

JSU Advisory Council Meeting Minutes, April 25 @5pm
Meeting Link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/94858878932>

Call to Order:

5:03pm

Land Acknowledgement:

The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.

Roll Call:

- Brandon Gabay, Executive Director of JSU
- Sarah Schuminsky, Director of Outreach
- Sydney Siegel, Representative of JHealth
- Rotem Raz, Representative of NolePac
- Jessie Bass, Representative of Hillel
- Sean Sherit, Representative of JBiz
- Shayna Cohen, JSU Graduate Advisor (ex-officio)

Verification of Quorum:

Verified

Public comment:

Cassidy Rider: Thank you for being here today, have a great rest of finals week.

Reports of Advisory Council Members:

- JSU: Finished Kosher-style dining for Passover. Had an event with agencies (Bagels & coffee), engaged with about 150 people.
- Hillel: Held study hours from 11-5 during the week in the building. Shabbat last Friday with food, made Matzah Pizza.
- NolePac: Had a send off dinner for Exec, got to reflect on the year, spoke about what they want to change. Board apps will open in the fall.

- JHealth: Had last meeting two weeks ago, learned about undergrad research. Elected a new board last week.
- JBiz: Pretty inactive this semester, Sean as new President is trying to build a new board, apps out soon.

Business:

- Executive Director Selection
 - Sarah Schuminsky: Emily spoke more about what she wants to do with admin, Cat spoke more about Outreach with the outer community. More important for the future of JSU to have stronger relationships with Admin, will be voting for Emily.
 - Jessie Bass: Agrees with Sarah.
 - Rotem: Agrees as well, since we are relatively new, it is important to focus on on-campus relationships. It is important to have relationships with the outer community.
 - Vote reads:
 - Sarah Schuminsky: Emily Boden
 - Rotem Raz: Emily Boden
 - Sydney Siegel: Emily Boden
 - Sean Sherit: Emily Boden
 - Jessie Bass: Cat Lessard
 - **Result: 4-1, Emily Boden will be recommended as the next Executive Director of the Jewish Student Union**
 - Sarah Schuminsky: Motions for 1 hour and 15 minutes recess
 - Seconded by Sydney Siegel
 - No objection
 - **Advisory Council to reconvene at 6:30pm**

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6:31pm

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- Assistant Director Selection
 - Sarah: Amanda and Tori have definitely attended JSU programs, Zach hasn't. Part of being AD is running educational programs, and a big part of that is attending JSU programs.
 - Sydney: All had strong apps. Amanda's was the strongest because she had similar leadership goals in the past
 - Sarah: Torn about what to do. Really likes Amanda and her application. Mentioned she's studying abroad in the spring, which will create a transition (she'll have to resign), which could be complicated for the board. Tori has a lot of educational experience and is attending whatever she could on zoom. Has even shown up to board meetings at late times regardless of being abroad, which says a lot about her. Both talked about tangible ways to make programs interactive, both didn't really have other major time commitments. Zach is busy with Internship and fraternity positions.
 - Rotem: Echoes Sarah. Would like to see Amanda on this board because ideas were amazing. Only thing that is concerning is studying abroad, possibly put Amanda in another position.
 - Vote reads:
 - Sarah Schuminsky: Tori Carroll
 - Sean Sherit: Tori Carroll
 - Sydney Siegel: Tori Carroll
 - Jessie Bass: Tori Carroll
 - Rotem Raz: Tori Carroll
 - **Result: 5 votes for Tori Carroll, will be recommend as the next Assistant Director of the Jewish Student Union**

- Treasurer Selection
 - Sean: All had strong interviews. Daniel is less involved in JSU events and doesn't have the prior experience that other interviewers had. All have what it takes to be Treasurer. Boils down to experience within JSU.
 - Sarah: Keep in mind, with us being an SGA agency, finance code is a huge thing. Last time was a learning curve, based on interviews Remi has the most knowledge of finance code based on previous experience. Based on other two interviews it seems there might be a learning curve
 - Sydney: Remi is super passionate and could be involved in other ways. Someone who could be a team player is also important.
 - Vote reads:
 - Sydney Siegel: Remi Ventura
 - Sarah Schuminsky: Remi Ventura
 - Jessie Bass: Remi Ventura
 - Sean Sherit: Remi Ventura
 - Rotem Raz: Remi Ventura

- **Result: 5 votes for Remi Ventura who will be recommended as the next Treasurer of the Jewish Student Union**

- Secretary Selection
 - Rotem: Reconsidered Amanda for Secretary. She did well in it last year and her involvement on the board is crucial and this could be a good way to keep her involved.
 - Sarah: Can Amanda do this from abroad?
 - Brandon: I believe so
 - Sydney: I agree with Rotem
 - Sarah: I believe Amanda has tremendous passion and should be Secretary.
 - Vote Reads:
 - Sydney Siegel: Amanda Press
 - Sean Sherit: Amanda Press
 - Jessie Bass: Amanda Press
 - Sarah Schuminsky: Amanda Press
 - Rotem Raz: Amanda Press
 - **Result: 5 votes for Amanda Press, she will be recommended as next Secretary of JSU.**

- Director of Programming (1 or 2 of them)
 - Sydney: The more the merrier.
 - Vote reads:
 - Sydney Siegel: 2
 - Sarah Schuminsky: 2
 - Rotem Raz: 2
 - Jessie Bass: 2
 - Sean Sherit: 2
 - **Result: 2 Directors of Programming**

Sarah Schuminsky: Moves to go to Director of Programming before Director of Outreach

Rotem Raz: Seconded

No objections

- Director(s) of Programming Selection
 - Sarah: Let us know what Sydney's thoughts were
 - Sydney's message: Zach- has great experience with programming and leading a board/group in various leadership roles
 - Rotem: When looking at apps and the interview process, really liked Eric Babchin's application and his ideas were really strong. Mentioned a trip to DC for Jewish students interested in politics. Has ideas for everyone, wants to see him as part of the programming team. Someone else ideally is Cassidy, had really cool ideas, while she doesn't know Cassidy that well, thinks her and Eric can work together well.

- Sarah: Eric worked really hard, applied for positions before and takes feedback well. Really engaging with people.
 - Jessie: Doesn't really know other people but knows Zach is 21+ intern at Hillel
 - Sean: Zach has experience, but likes Eric's experience better. Thinks Cassidy has a lot of experience with JSU and liked her ideas
 - Sarah: wasn't present at Cassidy's interview. Very versatile person and meshes well with other groups of people which is vital to programming.
 - Vote Reads:
 - Sarah Schuminsky: Eric, Cassidy
 - Jessie Bass: Eric, Zach
 - Sean Sherit: Eric, Cassidy
 - Rotem Raz: Eric, Cassidy
 - **Results: 4 for Eric, 3 for Cassidy, they will be the next Directors of Programming.**
- Director of Outreach Selection
 - Sarah: Really enjoyed the candidates interview's she attended and did watch interviews for those considering the position. David's approach is not as aggressive as it could be. Sounded like he would just wave at people but not go up to them. Thinks we need back and forth engagement, which is something she would like to see in the future. Zach definitely has a more aggressive approach to outreach which she thinks would be vital. Thinks Cat who served as Outreach chair has more experience. Talked a lot about Outreach in their interview. Outreach is everyone's responsibility but thinks Cat could be the charge.
 - Rotem: Echoes some of the sentiments of Sarah. Zach, given how involved he is on campus could potentially be a good candidate for Outreach. Personable which is important for engaging with students. Has a good foundation for Outreach and keeping people engaged.
 - Sean: Agrees with Rotem. Thinks David would be less assertive than Zach, needs an assertive person in this position and thinks Zach would be better. Cat has a good amount of experience in the role, deciding between Zach and Cat.
 - Sarah: Zach might have been a little unfair about how he viewed Outreach this year in JSU.
 - Vote Reads:
 - Sarah Schuminsky: Cat Lessard
 - Jessie Bass: Zach Tabachnikoff
 - Rotem Raz: Zach Tabachnikoff
 - Sean Sherit: Zach Tabachnikoff
 - **Result: 3-1, Zach Tabachnikoff will be the next Director of Outreach for JSU**
- Director of Marketing Selection
 - Sarah: Ben comes to mind because he does have marketing experience. He does the work for us and has seen his graphics grow throughout the year.

- Rotem: Agrees with Sarah. Graphics so far have been really good and looks forward to seeing them progress. Values consistency and having Ben continue with the theme he has, already knows what people are looking for on how to approach flyers and graphics
- Sean: He has experience both outside of JSU and inside of JSU in terms of marketing, and that can be a big asset for JSU. Not sure who else we could really consider in this role.
- Sarah: Not sure if any of the other applicants have marketing experience.
- Vote Reads:
 - Sean Sherit: Ben Schor
 - Sarah Schuminsky: Ben Schor
 - Jessie Bass: Ben Schor
 - Rotem Raz: Ben Schor
 - **Results: 4 votes for Ben Schor, he will be the next Director of Marketing for the Jewish Student Union**
- Reaffirming our stances on BDS and IHRA definition
 - Advisory Council members agree with previous stance

When to send acceptance/rejection letters, since this was open to the public, people might find out sooner, send either Friday afternoon or Sunday.

- Vote Reads:
 - Sarah Schuminsky: Friday
 - Rotem Raz: Friday
 - Sean Sherit: Friday
 - Jessie Bass: Sunday
 - **Results: 3-1, emails out on Friday**

Closing Announcements:

- Sarah: Graduating Saturday, really enjoyed her time and the different positions she held. Enjoyed being a Jewish student here at FSU and wishes everyone well.
- Rotem: Wishes everyone well on their finals. Congrats to everyone graduating and remember us when you're rich and famous.
- Jessie: Congrats to those graduating, accepted position as President of Hillel and excited to be working with everyone.
- Sean: Congrats to seniors on graduating, very happy to be on advisory council and to see everyone grow and serve the jewish community inside and outside of fsu.
- Brandon: Thank you. Bittersweet for me, happy for everything that happened this year and excited for next year.

Advisor Announcements:

Final Roll Call:

- Brandon Gabay - Executive Director of JSU
- Sarah Schuminsky - Director of Outreach for JSU
- Jessie Bass - Representative of Hillel
- Rotem Raz - Representative of NolePac
- Sean Sherit - Representative of JBiz

Adjournment:

7:20pm