



Student Government Association

Call to Order

A meeting of the **Executive Cabinet** was held via **Zoom** on **10/5/23 at 10am**.

Attendees:

- Sarah Nemeth - Cabinet Director
- Malena Romero - Director of Health and Wellness
- Kolby Gawlik - Director of Sustainability
- Gustavo Ayala - Director of Community Engagement
- Josie St. Hilaire - Director of Student Life
- Autumn Anderson - Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Absences:

- Hannah Carter - Director of Academic Affairs
- TJ Hockett - Director of Collegiate Affairs

Agenda Items

1. Icebreaker
 - What has been the high of your semester so far?
2. Roundtable Reports
3. Discussion
4. Closing Announcements

Roundtable Reports

- Sarah:
 - We are well into this semester. Just to give you a heads up, if we continue with these biweekly meetings, we will only have about 4 cabinet meetings left before finals week.
 - I see a whole lot of blue in our group chat. Many of you have expressed that you want to collaborate with other cabinet members on projects, so I expect more communication. Please text me or in the group chat if you need guidance, advice, or help with your projects. I know I have

been very relaxed because you're working on so many amazing things, but I am here for you, so please utilize me.

- I have missed 1:1s since our last meeting. I hope to hold them between now and October 17th, our next meeting date.
- Are we still good to meet biweekly on Tuesdays and Fridays? We have had a lot of absences, so I am open to changing our meeting time.
- Finally, I promised bonding, and we haven't done it yet. Would you all like to do something between now and our next meeting? If so, we can discuss that during closing announcements.
- Malena: Had a meeting with UHS Director and CHAW yesterday. They had no idea Adam was looking for UHS feedback. How can we loop them into what he is doing? A little guidance on that would be great. I spoke with them about having a Union takeover in January. It will be a holistic, 9 dimensions of wellness type of event. A lot of organizations can take part in it. It will be a big undertaking, so I will reach out to you guys. They're working on changing one of the FSU portal icons to be a UHS icon. That's IT, so it's out of my hands. Also working on getting WSU a menstrual product dispenser. We have a meeting set with CHAW next week. Still trying to figure out volunteers for CHAW and the food for thought pantry. There is an event in November.
- Kolby: Still in a lot of talking stages, especially with dining. They have a sustainability coordinator but they have been gone for a couple weeks. Very similar story for other project ideas. I've reached out to the necessary parties, but I'm waiting to hear back. I've also had a lot of Senators and students come to me with ideas. Looking forward to exploring those ideas. Still maintaining the garden. The seedlings are sprouting. I don't know when we'll all be able to get in there. My big announcement at the exec meeting was that we should do a campus cleanup on Sunday after family weekend. I know a lot of people are busy, but I want as many people as possible. I just picked up the materials from Sustainable Campus.
- Sarah: Is it a partnership with other organizations, or just SGA?
- Kolby: Just SGA for now because of the short notice. If it's successful, we could open it up to other students or organizations. There's also limited materials, and I want people to be able to participate.
- Gustavo: Just a lot of unofficial conversations. I will say that I have been thinking about you guys during rush. Since I am around the FSL office, they have a lot of connections at FAMU that they are willing to pass on to me. I'm sending that to TJ as well so we can set something up in the future. Not sure what that will look like, but I'm getting the contacts now.
- Josie: I think I decided on the speaker for the event I've been discussing. Her name is Dr. Keita Joy. She travels to speak and has spoken to NFL teams as well as our football team. She also does leadership events. One of her big platform points is picking you and personal development. She's also an FSU

grad and family friend, so maybe we can get a good deal. She has great energy. I'm going to send a couple links in the chat so you can get an idea of her vibe. I'm going to speak with her before I speak with Programming. I think it would be great to reach outside of FSU since we've heard a lot of FSU professors speak at these types of events.

- Sarah: So exciting! Totally agree about looking outside of FSU. Internal speakers are not a bad thing because we absolutely have a wealth of knowledge here, but it would be a good motivator for people to come out if we have a guest speaker.
- Autumn: Regarding the land acknowledgement before football games, I've been in cahoots with Aaron Tillman. He's super busy so we haven't been able to meet, but we've been emailing back and forth. I went to the faulty senate last week about the syllabi. They said they love the idea but they are very strict about what they allow in syllabi because they want to keep it condensed. But they gave me a bunch of ideas. One being a history of the Seminole tribe at orientation. One of the Senators said she went to land acknowledgement reading, and they didn't just read it, it was read and expanded upon. They explained the significance of each part which she said was interesting. A law school professor said she's implementing it into her property law classes. Makes me feel good that we're getting stuff moving. Dr. Hecht went to a faculty member about a module on Seminole history for orientation. I emailed her about that. The Seminole Tribe of Florida comes out during graduation with flags and colors. One of them said they would like it to be more meaningful, not just coming out with flags. Want to find a liaison to figure out how we can make that more meaningful. So we are trying to improve on three fronts: football games, orientation, and graduation. Senator Khosh came to me about a concern about representation for Middle Eastern students. We have been bouncing ideas back and forth, even if it's just a programming event. The College of Social Work reached out to me about Mauras Voice and how SGA can get involved in that memorial this year. We could give money, or table, or whatever. I'm not sure who to talk to about that. That's it from me.

Discussion

- Sarah: I'm gonna start by going through my notes on your announcements. Starting with Malena, I'm concerned about UHS not being aware of the survey. Would you like me to reach out to Adam? I don't think we should contact UHS since it's his thing.
- Malena: I agree. I've been going to the SGA offices to try to catch him at the right time.
- Sarah: Sounds good. You also mentioned a big event that went over my head? What was that again?

- Malena: We're trying to do something in the Union. It'll be a Union takeover of UHS. I'm trying to market it as "Live Well" since that's our university approach to wellness. We should do an interactive event in the ballrooms and then have therapy dogs around.
- Sarah: Thank you for clarifying. What's the tentative date?
- Malena: January. The week we get back from winter break, but I need to look at the Union's availability.
- Sarah: Ok so still in the beginning stage. We'll wait till there's a little more shape to collaborate on that. Kolby, I wanted to address Senators coming up to you with ideas and reintroduce the contact form. Malena initially brought up this idea a couple meetings ago. Would this improve communication with Senate? How do you guys feel about that? Do other people have Senators contacting them?
- Kolby: I like it. I think it would help organize what they're proposing and what we're talking about internally.
- Malena: It also goes back to the point that Senators have a lot of great ideas, but a lot of them are already happening. We have a wealth of information on our specific areas, so we can say things like "this already exists, but this is how you can make it better" if need be. It'll make SGA projects more impactful and sustainable.
- Sarah: Totally agree. If everyone's on board and comfortable with that, I will make a contact form for each of our positions this week. I've been meaning to go to Senate to remind them I exist, so I can introduce the form there. Also, if you have any suggestions for what's included in the form, let me know.
- Autumn: I just have an unrelated question. I cannot get in touch with any agencies. Should I just approach them in the Union? Is it appropriate if I walk in when they're in there?
- Sarah: I get that. They're always busy. From my perspective, that's socially acceptable. It's around the SGA offices so you're kind of signing up to see other SGA people and collaborate. If you need more help getting in contact, I can always help. I'm sure they're not ignoring you.
- Kolby: I just wanted to say that I agree, it's socially acceptable. Also necessary when you're dealing with busy organizations. Especially IFC and Panhellenic, I've been struggling with reaching them and getting their contacts. So if you have them, send them my way.
- Autumn: I can help with Tri Delta.
- Kolby: That would be great. I also know Sustainable Campus hasn't heard back from a lot of people.
- Malena: When you're trying to reach out to the agencies, go to them in-person and they'll go back to their Directors. Or email their student accounts, agency accounts aren't checked as often. But in-person would be better.

- Autumn: I sent out the agency survey at the beginning of the year and haven't heard back. But I'll go in-person and walk around with a QR code or something.
- Sarah: I forgot about the form. We definitely need to get that out. Does anyone else have anything to say on contacting Senate, agencies, or other organizations? If not, I wanted to move to the campus clean up on Sunday. Who is able to go? I would be able to if it was later in the day.
- Kolby: Are there particular times you'd like to recommend? It's hard because people have their parents in town and Sundays are difficult.
- Sarah: For me, I'm definitely doing brunch with my family. I'm thinking late afternoon. Most people's parents should be gone by then. If no one else has anything on that, Gustavo, I don't have any input on the FAMU project idea yet. I think we need to sit down and brainstorm what route we want to take first. If anyone has any ideas, please share. I know we talked about how BSU, Senate, and other orgs have already built these connections, so we need to take those into consideration. Don't want to step on anyone's toes, but there's potential to do something cool here.
- Joise: Bridge the Gap is coming up. If you're looking to meet these people, you should definitely go. A bunch of their orgs come out as well as our COBOL orgs. It'll be at Cascades. It'll be easier to get things done if they know your face.
- Sarah: Great advice! We should all go, advertise it on our own, and encourage our communities to go. Josie, we already talked about your speaker so I don't have much else to say on that. Please look at the links Josie sent and let us know if you have any thoughts or ideas. Autumn, you had so much that I don't even know where to begin. I loved that you went to faculty Senate, I know Kolby went as well, so I'm happy we're making those connections. What were you talking about regarding the syllabi, I missed that.
- Autumn: One of the biggest things I wanted to do when I came to this position was include the land acknowledgement in syllabi. The faculty senate committee I was in were concerned. They said it would be denied when it hit the floor. However, they gave me a bunch of other ideas and resources on how to implement the core of the idea elsewhere.
- Sarah: Thank you for clarifying that. I know you were talking about going through the land acknowledgement bit by bit and educating people on what it means. I know this was a thing in Senate, when people would mispronounce the tribes' names. Why are we reading it if it's going through one ear and out the other? I think there's potential here for education and a cool project idea. We could do some sort of event on the Seminole Tribe. I wasn't educated on this topic when I first came to FSU. Random, but I've been nerding out with my little about her class lectures, specifically in her cultural geography class. There was this one lecture about the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Oklahoma

and the history behind our school. Sorry that I don't have more information, I need to revisit the lecture myself. Just thought I'd put the idea out there.

- Kolby: I know there's a class to learn about the Seminole Tribe, but not everyone has room in their schedule to take it, so this would be great.
- Sarah: I forgot about that. The professor who teaches it must be extremely knowledgeable, so we could even reach out to them and ask for ideas. It would be cool to do something with the greater FSU population.
- Autumn: It's last minute, but I wanted to do a week of Seminole history before the Duke game. Even if it's just stuff on the SGA social medias.
- Sarah: I was just about to suggest a social media push. Even if we do a fact a day on the SGA instagram, that would be worthwhile. Does anyone else have any ideas? If not, that's all the notes I had on your announcements. I'll open the floor up if anyone has a comment.

Closing Announcements

- Sarah: I know there's a lot of talking stages at the moment, so if you have a meeting, just update the group chat and let us know how it went. It's no fault to you guys that we haven't been as active in our chat, but I think it would be nice to get little updates along with the outpour of information at our biweekly meetings. I will hold myself accountable to that as well. Our next meetings will be on Tuesday, October 17th at 5pm. Please remember to text me if you need help with anything. I will make the Senate contact forms. I'll send them in our chat before I relay them to President Diaz. Thanks for coming!
- Malena: Kolby and I were talking yesterday, and he talked about them doing some sort of philanthropy along with their roles.
- Kolby: The conversation stemmed from the cleanup. A lot of Sustainable Campus' work is volunteer-based, so it would be cool to set that up.
- Sarah: Do you mean helping with their events?
- Kolby: Specific events like the clean up that are meant for service. Kind of like how people volunteered at the Food for Thought Pantry or Second Harvest at the beginning of the semester.
- Sarah: Great! The clean up is a great place to start and I definitely think we should keep that on our radar. It's easy because we don't have to plan a whole event or anything. If anyone has an idea of where we could volunteer, we can text about that in our chat. Thanks for bringing that up Malena and Kolby. Have a great rest of your family weekend everyone!

Adjournment

A meeting of the **Executive Cabinet** was adjourned at **10:51am**.

Minute Keeper: Sarah Nemeth