



Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
47th Student Senate- Elections and Appointments Committee Minutes
1st Session – August 30, 2017

A. Call to Order

Chairman Eden calls meeting to order: 5:09 PM

B. Roll Call/Verification of Quorum

Senator Ford - Present

Senator Miller - Present

Senator Myers - Present

Chairman Eden - Present

Senate President Pro-Tempore Moricette - Present

C. Approval of Agenda/Minutes

Senator Moricette moved to accept the agenda. Senator Miller second the motion. Motion passes.

D. New Business

1. Chairman Eden's Opening

Chairman Eden spoke about his plans of actions as well as the importance of getting the Student Supreme Court at quorum or the fall elections will get pushed back.

2. Election of Vice Chair

Senator D. Ford and Senator Miller are potential candidates for the Vice Chair position of the Elections and Appointments Committee. The senators were asked the following questions.

1. How will you assist the chairman with his Plans of action?

2. What are your Plans of Action for the Elections & Appointments Committee?

3. Last Academic Year, the Elections and Appointments Committee did not have a positive image. How will you assist the committee in reversing this image?

4. What do you know about the Vice Chair duties and responsibilities (found in internal rules of procedures). In the event, if something happens to the chairman, will you be able to fulfill his duties?

5. What do you know about taking minutes? How detailed would you be with taking minutes.

100 % of the committee voted for Senator Miller as the Vice Chair of Elections & Appointments Committee. Senator Miller is now the Vice Chair of the Elections and Appointments Committee.

3. Electoral Commission Plans of Action:

EC: Trigg approaches the podium 6:00pm

- Tentative Elections Dates are available.
- Senator Morciette had a concern about dead days being only two days.
- Electoral commissioner mentioned two dead days is enough for them to get campaign materials approved. But candidates can still get things approved through the campaign week during the hours of operation.
- September 9th, Electoral Commissioner Trigg will come before the senate with her plan of action.
- Updated point system, Voters Bills of Rights will be presented at next Elections and Appointments meeting.
- The Electoral Commission scheduled a press conference for sept 12th in senate chambers. Only if she can give her packets out at 8am that day. In the event if elections are pushed back due to SGA reason, It will be stated at the Press Conference.
- Recently there was a leak of campaign dates and they have been taken down since the dates were not approved by the student senate.
- The tentative dates that will be attached with the minutes.
- Chairman Eden will meet with the EC tomorrow in regards to the violations.
- EC IROP is available for the Student Supreme Court

4. Conformations

Senator Jackson is SRC representative

Senator Jean-Baptiste is J&R Rep

Senator Butterfield is OFC Rep but switches out with Chairmen Rios

Each nominee is given a two-minute introduction, 10-minute Question and Answer period, followed by a two-minute closing.

a. Sydney Clark – Comptroller Nominee

Interview started at 6:22pm

- Did two finance internships to prepare her for this position

- She planned for everything except for conducting finance workshops at DRS.
- Did not know the executive line of succession but gave SGA

Roll Call vote:

Senator Ford - For

Senator Miller - For

Senator Myers - For

Senate President Pro-Tempore Moricette - For

She receives a favorable recommendation

b. Amber Hannah – Secretary of Athletic Affairs Nominee

Interview started at 6:41pm

- Has a relationship with athletics with her position of being a cheerleader
- Did not know the executive line of succession but was helped
- Wants to make a wall specifically for Academic Achievement
- Wanted to switch to athletics being that she is an athlete herself she has more of an advantage.
- Initiatives: To do a community service play day, a sports bonding event for athletes to come together, have a banquet at the end of the semester.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Ford - For

Senator Miller - For

Senator Myers - For

Senate President Pro-Tempore Moricette - For

Receives a favorable recommendation

Senator Miller was granted permission to permanently leave the Senate meeting.

c. Denver Smith- Chief of Staff Nominee

Interview started at 6:52pm

- Knows the duties of being a Chief of Staff
- Position Experience: Mentor in Office Technology in Maryland, Training manager in this department has been doing for the last 3 to 4 years
- Named the Order of Succession
- Feels that the student body should trust her because her heart is in it, she loves to assist in any type of capacity.
- Would organize by delegate to the people appointed to the cabinet

- Plans to begin the completion process of the Bruno-Harrison platform points, knows that all platform points would not be completed realistically, they have been focused on mainly homecoming. Then focused on grades later on in the fall semester.
- Safety platform initiative, and the Wandering Chef (couldn't really name the platform points planned)

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Ford - For

Senator Myers - For

Senate President Pro-Tempore Moricette - For

Receives a favorable recommendation

d. Kaitlyn Jones – Secretary of State Nominee

Interview started at 7:13pm

- Serve as advisor on the Royal Court, establishing relationship with students of the campus, going to the other University SGA's
- Started with Fortune 500 company working with sites in Miami, Ireland, and Atlanta. Internships with Metz was a Liaison made sure the relationship with students were strong. Worked with United Healthcare talking with potential clients and employers
- Wants to reboot FAMU's brand, wants visitors to have a positive outlook
- Made a GroupMe with students from different universities, wants to use her network
- Knows how to rebrand, sticks to her word, knows how to build a team around herself
- Feels that we should listen to our students more, was co-chair of FAMU's homecoming
- Believes in working from the head down starting with Bruno-Harrison then communicating to SGA

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Ford - For

Senator Myers - For

Senate President Pro-Tempore Moricette - For

Receives a favorable recommendation

e. Audri Salter – Associate Justice Nominee

Interview started at 7:30pm

- Here to challenge herself based on what she has learned in her courses
- Plans to going to law school after graduation in 2018
- Knows the Judicial statues, knows the amount of quorum needed or preferred
- Knows the duties of Associate and Chief Justice
- Gave the definition of unethical conduct and gave an example
- Her general judicial philosophy definition is “Fair and Just”
- Knows the roll of bailiff
- Believes that judges are not impartial
- Believes a court should be given 1 week time to marinate on what happen and apply the right decision.
- Knows the court room procedures
- Believes that 3 days is enough to prepare for a trial

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Ford - For

Senator Myers - For

Senate President Pro-Tempore Moricette - For

Receives a favorable recommendation

f. Cassandra Brown – Associate Justice Nominee

Interview started at 8:01pm

- Serve as legal observer: make sure people has the right to free speech and make sure they are treated fairly. Works with the bomb works association
- Couldn't name the justices only named one
- Background in healthcare
- Didn't know what constitutes quorum
- Said the definition of unethical conduct
- Doesn't believe the judges are completely impartial
- Believes that 3 days is enough time to prepare for a speedy trial
- Would believe that she would be available based on her course load
- Believes that the student has the final say by a 2/3 vote with the impeachment process
- 2 days is the amount a time for the court to release a written opinion of their decision
- Would be an asset based on her prior knowledge as well as life experiences and the SBA while handling cases

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Ford – Against

Senator Myers - Against

Senate President Pro-Tempore Moricette - Against

Receives an unfavorable recommendation

Side Note: was not well equipped for her interview.

E. Open Forum (2 Minutes)

Chairman Eden got the committee's availability for meeting on Friday. Spoke about how the interviews were last minute since the SGA president did not submit the appointments to him in a timely manner.

F. Final Roll Call

Senator Ford – Present

Senator Myers - Present

Vice Chairman Miller – Excused Absent (Resident Assistance Meeting)

Chairman Eden - Present

Senate President Pro-Tempore Moricette - Present

G. Adjournment

Chairman Eden Adjourns meeting: 8:25pm