DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CABINET

Minutes

Date: October 2nd, 2025.

Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.

Members In Attendance: Hayden Kirkhart, Evelyn Greer, Kiersten Bible, Aidan Hayes, Atley Thompson, Ilayda Hacioglu, Emma Haley, Stedmond Smith, Mikayla Kloth, Cooper Mercier, Keirra Birch, Jamaal Bryant.

Advisor in Attendance (Non-Voting): Dr. Eddie Lovin

Members Not In Attendance: Brady Roehm, Keirra Birch

Guest: None.

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Student Government Association Cabinet was held in the SGA Office on October 2nd. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. with Hayden Kirkhart presiding.

Approval of Minutes……..…….....Hayden Kirkhart

On motion by Hayden Kirkhart to approve the minutes from September 25th, 2025. All members present and participating voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Introductions and General Overview of Items……..……Hayden Kirkhart

Continuation of all Homecoming preparations and thanks to all present for their help. Thank you to Jamaal for the Breast Cancer Balloon Release on October 1st and for everyone who donated. This week we had a meeting in regard to the Fall Fest. As well as a meeting for the presidents watch party with a DJ and tailgating on the quad. Saturday tailgating will begin at 1:00pm for the football game on October 24th and 25th. The president's office requested all student orgs to create a banner for the game and SGA will be participating. Bathrooms will be open at the president's house for this event. Student Leadership meeting happened today; went over ideas for the fall fest as well as asking for suggestions for student centered artists for the BPAC. Thank you to Cooper for having the first freshman rise meeting. Cooper will also be doing the first check on the office hours for everyone. Homecoming tailgating will have a compromise that the quad and Statesmen Park will be open, but if tailgating in Statesmen Park there should be no amplified sound an hour before and an hour after the game. Fireworks have been secured for the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Selected Topic/Issue for Cabinet Discussion

- None.

Business

Action

Delta Hat Quote……..Hayden Kirkhart

On motion by Hayden Kirkhart to approve up to $100 on the new Delta Hat and seconded by Evelyn Greer. All members present and participating voted unanimously to approve the price on the new Delta Hat.

2025-2026 Resolution 001……...……Evelyn Greer

On motion by Evelyn Greer to approve 2025-2026 Resolution 001 named Establishing the Fighting Okra as an Official Image and seconded by Kiersten Bible. Motion was tabled.

Cutlery and Decorations for the Hispanic Heritage Event……Ilayda Hacioglu

On motion by Ilayda Hacioglu to approve up to $115 on the Cutlery and Decorations for the Hispanic Heritage Event and seconded by Atley Thompson. Includes table clothes, banners, and plastic cutlery for the event. All members present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Cutlery and Decorations for the Hispanic Heritage Event.

Food and Drinks for the International Coffee Hour, Octoberfest Edition…….Ilayda Hacioglu

On motion by Ilayda Hacioglu to approve $130 for Food and Drinks for the International Coffee Hour, Octoberfest Edition and seconded by Kiersten Bible. Plans to serve a traditional German drink, pretzels, mini Haribo candys, and cutlery. All members present and participating voted unanimously to approve of the Food and Drinks for the International Coffee Hour, Octoberfest Edition.

Discussion

SSC Certification……Hayden Kirkhart

Student Success Center reached out about a Be There Certification for mental health support and crisis management on campus and are pushing students to complete it. The SSC is wanting to partner with SGA to help spread the word for this certification. Ideas from Evelyn saying that reaching out to professors to give extra credit to students as well as talking to Greek Life Leaders.

Pep Rally Schedule……Hayden Kirkhart

The parade will leave from Kent Wyatt at 7:00 pm. Announcer will begin the Pep Rally. Student and faculty games will take place then will be followed with the homecoming court announcements. Cheerleaders and football team will come out and everyone will sing the fight song well as having the fireworks begin. Spirit Stick winners and decades boards contest winners will be announces and everyone will be directed to the DSU Skate Birthday Party.

Food Trucks at Green Glow Party……Hayden Kirkhart

Food vendors will be invited to the Green Glow Party for students to purchase food at the party. Potential for SGA to give away tickets for free food during the Glow Party the first two hours (8:00pm- 10:00pm).

Fall Sports Senior Day……Hayden Kirkhart

The Office of Engagement and Advocacy are hosting Fall Fest on November 15th in Statesmen Park. It is possible to offer a different activity for every hour after the game to keep people there instead of going home.

Valdosta Watch Party……Hayden Kirkhart

Ideas for having the Valdosta Game as a Watch Party on November 8th on the quad to watch the games on a big screen with providing refreshments.

Cabinet Reports

- President:
    - Self Defense Class will be October 9th at 5:30 pm
    - Homecoming week is coming up
    - Encourage people to sign themselves and their teams up for the Okra Olympics sign-ups will be closed on Friday next week
    - Will send in a sign up for the tent for the Homecoming Banner
    - Lip Sync is November 12th
    - October 12th is the International Coffee Hour: Oktober Fest Edition
- Vice President:
    - Blue Light Boxes are being added to conversation for better campus security.
    - New bill being worked on for an increased number of outdoor shaded areas. Those Senate members will be directed to Dr Coleman.
    - There will be a no-go for the "Let's Go" proposal
- Chief of Justice:
    - Parking tickets are now being given out
- Athletic Affairs:
    - No Report
- Spirits and Traditions:
    - Still in the talking process about the cake and cupcakes for the DSU Birthday Party.
- Public Relations:
    - No Report
- Attorney General:

    - No Report
- Director of Engagement & Advocacy:
    - No Report
- International Affairs:
    - No Report
- Director of The Big Green Event:
    - No Report
- Chief of Staff:
    - First Freshman Rise Meeting Went Well
    - Get hours; Will be counted at the end of Homecoming
- Director of Health and Wellness:
    - Domestic Violence Awareness and Self-Defense Workshop will be held October 9th at 5:30pm
    - Donations for the Child Advocacy Center are due October 17th.
    - Mental Health Awareness Day will be October 10th.
    - Epilepsy Awareness Workshop on November 13th.
- Secretary/ Treasurer:
    - Budget as of 10/02/25 is $49,653.39

Information/Calendar items and announcements:

- The Green Print Homecoming Parade Registration Due October 14th @ 11:59pm
- Horror Movie Night October 2nd @ 7:00 pm in Foundation Hall
- Self Defense Class and Lecture October 9th @ 5:30 pm in Wyatt Gym
- Speed Friending October 9th in the State Room

Adjournment: 8:22 p.m.

- Next Cabinet Meeting- Thursday, October 9th @ 7:00 p.m.
    - Topic: TBD.