



**72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate  
Judiciary Committee  
Date: February 10th, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 8:15 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Leckie, Vice Chair Slimak, Senator(s) Ascanio, Gerdts, Parker, Recht, Sojos, Weber,

**Members Tardy:** Senator(s) Primozic

**Members Excused Absent:** Senator(s) Ready, Silvia

**Members Absent:** Senator(s) Absten

**Guests:** Chair Gnanam

**Announcements:**

- Chair - Welcome, thank you for being here.
- Vice Chair - Happy Monday, I hope to have a great week! Get some rest through midterms
- Members - Gerts: Apportionment bill has been signed by President Steinberg after much consideration, awaiting Dr. Hecht.

**Committee Business:**

- **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 31** - Sponsored by Senator Levin - to define major legislation.
- **Bill 32** - Sponsored by Senator Weber - an act to ensure consistency in enforcement of the election code as outlined in bill 9 of the 72nd Senate.
- **Bill 33** - Sponsored by Senator Gerdts - To revise and modernize the Senate Award for Excellence. [PENDING SLAA]
- **Bill 34** - Sponsored by Senator Weber - An act to alleviate the burdens of impeachment proceedings by allowing the appointment of Assistant Special Prosecutors.
- **Bill 35** - Sponsored by Senator Levin - to outline legislative procedure related to holy days.
- **Bill 38** - Sponsored by Senator Daraldik - including VSU's membership to the Student Veterans of America National Organization.

**Old Business:**

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- Opening Statement
  - X:
- Technical, Non-Detableable
  - X:
- Senator X moves to enter Round Table Discussion
- Senator X seconds
- Round Table
  - X:
- Senator X moves to call the question
- Senator X seconds
- Vote
  - X
- **BILL TABLED**

**New Business:**

- **Bill 31** - Sponsored by Senator Levin - to define major legislation.
  - Opening Statement
    - X:
  - Technical, Non-Detableable
    - X:
  - Senator X moves to enter Round Table Discussion
  - Senator X seconds
  - Round Table
    - X:
  - Senator X moves to call the question
  - Senator X seconds
  - Vote
    - X
  - **BILL TABLED**
  
- **Bill 32** - Sponsored by Senator Weber - an act to ensure consistency in enforcement of the election code as outlined in bill 9 of the 72nd Senate.
  - Opening Statement
    - Senator Weber: Welcome back to some election code edits, this bill just cleans up previously passed bill 9. This takes out all the comments of timeline within statutes that was previously removed. The Supreme Court and the Supervisor of Elections is in favor of this bill
  - Technical, Non-Detableable
    - none
  - Senator Ascanio moves to enter Round Table Discussion
  - Senator Recht seconds
  - Round Table
    - Gerts: So understanding that bill 9 means election code is year round, where does this leave political parties? There is no date to register for political parties with this removal of timeline.
      - No, with parties being around year round, the campaigning violations enforcements are still in place year round
    - Gerts: Could the SOE realistically manage enforcing election code year round?
      - The point of this bill is to be enforced year round, as the SOE requested

- Recht: This is making consistent changes that cleans up changes previously made. I fully support
  - Senator Sojos moves to call the question
  - Senator Primosic seconds
  - Closing:
  - Thank you for all the questions and comments, hopefully this brings fair elections moving forward
  - Vote
    - Ascanio - Yes
    - Gerdts - Yes
    - Parker - Yes
    - Primozic - Abs
    - Recht - Yes
    - Silvia - Yes
    - Slimak - Yes
    - Sojos - Yes
    - Weber - Yes

### **Bill Passed**

- **Bill 33** - Sponsored by Senator Gerdts - To revise and modernize the Senate Award for Excellence. [FAILED IN SLAA]
- **Bill 34** - Sponsored by Senator Weber - An act to alleviate the burdens of impeachment proceedings by allowing the appointment of Assistant Special Prosecutors.
  - Opening Statement
    - Weber: As discussed in the previous Judiciary round table, this will allow more students to get involved in student government. This allows for an assistant to help out with the heavy course load. Happy to co-sponsor the committee as a whole as it is something we previously discussed together
  - Technical, Non-Detableable
    - none
  - Senator Recht moves to enter Round Table Discussion
  - Senator Ascanio seconds
  - Round Table
    - Parker: Do we want a certain number of assistants possible?
      - Did not see the need to put a limitation on students of Florida State
    - Wrecht: Do we need a clause for conflict of interest?
      - This could be a good idea. I see it being an additional bill referring to the whole team, not just the assistants
    - What defines a conflict of interest?
    - This is under the Judiciary committee, being allowed to be overseen and guided to ensure that there is no conflict of interest occurring
    - Sanity shall remain in the senate at all times - Acosta Clause
  - Senator Recht moves to call the question
  - Senator Sojos Seconds
  - Senator Slimak Objects
  - Senator Recht removes his motion
    - Recht: do we want to do this as a committee?

- Recht moves to add all members present as CoSponsors if Senator Weber finds it friendly
- Weber finds motion friendly
- SenatorRecht moves to call to question
- Senator Primozic seconds
- Closing
- I hope we never have to use this, but I am glad it is better defined now. I look forward to working together to write legislation to define what conflict of interest is
- Vote
  - Ascanio - Yes
  - Gerdts - Yes
  - Parker - Yes
  - Primozic - Yes
  - Recht - Yes
  - Silvia - Yes
  - Slimak - Yes
  - Sojos - Yes
  - Weber - Yes

### **Bill passed as amended**

Promosic motions for a seven minute recess  
Ascanio seconds

- **Bill 35** - Sponsored by Senator Levin - to outline legislative procedure related to holy days.
  - **BILL TABLED**
- **Bill 38** - Sponsored by Senator Daraldik - including VSU's membership to the Student Veterans of America National Organization.
  - Senator absent, bill tabled until next week
  - **BILL TABLED**

**Unfinished Business:** None

### **Committee Legislative Round Table:**

- Gerdts: Bill 33 failed in SLAA, if the Senate president wants to give an award, then they would need to write a resolution, which will relinquish the chair. This is very weird. Rather change this to a forwarding letter given by a Senate President, which will act like a PAC or RTAC request. Only stepping down to answer questions.
- Weber: Two ideas, one to change finance code to ban A&S fees on Gatorade products. Inspired by Odel, The second is to remove seat numbers in the colleges. This will create a division style election which is what we are modeled off of.
  - Gerts: I support both of these, for the second is more difficult to execute. This brings up lots of debate, and I would be happy to sit down with you.
- Gerdts: myself, Senator Gnanam and several others have been working to make SGA an example to the rest of the university. We hope to see all student leaders to become

Green Dot trained, bystander certification, etc. I believe that this is something important that us as Senators should be aware and educated on.

- This is currently in statutes, the issues is the limited availability for these opportunities. The presentations and sessions are typically only available a few times a month.
- Housing does this already, so we should talk with them to figure out how to effectively execute this.

**Final Announcements:**

- Leckie: Thank you all for being here tonight. Please be ready for next week.
- Recht: This Sunday noon - 4 we will be holding our first meeting. Please come with your ideas and input
- Gerdts: I am sorry to everyone that has known me this semester, I am extremely stressed and have been harsh. I am sorry. I love you Judiciary
- Weber: Thank you all for the support tonight, I really appreciate it. I look forward to the support on the Senate floor
- Parker: This semester I have started a new job in journalism, there is an internship opportunity in Floridian Press if anyone is interested. I have all the information, it may be paid. Please reach out if you are interested

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** X

**Adjourned:** 9:08 p.m.

*Griffin Leckie*

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Signature of Chair