



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
FIRST YEAR COUNCIL

February 13, 2025

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Ice Breaker:

Dead or alive, who would you want to be your Valentine?

IV. Guest Speaker: Julie Estes (Level Up)

- Dr. Estes: I want to improve what we do, and we want to bring Level Up to life
- We just want to introduce you to Level Up and show you how to apply these principles into what you are doing
- Level Up wants to help develop skills that employers truly care about – “Ready, Set, Go” mindset, on how you reflect on personal values and how to set your pathway up for yourself
- The Go Activity happens when you look back on your time here at South
- We are up and running in our 2nd year, and we have academic support units, such as Study Abroad
- In South Serves, we are partnering with them to help volunteer based off your skill sets
- One way we want to help you reflect on your experiences, through your E-portfolio
- Find your ePortfolio through the South Alabama website

V. Officer Reports

- Martha Claire Thaxton: President -
 - Thank you so much for participating in our Valentine Day exchange
 - Next week we are not having a meeting because of Higher Ed Day
 - I had a lady reach out to me about Study Abroad and she was in FYC, and they are taking in people for study abroad in the summer, and they are looking for more people
- Owen Stubbs: Vice President -
 - Thank you for moving slowly
 - Thank you to everybody for bringing candy
 - Congrats to everyone who made Southerners

- Olivia McDonald: Secretary -
 - Congrats to everyone who tried for Southerners

VI. Committee Reports

- Governmental Relations: Benjamin Bruce
 - Just a quick few things, Higher Ed day is the 20th
 - Sign making day, bring ideas for signs and bring a chant for the march the night before
 - Please fill out the permission slip by Wednesday that Heather sent out
 - We are tabling on the 26th for the post Higher Ed day results
- Student Engagement: Katie Shanks
 - No report
- Campus Safety and Improvement: Helen Hendrix
 - No report
- Student Resources and Outreach: Olivia Keller
 - Video of the Jag Pantry tomorrow, so when you see that on Instagram make sure you share it
- Public Relations and Marketing: Liza Mays
 - Thank you for interacting with Sydney's takeover, Ella will be doing the takeover for next week for Higher Ed Day

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Sprinks Speaks

- Thank you to everyone who has been hanging out in the office and thank you to everyone who handed out candy
- If you did not get Southerners this year, you can still try next year
- SGA application open next Friday, and open house is Monday, February 24th, talk to Mak or me about any questions with SGA
- I am happy to help with any campaigning ideas

X. Hone in with Hamilton

- **Flagship Scholars Tabling**
 - If you are tabling for that, this is on Monday
- **Office Hours Changed**
 - I changed my office hours, I will text my new hours in the groupchat, I just wanted to let everyone know
- **Higher Ed Day**
 - Next Thursday, you should have gotten an email if you signed up for Higher Ed Day
- **Transition Booklet Template**
 - I have finished the booklet template so be on the lookout for that, you all have sections of the transition booklet you are required to do, every person in the committee has something to fill out for it
 - Work together on it, do not leave it to just your committee chair

XI. Student Forum

- Southerners has a networking event next Tuesday, highly suggest this
- If you are going, please let Mak know, someone has to sign her name at the door, it is business casual to business professional
- AOPI is selling roses in the student center and humanities tomorrow from 12-5 pm, please come out and buy one
- Southerners has puppies at the Mac tomorrow from 11-1 pm
- The Catholic Student Association is hosting a ping pong tournament, anyone is welcome to come and do ping pong, Sunday at 11 am.
- The Symphony Band is having a concert on February 25th at 7 pm
- Food drive for Alpha Gamma Delta
- Dancing with the Taus on February 20th, doors open at 7 it starts at 8, each sorority is dancing with a member from ATO, all the proceeds go to philanthropy

XII. Announcements

- **Trivia Night for Women's History Month**

XIII. Adjourn