# **Virtual Student Senate**

# **Meeting Agenda**

## **February 22, 2021**

**I. Call to order**

**II. Determination of Quorum**

Approved

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Approved – Hannah May

**IV. Reports**

V. Guest Speaker

**Gina Smith & Sadie Spurlock**

Gina –

Limits to Kansas only for counseling (ethical reasons)

Sadie –

Blackboard modules 1.5 years (gathering & developing content)

 Exclusively for Virtual Students

 Kelly Center Flavor – in self-help setting.

 Developed by therapists – directly from FHSU’s tool cabinet at the center.

 e.g. module(s) offer Anxiety, Depression, Eating Disorders, Goal Setting/Time Management, Grief, Relationship/Communication, Sleep, Stress/Burnout

 Any other specific topics may be referred out to 3rd party – e.g. Bipolar

 Virtual Students can complete an evaluation to assess which module to help

 Intervention is a toolset used by the counselors to evaluate the subject (i.e., person)

 For example, AWARE Strategy for Anxiety Intervention

Focuses on updated content, e.g., last month, presentations available on fhsu.edu/kellycenter/self-help/index

“We want you all to have access to it all”

Reminders – working to incorporate into Blackboard and Announcements (once rolled out and approved)

**Essentially, fhsu.edu/kellycenter/self-help/index is the tools available from Kelly Center for On-Campus Students**

**When can SGA talk to students about this? Maybe, “next couple of months” (Provost and Sadie are working on it)**

**What if a student tries to contact the Kelly Center Online?**

**They will be directed to call (785) 628-4401**

**M-F 8:4:30PM CST Contact Kelly Center – then rolls over to a crisis hotline that can locate services where people are out of state, or in state, person on call can connect with a mental health center or hospital.**

Send ideas to Sadie Spurlock & Gina Smith or Kelly Center

Haley Reiter – Recommendation - Studying abroad – separation anxiety therapy.

How to handle requests by peers for assistance on platform (e.g., Virtual Channel)?

Teach peer leaders – resources to assist – and a go to person – one-on-one counseling for a referral source.

Sadie – If conduct on platform – emergency – encourage to contact, notify local, refer them to the Kelly Center

Gina – If an emergency – get them help right away, call 911, or just reach out to them. Give them their email. Tell Kelly Center, this is what I am worried about. Vent,

This is the same as On-Campus (without infringing on their privacy) an email may be sent via email – for here are some tools, if you need anything, reach out to us…

Guest Speakers left Meeting

a) President (Reiter)

üFunds running low (Student Assistance Fund)

üMarch Day of giving – Online Rally – to get FHSU Donations

üMental Health – Lobbying with House & Senate of Kansas, Universities may be getting more counselors/student body ratio (i.e., more counselors may be coming)

üStudent Regent Position – 8/9 regions, business owners/lawyers/(Student Position) to report to Regents

üBill through House (HB2265) within Kansas, textbooks sales tax exempt

Hannah-May - Can extra funding for counselors also include Online Students

Response – Haley will work to investigate (for FHSU), but may be left to each school to decide (for other schools)

**b) Vice President (Waring)**

**History**

Last-year – Bylaws (updated)

This-year – productive in entire school year

 e.g., student events once a month, and replace empty senate seats

 Business Section – Limit 15 minutes per Item

**c) Public Relations (Baqar)**

Not Present

**d) Secretary (Fennessy)**

No Reports

**e) VSS Affairs Committee**

a. Installation of new Senators?

Cinnamon Doucet, Jaclyn Williams & Kaitlin Dewerff

Motion to accept new senators – Rodney (Motion) HannahMay (Seconded)

All Aye – Approved

Haley to install new senators – Committee Leader (when present)

**f) VSS Diversity & Inclusion (Baker)**

Kaitlyn – Student Relations

Cinnamon & Jacyln – Diversity & Inclusion

Pledge performed by HannahMay -

“I do hereby pledge to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of [insert office here] and to support the Constitution of the Student Government Association at Fort Hays State University.”

Completed (Both pledged)

HannahMay – Introducing new Bylaws (later in meeting)

**Get video 2 minute presentation to HannahMay (Committee Chairs)**

**About their committee responsibilities and news**

**g) VSS Virtual Channel (Fennessy)**

Working on using Google Chat

Deans responsible for platform rooms

Jakob resigned.

**h) Student Affairs Committee (Flores)**

Rodney Flores – Revision Request of Bylaws

**i) FHSU Online (Atkins)**

Care Team – Communication channels available:

personalized email, text message, or Zoom Town Hall (1st this Thursday at 7:30PM CST)

Next Zoom Town Hall (will have specialists – e.g., Gina Smith from Kelly Center)

Tiger-to-Tiger (still researching)

Blackboard Support from Kelly Center (mentioned earlier)

Entrepreneurship opportunity – professor – student advisory board

Survey is being worked on Course experience for Online Students & paid for survey for classroom experience for all online students

 The one out of committee for Diversity & Inclusion Survey is being worked on.

**VI. Old Business**

a) Care Team Relaunch (See Advisor Akins comments in his business above)

**b) Bylaws Revisions**

3.2 Attendance, Section( )Meetings, Section( )

3.0.2 1 meeting/per semester now to include absence(s) to committee meetings.

1 week before hand announce 1/month events.

New Senator - Attend Online Meeting and adhere to attendance requirements for

Brian (Motion to approve HannahMay’s Committee Bylaws Revision)

Motioned to Second (HannahMay)

Public Relations Committee (responsibilities amended

Serve as member of student relations committee

Attend once/month committee meeting

1/month post update OSS site

Collab. External (Advisor Atkins) to communicate OSS outreach efforts

**Previous language was VAGUE -> Transferred to concrete responsibilities**

**Must be Member of Public Relations Committee – opportunity to support that position**

**Motion (Brian) to approve**

**Motion by Rodney Flores to elect Rodney as Public Relations Office**

**TABLE TO: Fill Rodney Flores to Next Meeting (he wants to think it over before acceptance)**

Survey – Student Body Survey (in Fall Semester only)

Internal Surveys (from SGA)

**TABLE TO:** Talk about Survey next Meeting

Video of Committee (email will be sent by HannahMay) describing our SGA News & How we operate.

Zoom Session sent to all senators (by Advisor Atkins)

**TABLE TO: zoom sessions available for entire student body**

**VII. Open Forum**

**VIII. Announcements**

**IX. Adjournment**

HannahMay & Rodney (Motion to Adjourn)