



DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
Minutes

Date: September 25th, 2023

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Not In Attendance: Bryanna Taylor, Adriana Subias.

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Student Government Student Cabinet was held in the SGA office on September 25th. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm with Haley Rooks presiding.

Approval of Minutes..... Haley Rooks
On motion by Martina Rossetti and seconded by Cielee Hollon, all Cabinet members present and participating voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on September 18th, 2023.

Introductions and General Overview of Items.....Haley Rooks
Haley attended an IHL Student Body Presidents Zoom meeting last week. The topic of this meeting was food insecurity on different campuses, and how Student Government can play a role in aiding these issues. Updates and ideas will be discussed at the following meeting. Haley also gave an update from the President’s Cabinet today. The kickoff for DSU centennial campaign was held last Friday. This is now a \$100,000,000 campaign. Athletics also thanked SGA for their involvement in the annual Pig Pickin football game. The new academic schedule for 2024-2025 was approved today, September 25th. Haley will be sharing the details of this updated schedule with SGA members along with all DSU students upon request of Dr. Lesley Griffin. The new computer for the SGA office has arrived and will be finished being set up soon. Computers and printers have also been added to student housing study rooms. The software for Okra card swipes is the last thing that needs to be set up before those can be used.

Selected Topic/Issue for Cabinet Discussion

- None

Business

Action

- Roberts LaForge Library Resolution.....Sophie Lutz & Alexis Rodgers

The 2023-02 Resolution was discussed and voted upon by SGA Cabinet. This Resolution is to create open hours at the Roberts LaForge Library on Saturdays from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. This time was discussed with interim library dean Mrs. Phillips who gave the analytics of the time of day that the majority of students make use of the library's resources. On motion by Martina Rossetti and seconded by Hayden Kirkhart, all Cabinet members present and participating voted unanimously to pass Resolution #2 Roberts Laforge Library Open on Saturdays. This resolution passed through the SGA Cabinet on September 25th, 2023.

- Lip Sync Rules.....Aubrey Claire Norris
On motion by Aubrey Claire Norris and seconded by Luke Kennedy, all Cabinet members present and participating voted unanimously to approve the 2023 Lip Sync Rules. Eric Diamond will overview and approve the dates and times before this schedule is sent out to students and organizations. The updated 2023 Lip Sync Rules passed through the SGA Cabinet on September 25th, 2023.
- Goat Yoga Homecoming Quote.....Aubrey Claire Norris
On motion by Aubrey Claire Norris and seconded by Luke Kennedy, all Cabinet members present and participating voted unanimously to approve spending \$1,100 for Goat Yoga on Tuesday November 9th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. during the 2023 homecoming week.
- DJ Epic Homecoming Quote.....Aubrey Claire Norris
On motion by Aubrey Claire Norris and seconded by Luke Kennedy, all Cabinet members present and participating voted unanimously to approve spending \$4,500 to book DJ Epic on November 11th from 8-12 p.m.
- Homecoming Sash and Crown Quotes.....Aubrey Claire Norris
On motion by Aubrey Claire Norris and seconded by Cielee Hollon, all Cabinet members present and participating voted unanimously to approve spending a total of \$181.12 for two sashes and two crowns for the Homecoming king and queen.
- Appropriation for Okra OUT.....Amare Harris
An annual LGBTQ pride event will be held at the Jobe auditorium on October 31st at 6 p.m. On motion by Amare Harris and seconded by Hayden Kirkhart, Cabinet members Hayden Kirkhart, Nicholas Bobo, Martina Rossetti, Dajanae Prout, and Amare Harris voted to approve spending \$250.00 for traveling expenses for one of the event's performers. Cabinet members Cielee Hollon, Luke Kennedy, Aubrey Claire Norris, Emma Claire Haley, and Abby Covington abstained from voting. The spending of \$250.00 to cover travelling expenses for one of the LGBTQ pride event performers was passed through the SGA Cabinet on September 25th, 2023.

Discussion

- Include Lab Books into First Day Ready/Lab Fee Resolution.....Martina Rossetti
Martina and the Student Senate group that is working on this resolution met with the faculty and staff of Arts and Science this past Friday. Faculty staff have already been trying to incorporate this idea, so they are very willing to work with the Student Senate. Two options that are being discussed are putting the fee into First Day Ready charges or incorporating it into lab fees. The members of SGA Cabinet unanimously agreed to incorporate lab book charges into lab fees through the bookstore.

Cabinet Reports

- Vice President
 - Student Senate meets Thursday, September 28th at 6:30 p.m.
- Director of Athletic Affairs:
 - Thank you to all SGA members for helping with the 2023 annual Pig Pickin' weekend.
 - Emma Haley encouraged SGA attendance at upcoming sporting events.
- Director of Public Relations:
 - Stickers for the Breast Cancer Awareness football game and the Homecoming football game are being created.
 - International Coffee Hour promotions have been being posted daily.
 - Miss DSU graphic parameters will have to be discussed before a graphic can be created.
 - Homecoming graphics have been made and work orders have been submitted.
 - The Student Court photo has been posted to the SGA page on the Delta State website.
- Chief of Staff:
 - Freshman Rise met on Monday, September 25th. Their next meeting will be on October 2nd.
 - Office hours will be counted for SGA members who assisted in setting up and taking down the tailgating materials.
- Treasurer:
 - As of right now the SGA budget is \$64,281.38.
 - Amare met with Haley today to create an Excel budget sheet that is posted to the Teams channel. This will help with transparency among all members and will also make it easier for the future treasurer.
 - Amare asks that all SGA members send him an invoice of any purchases being made so that he can add them to the spread sheet.
- Chief Justice:
 - Student Court meets on Monday, October 2nd, at 6:00 p.m.
- Director of International Affairs:
 - International Coffee Hour is this Thursday, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on the second floor of the Union. All SGA members are required to attend unless they have class. SGA members are required to wear an SGA shirt/polo with jeans. All students are welcome to attend.
- Attorney General:
 - A work order to put the Homecoming petition online has been submitted.
 - Hayden is waiting on a work order for the SGA Office sign.
 - Revisions to the SGA constitution are being made and will be voted upon in upcoming meetings.
- Director of The Big Green Event:
 - Nicholas has been looking into times for when the Small Green event can take place based on weather. The focus for this event is to clean the Willy Garden.
- Director of Spirit and Traditions:
 - The first Pageant Board meeting was this past Thursday, and the next one will be September 28th at 7 p.m. in the SGA Office.
- Director of Engagement and Advocacy:

- Dajanae will be preparing for the Cocoa and Compliments Day and will provide quotes during upcoming meetings.
- Secretary:
 - No report.
- Advisor:
 - The Homecoming Parade will be held on November 11th starting at Kent Wyatt Hall at 10:30 a.m. Information about the parade will begin being added to Okra Bytes by tomorrow, September 26th.
 - SGA members are asked to pass out flyers to local businesses.
 - The goal is to incorporate 60 groups/floats into the parade.
 - SGA will be one of the groups presented in the parade.

Information/Calendar items and announcements

- College of Business & Aviation Fall Career Fair, Wednesday September 27th in Wyatt Gym 9:00am-12:00pm.
- Womens Cross Country Races September 30th @ Blue Mountain University @ 9 a.m.
- DSU Football Team Plays September 30th @ University of West Alabama @ 4p.m.
- Men's Soccer Plays September 29th @ Mississippi College @ 3:30 p.m. and October 1st at Home vs. Christian Brothers University @ 3 p.m.
- Women's Soccer Plays September 29th @ Mississippi College @ 1 p.m.
- Men's and Women's Swim and Dive Competes September 29th @ University of Alabama @ 1 p.m.
- Men's Golf Competes October 2nd and 3rd @ Henderson State University

Adjournment: 7:54

- Next Cabinet Meeting- Monday October 2nd, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Topic: TBD