



**72nd Student Senate
Judiciary Committee
Date: January 27th, 2020**

Call to Order: 8:16 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Leckie, Vice Chair England, Senator(s) Absten, Ascanio, Gerdts,, Primozic, Ready, Silvia, Slimak, Sojos, Weber

Members Tardy: None

Members Excused Absent: Senator(s) Recht

Members Absent: Senator(s) Weber

Guests: Clerk Roy, Chair(s) Cohen Gnanam, Vice-Chair Porter, Senator Adamyk

Announcements:

- Chair - Only 4 bills tonight because of our meeting on Friday.
- Vice Chair - I will be resigning after the meeting has been adjourned. If you are interested in running for Vice-Chair, please come prepared next week. If you have any questions about the position, feel free to use me as a resource. I'm moving to finance!
- Members -
 - Gerdts: The Central Reserves committee has not yet decided when we're meeting but if you know anyone who needs funding, please let them know!
- Guests - None

Committee Business:

- **Bill 11** - Sponsored by Senator Lavender - Revision to Chapter 205 Code of Ethics.
- **Bill 22** - Sponsored by Senator Cohen - to change all references to the Hispanic Latino Student Union in Student Statutes to the Hispanic Latinx Student Union in accordance with the outreach and work done by the 71st Student Senate.
- **Bill 23** - Sponsored by Senator Cohen - to rename the Mattie Durham Senator of the Year award to the Senator of the Year Award.
- **Bill 26** - Sponsored by Senator Adamyk - to amend Student Body Statutes Chapter 504 in regards to qualifications for the Student Defender position. This bill will allow any student enrolled at Florida State who has completed at least 60 credit hours to be eligible for the position, given approval and forwarding by the appropriate parties.
- **Bill 13** - Sponsored by Senator Adamyk -The purpose of this bill is to amend Student body statutes Chapter 805.4 (2) to be consistent with existing statutes in outlining checks and balances on freezing an organization's funds.

Old Business:

- **Bill 11** - Sponsored by Senator Lavender - Revision to Chapter 205 Code of Ethics.
 - Senator Absten moves to table the bill

- Senator Ascanio seconds
- **Bill TABLED**

New Business:

- **Bill 22** - Sponsored by Senator Cohen - to change all references to the Hispanic Latino Student Union in Student Statues to the Hispanic Latinx Student Union in accordance with the outreach and work done by the 71st Student Senate
 - Opening Statement
 - Cohen: Designed to change the name of HLSU. This has passed through several people/committees already. This has been requested by the HLSU. From Hispanic/Latino Student Union to Hispanic/Latinx Student Union.
 - Technical, Non-Detableable
 - None
 - Senator Sojos moves to enter Round Table Discussion
 - Senator Ascanio seconds
 - Round Table
 - Gerdts: As the judiciary representative to the naming committee, this is one of those things where the opinion of the Senate is less important. We just have to make sure it's done correctly. Allowing a community to rebrand themselves to be more inclusive is important. I would be highly opposed to any opinion that differs.
 - Primozic: The Director of HLSU has always felt the need to be more inclusive. I think we as Senate should support their opinions.
 - Ascanio: I really appreciate this is being brought up and I am all for inclusivity.
 - Senator Gerdts moves to pass by acclamation
 - Senator Ascanio seconds
 - **Bill PASSED BY ACCLAMATION**
- **Bill 23** - Sponsored by Senator Cohen - to rename the Mattie Durham Senator of the Year award to the Senator of the Year Award.
 - Opening Statement
 - Cohen: Mattie Durham who used to work for student affairs and SGA resigned. One of the awards was renamed to her name but we did this without consulting with the community. People had issues with this and after going back and forth on this, we need to be respectful of the students who came to Senate and expressed dissent. The renaming committee advises that we change it back to as it was before. Yields 1:15 to closing.
 - Technical, Non-Detableable
 - None
 - Senator Primozic moves to enter Round Table Discussion
 - Senator Sojos seconds
 - Round Table
 - Absten: One of the first meetings I came to as a Legislative Aide was when people came to Senate to express dissent over this name. I support this.
 - Senator Primozic moves to pass by acclamation
 - Senator Sojos seconds
 - **Bill PASSED BY ACCLAMATION**

- **Bill 26** - Sponsored by Senator Adamyk - to amend Student Body Statutes Chapter 504 in regards to qualifications for the Student Defender position. This bill will allow any student enrolled at Florida State who has completed at least 60 credit hours to be eligible for the position, given approval and forwarding by the appropriate parties.
 - Senator Gerdt moves to table the bill
 - Senator Slimak seconds
 - **Bill TABLED**
- Senator Primozi moves for a 2 minute recess.
- Senator Silvia seconds
- **RECESS**
- **Bill 13** - Sponsored by Senator Adamyk -The purpose of this bill is to amend Student body statutes Chapter 805.4 (2) to be consistent with existing statutes in outlining checks and balances on freezing an organization's funds.
 - Opening Statement
 - Adamyk: Thank you Judiciary for hearing this bill. So this just adds a section into 805.4 that was there before we passed the last major finance code overhaul. President Steinberg pointed out that taking this out creates an inconsistency. This is just adding something back in that was already in statutes before.
 - Technical, Non-Detableable
 - None
 - Senator Gerdt moves to enter Round Table Discussion
 - Senator Sojos seconds
 - Round Table
 - Gerdt: What happens if the Senate Finance Committee's decision is overturned by the SB president and SB Treasurer. Could the Senate overrule this decision?
 - Adamyk: That might not be addressed by existing language. I'm just re-adding the text as it was before. I'm open to going back and looking at this again but I just want to fix the existing inconsistency.
 - Ready: We've never had any organisation be frozen, yet, in my time. In any situation that this happened, the Senate would majority vote to freeze an organisation.
 - Gerdt: Every other avenue has been defined and explained except this one. This has an unbelievably small chance of happening, but right now it's not currently covered by statutes. Would you be okay with a small amendment?
 - Adamyk: For this particular bill, I would not. Just because this has already gone through Finance and that committee wouldn't have time to debate over that new amendment. My suggestion is to have that as a separate bill.
 - Gerdt: I'm not going to die on this very small sword, it was just some confusion I had upon reading this. The people who wrote this section didn't write it in the way I would've. Understanding all of that, I do see the hole that the sponsor is trying to fix. I do support this though.
 - Senator Gerdt moves to pass by acclamation
 - Senator Sojos seconds
 - Closing: Thank you all for hearing me tonight. Thank you Senator Gerdt for your questions tonight and for bringing to light a possible problem for the future. I hope you all vote to restore consistency! Thank you. Yields 1:29.
 - Vote:

- Absten - Yes
- Ascanio - Yes
- England - Yes
- Gerdts - Yes
- Primozić - Yes
- Ready - Yes
- Silvia - Yes
- Slimak - Yes
- Sojos - Yes
- **Bill PASSES 9-0-0**

Unfinished Business: None

Committee Legislative Round Table:

- Gerdts: Understanding we have the ability to pass things to fix grammatical errors, can we make statutes fall in line with the Senate guidebooks.
- Slimak: Heads up, I'm hopefully meeting with facilities next week to discuss this. I'm looking to add some picnic tables under the business breezeway. Dean of Business were more than willing to open their breezeway to put picnic tables there.
- Leckie: As a committee, we should be updating chapter 405 of statutes which deals with the impeachment process.

Final Announcements:

- Ready: College Republican's event in the Globe tomorrow at 7:00pm!
- Gerdts: If anyone would like to hangout with my possible fraternity on Sunday, let me know!
- Porter: I met with HSF, Facilities and ACE last week and they're lovely people. Their budget is being cut soon and has asked if Senate can pay for the upkeep. That is, patches and batteries.
- Silvia: I want to take a moment to look around and be thankful for what we have given the events of the last 24 hours. Be thankful. RIP to a legend.
- Leckie: Life is precious. Live today like there's no tomorrow.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: To be determined.

Adjourned: 8:49 p.m.

8:50 pm Vice-Chair England has resigned from the Vice-Chairship.

Griffin Leckie

Signature of Chair