# Virtual Student Senate

# Meeting Minutes

## March 15, 2021

1. **Call to order**
2. **Determination of Quorum (11 members) 12 members present below:**

Dr. Atkins, Brian Fennessy, Kaitlin, Rodney Flores, Julie Waring, Haley Reiter, Shiloh Blasdel, HannahMay Baker, Jakob, Connoraycock, Jessica, Justin Schwab, Cinnamon Doucette

1. **Approval of Minutes**
2. **Guest Speaker: SGA Senator Jayden Siebert regarding Big Event (Student Government)**

Share to:

Reach out to Jayden Siebert through a form she will send, to encourage FHSU Online participation e.g.,

what are ways FHSU Online students can communicate with FHSU,

(e.g.,Take pictures and share, email, spotlight students, students across globe)

<https://www.fhsu.edu/socialmedia/directory/index>

Make a @fhsusga tag to have a post to be approved by Jayden Siebert:

Facebook - FHSU Student Government Association

Instagram - @fhsusga

Twitter - @fhsusga

Reach out to [jcsiebert.se@fhsu.edu](mailto:jcsiebert.se@fhsu.edu)

She will make a video on how to make social media posts and send out to OSS

1. **Swearing in: Jaclyn ? and Matthew Beigel**

Matthew Beigel

Jacyln Williams

***candidates are not present for swearing in.***

1. **Reports**
2. **President (Reiter)**

Thursday 2nd hearing to advocate for funding before sending bill to get the bill signed by Tina Mason (FHSU President)

SGA On-Campus committee(s) looking into working on some fees and see about how they can be reduced or waived

Haley Reiter will not be running for SGA President next year, so she is working on transferring administration.

She will be studying abroad.

1. **Vice President (Waring)**

Jessica Power - name confirmation by VP Waring,

VP Waring working with Student Affairs for a successful student administration transition.

Next month, a new plan is being set up for transferring administration.

Current OSS (Online Student Senate) should start thinking about if you will be participating next year.

1. **Public Relations (Baqar)**

Not Present

1. **Secretary (Fennessy)**

No Reports

1. **VSS Senate Affairs Committee (Baker)**

Her group has been working on a transitional video (roles outlined, and what leadership is doing)

A new bill is being introduced (Committee Formation Bill)

Section 11.04

i.e., the bill is aimed to start committees sooner for OSS (Online Student Senate)

Committee chair members should create a drive and shareable for new OSS government members

**Work in progress:**

Dr. Akins & Chair Baker (HannahMay) 1.50/month per student for mental health care (up ½ hour) for mental healthcare support (Face to Face Meeting)

Author Equality for students curriculum. (e.g., curriculum written by particular race/gender, etc.) she would like to see a confidential form to advocate for curriculum equality

1. **VSS Diversity & Inclusion (Baker)**

(See HannahMay Baker’s Report above)

1. **VSS Virtual Channel (Fennessy)**

Working with SGA President Haley Reiter to discuss how we could replace Tiger-to-Tiger platform with Google Chat, we will see how to and get back to OSS (Online Student Senate)

1. **Student Relations (Flores)**

Working on new bills, as mentioned by HannahMay Baker

1. **FHSU Online (Atkins)**

Giving Day, looking for projects - Crowdsourcing is longer, to fundraise for FHSU Online. President Mason is promising to match upto a certain amount of donations.

FHSU Library - interested in making a way to get On-Line students more aware of tools and resources available.

1. **Old Business** – We will limit discussion to no more than 15 minutes per item, after which we will either take action (via a motion from the floor) or table the item to our next meeting. When discussion is underway, I will recognize Senators who raise their hand or type in chat. Please do not speak unless recognized and ensure that your contribution takes the discussion forward. I will give preference to those who have not yet spoken on a topic.
2. **Bylaw Revisions: Committee Formation bill. AND. Public Relations bill for PR officer. Nominated Rodney to fill the PR position.**

Goal of Revisions is to set up committees on the first day of Senate and send out video to new senate members to learn *how OSS (Online Student Senate) works (e.g., committee responsibilities, senate quorum requirements, or other things that members should be aware of upon joining our senate)*

**Motion approved to pass Bill [above] (and motion to add language to bill to allow committees to be formed anytime during senate term**

1. **Restrict Survey to first semester. (Presented by Rodney Flores)**

**Section 9.03 (Duties and Responsibilities of the Student Relations & Involvement Committee) (amend) or add:**

(ii) Disseminating VSS meeting information, surveys, events, updates, and other communication to virtual students on topics that the Virtual Student Senate has previously voted into approval

Propose to

**Article 6 Legislative (amend) or add:**

(vi) Each senator or committee may present a student survey at a VSS meeting during New Business. If the survey is voted into approval the Virtual Student Relations and Involvement Committee will collaborate with the Public Relations Officer to ensure proper and timely dispersion.

I.E., We are trying to offer surveys to other committee members and Student Relations & Involvement

Motion

Rodney Flores declined Public Relations Officer (Rodney nominated Senator Kaitlin)

**Senator** **Kaitlin Dewerff accepted and Senate approved her as Public Relations Officer**

1. **Video Submissions: please complete by end of March**

**HannahMay Baker will send out link to Bylaws and Video Submissions Outline**

1. **New Business**

Kaitlin (Public Relations Officer)

Taking leadership role on Giving Day project : Big Donor Giving - student organizations with projects - project to name for (e.g., for computer club project to get funds for a new computer system)...I.E., Project Name, Goal Amount, for Giving Day: Big Donor (we will need to get a presentation to fund the Mental Health Project (e.g., $75,000.00) that can be sent to [FHSU Foundation - Home - Fort Hays State University Foundation](https://foundation.fhsu.edu/)

1. **Open Forum**

Should SGA be connected with VSS (Virtual Student Senate)

VP Waring - we should be connected with SGA because we are not fully built to handle VSS on our own.

1. **Adjournment**

Rodney (Motion) Chair of Virtual Student Relations & Involvement Committee - to adjourn the meeting.