



Florida A&M University

54th Student Senate | Fall Academic Term

Fifth Session Agenda

September 30, 2024 | 6:10 p.m.

Senate Chambers

A. **Call to Order 6:13 p.m.**

B. **Moment of Dedication** Delivered by Vice Chairwoman Gaines

C. **Alma Matter / Pledge of Allegiance**

Moved by Pro-Tempore Copeland; Seconded by Vice Chairwoman Gaines

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

Senator	Present	Absent	Excused
Myles Sloan	X		
Jada Pierre	X		
Rayshawn Bien-Aime	X		
Joseph Stuckey	X		
Essence Gilbert	X		
Lovely Eveque		X	
Rose Laure Louis	X		
Tiana Daniels	X		
Tron Jones	X		
Kennedy Williams	X		
Taelor Harden			X
Kobe Buggs		X	

Vice Chairwoman Kaitlyn Gaines	X		
Vice Chairman Jonathan McClover		X	
Vice Chairwoman Tyler-Symone Brown	X		
Vice Chairwoman TaMya Brackett			X
Chairman Larry LaFrance		X	
A&S Liaison Connor Cooper		X	
Chairman Da'Jon Newhouse	X		
Chairwoman Nikiyah Brown		X	
Chairwoman Zuri Sims		X	
Chairwoman Nissa Phillip	X		
Pro-Tempore Treyvious Copeland	X		
President Zayla Bryant	X		
Total (24)	15	7	2

E. Approval of Agenda / Minutes

- Moved by Chairwoman Phillip; Seconded by Chairman Newhouse

F. Disclaimer for Behavior to the Gallery

G. Introduction of Guests and Speakers

H. Announcements and Committee Reports

- i. Internal Development Committee
 - No Report
- ii. Student Relations Committee
 - Report given by Chairman Newhouse
 - o SRC Covered SR24FA003 and sent to J&R

- iii. Activity & Service Fee Liaison
 - Report given by A&S Liaison Cooper
 - o Contact agencies
 - o Report due Friday for September
 - o Contact A&S Liaison if your agency has not responded to you
- iv. Organization & Finance Committee
 - No Report
- v. Elections & Appointments Committee
 - Report given by Vice Chairwoman Brown
 - o Met yesterday to discuss Election initiatives
 - o VP Watch Party- 1st
 - o Tailgate in the dorms
 - o SGA FAMU DRS Dorm Storm the 25th
 - o Social Media Initiative
 - Letter from Chairwoman Sims given by Pro-Tempore Copeland
 - o Point of Personal Privilege: It is truly disheartening to see the lack of accountability being held up by student leaders. Each committee in the Senate serves as a check & balance of SGA and its entities. There are proper protocols that are outlined in the documents to be followed and to have been advised in hindsight to “loosely interpret the documents” for what they are, raises question to the morals & ethics of leaders put in place to fairly serve on behalf of the student body. While I understand the eagerness to conduct elections, it shouldn't keep coming to the last minute where everyone wants to just “give a pass”. I also don't believe this calls for negligence to what's to be followed in black and white. As stated in my memo earlier, the EC was aware of the documents relating to the 5 business days giving them time to send their memo to start elections this week and they chose not to. There has been opportunity after opportunity for the EC to

effectively adhere to the documents and conduct a fair election season and every time they come before the senate they fail to do so. Please take into consideration the precedent that is being set for future actions & leaders and how rolling over every time doesn't solve anything and allows room for continued behavior.

- Senator Williams moved to open the gallery for five minutes; Seconded by Pro-Tempore Copeland
- Loryn May wanted assurance that everything is reflected in the minutes

vi. **Judicial & Rules Committee**

- Report given by Chairwoman Phillip
 - o Did not meet due to the hurricane
 - o Fallen Rattler bill will be viewed on their next meeting

vii. **Senate Executive Committee**

- Report given by Pro-Tempore Copeland
 - o IOP Review will be completed before the next senate meeting
 - o Reminder that changes will be minor
 - o The review will be scheduled based off the availability of the committee
 - o Presented the Legislative report and was well-received
 - o Our first Senate Social was successful through bowling
 - o A&S Agency Reports are due tomorrow

viii. **Branch Head Report**

- Report given by President Bryant
 - o OPS Packets need to be turned in as soon as possible
 - o Senators that have not picked up their shirts still have the opportunity to do so
 - o Waiting on the graphics and flyers to be approved
 - o Encourage new senators to start writing new legislation
 - o A lot of back and forth for the 2024 election
 - o EC is here for the new election calendar

Senators entered from the gallery

- ix. Senate Secretary Report
 - No report

I. Executive / Judicial Branch Report

- Loryn May, SGA President
- Deputy Comptroller, Jerome Parris
 - o Tentative date is October 25th for Inauguration
 - o Ideas for SGA Week can be sent to Chief of Staff

Senator Stuckey temporarily exited

- Chief Justice, Jaylen Bulter
 - o Another meeting on the 6th at 6 p.m.
 - o There was ongoing communications between the Electoral Commission and the Judicial Branch
 - o Based on that discussion the Judicial Branch considered their continued operations constitutional and allowed the EC to continue to accept candidacies.
 - o Chairwoman Sims was not allowed to put EC on C&D and EC is not on C&D, J-Branch only has the power to put any organization on C&D

J. Campus Activities Board Report

- Attendance & Engagement Breakdown
- Saturday, August 24:
 - Campus Tours: 140 attendees
 - First Year Affirmations: 52 attendees *Total for Saturday: 192 attendees*
- Sunday, August 25:
 - Freshmen Penning Ceremony: Attendance not recorded
 - Rattlers Den Courtyard Social: Approximately 900 attendees (passive engagement)
- Monday, August 26:
 - Xfinity Partnership: Totes Given Away: 280
 - Impressions: 2,500
 - Total Engagements: 1,500
- First Day Drip: 200 attendees
- Yoga at the Amp: 50 attendees
- Silent Headphone Party: 856 attendees *Total for Monday: 2,906 attendees*
- Tuesday, August 27:
 - Random Game Play on The Quad: 100 attendees
 - Target Run and Done: 500 attendees

- Net and Chill Movie Night: 367 attendees *Total for Tuesday: 967 attendees*

- Wednesday, August 28:
 - Mini Activations: 1,100 attendees
 - Headshots: 60 attendees
 - I Wish Someone Told Me: 64 attendees *Total for Wednesday: 1,224 attendees*

- Thursday, August 29:
 - Paint n Vibe: 100 attendees
 - Pep Rally: Over 1,200 attendees *Total for Thursday: 1,300 attendees*

- Friday, August 30:
 - 1st Set Friday, P&G Activation, Crab Boil, and Ice Cream Social: Over 2,000 attendees

- Saturday, August 31:
 - Tailgate: 162 attendees

- Sunday, September 1:
 - Church Service: 75 attendees

- Overall Estimated Total for the Week: 9,726 attendees
- 2. Social Media Growth & Engagement
 - Since the start of Welcome Week advertising on August 5, the CAB Instagram page has experienced significant growth:
 - Accounts Reached: 138K (+928.0%)
 - Accounts Engaged: 12K (+999.9%)
 - Total Follows: 4.8K (+24.9%)
 - The Welcome Week Graphic was our most engaged post, generating:
 - 2.9K likes
 - 1.2K shares
 - 838 saves
 - The post reached 65,115 accounts, with 133,052 impressions.

- 3. Event Costs Breakdown
 - Here's a summary of the key expenses for Welcome Week:
 - Campus Tours & First Year Affirmations: \$0.00 No costs were incurred.
 - Freshman Transition Ceremony: Pins: \$1,744.00 (covered by Freshman Studies)

- Club Cab: Security: \$481.00
- First Day Drip: Backdrop: \$755.00
- Silent Headphone Party:
 - Headphones: \$2,500.00
 - Catering (METZ): \$3,460.26
 - DJs (3x): \$755.00
 - Security: \$245.25
 - Catering (METZ): \$1,625.00
 - DJ: \$700.00
 - Venue (Lawson Center): \$1,774.76
- Movie Night:
 - Random Game Play on The Quad: \$84.23
 - Paint n Vibe: \$1,300.00
 - Pep Rally:
- Total Spent on Welcome Week: \$13,680.50
- 4. CAB Retreat & Get Involved Week 2024
 - CAB Retreat (August 20-22, 2024)
 - Attendance: 33 out of 45 E-board and Committee Members participated.
 - The retreat was critical in preparing the team for a successful Fall 2024 Welcome Week and upcoming initiatives.
 - Get Involved Week (Fall 2024)
 - CAB successfully partnered with the Recreation Center to host three major events during Get Involved Week, each aimed at engaging students and connecting them to campus resources.
 - Volunteer Fair (September 3, 2024) Vendors: 20
 - Student Engagement: 300+ students
 - Work-Study Job Fair (September 4, 2024) Partnered with the Financial Aid Department
 - Students Checked In: 363 ▪ Check-in was done manually; next year, we recommend using a QR code to streamline the process and improve data accuracy.
 - The number of check-ins may not reflect students who went directly to departments for inquiries.

- Clubs and Organizations Fair (September 5, 2024) Signed-up Organizations: 89
- Participating Organizations: 112
- Student Engagement: 520+
- Issues Encountered: Shortage of tables for participants.

- Meet the Greeks Fair (September 6, 2024) Partnered with Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL)
- Participating Greek Organizations: 26 out of 29
- Student Engagement: 400+
- Issues Encountered: The event was impacted by rain.

- Cost Breakdown for Get Involved Week
- Tables and Chairs Rental: \$676.36

- 5. Upcoming Event: Parents and Family Weekend
- Parents and Family Weekend is scheduled for September 27-29, 2024.
- Additional details, including costs and activities, will be provided as the event date approaches.

- 6. Highlights & Key Takeaways
- Record Attendance: Welcome Week 2024 saw over 9,700 attendees, with standout events like the Silent Headphone Party and First Set Friday drawing significant crowds.
- Strategic Partnerships: Collaborations with Xfinity, METZ, and Fraternity & Sorority Life played a critical role in expanding the scope of events without adding costs to the budget.
- Social Media Success: Our Instagram presence grew substantially, helping us reach and engage a larger audience throughout the week.
- CAB Engagement: 33 members attended the CAB Retreat, setting the stage for strong leadership and collaboration during the semester.
- Get Involved Week: CAB's execution of Get Involved Week further engaged the campus community, with notable participation in the Clubs and Organizations Fair and the Meet the Greeks Fair.

Senators in the back entered

K. Lobbying and Speakers Forum

- Shirley Chipman
- Behalf of Marching and Concert Band
- Appealed for funding for SGA
- Awarded 72,000 compared 125,000 last year
- Raised 5k from Alumni Association
- Appeal will be displayed at games
- Concerned about scholarship funding

- Were at the Falcons games and asked about scholarship opportunities
- Want to acknowledge their need for a bigger budget for scholarships
- Only going to 3 out of 6 games
- Alumni Association is providing food for after the hoco game
- \$30k in instrument damages
- Had to borrow from a high school to play
- Spoken to Byron Smith and Mary
- Was told to come before the senate to appeal for more funding
- Chairwoman Phillip has moved to extend the speakers time to 10 minutes; Seconded by Chairman Newhouse
- University supports with scholarships only
- Will have to use SGA funds again to feed the students
- Looking for funding for this year
- Senator McClover had shed more information and explained the decrease of the budget was so the University can take more responsibility
- No funding can be considered until the spring
- Put emphasis that the Marching 100 is a main brand of the campus
- Ultimate Drill Book app is used to learn the drill formation
- Senator McClover moved to extend the speakers time by five minutes; Seconded by Vice Chairwoman Brown
- Students will receive every drill form on their phone
- Suggested to meet with A&S Liaison Cooper, brown and Vice Chairman McClover to discuss further

Senators in the back entered

L. University Liaison Reports

- None

M. Confirmations

- None

Chairman LaFrance Permanently Exit

N. Old Business

- None
- Senator Williams moved to revisit Approval of Agenda and Minutes, seconded by Newhouse
- Senator Williams moves to at SR-24-FA-005, seconded by McClover

Chairwoman Brown permanently exited

- Senator Williams moves to accept the changes and minutes and seconded by Chairwoman Phillip
- Senator Williams move to accept the meeting's agenda and minutes; Seconded by Pro-Tempore Copeland

O. New Business

- i. Electoral Commission
 - Regan Wilson, Electoral Commissioner
 - Presenting alternative election schedule

Senators in the back entered

- Chairwoman Phillip: recommended for declaration to open up for 3 days
- Vice Chairman McClover moved to open gallery for duration of subpoint i ; J&R chair seconded
- Chief of Justice Butler: constitutional to still have declarations due to them being electronical therefore closures shouldn't impact
- Vice Chairwoman Brown: pushing elections back would affect attendants
- President Bryant: Clarification of the adding additional day to declarations delaying election schedule

Pro-Tempore Copeland temporarily exits

- Vice Chairwoman Gaines: Point of Personal Privilege
- Vice Chairman McClover emphasizes that candidates should be three days instead of two
- Senator Williams: personal privilege
- Was discussed that there was no bill that puts a rule on how EC should reschedule after school closure
- President Bryant asked a clarifying question on why adding an additional to the schedule would delay the elections of the standard period of declaration would permit the same amount of time in between the last day to declare and declaration day?
- Vice Chairwoman Brown: Pushing back elections would affect attendance of the candidates' campaigns
- Joint Ops added the possible ramifications of not adding the extra day and a possible open investigation
- Chairwoman Phillip: Point of personal Privilege
- Senator Williams: Point of personal privilege
- Sarah Wilson, puts emphasis that candidates had enough time, and it should only take a minute

- Chapter 600.8 puts emphasis that it only applies prior to declarations of candidacy
- All Elections will go on halt if a student deems it as unfair
- Senator McClover moved to accept the Electoral Agenda, Seconded by Vice Chairwoman Gaines.

Roll Call Vote

Senator	For	Against	Abstain
Myles Sloan	X		
Jada Pierre	X		
Rayshawn Bien-Aime	X		
Joseph Stuckey	X		
Essence Gilbert		X	
Lovely Eveque	X		
Rose Laure Louis	X		
Tiana Daniels	X		
Tron Jones	X		
Kennedy Williams	X		
Taelor Harden	*not present		
Kobe Buggs	*not present		
Vice Chairwoman Kaitlyn Gaines	X		
Vice Chairman Jonathan McClover		X	
Vice Chairwoman Tyler-Symone Brown	X		
Vice Chairwoman TaMya Braclet	*not present		
Chairman Larry LaFrance	*not present		
A&S Liaison Connor Cooper		X	

Chairman Da'Jon Newhouse	X		
Chairwoman Nikiyah Brown	*not present		
Chairwoman Zuri Sims	*not present		
Chairwoman Nissa Phillip		X	
Pro-Tempore Treyvious Copeland	*not present		
Total (23)	12	4	0

Vice Chairwoman Brown temporarily exited

ii. SR24FA005

Senators in the back entered

- Bill was made to form a united front for the 2024 General Election
- Chairman Newhouse moved to put the bill into second reading, seconded by Vice Chairwoman Brown

Chairman Newhouse rescinded the motion

- Senator Williams will send to SRC then J&R

P. Open Forum

Q. Final Roll Call

Senator	Present	Absent	Excused
Myles Sloan	X		
Jada Pierre	X		
Rayshawn Bien-Aime	X		
Joseph Stuckey	X		
Essence Gilbert	X		
Lovely Eveque	X		
Rose Laure Louis	X		
Tiana Daniels	X		

Tron Jones	X		
Kennedy Williams	X		
Taelor Harden			X
Kobe Buggs		X	
Vice Chairwoman Kaitlyn Gaines	X		
Vice Chairman Jonathan McClover	X		
Vice Chairwoman Tyler-Symone Brown	X		
Vice Chairwoman TaMya Braclat			X
Chairman Larry LaFrance		X	
A&S Liaison Connor Cooper	X		
Chairman Da'Jon Newhouse	X		
Chairwoman Nikiyah Brown		X	
Chairwoman Zuri Sims		X	
Chairwoman Nissa Phillip	X		
Pro-Tempore Treyvious Copeland		X	
President Zayla Bryant	X		
Total (24)	17	5	2

Chairwoman Phillip moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Senator Jones

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:01 P.M.

