

Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2023

- 1. Senate General Session was called to order by Chairperson Brennan Jarnes at 6:32 pm
- 2. Secretary Julie Waring confirmed that there is quorum to conduct business.
- 3. **Guest Speaker** Donnette Noble, Faculty member, presented the Campus Community Collaborative projects and encouraged participation from Senate around the Pathways of Public Service provided by the project. The website URL is https://www.fhsu.edu/civic-learning-engagement/campus-community-collaborative
- 4. October Minutes approved unanimously.
- Executive Report: SGA President Ella Burrows reported that the higher learning commission was on campus last week to update accreditation for FHSU. The visit was reportedly highly successful and is anticipated to have uncovered no concerns. The Big Event will be held April 20 and SGA is working on ways to include online students.
- 6. **Executive Report:** Brennan Jarnes reported that all committees are up and running.
- 7. **Executive Report**: Julie Waring Reviewed attendance.
- 8. **Executive Report**: Eileen Moore reminded all Senators to complete a short survey and attach headshot. Progress on the OSS email account has been slow and difficult. She also re-posted the survey link to make it easier for Senators to respond.
- 9. Nicole Heitman Report: She just got back to the office today and is eager to get re-engaged.
- 10. **Senate Affairs Chair** Ifiabor Norsworthy Committee has now met and discussed standing rules and is working on an amendment regarding political neutrality.
- 11. Student Relations Chair Bradley Smart-Derryberry Committee has finalized the Student Survey which he linked in chat for Senators to review.
- 12. Equity & Inclusion Chair was not present: Senator Kurt George reported that the committee met and determined they have identified an issue of instructors not allowing online students to participate in some course activities.
- 13. Open Forum: Senator Bradley Smart-Derryberry submitted a link to the survey. Senator Gina Woods pointed out that the question about online lectures was not included. Senate unanimously agreed to approve the survey once the online lectures question is added.
- 14. **Open Forum:** Senator Benjamin Keliojor mentioned that the Senate Affairs committee is also working on getting certificates for Senators who serve the entire academic year.
- 15. **Open Forum**: Ella Burrows indicated that SGA Officers are provided cords for graduating seniors and the SGA is willing to mail those to graduating OSS Senators.



- 16. **New Business:** Senator Bradley Smart-Derryberry moved to table the Standing Rules Amendment due to language in Section 2 and Section 4 which are too ambiguous and need to be better defined. Senate unanimously voted to table the amendment pending revision and clarification.
- 17. **Old Business**: Chairman Brennan Jarnes clarified that he had to veto a portion of the ROSE Act because the Bylaws clearly state proper procedure to remove a person from a chair position.
- 18. Meeting Adjourned at 7:14pm