

Florida International University - Student Government Association Executive Branch - Cabinet Meeting Branch Meetings Location: go.fiu.edu/sgacabinet From 4:00pm to 6:00pm Date: 2/24/2021

I. Call to Order at: 4:17pm

II. Attendance

President- Alexandra Valdes	present
Vice President- Alexandra Ibarria	present
Chief of Staff- Samantha Suarez-Burgos	present
Executive Administrator- Cristina Vale	present
Deputy Chief of Staff- Paola Cadena	present
Deputy Chief of Staff- Elisabeth Nylander	present
Secretary of Student Engagement- Sabrina Cannata	present
Secretary of Health & Wellbeing- Maria Lopez	present
Secretary of Athletics- Samantha Zawadzki	present
Director of Athletic Affinity- Alan Macaulay	present
Secretary of Online and Remote Learning- Rachel Lopez	present
Secretary of Diversity and Inclusion- Cherlyne Jean Louis	present
Director of International Student Services- Mariam Ramirez	present
Director of Social Media Posting- Nidia Gonzalez	present

III. Cabinet Reports:

- 1. President:
 - 1. Board of trustees meeting went well. I advocated for the students and intend to do so every meeting
 - 2. Women empowerment event is tomorrow, we have very prestigious women on the call
 - 3. Trying to connect advocacy with sustainability. In particular a campaign on keeping BBC campus clean and pristine
 - 4. How can we help our peers and colleagues feel more comfortable coming back to campus? We want to eliminate the fear of coming back to campus
- 2. Vice President:
 - 1. Thank you to everyone who came out to the SGA study break!
 - 2. The women empowerment will be on zoom so if you're not comfortable going in-person you can still attend
- 3. Chief of Staff:
- 4. Executive Administrator:
 - 1. Had a great meeting and will have another one with PantherPower
 - 2. Made google link for SGA events so we can input event dates and everyone in SGA can see it
- 5. Deputy Chief of Staff (Elisabeth):
 - 1. Had a meeting involving textbook affordability, bill was passed by the board of trustees!
 - 2. Press release should be sent out sometime this week, we are also looking at effective ways to promote the Act, such as a website which is already up.
- 6. Deputy Chief of Staff (Paola):
 - 1. we are the first school in Florida to adopt this textbook affordability (Panther Bookpack)
 - 2. once you register for classes, there will be a \$20 per credit charge which functions as a rental fee or subscription.
 - 1. Say you have a 3 credit course, for \$60 you can use any textbooks or resources available at the FIU Bookstore for the time you take the class
 - 2. If you want to opt out you can, but if you opt out of one class you opt out of every class, you cannot pick and choose.
- 7. Secretary of Student Engagement:
 - 1. On march 1st I have a meeting with alpha kappa si to make sure our event is still underway.
 - 2. Waiting for last speaker for empowering women of law event to confirm before we start marketing
 - 3. Reached out to career and talent for mock trial event as well as CAPS event so they can add it to their timeline
 - 4. I'd like to begin promoting events on the SGA Instagram

- 5. I would also like to go over giveaways and see what is available and appropriate to give away
- 8. Secretary of Athletics:
 - 1. We have 4 baseball games, 2 basketball games this weekend
 - 2. If anyone is free at any point this weekend, we will have sports
 - 3. I would love to do a chick fil a giveaway at a game, since concessions isn't serving things at the moment this will be a good opportunity
 - 4. Saturday games will be double headers so we should talk to athletics to see which games will have the most attendance
- 9. Director of Athletic Affinity:
 - 1. We have a few games planned for giveaways and incentives
 - 1. Dates fall in March and April
 - 2. Big sports for spring are baseball and soccer
 - 1. We should focus on baseball because soccer will stay at half capacity so it isn't as difficult to get full attendance. Baseball will be more difficult to sell out
 - 3. We should work on a marketing campaign to inform students that their tickets are paid for in the athletic fees. We can also collaborate with health and wellbeing to let students know about their health fees
- 10. Secretary of Online and Remote Learning:
 - 1. Meeting with president of SPC
 - 2. Got in touch with FIU Online Instagram
 - 1. Purpose of meeting will be to discuss collaborations
 - 3. Met with student concerns committee in order to help pass legislations for vouchers for student parking
 - 1. Purpose of this meeting was to have organizations create and maintain a virtual presence
- 11. Secretary of Health & Wellbeing:
 - 1. Got an email for title IX representative
 - 1. Possibly planning meeting for womens empowerment
 - 2. Furthering plans for mental health webinar
- 12. Secretary of Diversity and Inclusion:
 - 1. Started talking to different cultural organizations and asked if they have any concerns that SGA can help with
 - 2. Wanted to plan an informative day or showcase for different resources that the students have when they pay their fees
- 13. Director of International Student Services:
 - 1. Continued reaching out to various international organizations and have begun collaborations
 - 1. Still looking for FIU interpreter
 - 2. Thinking of starting an informational passport program to highlight international students success
- 14. Elections Commissioner:
 - 1. SGA will have an election event march 10th
 - 1. We will be promoting event heavily, giveaways will be handed out
 - 2. Can we change the profile picture on the SGA elections Instagram account?
 - 1. Yes, we just have to confirm with publications
 - 3. The elections will be all virtual, although we will most likely table outside GC in case students have any questions

I.Meeting Adjourned at 5:05pm