



DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CABINET
Minutes

Date: September 16th, 2024

Call to Order: 8:31 p.m.

Members In Attendance: Hayden Kirkhart, Aubrey Claire Norris, Cielee Hollon, Abigail Covington, Emma Haley, Moizelle Rooks, Aaron Fernandes, Brady Roehm, Fa’Darryl Cooper, and Luke Kennedy.

Advisor in Attendance (Non-Voting): Dr. Eddie Lovin.

Members Not In Attendance: Steven McDonald.

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Student Government Association Cabinet was held in the SGA office on September 16th. The meeting convened at 8:29 p.m. with Hayden Kirkhart presiding.

Approval of Minutes.....Hayden Kirkhart
On motion by Cielee Hollon and seconded by Aubrey Claire Norris, all Cabinet members present and participating voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on September 9th.

Introductions and General Overview of Items.....Hayden Kirkhart
Hayden will be attending IHL this Thursday. She will be meeting with the Student Body Presidents. There have been agreements signed with a few of the community colleges in the surrounding areas to make it easier for their students to further their education at Delta State University. The football team plays at West Florida on October 12th and there will be a watch party on the President’s grounds. This will be at 4:00 p.m. and this is a required SGA event. Recreation and Wellness is hosting a cornhole tournament that same morning. In President’s Cabinet, Dr. Ennis explained project 3,000 which is a goal of having a 3,000-student head count enrolled at DSU in 2025. The focus of this project is to figure out and knock down barriers to enrollment and retention.

Selected Topic/Issue for Cabinet Discussion

None

Action

- Speaker Quotes.....Emma Haley
On motion by Emma Claire Haley to approve spending \$700.00 on a speaker to be used at SGA events along with athletic events and seconded by Cielee Hollon. Three different speakers were presented, and the Cabinet decided on the one that provided two different

speaker mounts. All members present and participating voted unanimously to approve spending \$700.00 for a SGA speaker.

- Tailgating.....Emma Haley
On motion by Emma Claire Haley to approve spending \$240.73 for tailgating expenses including food and stickers for the upcoming home football game and seconded by Cielee Hollon. All members present and participating voted unanimously to approve spending \$240.73 for tailgating expenses.

Discussion

- Home Game 9/21.....Emma Haley
Student parking has been made an opportunity in the Helper Helper app, so if students sign up it can be provided at the upcoming home football games. SGA Cabinet members need to sign up for a time in which they can work the SGA tent during tailgating. If they cannot work a shift, they need to send Moizelle and excuse. Cielee will help Emma Claire hang up another student section banner this week. Emma Claire is working on emailing all of the student organizations to inform them of the tailgating guidelines.
- BPAC Landon Bailey.....Hayden Kirkhart
Landon Bailey is coming to the BPAC Friday, October 18th @ 7:00 p.m. The balcony tickets will be free for all students who would like to attend. Hayden asked that the Cabinet encourage students to attend.
- Convocation.....Hayden Kirkhart
Last week Hayden asked the Cabinet to think of what we would like Convocation to look like for Delta State students. She opened the floor to discuss the topic. Cielee began the discussion by mentioning honoring certain scholarship recipients. Aubrey Claire mentioned bringing in a motivational speaker. Aaron spoke to other student athletes about the idea, and they said it is something they would like to attend as long as it does not become a drawn-out event. Abby mentioned recognizing different colleges and organizations such as Greek life, and athletics to name a few. Fa'Darryl mentioned teaching the alma mater to all of the students. He also mentioned the idea of having a live performance from the DMI or choir. Emma Claire mentioned having a hand-out for students to be something they can take with them when they leave. This could be in the form of challenge coins. Dr. Lovin mentioned both Freshman and Senior recognition. He also mentioned making t-shirts with slogans from the alma mater or fight song.
- Hispanic Heritage Month.....Aaron Fernandes
Aaron opened the floor to discuss ideas for Hispanic Heritage Month. The Cabinet expressed interest in having an elotes cart and mariachi band on campus. This would be coupled with a traditional sing and dance performance. Hayden will help Aaron with the details.
- Showings of Sporting Events.....Aaron Fernandes
Aaron had mentioned having sporting events broadcasted on the TVs in the Union or Cafeteria for students who do not go home on the weekends. Aaron will speak with Caleb Eubanks about the idea of showing games in the Union, while also reaching out to RAs about having watch parties in the housing halls.

Cabinet Reports

- President
 - International Coffee Hour is this Thursday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. This will count as office hours.

- If a member cannot attend, they need to send an excuse to Moizelle.
- Hayden will be meeting with the Delta Proud President this week.
- She also reminded the Cabinet to keep the office clean while getting their office hours throughout the week.
- Vice President
 - The Student Senate will meet this Thursday @ 7:45 p.m.
 - There should be bills/ resolutions ready to be passed in the next couple of weeks.
- Director of Spirits and Traditions:
 - Fa'Darryl will meet with the Delta Proud president tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a collaboration for homecoming week.
 - Fa'Darryl and Steven worked on a flyer for homecoming week themes, and it has been posted on the SGA social media platforms.
- Chief Justice:
 - Student Court will meet next Monday @ 6:30 for citation appeals.
 - Following the court meeting, members will walk campus to determine what traffic/ parking markings could be changed/bettered.
- Director of The Big Green Event:
 - Brady is meeting with Amber Hayes to discuss the Small Green Event.
- Public Relations:
 - No report.
- Chief of Staff:
 - Moizelle encouraged SGA Cabinet members to get their office hours this week.
 - Freshman Rise will meet for the first time next Monday from 7-8 p.m.
- Director of Athletic Affairs:
 - Emma Claire encouraged Cabinet members to attend the home sporting events this week.
- Director of Engagement and Advocacy and International Affairs:
 - Aaron asked the Cabinet members to engage with the students at International Coffee Hour.
- Attorney General:
 - Luke is working on the Statesman Life Shell. He asked that Cabinet members send him any forms that they believe are important/ useful for students.
- Secretary/ Treasurer:
 - Abby asked the SGA Cabinet members to send her any invoices that they acquire.
 - The budget report is \$61,900.56
- Eddie Lovin (Advisor)
 - No report.

Information/Calendar items and announcements:

- The World Afro Day Celebration will be September 16th on the 1st floor of the Union from 10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. with events lasting until the evening.
- The Delta Proud Youth Initiative Fellows will be meeting September 17th @ 6:00 p.m. in Union Suite 302A.
- The Plan A Mobile Clinic will be on campus September 18th for an informative lunch and lecture for administration, faculty, and staff.

- International Coffee Hour will be September 19th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Union.
- Women's Cross Country races Saturday, September 21st @ Rhodes College @ 8:45 a.m.
- Football competes Saturday, September 21st @ Home @ 6:00 p.m.
- Men's Soccer competes Friday, September 20th @ Mobile, AL. @ 3:00 p.m. & Sunday, September 22nd @ Pensacola, FL. @ 5:00 p.m.
- Women's Soccer competes Friday, September 20th @ Mobile, AL. @ 1:00 p.m. & Sunday, September 22nd @ Pensacola, FL. @ 3:00 p.m.
- The Fall Civil Rights Trip to Memphis, TN will be September 28th from 8:00 a.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment: 9:48 p.m.

- Next Cabinet Meeting- Monday September 23rd, @ 8:30 p.m.
 - Topic: TBD.