



Student Government Association

Call to Order

A meeting of the **Executive Cabinet** was held in the **Student Union** on **10/17/23 at 5pm.**

Attendees:

- Sarah Nemeth - Cabinet Director
- Malena Romero - Director of Health and Wellness
- Kolby Gawlik - Director of Sustainability
- Autumn Anderson - Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Hannah Carter - Director of Academic Affairs
- Gustavo Ayala - Director of Community Engagement

Absences:

- Josie St. Hilaire - Director of Student Life
- TJ Hockett - Director of Collegiate Affairs

Agenda Items

1. Icebreaker
 - If you could travel to any country, where would you go and why?
2. Roundtable Reports
3. Discussion
4. Closing Announcements

Roundtable Reports and Discussion

- Sarah: Please fill out the feedback form I sent in the chat. Only two people have filled it out so far. From those responses, the biggest thing I learned is that you're struggling with people not getting back to you and the lack of bonding events. Please don't be discouraged by this.
- Kolby: Don't be afraid to send follow up emails as well.
- Sarah: Yes! Please follow up. I also was told that we have a lack of bonding events. I know we have all been swamped with work, but let's make a

conscious effort to plan something. This is also a two way street. We need to be sending updates in our group chat more and talking casually on a regular basis. My last update is that I sent the Senate x Cabinet forms to Senate President Diaz. He is posting this to the Senate Canvas page. Please check your forms regularly. We also need to go to Senate ASAP. I know it's been a bad time for all of us, but we need to introduce ourselves!

- Hannah: Met with the Dean of Libraries. They do not want to do the umbrella project because they will be stolen. They suggested providing ponchos. It will be branded. They won't be expected to be returned. Can pick them up from the circulation desk. They are also open to provided pens, paper, and other supplies for free. The vending machine with supplies doesn't exist anymore. Was filled with food. Also, the walking pad idea was turned down because of safety concerns. Let's focus our efforts on attachable desks at the Leach. Malena, we can team up to contact the Leach. We discussed working with Senate to help fund Library internships. They are research based and really help people. We would help with their salaries. They are also applying for Sweepings. I will help them with that. I am also waiting on the textbook project, listing textbook prices in course descriptions.
- Sarah: Yay! Great progress. You've broken through the talking stage.
- Autumn: Trying to get my position back on the DEI task force. Kait worked on this in the past. I got an email back from Aaroan Tillman regarding SAAC and the Land Acknowledgement. Wanted it to be ready by the Duke game, isn't looking likely. I got an email back from Student Affairs about the MyFSU module on the Seminole Tribe. I have a Maura's Voice symposium on November 2nd. It will be at the College of Social Work. It will address violence against women and hate crimes in general.
- Sarah: Do you still need funding for that?
- Autumn: Yes, I talked to Carson and submitted a request. I asked what they need from SGA. They said under \$1000 for food from Publix.
- Sarah: I am worried about just requesting a line item for food. I know that is contentious, but we will make it work. I am also still confused about which route to take for funding. I have spoken to some people about that but didn't get a clear answer.
- Autumn: It will go through Senate if it's over \$3000, but if it's not, I'm not sure.
- Sarah: Yes it's very up in the air. We'll figure it out.
- Kolby: Starting with bad news. There were saplings at the garden, but it turns out that flowers took over the bed. They have taken over all the beds. The Director is investigating why that is happening. We have to take those out. We might have to wait till the end of October. It might be the weather. Good news- I did the clean up. Did you enjoy it Sarah?
- Sarah: I loved it. It was pretty small, but it was effective. Jack and I had one mega trash bag, but we filled the entire thing. We went by the College of

Medicine, and there was still a bunch of trash. Some that clearly wasn't recent, just areas that haven't been fully attended to.

- Kolby: We had three routes. Had to cut mine off early because the bag was full. Many people stopped us on the way and asked how they can help. Many agencies leaders asked as well. We could partner with them or open it up to the student body. Sustainable Campus representative said they would continue to provide us with materials. Easy way to do service. Also- I have talked to some Senators about projects that overlap. I also met with a rep from Seminole Dining. It went well. There are a couple projects I hope to pursue. I will update on them when they're further along. One was about meal swipe donations. Many people don't use all their swipes, so if they auto donated even 10%, that would help people. She loved that idea. I also talked about getting the dining hall certified as ocean friendly. We already meet a lot of the requirements. Malena will go into this more, but I've also been working on Beat UF Beat Hunger.
- Sarah: Do you know what Seminole Dining does with food waste?
- Kolby: Yes we talked about that as well. It is tricky right now. They are trying to start a program to package meals and donate them to the Food for Thought Pantry, but it's rocky right now. They try not to make too much leftover food as well.
- Sarah: Ok, at least they are considering that and progress is being made.
- Malena: I've been talking about Beat UF Beat Hunger. Runs from November 1st until the end of November. Senate might be helping us get a donation to the Food Pantry during that period. They are also trying to get a donation bin in Senate. I also talked about doing a Pay for Play, have to donate something in order to get into the meeting. I spoke to Campus Rec and Strozier. Hammock rental program might be happening. It will take a minute because we have to buy them. It will be a cross campus partnering thing, Campus Rec is excited to work with Strozier and other partners. Strozier said all their needs are met, so they are interested in weird projects, so they are interested in this. Campus Rec will let us know which hammocks are best, and then I will try to get a quote by Friday. I had a meeting with IRHC about two projects. One is printers in dorms. That is a huge endeavor. The next is free menstrual products in the dorms. Senator Morgan Brown came to me about that. IRHC Director was excited about it. Problem with IRHC is that they don't have much money. I want to try to get them more funding. A lot of our student body lives in our residence halls, so they need money. What is a good way I can help them get sweepings money?
- Autumn: They're confirmed now so it shouldn't be an issue.
- Hannah: That was the only issue last year. I would maybe go to their sweepings hearing to support.
- Sarah: Maybe look over their presentation and plan as well.

- Malena: I asked her what she needs from me, and she said she just wants someone to come with her. We're going to try to get menstrual products for them. CHAW and Food Pantry event is coming up on November 7th. I need to finalize volunteers by the end of the week. Any way we can get a tent?
- Sarah: Do we have a tent?
- Malena: Savannah told me we have one to use.
- Sarah: Ok I would just ask her then. What time is the event?
- Malena: It'll be from 11-2. Set up will start at 9 because we have to transport food. Person taking attendance needs to stay for the whole event. I personally can't go because I have class. This Thursday, wear purple shirts for domestic violence awareness. Last thing, I need agencies to get back to me for food distributions in the spring. I am willing to go to their presidents' meetings. I emailed their student emails and still haven't heard back from several.
- Sarah: I think you should ask Jack if you can make an announcement at the presidents meeting, or relay the information to him to relay to them.
- Gustavo: There's a movie I saw called Higher Learning. It discusses racism and sexual assault in college. I want to do a screening of the film. Going to reach out to the ASLC. I think it should be FSU and FAMU SGA. We can watch it and then have a discussion about it after.
- Sarah: I love that idea! I haven't seen the movie either. Easy way to bring our student leaders together. On another note- we kind of combined announcements with discussion, so I'll start to wrap up. I was nervous that we would all still be in the talking stage, but most of you have broken through that. I am so proud! Any other announcements before we close?
- Kolby: I met with Senator Bella today about getting a permanent donation bin in the library.
- Gustavo: Is there a link to sign up to be a volunteer?
- Malena: It's a google sheet.
- Gustavo: Can you get servscript hours? And is it open to everyone?
- Malena: It's open to everyone. If SGA is registered with servscript, I believe we can give hours.
- Kolby: Do you know how to get something servscript approved?
- Sarah: Yes! It's towards the bottom of the FSU portal. There's a couple short response questions. You can only get things approved from the current semester you're in. You can't do past semesters.

Closing Announcements

- Sarah: Our next meeting will be on November 3rd at 10am! Let's text about bonding in the group chat and coordinate with the people who were absent.

Adjournment

A meeting of the **Executive Cabinet** was adjourned at **6pm**.

Minute Keeper: Sarah Nemeth