***Stetson Student Government Association***

***Senate Meeting, 9/10/25 7:30 PM***

***Location: Stetson Room***

**MEETING AGENDA**

1. **Call To Order**
   1. Vice president Frounder-O’Harrow called this meeting to order at 7:37pm
2. **Attendance By Vice President Frounder-O’Harrow**
3. **Approval Of Minutes** 
   1. Chair Ortiz motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes
      1. Approved
4. **Officer’s Reports**
   1. President – Jackson Bumgarner
      1. APO Briefing
         1. Gathering information, options to decide what they should research
            1. Option 1: review report: degree referrals to career opportunities
            2. Option 2: opportunity report: What programs should Stetson offer- no engineering or medical programs

Student based perspective- making decisions about faculty/classes/etc.

Sochaczewski Question: Athletic Task force meeting?

Pres answer: no. That is something different.

* + 1. Town hall 23rd
       1. Exec is required
       2. Maybe engagement point
       3. SGA is not required
  1. Vice President – Arianna Frounder-O'Harrow
     1. Green, White, & You Day of Service
        1. November 7th- will be for engagement points
     2. Election Declarations
        1. Please spread the word
     3. Senate Retreat
        1. Goals and expectations
  2. Director Of Finance – Maria Lopez
     1. Travel fund allocations
        1. Model UN- $
        2. Phi Alpha Delta- $700
  3. Director Of Marketing and Student Outreach – Moira Hughes
     1. Committee meetings every other Tuesday 3pm via teams
        1. Camera is not required, but you must participate

1. **Committee Reports**
   1. Academic Affairs – MaKenzie Braxton
2. Meeting with Kyle Longest on 9/9/25
   1. Feedback on university communication
   2. Working on depts deciding curriculum tracks
3. Thoughts on removal resolution of Take A Book, Leave A Book
   1. Discuss during open discussion
4. Cultural Credit Update
   1. We have it for the next meeting
5. Committee Meeting on Friday @ 4:30pm
   1. Campus Life – Emily Flores
      1. Traffic Court dates for this Semester: Sep.19th, Oct. 24th, and Nov. 21st from 12 pm – 3 pm
         1. All Fridays, in person. Sign Up will go out Thursday evening
      2. Committee Meeting this Friday via Teams at 12:30 pm
         1. Going over the Townhall
   2. Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion – Joseph Ortiz
      1. Committee Meeting Time
         1. Please fill out the When to meet, possibly Fridays
      2. Committee Name Discussion and Suggestions
         * 1. Discuss during open discussion
   3. Election- Asher Sochaczewski
      1. Declarations close on Sep. 17
         1. No applications for class of 2026 or athlete NCAA
            1. Messaged athletics extravaganza to fill NCAA seat
      2. Election Day Sept. 24
         1. Will be tabling from 10am-2pm
      3. Tabling for declarations
         1. No tabling tomorrow if nobody signs up
6. **Guest Reports**
   1. Scott Thacker – Facilities
      1. Welcome to campus, Hope move in was a positive experience
      2. Facilities is Maintenance building cleaning etc. for all buildings on campus
      3. Hopes we’ve had positive experiences with his staff
      4. Presser Hall should be done on September 20th
      5. Edmunds Center Lobby- finishing touches on concession, new vending machines, food and drink options, coaches’ offices will be on the second floor- will be done in October
      6. Stairs will be renovated to new stairs and elevator by the end of the semester
      7. Lynn hall is scheduled to finish by year end- beautiful building, moving quickly
      8. Hully Tower- good progress, finished near year end, dedication ceremony in February
      9. Appreciates our patience during construction
      10. Senator Sochaczewski- total cost?
          1. Lynn hall 50 million- bonds
          2. Edmunds Center 5-6 million- donor funded
          3. Huly Tower- donor and state funded
          4. Presser 2 million- Donor funded
      11. Senator Gudino- new space for performances hully tower, what will it look like?
          1. Base of tower will have a large plaza with a platform with seating and event space- new 52 bells-original had 11 bells
          2. Hully Tower- Withstand Hurricanes?
          3. Demolished for hurricane damage- rebuilt to withstand hurricanes- 50 feet footings for tower- metal pieces 50 feet into the ground- 50 of them- strong foundation- steel structure that will be covered in brick- not going anywhere
      12. President BumBum- Edmund’s phase?
          1. Final phase- touched all parts of older building- last major upgrade
      13. Senator Ames- Commencement in Edmunds?
          1. Yes, will be ready no doubt
      14. Chair Ortiz – lots of windows for Edmunds do we have money to repair for hurricanes? Hurricane proof?
          1. Strong building, only a car could break window, branches will do nothing, tree is questionable.
      15. Senator Miranda- new hall accessibility? Broke her ankle because of no railings- please make sure there are railings. Very expensive medical bills. Please make all res halls accessibility
          1. Sorry to hear she had that experience- horrible. Current codes must be met; we exceed all of it. All ground level entrances are accessible; all 4 floors have accessible rooms of all types. Different showers for different needs. 100% accessible. Existing buildings we are working on renovating, done slowly because it is difficult to change old builds. Didn’t hear about that incident- surprising
      16. Chair Braxton- Lynn Hall ground level open to all students? Scan ID for elevator?
          1. Yes, stairwell is open, but the 2nd floor door has ID access, getting to any Living space requires ID Access. First floor Intended to stay open, unsure about 24 hours
      17. Chair Braxton-Dark areas between smith and Nemec?
          1. We are working on it, that street is a city street, conversations with duke and the city to add streetlights
          2. Replaced parking lot lighting all across campus
      18. Senator Erdenova- Mold in res halls actions?
          1. Every report has a standard protocol, preventive humidity levels even during empty periods
          2. Clean and inspect all rooms over summer
          3. Changing filters- 1 persons job all year long- his only job.
          4. HVAC equipment has UV lights to kill all mold and contaminants
      19. Chair Ortiz- Cunninghams bill to add more scooter parking?
          1. Just completed as the semester started, still waiting on supplier, in progress. Looking around some buildings with too many bike racks considering moving them to other places
      20. Director Hughes- north side Emily Hall no stop lines or stop signs no printed signage denoting right of way
          1. We will address it. Lines got restriped and refreshed, we will get that corrected.
7. **Old Business**
8. **New Business**
9. **Open Discussion**
   1. Chair Ortiz committee name DEI, recent suggestions to change name from admin leadership- Faculty and Staff-
      1. Option- cultural, civic, and community engagement
         1. Tri c, civic engagement, Bonner, Annmarie, Doggett in this new department instead of ODI
      2. Should we change the name? If so, name suggestions?
         1. Senator Gudino- great idea, connects us to university department, targeted name right now, name could ease minds
         2. Senator Miranda- go with it, recognize that it is political change, nothing is wrong with the name, but we can align ourselves with the university
         3. Senator Sochaczewski- Opposed, we are a private institution, we are not beholden to the laws, changing our name is backing down on DEI, STRONG OPINION
         4. Director Hughes- not about making a statement, more so aligning ourself with the university departments, thanks Asher
         5. Senator Tourne- we should be aligned with the university department to make it easier for students to know who to talk to.
         6. Chair Ortiz- Who knew about the change? (Many) lots of summer changes, but these words are targeted and removed from the website, global citizenship promotes 3 things, and many things haven’t been touched yet. Statement of principles of free expression- mentions that the school is private and respected the DEI words if that’s what students want to call it. Should not change name because it specifies the work we do, if we have not been formally asked to change, we should it change until we HAVE to. Work will be the same regardless of the name change, they are just 3 words, not harming or hurting anyone. His opinion as the chair but does not mean that is the decision.
         7. Senator Gudino- Stetson Dems, Rep, and Votes has put out a joint statement on the Charlie Kirk incident.
         8. Senator Miranda- 3 words are powerful, we have a voice, unless we are formally asked, our voices are all we have, what do we want to say?
         9. Chair Ortiz motion to end - objection by Chair Braxton
         10. Chair Braxton- Thoughts on Take a book leave a book- not much engagement with it
             1. Academic community will donate books to the library but will not be under SGA

Senator Sochaczewski?- will it specify that we will not do this program again

Chair Braxton- no

Senator Sochaczewski- bill only donates book to the library?

Chair Braxton- yes

* + - * 1. Senator Sochaczewski - Program needs better advertising at the beginning of the semester.
        2. Chair Ortiz- incentive for those who are donating the book? Raffle? Cultural credit? Benefits for participants could increase engagement? Rearrange program

President BumBum- POI- when we accepted donations, we gave people Celsius, and they were incentivized

* + - * 1. Senator Tourne- donate to library? 1 student when she participated previously? Great Idea to ensure more students can use each book- how to specify that we can donate these books from SGA
        2. Senator Sochaczewski - sign up for tabling please. Please. Please don’t prove him right.
        3. Chair Ortiz- goal for books, rewards community if we reach so many books. Today is Suicide prevention day. Mental health is important. Please seek the help of the national hotline, 911, and counseling services
        4. Chair Braxton- hopefully the resolution will be in senate next week
        5. Senator Gudino- Voting week next week- tabling, raffles, free ice cream, Tuesday is a concert with free pizza and a second line band. GET REGISTERED TO VOTE.

1. **Adjournment**
   1. Senator Ortiz Motioned to end open discussion and adjourn at 8:29pm.