



Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
47th Student Senate- Senate Executive Committee Minutes  
1st Session – September 1, 2017

**A. Call to Order**

Senate President Pro-Tempore Moricette calls meeting to order at 5:38pm

**B. Roll Call/Verification of Quorum**

A&S Liaison Williams- Absent

Chairwoman Hall- Absent

Chairman Jackson- Present

Chairman Rios- Present

Chairman Eden- Present

Chairwoman Orsborn- Present

Senate President Pro-Tempore Moricette – Present

Senate President Ford- Present

**C. Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

Senator Orsborn Moves to approve the Agenda and Minutes and Senator Eden seconds. The motion carries.

**D. New Business**

1. Chairman's Opening

Pro-Tempore Moricette opens the meeting by letting the chairs know that they are doing a great job so far. The first meeting went well and progress has been made throughout the week in committee meetings. He also states that for committee meetings, the chairs must send out the agenda 24 hours prior to the meetings and must CC Mr. Smith, Ms. Floyd, Senate President Ford, and himself in the correspondence. Committee minutes must be sent out 48 hours prior to the senate meetings. Outside of that, he wants the leadership team to remain focus on their goals and plans of actions as it is his job to ensure that those plans of actions come to fruition.

## 2. 47<sup>th</sup> Student Senate Platform Points:

Senate President Ford talked about what he wants to see out of each committee.

**J&R**| He wants to see Document Review Day happen, when those dates are finalized, share them with the senate body. The goal for J&R this year is to submit a strong ratification packet to the BOT and it starts with Document Review Days.

**E&A**| He wants the committee to work hand in hand with the Electoral Commission during the election process, he likes the progress so far. 5,000 Voters Strike should be planned for the spring semester as well. Online voting is the goal for the spring semester and should be the focus upon the election of the freshmen and graduate senators.

**OFC and A&S Liaison**| He would like for the Chairman and A&S Liaison to start planning the A&S Workshop for the Rattler Round-up that is scheduled for September 7, 2017. Also, the committee should start planning a proposed budget timeline for the school year. As of now the Senate unallocated account stand at roughly \$2,000 but ASBC budgeted for the account last year, however the budget committee will put money into that account last. But since the university will start collecting tuition this upcoming week, the Senate Unallocated account will have money in the month of September, so special allocation for the Fall semester will be possible.

**SRC**| He wants the committee to plan Strikeout Showcase for the Fall semester, last year it was held in the Spring semester and that timeframe was not ideal so he wants to focus on having it in the Fall semester. More initiatives geared towards the student body, looking forward to hearing more about said initiatives.

**IDSC**| He wants this committee to continue to plan for future retreats and training sessions. Congratulated the Chairwoman for having a successful and impactful training session for the current senators and commended her on a job well done on helping plan the SGA retreat this month. He also wants this committee to start brainstorming ideas for the dollar and a dream initiative.

## 3. Progress Reports

### **Internal Development and Select Committee:**

Not Present

### **Student Relations Committee:**

-Focused on broadening SGA-Student Body relationship and expanding the brand of SGA

- Start gathering a volunteer list for the senate where each college and school is represented so that they may collect data and student opinions for the senate to use.
- Plans to hold a FAMU21 panel in the FAMU Village Game Room with Metz Catering.
- Will push for online voting after Fall Elections and gather the student's opinions on the matter
- Committee will meet every Wednesday at 4:00pm

### **Organization and Finance Committee**

- Will begin to work on a A&S Workshop presentation for the Rattler Round-up
- Plan to have Educational Revenue generating event on campus where outside companies can come on campus and speak to the student body about ways to be successful in the corporate world.
- Looking into having an open panel discussion for the organizations on campus to voice their concerns regarding funding
- Senate unallocated currently stands at \$2,000 (roughly), however it will receive funds once the university collects tuition and once the budget office funds the account, it will be the last account on the budget to receive funding.
- CAB has some concerns regarding funding, CAB is its own entity and Senate leadership plans to meet with CAB to discuss their funding options this academic year.
- The committee meets on Tuesdays at 3:00pm

### **Elections and Appointments Committee:**

- E&A has six weeks to fill up the executive and judicial branch vacancies per the documents and plans to have that done by the SGA retreat
- As of now, the committee has interviewed eight Precinct Supervisors and the Deputy Electoral Commissioner. They were confirmed by the Senate at the first meeting of the year.
- The committee interviewed the nominees for the Supreme court including the Chief Justice, (four justices in total, including the Chief). The goal is to have the quorum on the Supreme Court by the end of the week so that the Rules and Procedures of the election can be reviewed by the court.
- The committee has interviewed executive cabinet nominees as well, those include the Chief of Staff, Comptroller, Secretary of Athletic Affairs, Secretary of State and Surgeon General.
- Electoral Commission will meet next week and the chairman of E&A will be present as the liaison between the Senate and the Electoral Commission
- The tentative Fall Election schedule was emailed out to the Senate and if there are any recommendations, the deadline to submit those recommendations is Sunday evening.

-The Voter's Bill of Rights, Election Point Systems, and Election Schedule will be on the agenda for the Senate Meeting

-Found an issue within the Executive Branch... Denver Smith acted in the position of Chief of Staff even though she was not confirmed as such. There were also contract issues with her as she was on the payroll as Chief of Staff until Mr. Smith found out and self-reported to the Audit and Compliance Office and her position was changed to Executive Aid. She conducted the interviews for the Executive branch vacancies. Also, the position nominees all completed their applications after the advertised deadline. This was further discussed between committee members and a decision was made to bring this matter to the senate floor before making a final decision on the matter.

- The SEC agreed to have the Supreme Court give a decision on what "designee" means. We will only be bring fourth judges for confirmation at the next senate meeting.

-The committee meets on Wednesdays at 5:00

#### **Judicial and Rules Committee:**

-Electronic Manipulation is a goal this year as the committee will submit a strong ratification packet to the BOT. This will commence once the Attorney General is confirmed by the Senate.

-Document Review Days are being planned, once those set dates are finalized they will be announced to the Senate

-The committee interviewed two associate justice nominees for the Supreme Court and will convene on Tuesday to interview two more nominees prior to the meeting on Wednesday.

-The Committee meets on Mondays at 4:45pm

#### **4. Outlook for the Fall semester**

-Pro-Temp Moricette concludes the meeting by reiterating points mentioned before. He also states that as the legislative arm of the Student Government Association, the 47<sup>th</sup> Student Senate must be a strong group that upholds the student body documents and hold other officers accountable. The decision that will be made regarding Chief of Staff nominee Denver Smith will dictate what kind of year the Senate will have as far as holding officers accountable. He wants the chairs to continue to push forward and have a productive Fall semester.

#### **E. Open Forum (2 Minutes)**

Senator Eden: Let's have a great year and focus on our individual committee goals and continue to push the platform of the 47<sup>th</sup> student senate forward.

#### **F. Final Roll Call**

A&S Liaison Williams- Absent

Chairwoman Hall- Absent

Chairman Jackson- Present

Chairman Rios- Present

Chairman Eden- Present

Chairwoman Orsborn- Present

Senate President Pro-Tempore Moricette – Present

Senate President Ford- Present

**G. Adjournment**

Senate President Pro-Tempore Moricette Adjourns meeting at 6:54 pm.