



**72nd Student Senate
Oversight Committee
Date: 09/29/20 via zoom**

Call to Order: 5:05 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Gonzalez, Vice Chair Medley-Neyra, Senator(s) Adams, Alvarez, Primoic, Waters

Members Absent: Senator(s) Acanda, Rudd

Members Suspended: Senator(s) Tookes, Wilkinson

Guests: Secretary Rawan Abhari

Announcements:

- Chair - Suspended senators don't count towards quorum, Primoic will be showing up late. Candidate Lavender has rescinded her application for SCAA Director. Chair Gonzalez submitted a rule change for 10.10 that will be presented in the Senate on Wednesday. Make sure interviews are as thorough as possible. When approaching our interviews, be sure to check your bias when voting.
- Vice Chair - None.
- Members - None.
- Guests - None.

Committee Business:

- Interviews for OGA Board of Directors (2)

New Business:

- **Interview #1:** Breonna Brewer for Office of Governmental Affairs Board of Directors
 - **Opening:** Candidate is a third year student, and first generation college student. Serves on the board for the Amplify party on campus. Candidate is passionate about more than just college-based engagement; is also interested in community relations.
 - **Technical Non-Debatable:**
 - Senator Waters : Are you financially certified through the SGA accounting office?
 - Not yet.
 - **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
 - Senator Adams: Through your position on the board, what is one thing that you would like to advocate for and get on the legislative agenda?
 - Community, FSU goes into the community with the Center and does community service hours. The candidate believes that it is

important to formulate a program that serves the community would be highly beneficial.

- Senator Alvarez: What specific goals do you have in mind? What programs do you believe you could help establish?
 - Working with the college of education to get more kids back into school after the Pandemic. Leon County has students on zoom, and they don't actively show up all the time. Though it's not my area of specialty, the candidate would like to collaborate with other entities to ensure that students return to school.
- Senator Waters: In what ways will you ensure that the OGA is not being partisan?
 - It is important to get students voting, regardless of their party. The candidate does not want to push a party agenda.
- Senator Waters: What tangible skills have you taken from your time in the House?
 - The Candidate learned the importance of networking.
- Chair Gonzalez: In terms of lobbying efforts, can you explicitly state what your plans have for OGA outside of campus?
 - Candidate hopes to lobby for agencies to have funding; WSU, PSU, etc.
- **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
 - Senator Waters: What political figure do you most identify with and how will you put that inspiration into your position?
 - Malcolm X, he said to get things done by any means necessary; Candidate agrees with that statement.
 - Senator Adams: How do you deal with disagreements on a team?
 - The candidate feels their leadership positions have been within their own committee. They feel they have improvements to make, and issues can be talked through.
 - Chair Gonzalez: Could you unpack your character and explain how that plays into your conflict resolution skills?
 - Yes, the candidate believes they are honest and transparent. Candidate recognizes that it can sometimes come across as aggressive, but feels it is important to be transparent.
 - Senator Waters: What have you found difficult about being part of a team? How did you handle that?
 - Candidate serves on a committee for their sorority. They recognize how difficult it can be to put themselves in the shoes of others. Knows that it is important to listen to others.
 - Senator Randall: When the senate confirms candidates, they are hoping that the candidate will champion issues to better the Tallahassee community.
 - The Candidate has been an activist for a while, they have found that a diversity and inclusion task force should be implemented for the Tallahassee Police Department. Hopes to implement a police report card.
 - Senator Randall: What policies do you think FSU students should be advocating for in the state legislature?
 - Programs to help communities of color. Funding those community's programs will further their efforts.

- Chair Gonzalez: Could you please describe the powers and abilities of the OGA board of directors?
 - We gather the issues that students are passionate about and we represent the university at the capital.
 - Chair Gonzalez: Do you have any personal relationships with anyone who has interviewed you?
 - No.
- **Closing:** Candidate said thank you and waived the rest of their time.
- **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
- **Motion to Call the Question**
 - Senator Waters
 - Senator Adams seconds.
- **Voting Results**
 - Yes - (2) Senators Alvarez, Medley-Neyra
 - No - (0)
 - Abstention - (2) Senators Adams, Waters.
- **Revote**
 - Yes - (2) Senator(s) Alvarez, Medley-Neyra
 - No - (0)
 - Abstention - (2) Senator(s) Adams, Waters
- **Revote**
 - Yes - (3) Senator(s) Alvarez, Medley-Neyra, Waters
 - No: (0)
 - Abstention - (1) Senator Adams
- **Candidate passes.**
- **Interview #2:** Raven Tucker for Office of Governmental Affairs Board of Directors
 - **Opening:** Candidate is a FGEN student from Broward county FL, in the CARE department. Is passionate about politics and hopes to attend law school.
 - **Technical Non-Debatable:**
 - Senator Waters: Are you financially certified?
 - No.
 - Chair Gonzalez: Do you know anyone who has been involved with your interview process?
 - Yes.
 - **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
 - Senator Adams: What are you passionate about that you hope to advocate for within your OGA position?
 - The Candidate hopes to further campus safety efforts; hopes to ensure that campus safety is enhanced.
 - Senator Waters: How will you ensure that OGA is remaining nonpartisan?
 - The Candidate says that checking biases is imperative.
 - Senator Waters: Could you describe how the Noles Engaged in Politics program has helped you transition into the OGA board position?
 - The Candidate says they have learned much in the program, and believes that what they have learned in this program can translate well to the OGA board of Directors.
 - Senator Alvarez: How do you hope to explicitly enhance campus safety?
 - The Candidate would like for there to be an officer in every dining hall on campus, that way if there is ever a persistent threat, it can be handled immediately.

- Can you describe tangible goals for OGA?
 - Candidate hopes to improve roommate matching. Random assignments are not always comfortable or safe, the candidate hopes to work to better this process.
- **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
 - Senator Adams: Could you provide an example of a time where you had to be a democratic leader?
 - Candidate spoke about a former position where they had to facilitate difficult conversations while remaining unbiased.
 - Senator Waters: What political figure do you identify with the most and why?
 - Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, she's caring and relatable.
 - Chair Gonzalez: Could you briefly unpack your character and how that plays into your conflict resolution?
 - The Candidate believes they have the ability to remain neutral, even in difficult situations.
 - Senator Randall: What experience do you have in the area of lobbying?
 - The Candidate was unable to lobby with OGA last semester, but when the tragedy at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas occurred, the candidate marched with the students calling for gun control.
- **Closing:** Candidate thanked everyone and looks forward to serving on the board if selected.
- **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
- **Motion to Call the Question**
 - Senator Waters
 - Senator Medley-Neyra
- **Voting Results**
 - Yes - (1) Senators Adams
 - No - (1) Senator Primozic
 - Abstention - (3) Senators Waters, Medley-Neyra, Alvarez
- **Revote**
 - Yes (3) - Senator(s) Adams, Alvarez, Medley-Neyra
 - No (1) - Senator Primozic
 - Abstention - (1) Senator Waters
- **Candidate passes**
- **Interview #3:** Emmabella Rudd for Office of Governmental Affairs Board of Directors
 - Motion to Table Candidate
 - Senator Adams
 - Senator Alvarez seconds

Unfinished Business: X

Final Announcements:

- Chair - Thank you for another great meeting. There is only one more candidate for OGA. We do not know if there will be a new OGA Board of Director yet.
- Senator Adams: What time are you on Freeform at, Senator Waters?
- Senator Waters: I am on Freeform at 7 p.m.
- Senator Primozic: After watching Senator Waters on Freeform, please watch the Presidential debate.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 10/06/20 at 5 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:12 p.m.