



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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The mission of the Student Government Association (SGA) is to provide FSU students with representation, services, and advocacy within the university structure. The SGA provides quality leadership for, and accountability to, its constituency by recognizing that strength arises from diversity, engagement, and dialogue.

Call to Order

Executive Branch Meeting was called to order on Sunday, July 31st at 5:03 PM via Zoom.

Attendees:

- Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President
- Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President
- Brandon Louis, Student Body Treasurer
- Quentin England, Chief of Staff
- Daylyn Randolph, Deputy Chief of Staff
- Maggie Gahan, Executive Advisor
- Jack Hitchcock, Administrative Director
- Adam Bowling, Deputy Treasurer
- Rodney Wells, Director of External Affairs
- Juan Bustamante, Director of Sustainability
- Sam Youngston, Director of Investment
- Savannah Stewart, Director of Special Projects
- Liz Iaconis, Director of Academic Engagement
- Kaitlynn Adams, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Mike Delcin, Director of Communications
- Delissia Hendricks, Director of Outreach

Absences:

- Khamare Garner, Press Secretary
- Katie Russell, Director of Appointments

Minutes:

Quentin: We'll go ahead and get started. There are nineteen on the team and sixteen of us here, so very excited. It's great all of us are here, it's going to be a great year, and Nimna will share more of his vision later. Let me figure out how to share screen, agenda on the powerpoint. Here we go, woo first executive branch meeting! Every other week in the fall, standing meeting time to be scheduled come fall. This meeting includes both EOP and cabinet and will be every two weeks. Agenda for today is very quick introductions, name, major, position, very brief icebreaker, a lot of us know each other but in case of any unfamiliar faces. Then will go into our somewhat complex organizational structure as far as our go to people, overall goals for the year, Nimna, Kenley and Brandon will go over overall goals, platform and individual points will be by Jack. The Cabinet will be sharing about what they will be working on this year, and then Nimna will close us out. I will start with introductions, my name is Quentin England, second year masters in media communications, chief of staff.

Juan: Thank you quentin, third year at FSU in international affairs with addition of environment and society, director of sustainability this year

Maggie: Third year studying political science and child development and I am the Executive Advisor.

Adam: Third year as well, political science and international affairs and I am the deputy treasurer.

Jack: My name is Jack Hitchcock and I am a third year junior in interdisciplinary social sciences and international affairs and I am director of cabinet affairs.

Savannah: Third year in political science, director of special projects.

Rodney: Rising second year political science student and I am director of external affairs.

Delissia: Fourth year in biology, director of outreach

Daylyn: Biz finance and management third year, docs.

Brandon: Hello everyone, my name is Brandon louis and i am a fourth year finance major and I am the SBT.

Kenley Adams: Hi y'all, I am a senior majoring in political science and I am student body vice president.

Nimna Gabadage: I am about to enter my seventeenth year of education (better than saying senior year) finance and political science and I am Student Body President.

Kait: Third year in political science and director of DEI.

Sam: Third year senior majoring in poli sci and international affairs and I am investment.

Liz: I am an ISS third year graduate entering the MAAPP program as director of academic engagement.

Mike: Hi everyone, I'm in my third year in business finance and I am the director of communications.

Quentin: Another round of popcorn as we do our icebreaker. I would love to be able to fly so I could go between England and back without having to pay for airfare or anything.

Delissia: If I could have a superpower, I would want to be able to read people's minds. I want to know what you are thinking.

Brandon: I would like to fly. I'm afraid of heights but flying.

Rodney: If I had a superpower it would be speed. If you know me, you know I have a 10,000 item to do list so I could get through everything in two seconds.

Sam: I would also do mind reading because I think it would make me a lot less anxious.

Jack: I don't know how y'all are so quick. Probably teleportation so I don't waste time.

Kait: Right there with you Jack, shapeshifting would be fun.

Liz: One step further with the mind reading, telepathic. It's a lot easier to change people's minds.

Adam: Teleportation because I'm not built for airplanes. Snap my fingers

Maggie: invisibility so I could bop around and do my thing with more efficiency.

Mike: speed, be super fast and get wherever I want.

Daylyn: freezing time, the days are flying by.

Nimna: Jack, I'm in the same boat as you because I want to cut out the travel time.

Kenley: Clone myself and be two places at once. Retain both sets of information though.

Juan: Flying or teleportation, whatever would get me to the moon.

Savannah: With you Kenley, two places at once would be super helpful especially in college. I think that was everyone!

Quentin: I think everyone has gone! A little introduction, now I know everyone's secret superpower going forward. Transitioning into official business: we are the executive branch, Nimna and myself are returners. Want to talk about the executive branch overall and what our role looks like. Our role as the executive branch, Nimna is CEO, we advocate for the student body and enhance student experience through projects, programming, etc. we come up with the planning, action, and implementation and senate handles the funding. The Cabinet will be working on specific projects. SBP represents students as BOT and chair of BOG for FSA, student body president here is the only one in FSU that sits on the board of trustees. Really interesting and unique voices here as students more than anywhere else in the state. Responsible for executing projects (FLI, TLI, DEI institute) all fall under the executive branch header, responsible for agencies and bureaus who fall under SBVP who is aided by the DCOS. deputize for Nimna in his absence, and also to meet frequently with agency and bureau leaders and make sure they are equipped to succeed as well. Lastly, the executive branch has two legs or prongs. Executive office of the president versus cabinet. EOP is the immediate support staff, Jack, Daylyn, Press secretary, Maggie, director of appointments, deputy treasurer and attorney general

who is also kinda in their own area. The Cabinet is led by the administrative director who oversees the cabinets who deal with projects that improve that aspect of the student experience and student government. Juan will handle sustainability alongside official university counterparts, and cabinet reports to Jack who reports to Kenley. Not sure why that's like that constitutionally but kinda cool and interesting. If you're ever unsure of who you are reporting to, this should clear things up. If you are a director, you report to Jack. Communications and outreach also work closely with the press sec running social media, writing speeches, etc. Director of appointments has an asterisk because they are also in EOP. Jack reports to me and Kenley. DCOS also reports to Kenley. I also have the press secretary and director of appointments. Jack is head of cabinet and I am head of the executive office of the president. Great place to start even if that's necessarily who you are trying to reach but we can help you get to the right person. Kenley and Brandon are SBVP and SBT, Adam works very closely with Brandon. Maggie is on her own leg and reports directly to Nimna and is taking minutes for us today, works very closely with me, SBVP, and SBT as well and makes sure we all stay in check. My last point on this is to please utilize myself and Jack, as I mentioned Nimna is also on BOG and will be extremely busy, of course that is his role as SBP, but please try to go through someone else before Nimna, Kenley, and Brandon as Jack and I want to filter and direct you all as necessarily. If something is sensitive in nature, of course at the end of the day feel free to go to Nimna. Turning over the mic to Nimna to talk about priorities for the year, Jack will talk about roundtable goals. I will unfortunately be hopping off for a family dinner but stay tuned regarding the scheduling of meetings for the fall. Will give it a little bit of time for fall schedules to finalize, but keep an eye out in about a week regarding a poll for a standing meeting. Executive branch meetings will be every other week and in person, if this is an issue please reach out to me ASAP. Would be great to see everyone's faces. Have a great meeting everyone, talk soon!

Nimna: Thank you, Quentin! Let me figure out the sharing screen.

Brandon: Everyone looks great today, love to see you all.

Nimna: overall leadership priorities and what I want to see for the year. I touched on this a lot during campaigning, but I think in recent years there has been an emphasis on large projects and those things can be rather hard to organize in seven or eight months' time. Baby steps are still progressing, there is nothing wrong with doing things that are foundational. This is how you move the needle at a university as large as FSU.

Kenley: Looking at everyone is making me so excited, the fire team. Next priority I want to touch on is increasing the visibility of what SGA and what we do. I think part of this will come naturally with the opening of the union and seeing our offices, programming and how we can bring visibility to the union. Helping student life return to what it was pre-covid and we want to touch on all the work we are doing and say that it does not go unnoticed.

Brandon: One of the biggest things I want to resolve this year is helping orgs on campus be better financial education and helping them better understand the process. Education and tools that they need to be successful throughout the year.

Jack: would like to echo the sentiments again, great to see everyone. Platform implementation is something we are very very very excited about, I say directors being the ones who do not fall under Khamare. Before we go into individual projects, I want to touch on accessibility and wellness which Savannah and I will be working on before these two people join our team. Roundtable goals and utilizing the resources of our team. Outside of that, personal projects and goals as well. Two very brief goals I will give as an example, establish a DSO SGA agenda. Partnering their goals with the student government to establish something bigger. Another thing is the agency bureau agenda and bringing them back to SGA and making sure we are all focused on the same projects. Anyone want to volunteer? Please just list one or two projects.

Savannah: One thing I have been super passionate during my time as a senator is in regards to the disconnect between SGA and the student body and the work we can do to bridge that gap. Potentially partnering with FSview, writing stories about things going on on campus, working with Khamare, branching out into podcasts FSU has and partners with to help bridge that gap. Beyond that, bringing FSUPD and exec together to affix security cameras to all the blue light polls. Even just starting out small in less populated parts of campus to increase safety and make people feel more comfortable on campus, and that is something I will work on alongside wellness.

Liz: I love that blue light pool idea. One of my two main goals Kaitlynn and I have already talked about is DEI and academic engagement work for cultural engagement experiences that would be really wonderful for the overall student body. It's the people that do not identify with our agencies that need to be reengaged to better understand our campus and our student body - including indigenous workshops. Also syllabus bank which should be super easy and audits of 4000 level courses, making sure these are the rigor students expect. Something we can start working on this year that would be super beneficial.

Kait: One of my main passions is to engage students who are not normally with DEI spaces, promoting DEI education events and really connecting with agency and DEI based leaders to make sure that my platform and projects align with their needs. Alongside the project Liz mentioned, super passionate about making modules for DEI to create a space for student leaders to go for to take some personal education rather than an in person workshop that offers further knowledge and a certification.

Rodney: Perfect. For external affairs, the two biggest things, election is 100 days away. One of my biggest things with SGA is to be proactive and create a get out and vote commission with FSU NAACP, FL PIRG, etc. come together to strategically present their programming together to increase voter engagement and be more strategic

about things. Small things such as SGA signs near the union, spreading via social media, being proactive. With Nimna being chair of FSA, I want to continue to advocate for students across the state including a federal policy agenda. Lobbying a state legislator and creating one for the federal level. Doing some research on the distance learning fee, how can we better advocate for the 40000,000 students that Nimna represents. Also inter-collegiate council with SGA representatives from TCC<, FAMU, adn FSU we can utilize things like how we can get out and vote.

Juan: This position is new, so a lot of my priorities are foundational but ambitious nonetheless. FSU is a well ranked school in terms of sustainability, but trying to better engage students in the activities across campus. Addressing the issues why people don't do these things in the first place - bike theft, not knowing how to use the bus system, etc. sustainable saturday or sunday at the union that students especially on campus where they can get locally sourced goods that meet sustainable guidelines and reduce emissions in the process. Partnering with departments on campus like the food pantry, sustainable dining etc. transportation as well in increasing availability on campus and offsetting the emissions transportation at FSU creates. As Quentin mentioned, building those relationships to make this administration the most sustainable committed in FSU's history.

Sam: My things are both bigger pictures. Long term is working with A,B, and UB to create a committee to revisit student statues to revisit the outdated student policies and statues. Clarifying statements that would be a great investment into the future of SGA. RE-evaluating SGA resources RSO's use to re-substantiate themselves and in the effort of increasing visibility allowing them to create clubs they are passionate about and easing the process overall.

Jack: I hope hearing about these projects makes everyone more excited. Lots of great projects with very passionate people. Excited to start, text me with questions, and pass off to Nimna.

Nimna: That was incredible. Closing off, y'all are phenomenal. You guys are all students first, never prioritize sga over mental health and academics. Take care of yourselves and do well academically. One of the things that Kenley, Brandon and I ran on is to make this space more positive and fun in general. Capturing the energy on campus we have not had in years. McCullough said kids go to class and go home, taking advantage of the union. Like Quentin siad, I am FSA chairman this year. My hands will be a bit full, but if you guys ever need anything let me know. I promise I will get to you all eventually.

Kenley: Wanted to piggyback off what Nimna was saying, there is an expectation we will be holding ourselves to very high standards and practicing integrity. Making sure we do not talk down on each other or other branches, we are the leaders of the positivity movement. Hold yourself and hold each other accountable, we are here for any conflict that may arise. Be kind always. Welcome Back BBQ is coming up on August the 27th from 12 to 3, most likely in Landis. Will be reaching out after this

meeting to a little group that will be working on this. Next thing is FSUNite, had it last year and Dr. Williams spearheads. Friday, August 26th in the Union and would love to see you all there. Last thing is sponsoring a lunch for the service leadership seminar, wednesday august 17th at lunch time, probably around 11 to 1. A team will be set up for this as well, but just wanted to put this on your radar. Super proud of you all.

Brandon: Nothing major, don't let this be one to stress you out but take the opportunity to learn and grow. Have fun and make the best of it, take the steps in the right direction and let's have a great year.

Nimna: Thank you all for being here! These will be thirty minutes before going forward. If you're in town, please come say hi in the Union to Kenley and I. Have a wonderful few weeks, we look forward to seeing you all in person soon .

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned: 5:54 PM

Minute Keeper: Maggie Gahan