



**72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate  
Oversight Committee  
Date: 10/06/2020 via zoom**

**Call to Order:** 5:06 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Gonzalez, Vice Chair Medley-Neyra, Senator(s) Acanda, Adams, Alvarez, Rudd, Tookes, Waters

**Members Absent:** Senator(s) Primožic, Wilkinson

**Guests:** Senate President Ahmad Daraldik, Senator Jason Randall, Jack Rowan, Brian Dorvil

**Announcements:**

- Chair - Still unsure about SOE and OGA failed candidates, will probably know soon. Remember to check your bias' as you approach interviews. Also remember we have set a standard in this committee, which you do beautifully, and I hope you all continue to uphold that standard.
- Vice Chair - Florida State University's SISTUHs Inc. is hosting an event this Sunday at 11 a.m. this Sunday for National Coming Out Day. I will be one of the guest speakers that morning, and I encourage you all to attend.
- Members -
  - Senator Waters: The voter registration date was extended to 7 p.m. today
- Guests - X

**Committee Business:**

- Interviews for the Office of Governmental Affairs Board of Directors and Asian American Student Union Treasurer

**New Business:**

- **Interview #1:** Emmabella Rudd for Office of Governmental Affairs Board of Directors
  - **Opening:** The candidate is a second year student, service scholar, and is very passionate about lifting others up; looks forward to being an attorney and advocating for human's rights.
  - **Technical Non-Debatable:**
    - None.
  - **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
    - Senator Waters: Can you describe what getting Service Scholars involved with OGA looks like to you?
      - Candidate wants to reach out with her connections at the Center for Leadership and Social Change and get them involved with OGA; possibly hosting townhalls.
    - Senator Alvarez: Can you further elaborate on your goal to further involve FAMU with FSU?

- Candidate recognizes the importance of unity between the universities, and hopes to communicate with FAMU to work on legislation that makes sense for both campuses.
  - Senator Waters: Could you describe why policy is important to you?
    - Candidate was diagnosed with a chronic disease and began wanting to educate others on the disease. Policy quickly became a part of that goal to educate others.
  - Chair Gonzalez: Could you describe what goals you would like to see on the Legislative Agenda?
    - Candidate is passionate about mental health on campus; she recognizes that circumstances have quickly shifted, since we started to hold lectures remotely. Candidate wants to make the transition to college for incoming students as smoothly as possible. Candidate is also passionate about gender inclusive housing. The candidate will ensure that the plan set in place for gender inclusive housing is included on the Legislative Agenda. Candidate also wants to implement an activist/advocacy education for Noles engaged in Politics. Candidate wants to ensure that the renaming of buildings is implemented within the Legislative Agenda as well.
  - Chair Gonzalez: Nonpartisanship is important for this role; How will you ensure that you remain nonpartisan
    - The Candidate has been nonpartisan for as long as they can remember; they do not align with either parties within the United States. The candidate knows that the more nonaffiliated they are, the more effective they can be as an advocate.
- **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
  - Chair Gonzalez: Could you unpack your character for me? How does that play into your conflict resolution?
    - The candidate is extremely driven and passionate, she sets goals for herself and fully intends to meet those deadlines. The candidate wants to keep her line of communication open with all of her colleagues; sets a high emphasis on communication.
  - Senator Tookes: What is your aim as far as your moral compass is concerned?
    - Candidate believes the term “representation” closely describes her moral compass. Candidate wants to ensure that her constituents feel represented.
  - President Daraldik: do you believe you have passed the vibe check?
    - Yes.
- **Closing:** Candidate appreciates the committee’s hard work and is excited to be considered for this position.
- **Deliberations**
  - Roundtable
- **Motion to Call the Question**
  - Senator Waters
  - Senator Medley-Neyra
- **Voting Results**
  - Yes - (6) Senators Acanda, Adams, Alvarez, Medley-Neyra, Tookes, Waters.
  - No - (0)

- Abstention - (0)
  - **Candidate passes.**
  - **Motion to Recess until 5:56 p.m.**
    - Senator Medley-Neyra
    - Senator Waters
- **Interview #2: Sonali Pustam for Asian American Student Union Treasurer**
  - **Opening:** Is very excited to be here, the Asian American Student Union means a lot to her.
  - **Technical Non-Debatable:**
    - Senator Acanda : Are you financially certified?
      - Yes.
  - **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
    - Senator Acanda: Within your position, if forwarded,
      - Candidate hopes to help students adjust to the online climate since the start of the pandemic?
    - Senator Waters: What is the operational budget looking like for the coming year?
      - The total budget is \$18,024
    - Senator Waters: Is there any sort of contingency document that was given to you? Do you have one prepared for your predecessor?
      - Yes.
    - Chair Gonzalez: Can you describe what you believe qualifies you for this position?
      - Candidate has assisted parents managing their business since she was a child.
    - Senator Alvarez: How do you intend to use your position to better the agency?
      - By trying to get more zoom meetings going on; we're transitioning to the online atmosphere.
    - Senator Tookes: How do you plan to represent those who are different from you?
      - Not a lot of people know that Indians and Indian culture is a part of the greater Asian culture as well.
    - Senator Randall: How does fiscal responsibility play into your position for you?
      - Handling money is very important. The candidate believes that maintaining trust and integrity is the best way to ensure fiscal responsibility.
  - **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
    - Senator Adams : What is the hardest part of being a member, not a leader, of a team. How do you intend to use that knowledge in your position?
      - Knowing when to speak, and when to not. It is important to know how to work well with others.
    - Senator Tookes: What would you say your leadership style is?
      - Listening to others is really important to the candidate.
    - Senator Gonzalez: Can you unpack your character for me? How does that play into your conflict resolution?
      - Candidate shared a personal experience that did not answer the question.

