***Stetson Student Government Association***

***Senate Meeting, 9/24/25 7:30 PM***

***Location: Stetson Room***

**MEETING AGENDA**

1. **Call To Order**
	1. Vice president Frounder-O’Harrow called this meeting to order at 7:39pm
2. **Attendance By Vice President Frounder-O’Harrow**
3. **Approval Of Minutes**
	1. No one motioned or approved the previous meeting minutes
		1. Approved
4. **Officer’s Reports**
	1. President – Jackson Bumgarner
		1. Town hall on Sept 23
			1. 12-15 organizations present, goal to have all orgs present at Town Halls
			2. Questions about org funding, revisiting the process potentially
			3. Transportation to go to events and conferences off campus; SDCV have own “stuff” to offer orgs
			4. Resources including Engage
			5. Open conversations about growing, event setup costs, which will bring up with SDCV soon
			6. Town Hall went well, hopeful for more attendance in the future
		2. Discussion in the chat – thoughts about PSAFE visiting to another meeting; would mean we would have to double book. Do we want them to visit Fall or Wait til Spring?
			1. Sen Asher – ***NEEDS*** to see psafe come back; very important. Motor theft concerning. Security on campus. Safety for students.
			2. Show of hands for coming back this semester – All raised hands
			3. Who do we want to double book them with?
				1. Options: Dean of Library, Title IX, Greek Life, Dean of CAS, Dean of Students, CFO
				2. Chair Ortiz – proposes Dean of Students or Dean of Library; would be great to have Dean of Students since they are a part of CLaSS too. It would be good accountability too. All seem to agree.
		3. Upcoming HRL presentation
			1. What do we want to hear about?
				1. Sen Asher – understand why spending 50 million dollars is a good idea when we are in a budget deficit
				2. Chair Ortiz – clarifies that it was said before it was donor funded – Jes can give info. Room pricing is another good topic to understand. Moving out of Smith options and processes.
				3. Sen Asher – meeting notes from Facilities – funded through University Bonds and Donors – mixed money.
	2. Vice President – Arianna Frounder-O'Harrow
		1. SGA Retreat – moved to October 4th in Lee’s Garage; including new senators
			1. Will be a fun time
	3. Director Of Finance – Maria Lopez
		1. Senate fund allocations
			1. WELL Team – traveling to Chicago Jan 14-17
	4. Director Of Marketing and Student Outreach – Moira Hughes
		1. No Report
5. **Committee Reports**
	1. Academic Affairs – MaKenzie Braxton
		1. Bill – Take a Book Leave a Book Bill
	2. Campus Life – Emily Flores
		1. Traffic Court went really good; thanks to all who helped
		2. Food Drive that will come in November
	3. Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion – Joseph Ortiz
		1. Facility Appreciation Bill Update
			1. Committee decided a certificate and meal card will be given to all staff; including a letter from SGA about appreciation.
			2. Dr Erin Doggette has asked that Chair Ortiz share opportunities to display talents on Values Day
				1. Short film options
				2. Concert performance applications
	4. Election- Asher Sochaczewski
		1. Senator Asher pleads that we all text people reminders to vote
		2. \*Everyone gets phones out to text friends to vote\*
		3. \*Time expires\*
		4. Sen Asher thanks committee on the election and the absolute best advisor in the whole entire world Jimmy for all his help too
		5. Kudos to all who ran and tabled
		6. Last fall 84 votes; this fall 258 votes
		7. Candidates here, good luck and thank you for running. Even if you don’t win, consider running again, your voice matters
	5. Homecoming Committee
		1. Registration to Planning Phase
		2. Join the committee and fill out When2Meet
6. **Guest Reports**
	1. Kristie Perez – Director of Counseling Services
		1. Everyone confirms they can see Kristie
		2. Kristie passes out counseling gifts to a roaring applause from everyone present
		3. The gifts are only for Senators at the moment
		4. Request to post flyer about Counseling Services passed out
		5. Door hangars passed out
		6. Appointment cards passed out
		7. Kristie introduces herself; working for the student body
			1. We are all responsible for mental health of the campus!
			2. No student death in 3 years, very lucky and fortunate; statistically, odds are not on our side
			3. WE all need to have a support plan in place
		8. SCS By the Numbers Game (based on last academic year)
			1. **2 –** 2 male counselors are available \*kristie throws paper on the floor\*
			2. **4 –** schools that we have recruited from for Intern Program (Stetson, Rollins, Walden, UMASS Global) \*kristie throws paper on the floor again\*
			3. **10 –** interns working on license who can provide therapy \*Kristie throws paper on the floor\*
			4. **31** – safety plans made with students who were thinking about suicide
			5. **12,000 –** appointments made in last academic year
			6. **8,296 –** number of appointments students actually showed up to
			7. **592 –** amount of athletic screens completed at start of school and into the first month
			8. **21 –** events held or supported by Student Counseling Center in form of Community Intervention
			9. **1,221 –** number of students reached through the Community Outreach and Events
			10. **1,462 –** Instagram Follower Count
			11. **1/15/26 –** Date in the future – SCS Self Care Festival scheduled date; requesting SGA presence at the event; can get screened (depression, substance abuse) – massage therapists, petting zoo, something else fun since we can’t have a hot air balloon; lean into different ways to have self care
			12. **Scary Cuts –** Barbershop event on campus; free cuts; no-shave-November theme thing too
			13. **Haunted Hollis –** Feelings are Scary in Griffith right before the event
		9. Follow SCS on Instagram – great reminder and way to stay engaged; goal to get 2000
		10. No waiting list for SCS services
		11. Storytime – really mean 3 genies; 3 genies were talking and said they should hide happiness from humankind. 1 says to put it on highest mountain; no; 1 says to hide it on the moon; no; last genie says to hide it within themselves; they’ll search the world looking for happiness but won’t ever look within themselves to find it. Happiness does not lie outside of us. Happiness already within you, learn to unlock it for yourself.
		12. Raucous round of applause is given by all members in the audience.
		13. Questions
			1. Senator Gudino – school of music; SOM are least likely to reach out, but need most help; what is SCS doing to support SOM?
				1. Trumpets lead is mental health ambassador in SOM; didn’t realize how demanding and critical feedback given to the SOM students
				2. Best way to reach SOM is to go to classrooms and talk; schedule is so difficult and hard to find time. SCS used to sit in Presser atrium, but no one ever came. Have to be in classrooms; need to be creative, one idea is to do 1 night of evening time for more time options. Open to brainstorming ideas.
			2. Sen Asher – how many counselors do you have? No Reverand now…what does SCS do for dealing with loss?
				1. 2 male counselors (Michael – fantastic young counselor) – (Sylvio – bro vibe, men who don’t seek treatment might click with him)
				2. Very diverse team
				3. Difficult without minister. Can do grief counseling, but are non-denominational counseling. Some counselors may offer to pray, but keep politics and faith outside of counseling room.
				4. Robert (Campus Catholic Minister) and Reed (Hillel); Larry looking to fill Chaplain role
				5. 12 total counselors
			3. Thank you and big applause for Kristie as she leaves
			4. Kristie shakes President Jackson’s hand formally
7. **Old Business**
	1. None
8. **New Business**
	1. WELL Team Budget Presentation
		1. Isabelle and Rosa
			1. WELL Team is certified group of educators on all things health and wellness
			2. Seeking $2,500 to attend Naspa strategies conference in Jan 2026
			3. Asking to send 2 peer educators; first time students could attend
			4. Conference – interested in the Peer Education track of the NASPA conference
				1. Have the opportunity to present “Love Your Body Week” at the conference
				2. Seeking to have 2 peer educators to attend
				3. WELL Team Program reaches 2000 students annually
			5. Follow up – recap workshop to all members of WELL Team/PACT, summary will be shared with SGA; lessons learned will be applied to future programming; acknowledge SGA in presentation and on social media
			6. Cost Breakdown
				1. $2500 total request
			7. Contingency Plans
				1. Register as early as possible; early registration; naspa scholarship requested; advisor contact shared
		2. SGA Discussion
			1. Finance Committee Recommending to allocate 700$ total
			2. Sen Asher – motions to vote on the 700$; seconded
				1. Aye – all | Nay – none
			3. Motion on the table – voting on 700$ for WELL Team
				1. Aye – 16 | Nay – 0
			4. APPROVED!
	2. Take A Book Leave A Book Bill
		1. Chair Braxton –
		2. Sen Asher – Point of Privilege – requests to put on screen
		3. Sen Asher – Point of Privilege – bill was not sent out
		4. Sen Cunningham – someone has airpods in; take them out
		5. Chair Braxton – Bill is on screen and all look at it
			1. Take a Book, Leave a Book initiative from last year; books were left, but not seeing a lot of use from it
			2. Create list, organize and donate to library to allow student access still. Don’t believe there is a lot of knowledge or awareness around it. Can still re-start, but looking to clear space in conference room while still giving access to the bill
				1. Sen Asher – motion to table | no second
				2. Chair Ortiz – question: the books will be donated to library, right? What will Library do with them?

Chair Braxton – tbd, will have to check in with the Library on this and get back to SGA

* + - * 1. Sen Tourne – could add that books go to Library to be available to check them out; something to label that SGA donated the books, even a stamp, but books will be distributed to specific area of the Library
				2. Sen Asher – question: has anyone in Library been notified? Chair Braxton: No
				3. Sen Cunningham – move to table until next senate meeting so Chair Braxton can connect with Library staff | Seconded; passed; tabled to next week.
				4. Chair Ortiz – give committee some time to create a sign or a stamp in the book
1. **Open Discussion**
	1. Mia Woolens – book bill comment, sounds like a library system
	2. Chair Ortiz – good way for SGA to engage with community;
	3. Mia Woolens – is SGA named?
	4. President Bumgarner – Point of Info – explaining the initiative and how we need to get rid of the books now; new bill is to get rid of the books and donate to library
	5. Unknown audience member – could we re-locate downstairs? Or another location? CUB Crew, Coffee Shop?
	6. Sen Cunningham – clarification; books wouldn’t need to be returned; these are all textbooks; could shift into more “for fun” reading
	7. Sen Tourne – was meant to be a textbook based initiative; students weren’t taking them and now we have a stack of books just sitting there; want to get rid of books since no one is engaging; location could help; could shift to more novel books, but need to get rid of the old textbooks
	8. Audience Member Aryanna – books are more leisurely; seems like books are getting left there; could be good opportunity to brag about it, and stamp in the books to give to library.
	9. Chair Braxton – idea seeking feedback on – get stickers to label the books as donated by SGA when distributed to Library
	10. Sen Asher – seeking audience participation; did anyone know there were free books in SGA office; \*Asher Stands Up\* \*No one raises hand\* Asher vehemently states he will vote no since no one knew about the initiative
	11. Sen Cunningham – we just talking
	12. Sen Jurnigan – even if marketed, people would not want to be involved
	13. Audience member – seeking more of a real little library idea with novels and fun books for reading
	14. Senator Collins – lot of points; what time on Oct 4 Is the retreat (10am-230pm); comments: not voting on bill, initiative should stay textbook initiative; library gives out free books, novels, all the time. Text books can help people who can’t afford.
	15. \*Senator Cliff gets up to take a breather\*
	16. Chair Braxton – initiative was last year; since school year has started, no advertising; books were outside the office; posted last year; can’t force people to engage; correcting Sen Asher
	17. Sen Cunningham – brings forward lack of published meeting minutes; no meetings posted on SGA website open to all students; is it still in planning phase? When will students have access?
		1. Point of Info – President Bumgarner – will bring up with Pro Temp (who was absent for meeting)
	18. Mia – agrees with Sen Asher; recommend changing location
	19. \*There is a girl in a lizard costume outside the Stetson Room\*
	20. Cesar – what if we can’t make the retreat?
	21. VP Arianna – can get excused with notice
	22. Audience – what is date of retreat?
	23. VP Arianna – Oct 4, 10am-2pm
	24. Chair Ortiz – 2 questions – current administration idea of office hours? Is this idea still in the works? Could we also talk about the idea President Bumgarner talking about Student Life Fee?
	25. Pres Bumgarner – office hours can be implemented; Pres and VP are in regularly; can explore requiring office hours for all? Do we think that’s interesting
	26. Sen Cunningham – great point; if able to, we should do this; disconnect with SGA and student body; disconnect is on us as representatives; would be wonderful initiative
	27. Sen Asher – not about textbooks he promises
		1. Could we publish our office hours? So no one needs to look for this?
		2. We have consistently started late, can we work on this moving forward?
		3. Retreat was scheduled for this Saturday, why was it rescheduled and why are we just finding out? Would hope for more notice in the future.
		4. VP Arianna: We did speak about it during exec; a lot of exec members weren’t able to make it this week, so shifted to next week
		5. Mia – where would the retreat be?
		6. VP Arianna: Lee’s Garage
		7. Pres Bumgarner: can get feedback on office hours; Student Life Fee conversation – idea from Town Hall that was brought up, wasn’t interest in raising student life fee, but did bring up at Town Hall. Didn’t seem to be clear if there was fun
			1. Last year’s admin discussed what benefits it could be and how it could be beneficial and all factors in how students’ wallets could be affected
			2. Orgs didn’t seem to care too much about this initially, but will seek more feedback; any thoughts?
		8. Chair Braxton – is there a place where student life fee is explained?
		9. Pres Bumgarner – have breakdown of how it is dispersed (from last year)
		10. Sen Collins – what would office hours be for? Student life fee…adding 10$ dollars?
		11. Pres Bumgarner – no real discussion about raising it.
		12. Sen Gudino – office hours, would requirements be all hours, or just dropping by when available?
		13. Pres Bumgarner – can discuss as exec
		14. Sen Tourne – could do trial of office hours, should definitely market more, particularly our Senate meetings
		15. Pres Bumgarner – discussion of current attendance at office; couple of students may stop by; but not consistent and more random
		16. Audience member – as a student it makes it feel like we are pushed out bc we don’t know about office hours; one member and some senate should go table or be more present on campus; just ideas; do outreach to the community
		17. Aryanna – SGA should table more
		18. Sen Asher – is there advertising to students currently?
		19. Pres Bumgarner – there is nothing official
		20. Chair Ortiz – love discussion, but seeking to end the meeting with a mic drop
2. **Adjournment**
	1. Chair Ortiz Motioned to end open discussion and adjourn at 8:51pm.
		1. Seconded and approved