

Online Student Senate Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2024 Meeting

- I. Call to Order (Secretary Julie Waring)
- II. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum
- III. Guest Speaker (none)
- IV. Approval of Minutes - Unanimously Approved
- V. Executive Reports
 - a. SGA President (not present)
 - b. OSS Secretary Julie Waring reminded senators to consider whether they will be continuing to serve in OSS next year and to consider taking a position as officer.
 - c. OSS Public Relations Eileen Moore reported good outreach through the March 5th InSpace open house platform and the March 8 Survey drawing. Both events allowed senators to interface with online students and drew interest in joining senate. Senators Moore and Flick met in person with Ms. Heitman and Ms. Hickel creating a better understanding and rapport for working together in the future.
 - d. OSS Faculty Advisor Nicole Heitman proposed the possibility of an online Senator retreat to discuss future goals. Ms Heitman updated senators on check-in texts sent to online students 3 times per semester. A check-in text will be sent to online graduates providing commencement information. The Online Student Success office continues to search for a Success Coach. All swag has been sent to winners of the OSS Survey drawing and Ms Heitman is working with the financial aid office to disperse funds to the 2 scholarship winners for fall semester.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Senate Affairs Chair Norsworthy Committee was unable to meet this month.
 - b. Student Relations Chair Smart-Derryberry reported that 2 resolutions were tabled until further work can be done toward more comprehensive resolution. The Freedom of Information Act was passed. Conversations continue on sharing polling results between departments. Passage of the Rose Act seems to have helped incentive student polling as this years poll yielded 12.5% results compared to 3% in 2023.
 - c. Equity and Inclusion Chair George will be presenting a resolution under new business.
- VII. Other University Committee Reports (none)

VIII. Installation of New Members

- a. Senator Norsworthy swore in Samuel Allen

IX. New Business

- a. Free Information Act - Smart-Derryberry reports that this act is intended facilitate the free share of information between committees and from online students. Private information will be protected as defined in Kansas and Federal Law and according to FHSU policy. Senator Smart-Derryberry motions to adopt. Senator George Seconds, Act is unanimously approved by senators.

- b. OSS Resolution No. 9 - Equity and Inclusion Chair Senator George explains the act provides equal rights and inclusion for online students to participate in person events and extracurricular activities that are offered to on campus students. Senator George Motions to accept OSS Resolution No. 9. Senator Smart-Derryberry seconds the motion. Resolution No. 9 carries and resolution passes.

XI. Old Business (none)

XII. Accouncements Senator Waring - next meeting April 15.

XIII. Adjournment - Senator Smart-Derryberry motions to adjourn, motion is seconded and unanimously agreed upon.