



72nd Student Senate

Internal Affairs Committee

December 3, 2019 in Strozier 107E

Call to Order: 8:08 pm

Members Present: Baxter, Villacorta, Donnelly, Touissaint, Parker, Adams, Kill, Blackthorne

Members Tardy: none

Members Absent: Acanda, Lafontant

Guests: Murcia, Cohen

Announcements: none

Committee Business: Confirmation interviews

Old Business: none

New Business:

- **Interview One- Tori Bourdeau, Homecoming, Overall Director**
 - **Opening Statement- fourth year as part of homecoming, was previously production chair, operations director this past year, applied for this position because I have vast experience with homecoming, and have learned to lead the 30 person council for homecoming, has ideas for new outreach to different corners of campus, make smaller RSOs part of homecoming, wants to change majority Greek life perception, smaller budget this next year**
 - **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions- Donnelly- did you apply for overall director originally?**
 - **Yes**
 - **Questions Related to Position-**
 - **Donnelly- how will you increase outreach?**
 - **Have council go to GBMs at beginning of the semester, continue to grow the outreach committee**
 - **Kill- how will you reach out to smaller RSOs?**
 - **Work with outreach director to reach out to smaller RSOs by making a larger list of orgs that want to participate**

- Villacorta- what were the problems with this past years' homecoming and how will you improve?
 - Budget allocation was not as good as it could have been, encouraged strategic purchases, ran in to transition issues regarding communication, keep inventory of purchases
 - Donnelly- further changes you want to make for homecoming with the lower budget?
 - Continuing to use campus partners to supplement their limited budget
 - Questions of Character-
 - Villacorta- how do you handle conflict?
 - Have an understanding that a level of respect is needed, very directive leadership style
 - Parker- why did you join homecoming?
 - Was SGA president in high school, came and joined a sorority, was encouraged to apply to Spirit Force, liked the hope homecoming provides
 - Parker- how do you think you can encourage that sense of community for newcomers?
 - Sharing the reasons for homecoming, spreading their passion for the event
 - Other Questions- none
 - Closing- thanks for the opportunity, wants to continue the orgs growth
 - Deliberations
 - Roundtable
 - Call to Question
 - Villacorta
 - Donnelly seconds
 - Voting Results
 - Yes- (6) Adams, Parker, Blackthorne, Kill, Touissant, Villacorta
 - No- (0)
 - Abs.- (1) Donnelly
- Interview Two- Stephanie Vetrano, Homecoming, Overall Assistant Director
 - Opening Statement- third year, will be here for grad school, second year with homecoming, was previously sponsorship chair, works at the circus as front of house manager, hall council, lady spirithunters
 - Technical, Non-Debatable Questions- none
 - Questions Related to Position-

- **Blackthorne- why did you apply for assistant director instead of director?**
 - Was doubtful of experience with homecoming, talked a lot with advisors and past leadership, is good at supporting and encouraging others and working in a team
 - **Villacorta- past issues you'd improve on?**
 - Getting non-Greek and smaller RSO participation for events, sponsorship has been lacking but can be improved
 - **Donnelly- how has your position as sponsorship chair prepared you for A.D.?**
 - Had to work with every other committee to accomplish goals, knowledge of the budget and how it impacts programming
 - **Blackthorne- why do you want to get rid of the homecoming concert?**
 - The concert tends to lose money, smaller events would have to be cut down to bring the concert to fruition
 - **Blackthorne- how can the concert not be profitable?**
 - The expense of the artist causes the cost to rise
 - **Questions of Character-**
 - **Donnelly- how do you approach someone who isn't doing their job properly?**
 - Open communication and see how they can support the people under them
 - **Donnelly- what made you join homecoming?**
 - An advisor had sent the link to apply, wanted to get involved
 - **Adams- what inspired your plan?**
 - Thought about what made her go to events, what would make students come to events
 - **Other Questions- none**
 - **Closing- thanks, excited to work with the homecoming team, wants to help others get involved, have an individual reaching out to get colleges to participate as a whole**
 - **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
 - **Call to Question**
 - Villacorta
 - Parker seconds
 - **Voting Results**
 - **Yes- (7) Donnelly, Parker, Adams, Blackthorne, Kill, Touissaint, Villacorta**

- No- (0)
- Abs.- (0)

- **Interview Three- Makenna Hutts, Pow Wow Director**

- **Opening Statement- junior, the basis of Pow Wow is to serve as a pep rally and a comedy show, will be fourth year in homecoming, was part of spirit force, service chair, programming director, has worked with different committees, passionate about homecoming, and showcasing diversity at FSU, get NPHC and MGC more involved**
- **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions- none**
- **Questions Related to Position-**
 - **Villacorta- past problems and how you'd address them?**
 - **Engagement from the student body and faculty, could go the entire week without knowing homecoming is happening if you don't know where to look**
 - **Donnelly- what changes would you implement?**
 - **Focusing on student acts and finding new people to participate and cultivating smaller orgs to perform**
 - **Donnelly- how would you improve the Pow Wow pre-show?**
 - **Pre-show was new this year, needs improvement, bringing in programming committee to support the pre-show and working with pow wow to bring different aspects of the other events that week to the pre-show**
 - **Donnelly- would that include a new position or would programming handle it?**
 - **Programming committee is being restructured to allow for more oversight**
 - **Donnelly- what changes will you make with the limited budget?**
 - **Still made the concert work with their limited budget, working with sponsorship committee to raise the funds needed, how to consolidate purchases made**
- **Questions of Character-**
 - **Villacorta- how do you handle conflict?**
 - **Oversaw 5 committee members, delegates tasks, having tough conversations, being direct and honest, leads by example**

- **Parker- anything else you wanted to share about your goals for diversity?**
 - **Being a PWI, some communities aren't approached or included as much, female comedians are not considered as often**
- **Other Questions- none**
- **Closing- none**
- **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
- **Call to Question**
 - **Donnelly**
 - **Adams seconds**
- **Voting Results**
 - **Yes- (6) Parker, Adams, Blackthorne, Kill, Toussaint, Villacorta**
 - **No- (0)**
 - **Abs.- (1) Donnelly**

- **Unfinished Business- none**
- **Final Announcements- none**
- **Date and Time of Next Meeting-**
- **Adjourned- 9:11 pm**