



Florida A & M University

56th Student Senate | Fall Academic Term

First Session Agenda

August 24, 2026| 6:00 pm

Senate Chambers

A. Call to Order & Moment of Dedication - 6:04

B. Alma Matter / Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call / Verification of Quorum

Senator	Present	Absent	Excused
Kaden Calvas		X	
Ashton Scott		X	
Cayden Scriven	X		
Myia Tucker	X		
Darius Bartley	X		
Cameron Boateng	X		
Kenneth Darien		X	
Elijah Durant		X	
Tamya Bracelet			X
Kei Peterkin		X	
Stephon Sanders	X		
A&S Liaison Nathaniel Worrel	X		
Chairwoman Lauryn Canty	X		
Chairwoman Kennedy Figurs	X		
Chairman Glenroy Ogilvie		X	
Chairwoman Mykala McDonald	X		

Chairman Desmond Whitfield	X		
Pro-Tempore Jabari Mackey	X		
President Harmony Person	X		
Total (19)			

D. Approval of Agenda / Minutes - Chairwoman Figures moves, seconded by Chairmen Whitfield

E. Introduction of Guests and Speakers

- FSU Student President Lexi Holiday introduces herself and her cabinet
- Evan Lesure, Mr. FAMU does a brief introduction

F. Announcements and Committee Reports

i. Internal Development Committee:

- Training was hosted every Monday over the summer except for two which were observed due to federal holidays
- There was a quiz done based on what was learned from summer trainings, and the mean score for the Senate was an 81
- Another quiz will be done in November
- The most active senator over the summer was Senator Boateng
- SGA retreat was held 2 weeks ago
- Weak attendance from legislative branch but thanks to those who came

ii. Student Relations Committee:

- Over the summer they were able to develop a schedule for fall semester
- They will be tabling this Wednesday from 12-2, location TBD

iii. Activity & Service Fee Liaison:

- Reworked the activity and service fee template
- Attachment of finance codes
- First report is due on September 9th
- There will be a reminder email going out at the end of this meeting

iv. Organization & Finance Committee:

- Budget thanks to Senator Bartley

v. Elections & Appointments Committee:

- Over the summer they were able to host vacancy interviews
- 3 newly appointed Senators
- There are several confirmations on the way

vi. Judicial & Rules Committee:

- Reads public disclaimer to the gallery
- Judicial and rules committee participated in convention over the summer
- Cracking down on attendance and timeliness
- No more cell phones (only devices allowed are a laptop, iPad, or equivalent)
- Check email so interviews can be done for confirmations

vii. Senate Executive Committee: No Reports

viii. Branch Head Report:

- To prepare the 56th Student Senate to effectively advocate for the student body through strong legislation, accountability, transparency, and intentional student engagement.
- Areas of Focus
- Senator development and legislative readiness
- Constitutional and governmental reform
- Student advocacy and accessibility
- Internal organization and accountability
- Campus engagement and service
- Preparation for the Fall legislative session
- Summer Accomplishments
- Senate Preparation & Development
- Developed and facilitated onboarding and training for members of the 56th Student Senate.
- Provided senators with governing documents, legislative resources, bill templates, and procedural expectations.
- Incorporated practical legislative exercises to strengthen senators' skills in debate, funding decisions, and parliamentary procedure.
- Established standing committee meeting schedules and expectations ahead of the Fall semester.
- Constitutional & Legislative Reform
- Supported the May 20 Constitutional Convention and the development of proposed amendments for the Fall referendum.
- Focused proposed reforms on accountability, student rights, governmental structure, and stronger student representation.
- Developed legislation to improve awareness of student elections by requiring Declaration of Candidacy notifications through FAMMail.
- Student Advocacy
- Advocated for increased dining accessibility for students at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering.
- Prioritized making student government information and opportunities more accessible to the entire student body.
- Continued identifying areas where Senate legislation and advocacy can directly improve the student experience.
- Engagement & Senate Operations
- Coordinated Senate participation in Fall move-in and encouraged senators to remain visible through campus service.
- Began recruitment efforts to fill vacant Senate seats and strengthen student representation.
- Established legislative submission deadlines and review procedures to improve the quality and preparedness of bills before Senate sessions.
- Prepared the Senate to begin the Fall semester organized and ready to conduct business from the first session.
- Moving Forward

- The Fall 2026 focus will be on turning summer preparation into measurable results through student-centered legislation, stronger accountability, increased Senate visibility, and consistent advocacy for the needs of FAMU students.

G. Executive / Judicial Branch Report:

- Everyone was doing work over summer to make sure things are going good
- The SGA training that was hosted two weeks ago was comprehensive
- One motto for the duration of this school year
- Change in executive leadership (Vice-President)
- She has a focus on more government engagement
- Tri-Branch meeting Thursday at 6 PM
- The chief of staff email has been sending forms out, meetings will be sent out via calendar invites from chief of staff email
- Freshman class pinning ceremony (remember attire which will be reviewed in tri-branch meeting)
- Call time for convocation is 9:30, attire is all black
- This Friday is the Artist reveal, pep rally, and SGA crab boil
- Working on planning an event around AI and its ties to law
- There will be a J-branch representative at every senate meeting
- Few contradictions in government documents in correlation to J-branch
- They will work with the Electoral Commission to avoid potential issues when it comes to this years election
- Working to bring back leadership program for freshman

H. Campus Activities Board:

- Round of applause for their work
- Special shoutout to Morgan and the other committees

I. Lobbying and Speakers Forum:

- Ms. Moss - Thanks to everyone for coming to Freshman pinning ceremony on Sunday and training over the summer. Please be mindful of how you sit when you are at events representing SGA. Also it is imperative that everyone learns the alma mater and engages with/learns the rattler charge
- Dr. Nelson – Points out that there is a look, sound, and walk in regards to SGA and what that means to us. Post graduation you are going into the professional world so start preparing now. Today's tardiness is unacceptable, and it is expected that everyone shows up to student body meetings on time and if you are not willing to put in work dismissal letters can be sent out.
- Amany Hilario, excited to see 56th senate, happy to see gallery full, glad FSU senate is in attendance.

J. A&S Agency Reports - None

K. University Liaison Report - None

L. Second Roll Call

Senator	Present	Absent	Excused
Ashton Scott	X		
Kaden Calvas	X		

Cayden Scriven	X		
Myia Tucker	X		
Darius Bartley	X		
Cameron Boateng	X		
Kenneth Darien			X
Elijah Durant	X		
Tamya Bracelet			X
Kei Peterkin	X		
Stephon Sanders	X		
A&S Liaison Nathaniel Worrel	X		
Chairwoman Lauryn Canty	X		
Chairwoman Kennedy Figurs	X		
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M. Confirmation(s)

- Caitlin Smith (Student Government Association Vice President)

- Chairwoman McDonald is spearheading:
- Vice-President Caitlin does brief opener.
- Chairwoman McDonald - "What measurable goals would you set for yourself during your term and how would you evaluate you accomplishing them?"
- Plans set in motion prior to her arrival are executed.
- If you disagreed with a decision made by a branch leader how would you communicate your concerns while still fulfilling the responsibilities of your office?
- Understand perceptive of where the branch head is coming from, and simultaneously watching her tone during the conversation to remain respectful.
- Chairmen Whitfield new senator disclaimer on how to ask questions

- Senator Scriven What past positions have you held that make you qualified for this position as SGA Vice-President.
- Vice-President Caitlin – Secretary of Student welfare presented different legislation and put on events and programs that align with the Student Government Association documents. During the beginning and end of summer she served as chief of staff.
- Chairwoman Figurs - Identifying three duties of this office that you believe will require the most attention and how you will approach each one of them?
- Vice-President Caitlin – Homecoming steering chair is the most notable duty and ensuring she attends all meetings related to homecoming. Also making sure she knows exactly what's going on and making sure she executes what the student body wants to see during homecoming week. Additionally serving as a delegate for faculty senate and ensuring she is representing SGA well while also hearing out what those people have to say because she believes faculty at large is a unheard voice as well as students. Lastly, standing in for President and ensuring that if she is absent she is there respectfully and making it “pretty”.
- Achieving this position has been a significant challenge because she didn't know what it would entail or look like, but despite that she has learned a lot this past week since having this position. Additionally over the summer serving as chief of staff ensuring not only are people who are not on campus able to answer the questions and respond to the emails that she sends and the people around her.
- Senator Boateng – Identify a current student need that falls in the scope of your department and what could your office realistically do to address it?
- Serving as a delegate on the faculty senate, sitting in a room to hear things that most won't hear in regards to handling student matters.
- President Person -Motioned to bypass the rest of questioning.

Senator	For	Against	Obstain
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Ashton Scott	X		
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N. Unfinished Business

O. New Business

- SB26FA-001: Senator Boateng provides a quick summary of legislation.
 - Amend the duties of the electoral commissioner to include notifying all students on the first day of declaration of candidacy period at or before 10 AM via FAMU email that declaration of candidacy has begun. Notifying all students on the last day of declaration period at or before 10 AM via FAMU email that the declaration period will soon end.
 - President Persons point of information - skip first “where-as clause”
 - Chairman Whitfield point of information - for going into first read and stick to questions of intent and implication only
 - Chairwoman Figurs provides point of information you dont have to say “do you intend to... for it to be in proper formatting
 - Chairwoman Figurs – Do you intended to amend this language for concision around the allotted time for these emails?
 - Senator Boateng – Have more conversations with EC as to a good time to send out these emails due to understanding how difficult this may or may not be. Open to extending the announcement time listed on the bill. Also, he will work with EC to send these election emails at 10AM
 - Chairman Whitfield – What is your intended course of retroaction if emails arent sent at 10 AM or at all?
 - Senator Boateng - Enforced as any other rule in the system of student statutes
 - Chairwoman Kenzie - When do you plan on this legislation going into act?
 - Senator Boateng - Aims for Fall elections but he doesn’t want to rush it so he is open to rolling it over until the Spring semester
 - Senator Tucker - If email is not sent at 10 AM will the declaration of candidacy period still continue as scheduled?
 - Senator Boateng – Did not prepare for that question so he can workshop that. Yes it will remain on schedule, but penalties will be enforced for the not sending of these emails being enforced by student senate.
- IROP – Senator read a page and another senator explain what was read, no changes to IROP until a bill is enforced:
 - President Persons starts with reading – Senator Sanders provides summary of what was read

- Senator Calvas reads / Senator Scriven provides summary of what was read
- Senator Worrell - point of inquiry “zoom in”
- Chairwoman Figurs permanent exit
- Senator Bartley reads / Senator Tucker provides summary of what was read
- Chairwoman McDonald reads / Senator Peterkin provides a summary
- ALS Liaison Worrell reads / Senator Boateng provides a summary of what was read
- Chairman Whitfield reads / Senator Ogilvie provides a summary of what was read
- Moved forward to present the other half next meeting

- Fall 2026 Referendum:

- Walks through all updated articles in the referendum
- Constitutes convention, committee made changes, later on bring to senate, voted on 2/3 senate vote, once voted on and approved it will go on ballot for this upcoming election, after that goes through proper channels.
- ALS Liaison Worrell – Article I, how do you intend to instruct bias with allowing independent defense in council?
- Chairman Whitfield - You want them to be biased against you
- ALS Liaison Worrell - How do you intend to achieve justice with such bias?
- Moved to open gallery by ALS Liaison Worrell for 2 minutes
- Gallery - Already structured like a courtroom this is just cleaning up the verbiage
- Chairwoman Canty doesn't see the changes made to the volunteer list for Ec,
- Chairman Whitfield - changing the cap of volunteers for EC to 10-15,
- President Persons – With it not being on the doc it can't get approved,
- Moved to send it to J&R
- Senator Boateng, Article VIII - Just for clarification the campus activity director would make the cabinet for campus activity board?
- Chairman Whitfield - Comes with committees that are already set up so they decided to add the director as the branch head of CAB in the constitution
- Senator Boateng, Article 4.1 - When it comes to election of said council would they run on a ticket?
- Chairman Whitfield – That's a good question that they did not prepare for, it can be discussed on Thursday
- **SGA Vice-President Homecoming Ticket Report:** Students will have to pick a certain seat number, each section has different pricing, will be doing seating behind stage for the first time this year, the stage will be in a “T” layout. We have 4 total artist
- Senator Sanders temporary exit granted for 15 minutes
- Gallery opened for 2 minutes: How were numbers compared for student tickets? This year students can purchase tickets online through FAMU Ticketmaster. These prices were made prior to Vice-President Caitlin's term. On artist release day there will be 100 tickets that will cost 95 dollars for any seating location at AL Lawson. All quantitative data was made by past Vice-President Williams and was then given to new Vice-President Caitlin. Vice-President Caitlin has met with the people previous Vice-President Williams was working with and she is on the same page as them. Will past Vice-President Williams come speak before Senate to speak on behalf of his work for this years homecoming? No he will not be making an appearance.
- Chairman Whitfield - What is the expected revenue of this years homecoming concert?
- Gallery open for 2 minutes: Expected revenue is 1.2 million in net revenue. The expected cost of this years homecoming concert is 650,000. Attendance this year versus last year? More seats and the number of floor seats is TBD. ALS Liaison Worrell - there was only \$350,000 allocated to homecoming so where are the

remaining funds coming? The remaining funds will be coming from sponsors, Winning Circle is putting up the other 300,000. The revenue split after the concert would be 60/40 (60-SGA/50-Winning Circle).

- Gallery reopened: will ticket prices decrease due to ticket prices increasing so much? This years tickets are \$75 for general admission which is lower than last years. With this being the only way SGA can generate funds that may be where previous Vice-President Williams generated these numbers for prices. What pool of money will the split with winning circle be coming from?
- Gallery reopened for the remainder of this discussion. Will tickets go on sale to general public at the same time as students? Students will get no ticketmaster fees which makes the prices more comparable to last year. This years homecoming show is cheaper than last year which is why we are able to generate revenue from this years concert. Moved to approve sga vice-pre

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P. Senate Secretary Report – Chairmen Ogilvie recieved a Violation due to his attire

Q. Senator Open Forum -

- Senator Peterkin - Glad to see everyone and glad everyone has been vocal
- Senator Barkley – Glad to be here and very eye opening. Also, excited to see what happens this year
- Senator Boateng – Thanks to everyone in the gallery, congratulations to all the new elected
- Senator Sanders – Happy to be back, thanks to the gallery, and congratulations to all the new comers
- Senator Scriven – Compliments President Persons hair and the proper punication of his name is “Scriven like driven”
- Senator Calvas – Happy to be here and ready to make an impact
- Senator Tucker – Congrats to those who have been appointed, thank you to the gallery, and happy first day of class to everyone
- Chairwoman Canty – Ask everyone to please show up on time
- Senator Durant – Good experience and excited for the year
- Chairwoman McDonald – Happy FDOC and for those in E and J branch be ready for confirmations
- Chairman Ogilvie – Sorry for the attire
- A&S Liaison Worell – September 9th reports, once freshman here will look fuller
- Chairwoman Whitefield – Rereads his report, see yall Wednesday
- Pro-Tempore Mackey – Come to us and we will be there for yall, good to be back, blessed week
- Secretay Dixon – Excited to get to know everyone more
- Secretary Johnson – Apologizes for messing up Senator Scriven name
- President – Appreciate yall for showing up and she is proud of everyone, keep showing up to CAB events, shoutout to the gallery,

R. Final Roll Call

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Tamya Bracelet			
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A&S Liaison Nathaniel Worrel	X		
Chairwoman Lauryn Cauty	X		
Chairwoman Kennedy Figurs			
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S. Adjournment - 8:04