



FEBRUARY 21, 2022

Minutes

1. **Call to order** (Waring)✓

2. **Roll Call/Determination of Quorum** (Fennessy)✓

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DN5UruFAPFHEM6mW-d9oDfEZoAH5f49EliRoI7Xbexk/edit?usp=sharing>

Guests: Connor Aycock, Emmerie Roth, Mark Faber

3. **Approval of Minutes** (Fennessy)✓

4. **Guest Speaker** – Emmerie Roth, Student Success Advocate✓

Emmerie Roth -

Presentation, she will be emailing resilience cards out to senators to fill out. (to enhance communication between virtual and online students)

5. **Executive Reports**

- a. **SGA President Faber**

Allocations for student organizations in process (during March)

Realizing student fees for SGA funds (for on-campus students only) (e.g. student wellness services) - University's Financial Director assists in ensuring sufficient money for the year. (currently fee for credit hour, he can share to us in our VSS

[Google Chat](#))

- b. **VSS Vice President Waring**

plea from VP Waring to apply as officer

- c. **VSS Secretary Fennessy**

The Faculty Committee for Instructional Technology, will be sending out a survey, to gauge students' online experience.

Currently, Flipgrid was released to express writing experience at FHSU, [create a Flipgrid](#) if you have a moment

- d. **VSS Public Relations Dewerff**

Not Present

- e. **FHSU Online Director Atkins**



For VSS to raise funds, FHSU wants us to create a Tile (i.e. Picture) and description, to distribute a funding link for our VSS and FHSU

- Dr. Atkins is working for a counseling experience like one offered for On-Campus Students called *Peer Counseling Program*
- Considering rebranding Blackboard's Tiger Assist (i.e. change name from Tiger Assist to something more clearer to students)

6. Committee Reports

a. Senate Affairs - Forbes

- March Meeting will present new attendance requirement
- In new business she will present new bylaw language
- Connor Aycock is seeking Senate Membership

b. Equity and Inclusion –McDonough

Via Phone

- Daily emails (i.e. Tiger Announcements), overwhelming for online students
e.g., grouping online announcements and separating on-campus announcements

c. Student Relations - Dewerff

Senator Escobar -

- timely grading initiative will be presented in new business (tonight)

d. Virtual Channel - Fennessy

- seeking a usability test for Tiger-2-Tiger
- Dr. Atkins is working with Dr. Feldstein to create a resources section in Tiger-2-Tiger

7. New Business

a. Pledging in of Senators

Connor Aycock pledged, now confirmed member of Virtual Student Senate (VSS)
Senator Connor Aycock is assigned as an Equity & Inclusion (E&I) Committee member




b. Daily Emails (Need assigned to committee)

Senator McDonough - E&I Committee proposes VSS to address Tiger Announcements (ie., our daily email announcements)

- **Dr. Atkins** - Student Life & IT Department will need to be contacted to address Tiger Announcements
- **Senator McDonough** proposes to work on Tiger Announcements (Motion Carried)

c. Timely Grade Posting (Student Relations)

- **Senator Escobar** - (Screen Share) -  Timely Grade Posting.pptx
- next step to meet with Professor Munch (Student Affairs)
- suggestions - grading rubric required, office hours availability, clear up language if grades in 10 days are past due (i.e., how soon will professors be required to notify students of the additional time they need to grade assignments)
- Motion for Student Relations to continue working with Faculty Committee "Student Relations" (i.e., Professor Munch) (*Motion Carried - Forbes*)

d. Student Access to VSS

- If and How should VSS offer open-access of Virtual Student Senate meetings for FHSU Online Students
- Motion (Woods) to carry to Senate Affairs Committee, (Carried)

8. Old Business

a. Bylaws Amendment – Forbes

Motion (Forbes) - Table Bylaws Amendment - (Carried)

b. Virtual Student Survey – Dewerff

Senator Escobar - no more information to address

c. Online Student Leaders Scholarship

Dr. Atkins - March 16th, 2022 - due for a picture/description for VSS to raise money for a VSS scholarship fund



Open Forum

Senator Kiefer - History Month for Holocaust Survivors Talks (please join if you are available)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeGbQjyi74wF2HJT-9yJuFCL0OOZprmEbjyTSXlWjTTFDGMQ/viewform>

Senator Lona - Book Club Suggestion

Response - Novels for Hope is available to Online Students

9. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:00PM CST (Carried)