



DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CABINET  
*Minutes*

Date: August 28, 2023

Call to Order: 6:57 p.m.

**Members In Attendance:** Haley Rooks, Martina Rossetti, Hayden Kirkhart, Bryanna Taylor, Abigail Covington, Amare Harris, Luke Kennedy, Aubrey Claire Norris, Cielee Hollon, Dajanae Prout, Adriana Subias, Emma Claire Haley, Nicholas Bobo, Elizabeth Branton-Advisor.

**Members Not In Attendance:** None

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Student Government Cabinet was held in the SGA office on August 28<sup>th</sup>. The meeting convened at 6:57 pm with Haley Rooks presiding.

Approval of Minutes..... Haley Rooks  
On motion by Nicholas Bobo and seconded by Cielee Hollon, all Cabinet members present and participating voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Introductions and General Overview of Items.....Haley Rooks  
Haley gave an update from the President's Cabinet today that a 5-year contract with Sodexo (food services) has been signed and their regional team will be on campus to meet with Dr. Ennis this coming week. Last week Haley and Martina met with Elizabeth Branton and Dr. Lovin to discuss previous Senate Bills. This will be discussed later in the agenda portion of the meeting. Haley and Emma Claire also met with Elizabeth Branton and Dr. Lovin to discuss athletics and getting a tailgating policy for the University.  
Please note that we will not be meeting during the week of Labor Day.

Selected Topic/Issue for Cabinet Discussion

- None

**Business**

Action

- New Desktop for the SGA Office.....Haley Rooks  
The goal is to replace the three existing office computers with one updated desktop that will be shared in the office. The quote for a new computer is \$1,345.32. This will help us better utilize the computer and printer in the office. There will be a general SGA login, accessible to all SGA

members. On motion by Martina Rossetti to approve spending \$1,345.32 for a new computer for the SGA office and seconded by Hayden Kirkhart. All members in attendance voted in agreement with this motion. A purchase order will be put in 8/29/2023.

Discussion

- Office Hours Finalizing.....Haley Rooks

After the conclusion of this meeting, all office hours will be set and unchangeable. This is so that we can be more available to the DSU students/faculty. A list of each officer and their set office hours will be posted outside of the SGA office. This will also be posted on the Statesman Life shelf. Hayden will be in charge of getting that information from each member and designing a poster board.

- Miss DSU Pageant, Interest Meeting, & Pageant Board.....Aubrey Claire Norris

Interest meeting for all DSU female students who want to be in the Miss DSU pageant is on September 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm. If flyers have not been made and posted in advance, this date will be pushed to the 14<sup>th</sup>. Pageant Board applications will be on the DSU website by Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. All SGA members should encourage DSU students to sign up for pageant board. This board serves for a whole calendar year. Student Life oversees the Homecoming Parade, but SGA has been asked to partner to encourage community involvement.

- Old Bills Discussion.....Martina Rossetti

Senate bills from 2020-2023 have been discussed. The following is a list of past bills with an update as to the plan of action concerning them.

**2020-2021:**

- Bill #1: Department Mission Statement: Spoken with Dr. Lovin. There is an existing statement at this time. Senate will continue discussing how to make this more accessible.
- Bill #2. Advisor List to the DSU Website: In discussion with the Registrar's Office.
- Bill #3. No Classes on Labor Day: Done
- Bill #4. Parking Time Alterations: Done
- Bill #5. Student Organization Achievements & Recognition: Tabled
- Bill #6. Graduation for Each College: Tabled
- Bill #7. Hazardous Area on Campus: Dr. Lovin suggested speaking to Dr. Craft. A possible option is sending this information on Okra Bytes so students know before driving to campus.
- Bill #8. Improving Game Day Atmosphere: (COVID) Tabled
- Bill #10. Touchless Water Fountains in Union: Martina and Haley are researching prices.
- Bill #11. Union Game Room: Done
- Bill #12. Printers/Computers to All Dorms: Almost finished.
- Bill #13: Grid to the Union: Done
- Bill #14: Basketball Court and Sand Pit Behind Foundation: Done
- Bill #15: Bike Share on Campus: Tabled

**2021-2022:**

- Bill #1. Delta State University Posting Policy: Met with Dr. Lovin to discuss updating the existing policy. This bill will return to Senate to be passed, while the policy will be reviewed and rewritten by Cabinet.
- Bill #2. Parking Ticket Voidance: Done.

Bill #3. Praxis Exams Offered on the Weekends: At this time, DSU does not have enough teachers. This is still being attempted and will be discussed when meeting with Dr. Hebert.

Resolution #1. Support of Installing Building Signage: In discussion with Dr. Lovin

Bill #5. Restructuring of the SGA Scholarships: Done

Bill #6. Parking Zone Policy Modification: In discussion with Dr. Lovin. He suggested tabling this bill and discussing it further if we have a student come to us with an issue. Until then, it will remain as four parking zones.

Bill #7. Chant Cards for Athletic Events: In discussion with Emma Claire Haley.

Alternative options include posters from the cheer team, and/or an SGA post with the DSU Fight Song lyrics.

Bill #8. Revamping Dorm Study Rooms: This bill will be returned to Senate for further discussion with the library workers for possible sponsoring. Also, Senate will examine the dorm study rooms to decide an amount that will need to be spent. This will be changed to a resolution after Senate re-writes it.

Bill #9. Swipe Cards in Residence Halls: Discussed with Julie Jackson-Director of Housing. Ms. Jackson stated that at this time, this is not in the University budget. This will be made a resolution.

### **2022-2023**

Bill #1. Scholarship and Grant Accessibility: Done

Bill #3. Christmas Lights on Fencing and Fighting Okra Cut Out: Done

Bill #4. Basketball Court: Done

Bill #6. Reservation of the Greek Tree: Done

Bill #7. Availability of Syllabus: Meeting with OIT and Dr. Herbert on Thursday to discuss.

Resolution #1. Support of Radio Station Update: Has been told to wait until the Spring.

Resolution #2. Honors Program Seat Reservations for Transfer Students: Tabled

Resolution #3. Solar Charging Panels to Outside of the Union: Not in the DSU budget at the time.

Resolution #4. Study Room Chair Updates: Going back to Senate where they will research prices and meet with Student Life.

Resolution #5. Adding More Seating Around DSU Campus: Possibility of reaching out to alumni for funding.

Resolution #6. Swipe Card Systems in Residence Halls: At this time, not in the University budget.

Resolution #7. Washers/Dryers to Residence Halls: Tabled

Resolution #8. Installing Swipe Cards in the Forest E. Wyatt Gym: In discussion with Kirk Mansell.

Resolution #9. New 300-400 Level Seminar Classes in Addition to FYS: 1 hour credit that can be taken Junior/Senior year. In discussion with Kristen Land.

Resolution #10. Require Professors to Provide Help and Resources for Student Internships: In discussion with Dr. Herbert.

## Cabinet Reports

- Vice President
  - First Senate meeting on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Seven Freshman applications have been submitted.
- Director of Athletic Affairs:
  - Will provide quotes and action items by the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Director of Public Relations:
  - Submitted the Miss DSU work order.
  - Permit Posters have been made. Homecoming election posters and graphics have been received.
  - Court took their professional photos today. Senate will take pictures on September 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Freshman Rise workorder has an updated deadline of September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Chief of Staff:
  - September 8<sup>th</sup> applications for Freshman Rise will close. Luke is requesting SGA members help with reaching the FYS classes.
- Treasurer:
  - Will create a budget spreadsheet to determine where our funds will best be used.
  - The funds for the new desktop will be taken from the miscellaneous category.
- Chief Justice:
  - Court met for the first time on 8/28 at 6 p.m. An email will be sent to all students concerning parking rules.
  - Court had an idea for a Bill: The intersection by Foundation and the Cafeteria is in need of a stop sign. Senate will discuss this idea at their coming meeting.
- Director of International Affairs:
  - International Coffee Hour on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September.
- Attorney General:
  - At the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting members will be provided with the homecoming candidate rules. Members are expected to have a brief understanding of these rules/requirements.
- Director of The Big Green Event:
  - Planning to meet with facilities to discuss a date/idea for the small green event.
- Director of Spirit and Traditions:
  - Quotes for homecoming week and Miss DSU will be provided at the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:
  - Name change: Director of Engagement and Advocacy
- Secretary:
  - No report.

## Information/Calendar items and announcements

- Grocery Bingo @ 5:30 pm. August 30<sup>th</sup>
- Women's Soccer plays at home September 1<sup>st</sup>
- Register your vehicle by September 4<sup>th</sup>

- No Meeting for September 4<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day)
- Men's Soccer plays at home September 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

Adjournment: 7:47

- Next Cabinet Meeting- Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
  - Topic: TBD