



ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

Student Government Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September, 17, 2026

1. Opening of Meeting

1. Call to order at 5:15 p.m.
2. Pledge of Alliance: Conducted
3. First roll call (Key: X absent, O present)
 - President Isingizwe O
 - Vice President Osman O
 - Chief Justice Lundblad O
 - Executive Assistant Iten X
 - Chair Ethan Steinman (Fee Allocation) O
 - Chair Dahlke (Senate Finance) O
 - Chair Dahlberg (Legislative Affairs) X
 - Chair Bhandari (Tech Fee) X
 - Senator Zarnecki (Athletics) X
 - Senator Schoonover (Campus Services) O
 - Senator Burson (DEI) X
 - Senator Igabaneza (International Students) X
 - Senator Knight (At-Large) O
 - Senator Kirton (At-Large) O
 - Senator Arellano (At-Large) O
4. Approval last meeting minutes: Approved
5. Approval of today's agenda: Motion
 - a. Moving Officer Reports to Teams
 - b. Updated

2. Open Gallery 1: Dr. Gregory Tomso, Matthew Trombley, Javelia Morrison Galimore

1. Javelia Morrison Galimore
 1. She's teaming with Saint Cloud and Downtown Alliance.
 2. The Greater St. Cloud Cooperation Board is looking to engage more with students, including offering job shadowing and, potentially, internship or externship opportunities; details are still being finalized on the Board's end.
 3. Two participation dates were announced: Thursday, October 22 and Thursday, October 29, both from 3 to 5 p.m.

4. A flyer describing the opportunity has been (or will be) disseminated to the Senate; digital copies are available for any new students who could benefit.
 5. President Isingizwe has committed that campus leadership will participate even where he personally cannot attend, in order to sustain the university's partnerships with downtown businesses.
 6. Approximately four Senate members are being requested to participate, and their involvement would be greatly appreciated.
2. Matthew Trombley (Vice President of Student Affairs)
1. Introduced himself to the Senate; his office is in Atwood 110. His area oversees departments that support the student experience, including the medical clinic, housing, the Atwood Center, the Veterans Resource Center, and the Career Center.
 2. Will appear before SGA in the future for formal matters requiring consultation, such as changes to tuition, fees, programs, or services, and meets on a regular schedule with the SGA President and Vice President. He is also available informally through his office manager or by email.
 3. **Campus dining:** Every ten years a request for proposal goes out to select a campus dining partner. The university has moved from Chartwells to Sodexo, referred to in earlier discussion as "Takedo." The university is in "year one" of the new partnership, similar to the last transition, which brought Chick-fil-A to campus.
 - a. Sodexo has hired back more than 90 percent of the student employees who previously worked for Chartwells; some management staff stayed on, and some new Sodexo management has come in.
 - b. The Master Service Agreement, which sets overall financial and liability terms between the university and Sodexo, is still being negotiated (primarily by the Office of General Counsel). A letter of intent to negotiate in good faith is in place, and operations began July 1.
 - c. The contract's first-year Statement of Work is amended annually and is where specific operational commitments, such as a swipe-share program for students in need of a meal, are defined; that program is expected to be implemented once the master agreement is signed.
 - d. Student feedback is expected to shape future amendments to the Statement of Work, including dining hours, formal feedback mechanisms, and rotating dining concepts such as Husky Bites (menu changes roughly every five weeks).
 - e. The binding/exclusive dining contract for student organizations (purchases over \$100 for events) continues to apply in Atwood Center and the National Hockey Center, the two locations where dining is contractually exclusive; it does not apply in other campus buildings.

4. **Residence hall security:** Door locks for bathrooms and dorm rooms, which were not previously active, have been repaired and are now in effect, partly in response to feedback from earlier SGA meetings. Mitchell Hall now has a full-time hall director after an extended vacancy last year following a mid-year resignation.
5. Q&A: Chief Justice Lundblad asked whether SGA could have input into the ongoing Sodexo contract negotiations. Trombley explained that the high-level Master Service Agreement is being handled by the Office of General Counsel, but that student feedback has a direct role in the annual Statement of Work amendment.
3. Dr. Gregory Tomso (President of Student Affairs)
 1. \$6 million in pledges for the school this year. We have grown our transfer student numbers by 2%. Enrollment is still down by 7% mainly due to international students not being able to get Visas.
 2. Replanning and rebuilding when it comes to advertisement and recruitment, advising along with that. Lots more happening on campus.
 3. What SCSU is working with other schools, have figured a different, five new people that were hired are now working specifically with other schools. Going after students in Seattle in two year schools.
 4. New chair of the board of trustees in Minnstate, Don Heraldson, this may cause some changes to the upper lever division of education.
 5. Just hired our school orientation coordinator. Launching Zeeme after prospective graduates, trying to promote connection.
 6. Cuts this year: \$3 million budget cut is needed so far this year. The office of budget says potentially the University may give us \$10 million. President Tomso is hoping for some money to go towards the university so that he doesn't have to make cuts like taking away programs or jobs.

3. Hearings

1. Senate Finance Hearing
 - a. No report

4. Internal Election

1. Fatuma Hassan
 - a. Background: Junior double majoring in Political Science and Computer Engineering, went to Apollo and did student Council there for two years.
 - b. Candidate statement: Until last year was unaware of student government till last year. Communication with more students letting more people know about student government.
 - c. Unanimously voted in.
2. Alvin Tarwo
 - a. Background: Graduate student in market studies and applied economics with an emphasis in analytics; U.S. Army veteran; a student parent.

b. Candidate statement: Motivated primarily by two issues affecting international students, health insurance fees he considers excessive compared to cheaper private options available at other U.S. schools and by fairness concerns for domestic and online students who pay insurance/health fees despite already carrying private insurance or studying entirely online.

c. Unanimously voted in.

3. Allison Cattell

a. Background: Senior majoring in Marketing; transferred from Ramsey; works in marketing for the Husky Food Pantry; member of PTK and TRIO; recently joined DECA; resident advisor.

b. Candidate statement: Senior majoring in Marketing; transferred from Ramsey; works in marketing for the Husky Food Pantry; member of PTK and TRIO; recently joined DECA; resident advisor.

c. Unanimously voted in.

5. Plenary Session I

1. Unfinished Business— The United States Student Association (USSA)

1. President Isingizwe has a resolution that helps the Saint Cloud State University Student Government to join the United States Student Association.
2. Chief Justice Lundblad clarified that the version under discussion was superseded by an edited version with the same content, updated to reflect the correct date (September 17) and additional sponsors: Chair Steinman, Senator Knight, Senator Schoonover, and Senator Arellano.
3. Passed Unanimously.

1. New Business

1. None

6. Senatorial Reports

1. Moved to Teams

7. Closing of Meeting

1. Last roll call (Key: X absent, O present)

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- Executive Assistant Iten O
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- Senator Knight (At-Large) O
- Senator Kirton (At-Large) O
- Senator Arellano (At-Large) O
- Senator Hassan (At-Large) O
- Senator Tarwo (At-Large) X
- Senator Cattell (At-Large) O
- Advisor Dr. Battenhoff O

2. Adjournment – Adjourned at 7:18 p.m.