

Online Student Senate *December 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes*

- I. Call to Order (Vice President Brennan Jarnes) at 6:32pm
- II. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum - Secretary Julie Waring Determined that there is a quorum of Senators present.
- III. Guest Speaker Carolyn Tatro: FHSU Alumni Director discussed Civic Engagement. There are varying levels of engagement, and each person must set their own goals and activities.
- IV. Approval of Minutes passed unanimously
- V. Executive Reports
 - a. SGA President (OSS Honorary President) Ella Burrows designee Jackson Sinsel reported that a graduate Senate seat has been added to the SGA. A job related attendance excuse has been added to their SGA bylaws.
 - b. OSS Vice President Brennan Jarnes reported that he spoke about the relationship between SGA and OSS and that both of them are looking forward to improving the relationship between the organizations.
 - c. OSS Secretary Julie Waring reminded the Senators that we have an attendance requirement in order to retain our position as Senator.
 - d. OSS Public Relations Officer Eileen Moore reported that there are still some Senators who have not yet responded to the Senate questionnaire/photo.
 - e. OSS Faculty Advisor Nicole Heitmann reported that a reminder email will be sent tomorrow to all FHSU online students advising that there will be a few swag items provided to random respondents to the Student Relations Survey.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Senate Affairs Chair Ifiabor Norsworthy reported that the Senate Affairs committee will be presenting an Amendment for Senate consideration this evening.
 - b. Student Relations Chair Bradley Smart-Derryberry reported that the Student Relations Committee met and has reviewed preliminary results from the survey. Video Lectures, OER and updated content have emerged as the top three issues this body can address. A second survey will be created in 2nd semester to explore OER concerns.
 - c. Equity and Inclusion Chair Jessica M. McGuire reported that the committee wanted to wait for results from the Student Survey before deciding which issues are of concern to current students. Secretary Julie Waring moved to make the live link available to Chairperson Jessica M. McGuire so she can bring the issues presented by the student body to that committee.
- VII. Other University Committee Reports (None)
- VIII. Installation of New Members (None)

- IX. Open Forum: Senator Bradley Smart-Derryberry requested that OSS Resolution No 2 be tabled until the next meeting due to missing information. Motion unanimously passed. Senator Ifiabor Norsworthy moved to table the SOM Act as well which passed unanimously. Senator Ifiabor Norsworthy also asked who would be best to discuss work-study options and opportunities for online students. VP Brennan Jarnes suggested be discussed with Nicole Heitmann. A motion was made to move the Standing Rules Amendment forward for discussion and debate.
- X. New Business
- a. Standing Rules Amendment: Senator Jessica M. McGuire expressed concern that the verbiage of the Amendment is too vague. Senator McGuire recommended that the committee explore contact with JOSEPH BAIN, FHSU General Counsel (785) 628-4233 jbbain@fhsu.edu - The Amendment was referred back to committee for further refinement by unanimous vote.
 - b. S.O.M. Act - Tabled
 - c. OSS Resolution No. 2 - Tabled
- XI. Old Business (None)
- XII. Announcements
- a. Next OSS Meeting January 22, 2024. VP Brennan Jarnes is working to get invitations for all remaining meetings.
- XIII. Adjournment at 7:26pm