



DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
Minutes

Date: September 11th, 2023

Call to Order: 6:59 p.m.

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

Members Not In Attendance: Amare Harris

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Student Government Cabinet was held in the SGA office on September 11th. The meeting convened at 6:59 pm with Haley Rooks presiding.

Approval of Minutes..... Haley Rooks
On motion by Nicholas Bobo and seconded by Martina Rossetti, all Cabinet members present and participating voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on August 28th, 2023.

Introductions and General Overview of Items.....Haley Rooks
Haley informed the SGA Cabinet members that President’s Cabinet did not meet today. Haley gave the members an overview of the President’s Cabinet meeting from the week before. The President will be sending a message this coming week explaining two vacant positions on the board. The Interim Provost position has been filled and will be announced soon, and the Vice President for University Advancement position remains unfilled at this time. At President’s Cabinet, three policies were approved. There is now updated university policies for the Health Center, Traffic and Parking, and Housing and Residence Life. Haley also met with Staff Council this past week and there are no updates at this time. There will be no IHL meeting in Jackson this week, and instead the Student Body Presidents will be meeting virtually. Haley will give updates about this virtual meeting at the following SGA Cabinet meeting.

Selected Topic/Issue for Cabinet Discussion

- Homecoming Ideas and Miss DSU Pageant.....Aubrey Claire Norris
Miss DSU Pageant:
 - The Date for the Miss DSU pageant has been changed to October 30th at the Bologna Performing Arts Center. All SGA Cabinet members are required to be present at the Pageant. Practice will be held the previous week on October 26th .
 - Pageant Board applications have been posted to the website, and they will close Friday, September 15th at midnight.

- An interest meeting for all Delta State students who are interested in joining the pageant will be held on September 18th at 5:30 pm in the SGA office. If participants cannot attend the meeting, they can contact Mrs. Branton and an alternative time will be established.
- Pageant entertainment will consist of the DSU Fashion Board, and possibly one more artist.
Homecoming Week Ideas:
 - Homecoming Week is November 6-11. The budget that Spirits and Traditions is working with is \$35,000. Theme: Holly Wood- Delta State's Walk of Fame. These ideas will be finalized in the next few meetings.
 - Monday Night: Movie Night on the Quad (Football/Baseball parking lot would be used as a back-up due to weather).
 - Tuesday: Goat Yoga on the Quad. Night: Laser Tag Battle in the Wyatt Gym.
 - Wednesday: Animal Shelter Adoption Awareness Night: Lip Sync in the Coliseum.
 - Thursday: Corn Hole Tournament on the Quad. Cost: Free to SGA. The possibility of food trucks is under discussion.
 - Friday: Canned Food Drive for Statesman Shelf. A monetary donation platform will be set up in conjunction. Night: Pep rally 5:30-6:00. Concert at Statesman Park. The stage is still in discussion with the city of Cleveland.

Business

Action

- Spending for Tailgating.....Emma Haley
On motion by Emma Haley to approve spending \$150.00 for tailgating for the first home football game on September 16th and seconded by Cielee Hollon. All members in attendance voted in agreement with this motion.
- Tickets for MVSU Student Government.....Emma Haley
The cost of tickets for the MVSU Student Government has been covered by Eric Diamond. Abby will write a thank you note to Eric Diamond on behalf of SGA for covering the cost of these tickets.
- Student Section Banners.....Emma Haley
On motion by Emma Haley to approve spending \$175.00 for student section banners for the home sporting events and seconded by Martina Rossetti. All members in attendance voted in agreement with this motion.
- International Coffee Hour updated Invoice.....Adrianna Subias
On motion by Adrianna Subias to approve spending \$327.00 for International Coffee Hour on September 28th and seconded by Luke Kennedy. All members in attendance voted in agreement with this motion.

Discussion

- First Home Football Game.....Emma Haley
Two to three SGA members will be required to work the student parking section at the first home football game. Along with this, SGA Cabinet members are required to assist Emma at the SGA tailgating tent. Tailgating set-up ends at 2, and tailgating itself begins at 3. The theme for the September 16th home football game is Green Out.

- A special effects cold sparkler to be used at home football games has been approved by athletics and is now in discussion with SGA Cabinet. SGA Cabinet members will vote on this purchase at the 9/18/2023 meeting.
- International Coffee Hour.....Adriana Subias
International Coffee Hour will be on the 28th of September from 8:30-10:00 a.m. on the second floor of the Union. Adrianna is working on reserving a room, and she has submitted a work order for the graphic. All SGA Cabinet members are expected to attend if they are not in class at that time.
- Homecoming Election Petition & Rules Guideline.....Hayden Kirkhart
Hayden read and discussed the rules and guidelines that are required of all homecoming applicants. SGA Cabinet members are expected to familiarize themselves with this information and be able to communicate it with students.
- Homecoming Election Committee.....Hayden Kirkhart
The Homecoming Election Committee consists of The Attorney General, The President, and two members from SGA Court. The two Court members have been chosen to serve on the committee.

Cabinet Reports

- Vice President
 - First Senate meeting on Thursday, August 31st. They started to work on five different bills and have been providing reports on each. Next Senate meeting is September 14th .
- Director of Athletic Affairs:
 - Please encourage other organizations to attend and get involved in sporting events on campus.
- Director of Public Relations:
 - The Miss DSU post has been made along with Pageant Board applications, and the Freshman Rise post.
 - Stickers for the upcoming September 16th football game have been made, and Pig Pickin’ stickers are being made.
 - Cielee will also start providing the analytics of the growth of the SGA social media accounts.
- Chief of Staff:
 - Applications for Freshman Rise have closed, and 15 students are on Freshman Rise.
- Chief Justice:
 - Court met on September 11th and chose the two students who will serve on the Homecoming Committee.
- Director of International Affairs:
 - No report.
- Attorney General:
 - The homecoming petition will be available in an online form for all Delta State University students interested in running for homecoming.
 - An office hours poster has been completed and will be hung outside the SGA office door.
 - A new SGA office sign is in the making. A work order has been submitted.

- Director of The Big Green Event:
 - No report.
- Director of Spirit and Traditions:
 - No report.
- Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:
 - An event idea for November will be discussed at the 9/18/2023 SGA Cabinet meeting.
- Secretary:
 - No report.

Information/Calendar items and announcements

- Custom Airbrush T-Shirts in the Union on September 14th from 11 a.m. -- 3 p.m.
- Delta State University's 98th Anniversary on September 15th at 12 p.m. at Lena Roberts Sillers Chapel
- Women's Soccer vs. Spring Hill College on September 15th at 1 p.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. Spring Hill College on September 15th at 3:30 p.m.
- Women's Cross Country at University of Montevallo on September 15th at 7:30 p.m.
- First Home Football Game vs. MVSU on September 16th at 6 p.m.
- Women's Soccer vs. University of West Florida on September 17th at 1 p.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. University of West Florida on September 17th at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment: 8:45

- Next Cabinet Meeting- Monday September 18 th , 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Topic: TBD