"For us, it's all about these students and preparing them for that next step in their career. So, we want students; we want employers to come, and we want them to realize what great students we have here at Arkansas State," said Hughes.

Hughes said the fair gives students a chance to keep their options open while learning to think outside the box. She said she hopes the event serves as a bridge allowing students to take advantage of their resources.

"Your education is important, but your networking is just as important," Hughes said.

Hughes said she wants to prepare college students for the workforce while helping them develop skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

"We want to also talk to employers and find out, like, what are we missing, like what do our students need to improve upon so we're always learning along with the students," Hughes said.

Ruby Schucker, a talent acquisition specialist at Acxiom, said two beneficial skills that students should focus on developing are time management and problem-solving.

"Students should look more into developing some problem-solving and strategic thinking skills, so that whenever there's a problem that arises, they can actually give input in a meeting or any types of solutions they can provide," Schucker said.

Schucker said students should engage with the people interviewing them and never be too shy to ask questions, believing those qualities are key to building a long-lasting career.

Desiree Thompson, another talent acquisition specialist, said learning how to recover from mistakes is an important part of entering the workforce.

"In education, you learn about doing well, and you are given a lot of accolades for making an A on a test, but you don't know how to fail forward," Thompson said. "When you get into corporate America or when you are working, you'll have to learn how to recover well from failure, and that's something that isn't often taught in the classroom."

Zoe Barrick, a campus recruiter for Total Quality Logistics, said communication skills are important for job success and keeping everyone on the same page.

"Someone who can come up and pitch themselves, no matter what their experience is or what types of internships they've worked," Barrick said.

Students attended the event to learn how they could better prepare for their careers while employers offered them advice.

Kyson Goodman, a business administration and marketing major from Paragould, said he feels prepared to enter the workforce through his marketing coursework and his professors' guidance, but also wants to improve his soft skills such as communication.

"I would just say probably just more social skills," Goodman said. "I think it's very important that you're able to carry on a conversation and make that conversation go the way you want it to."

Jace Tillman, a supply chain major from Russellville, Arkansas, agreed that while students can learn in the classroom, nothing compares to real-world experience in high-pressure situations.

"It's just gonna be a matter of you never really being fully ready until you take that step," Tillman said. "When the stadium pulse is on, and you're in the moment, it's like it's gonna be a lot different."

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Election Results:

Arkansas Governor:
Sarah Huckabee Sanders: 53.87%
Fred Love: 38.58%
Colt Shelby: 7.55%

Arkansas Senate:
Tom Cotton: 54.26%
Hallie Shoffner: 42.41%
Jeff Wadlin: 3.33%

US House:
AR1: Rick Crawford: 65.45%
AR2: French Hill: 50.88%
AR3: Steve Womack: 54.89%
AR4: Bruce Westerman: 65.49%

State Representative:
District 32: Erika Askeland: 51%
District 36: Shamal Carter: 53%

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