



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA  
FIRST YEAR COUNCIL

October 17th , 2024

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**I. Roll Call - Began at 6:00**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**III. Ice Breaker** - If you were to have any animal as a pet, what would it be?

**IV. Guest Speaker: Kyla Carpenter**

- Homecoming Chair
- Shirts brought for HOCO week
- Helping with Junk the Jungle – experience it as a part with SGA, wear appropriate bottoms with our polo, toilet paper is provided
- Traffic circle closes for event – blocked at 5:30
- Table is Tuesday-Thursday 10-2
- Tuesday: Trucker Hat Bar
- Thursday: Custom sign event
- Wednesday: FYC's photo booth event Southpaw or Miss Pawla will be there (SGA wearing polo for that so we will also wear polos)
- Friday is the bonfire, multitude of events, homecoming court – be there 3:30 or 4:00, there is Build a Jag, food vouchers for food trucks, also get to support homecoming court officially

**V. Officer Reports**

- Martha Claire Thaxton: President - SGA meeting went well, went to a conference two Sundays ago at AUM for Freshmen Leaders, got to learn about a lot of freshmen experience, very happy with the FYC discount post
- Owen Stubbs: Vice President - Great job with Student Resources and Outreach post, great time at the conference, ate Hardees
- Olivia McDonald: Secretary - Just to piggyback off of what was discussed, the conference we attended was very informative and I am very excited to bring that to FYC and hope it can grow my leadership skills.

**VI. Committee Reports**

- Governmental Relations: Benjamin Bruce –
  - The Voter Registration event went very well, we discussed with 22 people about voting, 15 of those people already registered to vote, 6 we registered, and 13 we got absentee ballots, and 21/22 people said they would vote.
  - We will be tabling with Azalea on October 29th, if you want to get SouthServe hours with it, you can sign up for service hours but you will not be representing FYC
  - Hosting an Election Watch Party from November 6th from 6-9 pm in the Gamma Multipurpose Building – registration event, office hours available by working this event
- Student Engagement: Katie Shanks
  - Meeting in 2 weeks, costume dress code, treats will be provided
- Campus Safety and Improvement: Helen Hendrix
  - Someone interested in self defense class
  - Tabling event between now and Thanksgiving, focused around the LiveSafe app
  - Promoting our app using QR codes on TVs throughout common areas
  - Getting flashlights with campus police number
- Student Resources and Outreach: Olivia Keller
  - We are working on doing a tabling event with mental health awareness a week before finals
  - Undecided on what the event will be – making crafts or something relaxing
- Public Relations and Marketing: Liza Mays
  - Picture day is Sunday!
  - Wear a nice pair of jeans or darker dress pants, no rips or anything
  - FYC posts coming out, and fill out form

**VII. Old Business**

**VIII. New Business**

**IX. Sprinks Speaks**

- The prowl will begin 1:45 on Saturday, folks from SGA will be driving HOCO court in golf cars
- Michelob Ultra – need a ticket to get in that, want to bring a friend and just hang out, ask her for another ticket

- Do not have to stay the whole time
- We have an opportunity to lighting the trees they will put up on campus near the mound, there will be two huge trees and on November 19th, there will be an event to do that, and last year FYC paid for a photo booth
- Potential to pay for hot chocolate and refreshments, look into options for what else we could do, Martha Claire needs to write a bill for this, send her an email if any ideas pop into head – started around 5:30 last year.
- Holiday music and performance, Jo Bonner is there

**X. Hone in with Hamilton**

- **USA Day** - November 2nd, enough people for tabling and setup, but if something happens on the Saturday of, text Mak and let her know
- **Mentor/Mentee Meeting** - You can also log these as office hours
- **Homecoming Tabling Sign Up Sheet** - She has the time sheet for signing up in increments, you can sign up soon for what shifts you can work, no more than four for a shift, October 23rd from 11-3. If doing the 3:30 shift, make sure you tell Heather everything is taken care of, Mak is available all day until that last hour but just text her if needed.
- **Polo Attire** - Wear that for Junk the Jungle, just wear appropriate bottoms
- **Google Calendar** - Please look out for each event so we can all support each other so you know what is going on

**XI. Student Forum - Nothing**

**XII. Announcements**

- Hamilton - Our Oozefest team is official, so come out and support from 9-2
- Liza: Stick around for group photo

**XIII. Adjourn @ 6:28**