



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION 2019-20 SENATE

December 3, 2019

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Call To Order at 5:25 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Business

Key Speaker: Chief of Police

Approval of the Minutes (11/12): Passed

Contingency: SVA, Phi Alpha Theta

Resolutions: Equal Rights Amendment (S. Res. 27), Cannabis Resolution (S. Res. 24)

1.) Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker: Key Notes

Police chief - Eric English

- Bringing some new ideas to an organization like technology to track data and wireless reporting,
- Police with a purpose, result-oriented
- Stop individuals from harming themselves and create a positive city
- Homelessness and mental health are two main objectives needed to be resolved and are issues across the country.
- Mental health issues have increased and those difficulties are difficult to manage from a police standpoint - crisis intervention training preferred among those struggling with these issues
- Moving homeless people from private property spaces causing issues among the homeless community in Harrisonburg



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- 15 sexual assault reports this semester compared to 12 last year - much better and safer than other cities like Richmond
- Opioid crisis hitting the county, northern virginia, or the western part of the state much harder than the city of harrisonburg but this is something being worked on as an organization.
- 5 overdoses death and 23 non-fatal overdoses this year in the city of Harrisonburg
- Holiday breaks are the most critical as apartments are being looked after and monitored while we're gone
- Noise ordinances have been revamped and that information is given out in pamphlets at the beginning of the semester - having a good time is understood but respect those around you.
- Arrest is not always the solution to every problem, making a difference in the city is.
- Marijuana usage is often an issue
- Majority of crime here doesn't come from students, 10%
- Mapping of problematic areas are coming soon for Harrisonburg.
- Body cameras are in use with all patrol officers when a call is received to protect the individual and the officer
- 20-30 years ago, the way we were policing was completely wrong - changing the way we communicate with their citizens in order to become more involved and build trust.
- Computer crime is fairly new and managing that is currently being worked on - fraud, bullying, and sex trafficking
- Having a dog and keeping the lights on are ways to minimize assault/robbery from your home



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1.) Contingency

Contingency			
<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>For?</u>	<u>Passed or Failed</u>
SVA	\$1,020	Student Veterans Association National Conference	Passed
Phi Alpha Theta	\$980	Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Conference	Passed

2.) Resolutions

Senate voting on	
<u>Article & Section</u>	<u>Passed or Failed</u>
S. Res. 24	Passed
S. Res. 27	Passed

<u>Important Dates</u>	
December	- Last senate! No reports

Motion to Adjourn at: 6:42



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