



**72nd Student Senate
Oversight Committee
Date: 09.15.2020 via zoom**

Call to Order: 5:03 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Senator(s) Ryan

Guests: Senate President Ahmad Daraldik, Pro-Tempore Alexander Harmon, Secretary Rawan Abhari, Kenesha Chalemon

Announcements:

- Chair - Asia Lavender couldn't make it to today's interview, so we'll only be interviewing five candidates.

Committee Business:

- Bill 92, Interview(s) for the Medical Response Unit Director, Office of Governmental Affairs' Deputy Director (OGA), OGA's Internal Assistant Director position, OGA Board of Directors (2).

Old Business:

- **Bill 92** - Sponsored by Vice-Chair Chabot - To amend the candidate screening process
 - **Opening Statement**
 - Chabot: This bill removes the conflict of interest that members of the executive cabinet might have when appointing candidates to positions.
 - **Technical, Non-Debatable**
 - None
 - Senator Waters moves to enter Round Table Discussion
 - Senator Alvarez seconds
 - **Discussion**
 - Roundtable debate
 - Senator Waters argues that this bill should be more detailed, oversight is needed.
 - Senator Alvarez shares the same sentiment.
 - Senate Waters encourages the committee to consider amending the legislation.
 - Senator Waters motions to amend the legislation to define the term 'personal relationship' with the definition "A personal relationship shall be defined as an existing relationship that falls outside of personal interaction" under subsection E as E1.

- Senator Acanda seconds the motion
 - The sponsor finds it friendly and the amendment is accepted.
- Senator Acanda moves to call the question
- Senator Rudd seconds
- **Vote**
 - Yes (8) - Senator(s) Vice-Chair Medley-Neyra, Senator(s) Acanda, Adams, Alvarez, Rudd, Tookes, Waters, Wilkinson
 - No (0)
 - Abstention (0)
- **RESULT**
 - The Bill passes the Oversight Committee.

New Business:

Interview #1: Gabrielle O'Brien for Medical Response Unit Director

- **Opening:** Currently works as a FIG leader, works as an EMT at an Emergency Room
- **Technical Non-Debatable:**
 - Senator Acanda : Are you financially certified?
 - Candidate response: Yes.
- **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
 - Senator Adams: How do you anticipate adjusting your position to the new online climate?
 - Candidate response: Wants to ensure all responders informed on what is happening with the unit and the procedures.
 - Senator Waters: Why was the "Press The Chest" event so important to you?
 - She wanted to bring CPR education to students.
 - Senator Waters: How do you hope to publicize the Medical Response Unit to students?
 - Candidate Response: By being able to implement health education to students and teachers and the general public to further public knowledge.
- **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
 - Senator Acanda: Have you had an experience where you've had to work with some you don't agree with? And like, what's your leadership style?
 - Candidate response: Yes, the candidate has had those experiences in the past. They try to encourage communication between colleagues.
 - **Closing:** Wants to reiterate that they are very passionate about this position and hopes to improve the unit in the future.
- **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
- **Motion to Call the Question**
 - Senator Waters motions to Call the Question
 - Senator Acanda seconds
- **Vote:**
 - **Yes (8):** Senator(s) Acanda, Adams, Alvarez, Medley-Neyra, Rudd, Tookes, Waters, Wilkinson
 - **No (0)**

- **Abstention (0)**
- **RESULT:** Candidate passes.

Interview #2: Sofia Herrera for Office of Governmental Affairs Deputy Director

- **Opening:** Candidate is excited about the position. Listed experience.
- **Technical Non-Debatable:**
 - Senator Waters: Are you financially certified with SGA?
 - Candidate response: Needs to be renewed
 - Senator Medley-Neyra: Did you have a third party look over your application before you sent it in?
 - Not in an official capacity, but had friends look over the application.
- **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
 - Senator Alvarez: What ideas do you currently have for this OGA position?
 - Candidate response: Planned Garner and Gold votes last semester, but it was canceled due to COVID19. Wants to use social media to push advertisements for voting.
 - Senator Waters: What part of the legislative agenda are you most passionate about?
 - Candidate response: Changing the names of buildings. The candidate believes students are paying attention. Wants to emphasize changing the names of buildings this coming semester.
 - Senator Waters: How do you hope to garner support for the Legislative Agenda
 - Candidate response: Create a survey and reach out to RSO's and Agencies to get their input. Reach out to as many people as possible to call attention to the legislative agenda.
 - Senator Medley-Neyra: Can you tell us about an experience you've had in one of the two leadership positions shown on your resume and describe what your responsibilities were within this role?
 - Candidate response: Not a lot of students know about OGA, the candidate had to organize tabling events and meet with agencies and RSO's on campus
 - Senator Medley-Neyra: How do you think your responsibilities within this role will translate to the position of OGA Deputy Director?
 - Candidate Response: Been in OGA for a while, wants to have more say in how things are done.
- **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
 - Senator Waters: Who is your favorite politician and why?
 - Candidate response: John F. Kennedy, but more recently my favorite politician in Elizabeth Warren.
 - Chair Gonzalez: What is your leadership style?
 - Candidate response: Doesn't want to say that she's a perfectionist. Wants to make sure we have a "stable base so that we can move forward".
 - Chair Gonzalez: How would you describe your character and how do you think that will translate to the position of OGA?

- Candidate response: Patient and open-minded, when conflicts arise, the candidate wants to listen to everyone. Wants to emphasize “patients is so so important”
- **Closing:** Is really excited to be considered for this position.
- **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
- **Motion to Call the Question**
 - Senator Waters motions to Call the Question
 - Senator Adams seconds
- **Vote:**
 - **Yes (7):** Senator(s) Acanda, Adams, Alvarez, Primozić, Tookes
 - **No (1):** Senator Medley-Neyra
 - **Abstention (3):** Senator(s) Rudd, Waters, Wilkinson
- **Revote:**
 - **Yes (5):** Senator(s) Acanda, Adams, Alvarez, Primozić, Tookes, Waters, Wilkinson
 - **No (3):** Senator(s) Medley-Neyra, Waters, Wilkinson
 - **Abstention (1):** Senator Rudd
- **RESULT:** Candidate passes

Interview #3: Sydney Mills for Office of Governmental Affairs Internal Assistant Director

- **Opening:** Candidate is interested in politics; wants to get more involved in politics. Wants to get OGA to be more community-focused and expand its community outreach.
- **Technical Non-Debatable:**
 - Senator Acanda : Are you financially certified?
 - Candidate response: No.
- **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
 - Senator Waters: How will you help others in the process of getting internships?
 - The candidate would be willing to reach out to representatives to ask them if they have any internships.
- **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
 - Senator Acanda: How do you work with people you disagree with?
 - Candidate response: Communication, the candidate said they will bluntly state a problem and ask how to resolve the conflict.
 - Senator Waters: Who is your favorite politician and why?
 - Candidate response: AOC, she’s a strong woman.
 - **Closing:** Is excited to be involved with the government on campus.
- **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
- **Motion to Call the Question**
 - Senator Waters motions to Call the Question
 - Senator Wilkinson seconds
- **Vote:**
 - **Yes (6):** Senator(s) Adams, Alvarez, Medley-Neyra, Primozić, Waters, Wilkinson
 - **No (0)**
 - **Abstention (2):** Senator(s) Acanda, Rudd
- **Revote**

- **Yes** (6): Senator(s) Adams, Alvarez, Medley-Neyra, Primozic, Waters, Wilkinson
 - **No** (0):
 - **Abstention** (2): Senator(s) Acanda, Rudd
- **Revote**
 - Yes (6): Senator(s) Adams, Alvarez, Medley-Neyra, Primozic, Waters, Wilkinson, Rudd
 - No (0)
 - Abstention (1): Senator Acanda
- **RESULT:** Candidate passes.

Interview #4: Rawan Abhari for Office of Governmental Affairs Board of Directors

- **Opening:** Candidate likes to engage in social involvement; wishes to build progress.
- **Technical Non-Debatable:**
 - Senator Acanda : Are you financially certified?
 - Candidate response: Yes.
 - Senator Waters: Have you been involved with Diversity and Inclusion, GreenDot?
 - Candidate response: Yes, I can enumerate them if you wish.
- **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
 - None.
- **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
 - Senator Adams: What is your 'why' in what you do?
 - Candidate response: Candidate is very inquisitive; the candidate used to aim to be a 'renaissance woman'. The candidate strives to improve conflict resolution.
 - Senator Waters: How do you plan on managing all of your campus involvements and OGA.
 - Candidate response: Everything goes in tandem with OGA, will begin lobbying for students.
 - Senator Waters: Who is your favorite political figure?
 - Candidate response: Officially, it's AOC because she is unapologetic and powerful. Outwardly of politics, it's Angela Davis.
- **Closing:** Candidate response: Looks forward to working in this position.
- **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
- **Motion to Call the Question**
 - Senator Adames motions to Call the Question
 - Senator Acanda seconds
- **Vote:**
 - **Yes** (8): Senator(s) Acanda, Adams, Alvarez, Medley-Neyra, Waters, Wilkinson, Rudd, Tookes
 - **No** (0)
 - **Abstention** (0)
- **RESULT:** Candidate passes.

Interview #5: Ariel Trueba for Office of Governmental Affairs Board of Directors

- **Opening:** Candidate listed campus involvement. Chose to apply to OGA board of directors because they feel they can make change on campus.

- **Technical Non-Debatable:**
 - Senator Waters: Are you certified through with SGA?
 - Candidate response: no
- **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
 - Senator Waters: Can you describe how you will go about being a valuable asset to the board?
 - Candidate response: Has interned with the Mayor of Miami.
 - Senator Acanda: It's come to my attention that you are a member of the 'Amplify' group chat, can you describe that?
 - Candidate response: Yes
 - Senator Waters: How will you go about engaging with students
 - I will engage more with the student body by highlighting the importance of civic involvement, reaching out to the student body, and really publicizing the importance of being civically engaged.
 - Chair Gonzalez: What about you and everything you have done makes you uniquely qualified for this position; what do you bring to the table?
 - Candidate response: Candidate always completes assignments from higher-ups. Candidate wants to emphasize that they're here because they want to make a difference on campus.
 - Senator Waters: What communities do you work with that you can get more involved on campus?
 - Candidate: First-generation, experienced homelessness, is Cuban, and LGBTQ+.
- **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
 - Senator Wilkinson: Can you describe your leadership position?
 - Candidate response: Candidate always completes assignments and tasks, will do the right thing to ensure tasks are completed.
 - Senator Waters: What political figure do you identify most with and how will you bring that influence into your leadership position
 - Candidate response: Mayor Frances Suarez. We're both very passionate about Miami and we're both very caring about those who are in need. In my position, I think political parties are unimportant; it's about getting things done, and I do that.
 - Chair Gonzalez: how would you describe your character; and how will you utilize that to engage in conflict resolution?
 - Candidate response: There is going to be conflict, those things don't matter; facts do. Candidate is all about getting things done and moving forward.
- **Closing:** Candidate response: Thanks and hoping to be confirmed.
- **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
- **Motion to Call the Question**
 - Senator Acanda motions to Call the Question
 - Senator Waters seconds
- **Vote:**
 - **Yes** (6): Senator(s) Acanda, Alvarez, Waters, Wilkinson, Rudd, Tookes
 - **No** (0)
 - **Abstention** (1): Senator Medley-Neyra
- **RESULT:** Candidate passes.

Unfinished Business: X

Final Announcements:

- Chair Gonzalez: You all are an amazing committee. I absolutely love working with you all. Thank you for being interactive and receptive with all the interviews. It is a pleasure to Chair this committee with you all.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 09.22.20 at 5 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:53 p.m.