



Florida A&M University
49th Student Senate | Fall Academic Term
Second Session Meeting Minutes
September 4th, 2019

A. Call to Order

a) Senate President Miller calls meeting to order at 6:10 PM

B. Moment of Dedication

i) Judicial and Rules Chairman Jean-Baptiste leads the moment of dedication.

C. Alma Mater/Pledge of Allegiance

i) Judicial and Rules Chairman Jean-Baptiste leads the Alma Mater and Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Roll Call/Verification of Quorum

<i>Senators</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Travis Finley Jr.			X
Maya Robinson	X		
William Walter	X		
Kyra Watts			X
Kayla Braggs	X		
Maurice Gilbert	X		
Kennedy Jones	X		
DeAundr'e Newsome	X		
Israel Chipman	X		
Theresa Jean-Louis	X		
Dominique Alexis	X		
Taylor Hall			X
Courtlyn Patrick	X		
Calvin Sykes			X
Joshua Clements	X		
Shanel Brown	X		
Zoe Mitchell	X		
Xavier McClinton		X	
Carrington Whigham	X		
Andy Jean-Baptiste	X		
Corrie Watt	X		
Christopher Miller	X		
Total	17 present	1 absent	4 excused

E. Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- a) Motion to approve minutes the ayes have it
- b) Motion to add Jaelyn Guyton and Aries Hamlet to agenda under point N Conformations; the Ayes have it.

F. Introduction of Guests/Speakers

- a) No Introductions

G. Announcements/Committee Reports

a) Internal Development and Select Committee

- i) Chairwoman Brown
 - (1) Bigs and Littles
 - (2) Vice Chairs due next week Friday
 - (3) Survey in Group chat
 - (4) Conformation Training

b) Activity and Service Fee Liaison

- i) Senator Clements
 - (1) Have sign the senators A&S agencies

c) Student Relations Committee

- i) Chairwoman Mitchell
 - (1) Vice Chairwoman Braggs
 - (2) SRC Liaisons meeting

d) Organization and Finance Committee

- i) Senator Jones
 - (1) Meeting every week Thursday @ 5:00

e) Elections and Appointments Committee

- i) Chairwoman Whigham
 - (1) 2 senior seats open
 - (2) elections watch party
 - (3) Vice Chairwoman Alexis

f) Judicial and Rules Committee

- i) Chairman Jean-Baptiste
 - (1) Meet last Friday @ 12:00 PM
 - (2) Vice Chairwoman Watts

g) Senate Executive Committee

- i) Senate Pro-Temp Watt
 - (1) Meeting Friday time is TBD

h) Branch Head Report

- i) Senate President Miller
 - (1) Went over the university committees and what Senators are on what committees.
 - (2) Classic is November 22nd-24th so stay tuned for updates with that
 - (3) The demerit system will be coming out soon
 - (4) September 13th is the first convocation and it is mandatory
 - (5) Events are due to September 15th for the month of November

H. Executive/Judicial Branch Reports

- a) Executive Branch – SGA President Moricette
 - i) Executive Branch Events that will be happening this Month for the branch
 - ii) Talks about the Inauguration schedule
 - iii) University Liaisons is scheduled for next week on the 11th of September
 - iv) Homecoming Updates
 - v) University Committee updates
 - vi) Office of International Affairs for the passport initiative
 - vii) Tri-Branch writing reports sent out every Sunday
- b) Judicial Branch-
 - i) No reports

I. Campus Activities Board Report

- a) CAB- Chairwoman Zakiah Miller-McFadden
 - i) Welcome Week was a success
 - ii) Welcome Week for next year planning ahead

J. Lobbying & Speakers Forum

a) Office of Student Affairs

- (1) Mr. Smith welcomes the Office of Student Affairs; Vice President of Student Affairs, Dean of Students; Assistant Vice President for Campus Safety
 - (a) Dr. Hudson speaks about the upcoming initiatives that we have
 - (b) Senator Jean-Baptiste moves to extend Dean of Students time indefinitely
 - (c) Dean of Students lets the senators know who he was and what he plans to do
 - (d) Talks about the counseling center
 - (e) Chief Colloway talks about how the bus situation and how they came up with app so students can see where the venom is
 - (f) The SAFE Team is Thursday – Sunday 7pm – 1am
 - (g) Gathering all student organization to create a drop off from 12-4 to collect donations
 - (h) Will create a generalized list of donations accepted
 - (i) Vice president of student affairs opens the floor for questions
 - (j) Senator McClinton asks SGA President is he going to speak at the rattler round up about donations
 - (k) Senator Gilbert asks is the residence hall geared towards upperclassmen or underclassmen.
 - (l) Senator McClinton request follow-up question
 - (m) Follow-up granted
 - (n) Senator Mitchell talks point of information- collabing on set Friday and bringing attention to Venom tracker app.

- b) Ms. Johnika Moss Joint Ops

- i) Talking about the calendar
- ii) All events will be due by the 15 of the month
- iii) Send all excuses for convocation to newly appointed senate secretary
- iv) Last minute excuses will occur points
- v) Send excuses 48 hours in advance
- vi) Inauguration is mandatory, send senate excuses to senate secretary
- vii) SGA town hall is Sept 17th
- viii) Email any events that are missed to Johnika Moss (johnika1.moss@famu.edu)

Senators	For	Against	Abstain
Travis Finley Jr.			
Maya Robinson	X		
William Walter	X		
Kyra Watts	X		
Kayla Braggs	X		
Maurice Gilbert	x		
Kennedy Jones	X		
DeAundr'e Newsome	X		
Israel Chipman	x		
Theresa Jean-Louis	X		
Dominique Alexis	X		
Taylor Hall			
Courtlyn Patrick	x		
Calvin Sykes			
Joshua Clements	X		
Shanel Brown	X		
Zoe Mitchell			
Xavier McClinton	X		
Carrington Whigham	X		
Andy Jean-Baptiste		X	
Corrie Watt	X		
Christopher Miller			
Total	16 for	1 against	0 abstain

- ix) Chairwoman Mitchell talks about having an awareness meeting the first senate meeting of every month about sick-a-cell disease
- x) Senator Jean-Louis will report personal experience of a friend
- xi) Most people who have this disease are descendants of African-Americans or Latino-Americans
- xii) It is estimated that it affect 100,000 Americans
- xiii) About 1 in 13 African American babies are born with sick-a-cell trait.
- xiv) SRC Committee reports September Sickle Cell awareness month.

K. A&S Agency Reports

- a) No reports

L. University Liaison Reports

- a) No reports
- b) SGA President

M. Second Roll Call

<i>Senators</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Travis Finley Jr.		X	
Maya Robinson	x		
William Walter	x		
Kyra Watts	X		
Kayla Braggs	X		
Maurice Gilbert	X		
Kennedy Jones	X		
DeAundr'e Newsome	X		
Israel Chipman	X		
Theresa Jean-Louis	X		
Dominique Alexis	X		
Taylor Hall			X
Courtlyn Patrick	X		
Calvin Sykes		X	
Joshua Clements	X		
Shanel Brown	X		
Zoe Mitchell	X		
Xavier McClinton	X		
Carrington Whigham	X		
Andy Jean-Baptiste	X		
Corrie Watt	x		
Christopher Miller	X		
Total	19 present	# absent	# excused

N. Confirmation(s)

- i) Maya Thompson-Associate Justice Supreme Court
- ii) Chairwoman Whigham asks what are the duties of your position
 - (1) Sit on the board and render verdict or decision on each trial
- iii) Senator Jean Louis asks what are your weaknesses
 - (1) Public speaking
- iv) Senator Jean-Baptiste asks what is court room procedure.
 - (a) Responds with court procedures
 - (b) Senator watts asks are you able to tell me what choices a student has for council
 - (c) Senate President asks are judges truly partial

O. A motion to confirm the candidate, motion was received a second and the Ayes have it.

Roll Call Vote:

*stepped out of meeting

**acting as Senate President

*Absent

Senators	For	Against	Abstain
Travis Finley Jr.			
Maya Robinson	X		
William Walter	X		
Kyra Watts	X		
Kayla Braggs			X
Maurice Gilbert	X		
Kennedy Jones	X		
DeAundr'e Newsome	X		
Israel Chipman	X		
Theresa Jean-Louis	X		
Dominique Alexis			
*Taylar Hall			
Courtlyn Patrick	X		
* Calvin Sykes			
Joshua Clements	X		
Shanel Brown	X		
Zoe Mitchell	X		
Xavier McClinton	X		
Carrington Whigham			X
Andy Jean-Baptiste	X		
Corrie Watt	X		
Christopher Miller			
Total	15 for	0 against	2 abstain

a) Jaelyn Guyton- Attorney General

i) Senate President asks how you to plan to make SGA documents public

(1) Has a table of contents prepared to release data and information to the public.

(2) Containing budgeting, minutes, etc.

ii) Senator Gilbert asks about appointing student prosecutors

(1) Wants to bring them in to bring them in to assist with student decisions and tackling issues of the students.

(2) Follow-up and granted.

iii) A motion to confirm the candidate, motion was received a second and the Ayes have it.

Roll Call Vote:

*stepped out of meeting

**acting as Senate President

*Absent

Senators	For	Against	Abstain
Travis Finley Jr.			
Maya Robinson	x		
William Walter			X
Kyra Watts	X		
Kayla Braggs			X
Maurice Gilbert	X		
Kennedy Jones	X		
DeAundr'e Newsome	X		
Israel Chipman			
Theresa Jean-Louis			X
Dominique Alexis	X		
*Taylar Hall			
Courtlyn Patrick	X		
* Calvin Sykes			
Joshua Clements	X		
Shanel Brown	X		
Zoe Mitchell	X		
Xavier McClinton	X		
Carrington Whigham			x
Andy Jean-Baptiste	X		
Corrie Watt	X		
Christopher Miller			
Total	13 for	0 against	4 abstain

b) Aries Hamlet- Solicitor General

- i) Senate President asks how many days after you get an appeal do you notify chief justice
(1)2 days
- ii) Senate Gilbert asks do you feel that personal biased can be a benefit or limit?
(1)It can be both, serving as a challenge
- iii) Senate pro-temp Watt asks any appeal made from the law school circuit court how long do they have
(1)5 days
- iv) A motion was made to confirm the candidate and bypass pro-con debate, motion was received a second and the Ayes have it.

Roll Call Vote:

*stepped out of meeting

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*Absent

Senators	For	Against	Abstain
Travis Finley Jr.			
Maya Robinson	X		
William Walter			x
Kyra Watts	x		
Kayla Braggs			x
**Maurice Gilbert	X		
Kennedy Jones	X		
DeAundr'e Newsome	X		
Israel Chipman			X
Theresa Jean-Louis			
Dominique Alexis			X
*Taylar Hall			
Courtlyn Patrick	X		
Calvin Sykes			X
Joshua Clements	X		
Shanel Brown	X		
Zoe Mitchell			
Xavier McClinton	X		
Carrington Whigham			X
Andy Jean-Baptiste			x
Corrie Watt	x		
Christopher Miller			
Total	10 for	0 against	7 abstain

P. Unfinished Business

a) Aaricka Freeman- Electoral Commissioner

i) Speaks about electoral regulations and points system

ii) Next meeting, we will discuss voters bill of rights and regulations

iii) Pro-temp watt asks is every candidate required to be at set clean-up

iv) Motion moved to approve the new point system the ayes have it.

Q. Voters Poll

Senators	For	Against	Abstain
Travis Finley Jr.			
Maya Robinson	X		
William Walter	X		
Kyra Watts	X		
Kayla Braggs	X		
**Maurice Gilbert			
Kennedy Jones	X		
DeAundr'e Newsome	X		
Israel Chipman	X		
Theresa Jean-Louis			
Dominique Alexis	X		
Taylor Hall			
Courtlyn Patrick	X		
Calvin Sykes	X		
Joshua Clements	X		
Shanel Brown	X		
Zoe Mitchell			
Xavier McClinton	X		
Carrington Whigham	X		
Andy Jean-Baptiste	X		
Corrie Watt	X		
Christopher Miller			
Total	16 Fors	0 against	0 abstain

R. Voters Poll on Bill of Rights

Senators	For	Against	Abstain
Travis Finley Jr.			
Maya Robinson	X		
William Walter	X		
Kyra Watts	X		
Kayla Braggs	X		
**Maurice Gilbert	X		
Kennedy Jones	X		
DeAundr'e Newsome	X		
Israel Chipman	X		
Theresa Jean-Louis	X		
Dominique Alexis	X		
Taylor Hall			
Courtlyn Patrick	X		
Calvin Sykes	X		

Joshua Clements	X		
Shanel Brown	X		
Zoe Mitchell			
Xavier McClinton	X		
Carrington Whigham	X		
Andy Jean-Baptiste	X		
Corrie Watt	X		
Christopher Miller			
Total	18 fors	0 against	0 abstain

S. Voters Poll- Election Dates

Senators	For	Against	Abstain
Travis Finley Jr.			
Maya Robinson	X		
William Walter	X		
Kyra Watts	X		
Kayla Braggs	X		
**Maurice Gilbert			
Kennedy Jones	X		
DeAundr'e Newsome	X		
Israel Chipman	X		
Theresa Jean-Louis			
Dominique Alexis	X		
Taylor Hall			
Courtlyn Patrick	X		
Calvin Sykes	X		
Joshua Clements	X		
Shanel Brown	X		
Zoe Mitchell			
Xavier McClinton	X		
Carrington Whigham	X		
Andy Jean-Baptiste	x		
Corrie Watt	x		
Christopher Miller			
Total	16 Fors	0 against	0 abstain

a) Committee Set to meet on Friday

b) motion

T. New Business

a) There is none

Q. Senate Secretary Report

a) Attendance Violations

i) None

b) Legislation Report

i) None

R. Open Forum (2 Minutes)

a) Senators give their two-minute open forums

S. Final Roll Call

Senators	Present	Absent	Excused
Travis Finley Jr.		x	
Maya Robinson	X		
William Walter	X		
Kyra Watts	X		
Kayla Braggs	X		
**Maurice Gilbert	X		
Kennedy Jones	X		
DeAundr'e Newsome	X		
Israel Chipman	X		
Theresa Jean-Louis	X		
Dominique Alexis	X		
Taylor Hall			X
Courtlyn Patrick	X		
Calvin Sykes	X		
Joshua Clements	X		
Shanel Brown	X		
Zoe Mitchell		x	
Xavier McClinton	X		
Carrington Whigham	X		
Andy Jean-Baptiste	X		
Corrie Watt	X		
Christopher Miller	x		
Total	19 Present	2 Absent	1 Excused

T. Adjournment

a) Senate President Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM