



Florida A&M University
50th Student Senate | Spring Academic Term
2nd Session Minutes
January 22, 2021

- A. Call to Order: 5:46 pm
- B. Roll Call/Verification of Quorum
 - Senator Goodman- P
 - Senator McClain- P
 - Senator Toney- P
 - Senator Finley- A
 - Senator Woods- P
 - Senate Pro-Temp Walter- A
 - Vice-Chairman Gilbert- P
 - Chairman Lewis- P
 - Liaison Allen- P
 - Liaison Boone- P
 - Liaison Belcaries- P
 - Liaison Clemmons- A
 - Liaison Cotton- P
 - Liaison Cotton- P
 - Liaison Fleming- P
 - Liaison Graham- P
 - Liaison Gilmore- E
 - Liaison Hall- P
 - Liaison Nobles- A
 - Liaison White- P
- C. Approval of Agenda/Minutes
 - Moved – Senator Toney, Second Senator McClain
- D. Old Business
 - Liaison Group Points
 - i. Liaisons were made aware of their standings in participation
 - Rattler 101
 - i. COVID-19 Update
 - 1. Senator Toney was appointed as head – spoke with Surgeon General in Executive Branch who is willing to be a part of the panel as well as Ms. Tanya Tatum
 - 2. Chairmen Lewis recommends reaching out to individuals who may have experienced mild symptoms, as well as someone who experienced severe symptoms, to interview alongside industry and school professionals.
 - ii. Spring Election Updates
 - 1. Will get more clarification on what the student relations committees role can be in this capacity
 - iii. Meet your Senate
 - 1. Wants to allow Senators to be more personable – show a casual side to student senators for the student body
 - Black Out Loud Week Feb 21st – Feb 27th

- i. Limitations on the in person size of events may lead to Sundays church service being cancelled
- ii. Monday Senate Meeting – Highlighting student entrepreneurs – Zharia and Brytney will take the lead to gather the entrepreneurs and estimate costs for plaques.
- iii. Tuesday Movie Night – Using the community rooms in village to have multiple rooms and stay with the 10-person limit. Having students RSVP and displaying multiple movies.
 1. 5 floors, 2 rooms on each floor– Charity will attempt to reserve the rooms, Janae, Austin, and Imani will take the lead to pick movies – School Days, Stomp the Yard, Coming to America, Poetic Justice, Lean on Me, The Wiz, Drumline, Roll Bounce, as suggestions
- iv. Wednesday Panel Discussion on what it means to be Black in America. YuKwon, Marcus, Ezekiel, Janelle, Amari as panelist to discuss their upbringing and time being Black
- v. Thursday and Friday will be Family Feud. Survey questions being designed by Charity and Xavette.

E. New Business

- February Senate Awareness Meeting
 - i. Bytney and Zharia, see Monday Senate Meeting
- Liaison Black History Fact Presentation
 - i. Zharia – Black kids and the disproportionate representation in Foster Care
 - ii. YuKwon – Carter G. Woodson “Father of Black History” – Josephine Baker – Claudette Colvin – CR Patterson and Sons First black owned automobile company
 - iii. Amari – Esther Jones “Baby Esther” –
 - iv. Brytney Fleming – Clara Belle Drisdale Williams, first African American woman to graduate from university – John Mercer Langston, first black man to pass bar – Prince Hall, Abolitionist in Boston – James Derham, First African American to practice medicine in America – Robert Johnson BET
 - v. Artise – Allensworth, first black township founded in America in 1908
 - vi. Charity – Malvin R. Goode, ABC’s first Black national correspondent – FAMU (State normal college for colored youth) – Hattie McDaniel, First African American to win an Oscar (Mammy “Gone with the Wind”)
 - vii. Ezekial Woods – Hiram Rhodes Revels First African American elected to Senate – Shirley Chisholm First Black woman elected to house of representatives.
 - viii. Imani Goodman – Cathy Williams, First and only Female Buffalo Soldier in 1866
 - ix. Janelle – William Hastie, graduated Harvard Law in 1930 – Mary Ellan Pleasant, Millionaire conductor of Underground Railroad – Jesse LeRoy Brown, United States Navy Pilot, first to complete the Naval training program
 - x. Austin – Noble Drew Ali, Died mysteriously in 1929, credited with bringing Nation of Islam to the United States, - Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler – Benjamin Banneker, surveyed the land of what became Washington D.C.
 - xi. Xavette – Phillis Wheatley, First African American and 3rd woman to publish a book of poems – Jane Bolin – Condoleezza Rice
 - xii. Gerald – Toni Morrison, first black woman to be given Nobel Prize for Literature
- February IROP Revision/ Resolution
 - i. Document Review Day primarily handled the objectives of this goal

F. Final Roll Call

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G. Adjournment: 6:58pm