# Stetson Student Government Association

Minutes 9/25, 7:30 PM  
Location: Stetson Room

1. Call To Order
   1. Vice President Bumgarner called meeting to order at 7:30 pm
2. Attendance by Vice President Bumgarner
3. Approval of Previous Minutes
   1. Chair Miranda moved to waive the reading approved from last week’s minutes
4. Officer Reports
   1. President Eisold
      1. Dr.Downey – Vice President of Campus Life
      2. Dr.Downey: Responsible for what happens outside of the classroom. Ex.) Greek life, RL&L. Feedback from students to campus life = NSSE Results = statistically significant. The first seniors gave great ratings. First-year students were more satisfied than seniors because they were covid class and never forgave them. Below any of other institutions were not below any of them. 1st-year students, we were above. Ex. Leadership roles, social events on campus, attending campus events, and attending social economic, and political issues. Dramatic improvement. Overall satisfaction is 4.14 never above five. 4.85 to 5.35 learning. Sense of community = 5.62. Diverse interaction = 5.42, facilities: 5.44, and residential students told campus safety that they felt safer in buildings went to 5.81. Summer Orientation and recent successes: In 2023, 95% of summer orientation participants matriculate, only 65% on nonsummer participants matriculate, and 1% of students that went to summer orientation did not attend Stetson. Students who participated in summer orientation the summer before came back at a higher rate than the students who didn’t attend summer orientation. We had our largest class in several years. The admit rate dropped significantly. 70% of students are being admitted now. Greek life and campus traditions: new department, best bid day in many years, campus traditions on the move (Passing through the gates, orange and senior toast, homecoming which broke every record last October). Goals for the year: The most satisfied and engaged student population in the country, moving in a good direction, build upon the success that we have, create a fan culture for athletics, and help every student to feel welcome, safe, and happy on campus. The 1st and 4th years had more interaction, no matter their beliefs. We have an incredibly diverse campus. Want to have the most engaged student body?
      3. Senator Gudiño: Here representing the school of music. They aren’t able to attend the events due to their late classes. That’s why we aren’t involved a lot and are in the practice room.
      4. Dr.Downey: No idea, you all are very immersed in your areas. Also committed academically on the weekends?
      5. Senator Gudiño: it’s 50/50, but there are others even on the weekend we have competitions and as a result, we don’t go out.
      6. Dr.Downey: I love going to the music events and its awesome.
      7. Have the events planned for? This year you can reach out to Alexis so we can plan events just for you all. I know that they are very flexible.
      8. Senator Gudiño: we can all go to because it passed out time.
      9. As a senator for commuter its hard for commuter students to be invovleed. I wanted to go back home. But started getting more negaged but it was very hard but I am wondering how we can get more commuter students to be involved because tey live far away
      10. Vp: the further you are the harder it is. We don’t want to lose the students and it really comes down to the student. It’s more difficult but not impossible. Having a commuter block meal plan can help a lot.
      11. Senator Kolb:I know you mentioned that Greek life is going to be in a different department.
      12. Dr.Downey: it’s not going thru the university but it will be like an RA. Not something that is normally done.
      13. Senator Kolb: I was wondering if maybe we can get a transport that is more frequent to football games so more people can go. Just a huge time commitment because some people don’t want to watch the whole game.
      14. Dr.Downey: You can try and even when there are no cars for first-year class it was a colossal waste of money.
      15. Dining Services: Hello everyone, thank you for having us. Just want to introduce you to who we are and what we do and answer questions. We work for Chartwells and it is a contractor for Stetson. We manage the food and beverage specifically for the Cub. We do it for three business units. One is catering, and commons, and we also have retail. It can be from the national brand or external or internal. Then, there are hybrids like coffee shops. That is the basis of what we do. My role is to ensure operational excellence. We have about 75 associates and make sure we provide excellence. Dining is more than filling your belly and it’s more of an experience. We stress all the time to the associates that we are here to serve. We want to make sure you get a quality product, and we want to make sure that we have clean facilities and appropriate speed of service. Focus of every guest that dines with us.
      16. Senator Socahckesi: What do you all do with food waste?
      17. Dining: All of it is measured in some way and we account for it and then we have to dispose of it properly. Different ways in doing that is creation of pet shelters from pulping products and created into dog food. Always a very difficult thing to get a program with waste. For our food waste, we unfortunately have to dispose of it properly.
      18. Senator Gudiño: Compared to other universities and everyone is super nice. Address the elephant in the room which is meal swipes. What was the reason, and will there be any kind of way to bring it back?
      19. Dining: Hatter bucks are just dollar-for-dollar purchase. It’s just a gift card. We are just loading dollars in there. Separate things from meal swipe. Last year, the offerings for meal swipes especially for coffee shops. Meal exchange is offer of flexibility. Also, had boundaries around it. The offerings that were formed last year were negative. Several of them were a lot. Was outside of how a meal exchange could work and products were different. We purchased Starbucks products from a third party vendor. The entire food and beverage industry suffers from wages. We continue to see wage pressures. Change isn’t always great. We are continuing to try to figure out that balance and I assure you we meet all the time about it. We still want to offer you value.
      20. Senator Braxton: from what I heard a lot of people don’t like the changes from hatter streets. Can we go back to the last year’s?
      21. Dining: We are going to operate at the behest of the university. The university had some concerns that they wanted to see a change in cuisine. It’s not uncommon for clients to ask for that. We are in that experiment phase. You will come back to an aging concept. No one wins if the concept isn’t popular. I share your concern. We have about eight weeks to track it. There is a bit of planning, but we knew going into the fall semester we were going to.
      22. Senator Braxton: will it change next semester
      23. Dining: Yes
      24. Chair Miranda: can we have a survey for the students to
      25. Dining: Each October we do a survey and it takes 10-15 min last year we got the opportunity for a focus group program. We had about 100 students. When they were going through the summer they did pool from surveys in October in April we did the focus groups. Unfortunately we didn’t see the turnout for the BBQ although Asian was another top response but we have our next round of surveys next month.
      26. Senator Kolb: Starbucks is not a Starbucks location then why is there a sign?
      27. Dining: When you go with proudly brew we sign. We want our guests to be drawn to that.
      28. Senator Kolb: why do you have to put a big logo if it’s not actually starbucks?
      29. Senator Chaux: Very difficult to afford them. Why not do a rewards program? Why doesn’t Stetson do more so they can engage? Like a cashback.
      30. Dining: I don’t think that’s unheard of. Pass that to Rachel.
      31. Rachel: I know other schools that work with Chartwells do it and I can reach out to see. It would take a little bit to see how it works for Stetson.
      32. Audience: why are the buns 25 cents extra?
      33. There are buns we choose from.
      34. Senator Kolb: Why is it 25 cents.
      35. Dining: Price structures are going to differ. Retail units will have a different pricing structure.
      36. Chair Hussain: Dining has a great significance. Dominoes and Jimmy Johns can you add?
      37. Dining: Don’t want to speak for the university but that is a university decision.
      38. Chair Ortiz: insta have a menu before coming in
      39. Rachel: yeah sure
      40. Homecoming Committee: Banner comp., chalk comp., and hatter howl
      41. Senator chang: get the banner a week before and the actual day youd bring the banner in and 2-3 will judge them and can use for the football game on Saturday. Will give you paint and paintbrushes. Will be mkore details on insta. Chalp comp. is walkway from welcome center we section off a space from 12-3 whenever spirirt expo is and afterwards judges will come. Hatter howl is how good you put and good to advertise because it’s a bif event especially for food trucks.
      42. Prisdent: go to everything even football game.
      43. University commiitte: Ortiz: three possible new courses and adjustements. One of the science courses is being reviewed if we can get a q attribute.
   2. Vice President Bumgarner
      1. Fill out roster in the general section of teams. Please fill it out! QR code is for engagement points
   3. Director Ames – Finance
      1. My committee at 1:30 pm on Mondays
   4. Director Hassler – Marketing and Student Outreach
      1. SGA Pins and feedback on tabling
5. Committee Reports
   1. Chair Hussain – Academic Affairs
      1. Join committee meets bi-weekly on Wednesday at 6 pm
   2. Chair Miranda – Campus Life
      1. Oct.7th is the first traffic court I will be emailing the sheet soon
      2. We meet online biweekly on Wednesday at 5:30 pm!
      3. Meeting with PSafe on Tuesday for traffic court
   3. Chair Ortiz – Diversity and Inclusion
      1. I meet biweekly on Wednesday. 5:30 pm on teams. We are working on two bills right now
6. Old Business
   1. Summarize each motion and following discussion: no
7. New Business
   1. Joseph Kolb: Being appointed for senator at large. Last year, I participated in Greek life, and I want to understand their values and put them first so I can represent people on a larger scale.
   2. Senator Sochachski waives to period of questions
   3. Chair Miranda moved to waive open discussion.
   4. Maria Lopez – International Senator = From Spain. In the Women’s rowing team. Great candidate for this because I am from Spain and understand the situation. It is hard. So, I think I understand them and help them.
   5. Senator chin motions to waive motion on questioning
   6. Chair Miranda moves to waive open discussion
8. Discussion
   1. Summary Senator Cunningham: is there any way to create an Sga teams chat. Very hard to get in contact with someone quickly.
   2. President Eisold: do that tonight
   3. Senator Gudiño: Senator Y and we were saying that other universities have safety polls that are outside.
   4. Chair Ortiz: in regards to that I’ve spoken to Psafe before. We used to have them but since we are an open campus people would mess with them. They have the friend walk system in the app. Being monitored by Psafe officer.
   5. Senator Braxton: what time was it?
   6. Senator Gudino: around 12 am
   7. Senator Braxton: stop rides at 1 a. for apartments they do not allow any buildings. There are questionable people, and they do offer officers to walk with people. They do have an option to chat with them.
   8. Chair Ortiz: john Downey was telling me about safe rides. We are short in staff that’s why they adjusted policies. Over 3000 safe rides. Meant to be for studying or academically related. And it was getting overused.
   9. Braxton: we would have ridden but is s staff situation and higher-ups
   10. Cunningham: is there a way to send an email about their drives.
   11. Jimmy. Email them directly
   12. Senator Frounder-O’HarrowThinking about appreciation for staff.
   13. Senator Sochacheski: second that and write a bill to get them goody bags. Super impressed how politically diverse this campus is
   14. Chair Ortiz: showcases in the library for Latinx identity. In regards you have mentioned, I was talking to someone in our facilities team because they don’t get enough recognition. And the cub as well.
   15. Senator Kolb: so when I had a focus group the psafe rides if you were stuck somewhere on the other side of campus. You can use that, and it was never mentioned from resident hall to resident hall. Very important on how we can use it.
   16. Senator Braxton: did have it on the website before they changed it. They were using it to go to parties off campus or to7/11. Somebody ask them to take them to checkers.
   17. Senator Tourńe: what I do think is that on my shift I do five hours. I don’t have rides because they don’t allow you to go from point A to B. if they don’t allow the ride for a specific reason, it’s not that convenient.
   18. Senator Braxton: and august and linlar we met on Monday on scooter safety and what we can do. See if other sentaros have any ideas
   19. Senator Cunningham: they drive in the middle of the street. Very inconvenient. If they want to utilize the road and not the sidewalk and have the university paint a bike lane.
   20. Director ames: city of Deland things.
   21. Senator Gudiño: with riding on the sidewalk my issue is I have to go around people instead of cars. I have hit a person.
   22. Director ames: motion to table this discussion for old business in the next meeting
9. Adjournment
   1. Chair Miranda motions to adjourn at 9:00 pm