



ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

Student Government Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 27, 2026

1. Opening of Meeting

1. Call to order at 5:06 p.m.
2. Pledge of Alliance: Conducted
3. First roll call (Key: X absent, O present)
 - President Isingizwe O
 - Vice President Osman O
 - Chair Bhandari (Tech Fees) O
 - Chair Baidya (PR) O
 - Chair Steimann (Fee Allocation) O
 - Chair Dahlke (Senate Finance) O
 - Senator Zarneke (Athletics) O
 - Senator Igabaneza (International Students) O
 - Senator Kumar (Campus Involvement) X
 - Senator Schoonover (Campus Services) O
 - Senator Burson (DEI) O
 - Senator Dahal (Legislative Affairs) X
 - Senator Eleanor (At-Large) O
 - Senator Kirton (At-Large) X
 - Senator Olson (At-Large) X
4. Motioned for closed door meeting: Approved
5. Approval of today's agenda: Approved

2. Open Gallery 1: Senate Finance Hearing

1. No report for today.

3. Internal Election

1. As the Student Government Association constitution states the President (President Isingizwe) is in charge of nominating the chairs for the Student government Association.
 1. Reagan Lumbard for Justice committee.
 - a. Background: She's been in the senate for over a year, was a previous senator. She's knowledgeable when it comes to the Operations of the Student Government association and its constitution.
 2. Heidi Iten for Executive Assistant.

- a. Background: She's the treasurer for Speech and Debate. She has extensive knowledge, and the Student Government Association can use that knowledge.
- 3. Riley Dahlberg for Legislative Affairs Chair.
 - a. Background: He's been working in the Minnesota State Senate. He was also a part of the Student Government Association previously. And because of his experience his knowledge would be beneficial to the current Student Government Association.
- 4. Kriti Baidya for Public Relations Chair.
 - a. Background: She's been with public relations since 2024. She has also helped with different initiatives so because of this knowledge it would be beneficial to the Student Government Association.
- 2. President Isingizwe asked for a motion from the senate to vote in Reagan Lumbard, Heidi Iten, Riley Dahlberg and Kriti Baidya.
 - 1. Motion passed
- 3. Vice President Osman seeks to appoint a faculty adviser for the Student Government Association.
 - 1. Dr. Linda J. Butenhoff for Faculty Advisor.
 - a. Background: She is the current head of the Political Science and International Relation Department. She's been at Saint Cloud State since 1998. She believes that for the student board leaders, the students should be the leaders. She hasn't been involved with Student Government before.
- 4. Vice president Osman asked for a vote to appoint Linda J. Butenhoff as Faculty Advisor.
 - 1. Dr. Linda J. Butenhoff is voted in as the Faculty Advisor.

4. Plenary Session I

- 1. Vice President Osman mentioned that Senators are required to join at least one standing committee, or one fee committee.

5. Officer Reports

- 1. President
 - 1. President Isingizwe had a meeting August 27th, with the university provost, who introduced us to the idea of the Student Success Committee, Search Committee.
 - 2. He had a meeting with the faculty association president, Dr. Samir, about how we can collaborate as a student union with the faculty union.
 - 3. He had a meeting with the Director for Risk and Management in the Systems Office about international health insurance. It's an ongoing discussion, and also over the summer, President Isingizwe had a meeting with the Students United, which is the state representation of the Students' Union.

4. Students United will be visiting our campus October 15th.
5. Sometime in November there will be an Advocacy Conference being held on campus.
2. Vice President
 1. No Report
3. Chief Justice
 1. No Report
4. Executive Assistant
 1. No Report

6. Committee Reports

1. Tech Fee
 1. No Report
2. Fee Allocation
 1. No Report
3. Senate Finance
 1. No Report
4. Legislative Affairs
 1. Getting students registered and turned out to vote with the upcoming midterms. Doing dorm storms in relation to getting students to vote. Class Conversations, giving them handouts, and encouraging them to fill out these pledge forms.
 2. Seeking out funding, essentially, to compensate senators for their time in addition to the office hours, which is something that Student Government has had in the past.

7. Closing of Meeting

1. Plenary Session II: None
2. Open Gallery II: None
3. Open Statement: None
4. Last roll call (Key: X absent, O present)
 - President Isingizwe O
 - Vice President Osman O
 - Chief Justice Lundblad O
 - Executive Assistant Iten O
 - Chair Bhandari (Tech Fees) O
 - Chair Baidya (PR) O
 - Chair Dahlberg (Legislative Affairs) O
 - Chair Steimann (Fee Allocation) O
 - Chair Dahlke (Senate Finance) O
 - Senator Zarneke (Athletics) O
 - Senator Igabaneza (International Students) O
 - Senator Kumar (Campus Involvement) X

- Senator Schoonover (Campus Services) 0
 - Senator Burson (DEI) 0
 - Senator Dahal (Legislative Affairs) X
 - Senator Eleanor (At-Large) 0
 - Senator Kirton (At-Large) X
 - Senator Olson (At-Large) X
4. Adjournment – Adjourned at 5:41 p.m.