



**73rd Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
01/19/21**

Call to Order: 8:00pm

Members Present: Gabadage, Fineout, Nasworthy, England, Stults, Rudd, Russell

Members Tardy: West

Members Excused Absent:

Members Absent: Hitchcock, Louis

Guests: None

Announcements:

- Chair England: Welcome everyone! I am excited to be working with you all. This committee does important work and hold the “keys to the kingdom.” We do not just interview candidates but there are a couple other things that I will discuss with you all.

Committee Business:

- Approving the Rules and Procedure
 - Senator Nasworthy asks about what the chain of command is concerning the approval of nominees, Chair England explains that sometimes nominees are forwarded by the Class Council or the Executive Board or another body.
 - Senator Nasworthy moves to approve, Senator Gabadage seconds, Rules and Procedure are adopted.
- Candidate Julianna Strong for Sophomore Class Council President
 - **Opening**
 - Candidate Strong: I am really excited to be here. It has been a long process, I started in London study abroad when COVID-19 struck. For myself, I am an outgoing, creative, and confident individual. I take joy in others experience. I joined member at large class council and I met a lot of my friends. Diamond and I bonded and hit it off. When they mentioned the presidential seat opening, I applied. It took a while to figure everything out and, in that time, I thought about my goals if elected. I decided that I want to unify our class of sophomores. I want to do events with counselors like we did last fall. I am looking at the possibility of fifty person gatherings in addition to zoom in a hybrid model. I want to honor the awareness coming in February and let people know we are gathering for a bigger cause. Being involved in SGA and being able to leave my mark is a way for me to make way for others.
 - **Questioning**
 - Senator Nasworthy asks what previous qualifications or experience the candidate has.

- Candidate Strong: When I was in high school, I was editor in chief for the yearbook and had to delegate responsibility and I was a part of a 4-person leadership team to go to different facilities and learn by watching court cases and go into hospitals and even go to university.
- Vice Chair Stults asks what the candidate believes the most difficult part of the job will be.
- Candidate Strong: The most difficult part of my job will be gathering students, especially on Zoom. We have had school and jobs and internships all online, so it is difficult. Also, getting people on campus may be difficult. I have thought about all of this and I think that people are motivated by fun activities, such as bingo. Something like a raffle or baked goods or gift cards can increase attendance and participation from students.
- Senator Rudd asks about her short term and long-term goals both personally and within the position.
- Candidate Strong: I want to work in cosmetics marketing for a name brand company. I am not sure exactly where but that is the overall long-term goal. Short term goal is to accomplish the most possible during college, I did the study abroad program to gain experience and learn about cultures.
- Senator Gabadage asks what something is you want to improve on with the council.
- Candidate Strong: I want to maximize the number of events and really gather the most people possible that was not done previously.
- **Closing**
- Candidate Strong: Thank you for allowing me to speak tonight and thank you for your consideration.
- **Deliberation**
- Vice Chair Stults moves towards roundtable debate format, Senator Nasworthy seconds.
- Senator Rudd believes that Candidate Strong comes in with a lot of confidence and is bubbly and excited. As someone who has been in oversight, this quality is rare in a candidate. There have been challenges in the council and the relationship between Strong and Diamond being close is an asset and that her experience is key, and she is excited to get to work.
- Senator Nasworthy says that overall, you could feel Strong's energy even through Zoom. She seems very excited for the role and to represent to sophomore class and she has the personality and drive to make the council successful.
- Vice Chair Stults moves to call to question, Senator Nasworthy seconds.
- Unanimously passes with six yes votes (Fineout, Nasworthy, Stults, Gabadage, Rudd, Russell) and zero no votes and zero abstentions.
- Candidate Emmabella Rudd for OGA Director
 - **Opening**
 - Candidate Rudd: Good evening everyone, this is an exciting first meeting. I am excited to interview, I am currently the Chief of Staff for OGA. We have been working hard to get everything done concerning legislative goals. Policy and legislation are one of the best ways to tear down systems of oppression. There are so many students being directly affected. We want to focus on direct impacts on students such as campus safety.
 - **Questioning**
 - Senator Nasworthy asks about the candidate's goals for the position.

- Candidate Rudd: The OGA's board primary goal is to get the legislation passed through senate and to get a compromise in order to meet the needs of students. We want to get FSU day at the Capitol in March and look at the options concerning COVID-19. We get to advocate to our legislators and get them to pass things that help the FSU student body. We are looking to get rent relief to students. We need to make certain the students get their voices heard.
- Senator Daraldik asks the candidate what is the biggest difficulty she foresees?
- Candidate Rudd: Senate in this past year has taught me about bipartisanship and compromise. I am one to listen first and hear other perspectives and other people's personal stories. With that being said it is very hard to not be in person when the session begins. It is going to be difficult to make the legislators feel for us as students when over zoom. I have a fear that our hard work may not be recognized and passed and not seeing that work come through this year. However, I know that we can get the ball rolling and maybe get OGA to help politicians directly craft bills. As of right now I am scared because we are so behind due to this year's complications. We have been proactive, and I am confident.
- Senator Daraldik asks whether the candidate feels she passes the vibe check.
- Candidate Rudd: Yes.
- **Closing**
- Candidate Rudd: I want to express that we are working to support campus safety and go against campus carry of firearms. We are working on covid relief to students. We are working on Chapter 73 and the Roberts building name. We are expanding financial aid to those with all immigration statuses and automatic voter registration.
- **Deliberation**
- Senator Nasworthy moves to roundtable debate format, Senator Gabadage seconds.
- Vice Chair Stults says he likes her experience and the vision for campus safety.
- Senator Gabadage says she has great work in advocacy for type 1 diabetes alone shows her dedication and that will translate.
- Senator Nasworthy says she put the B.K. Roberts bill in her application, and this shows that she knows who are and are not good representatives of FSU. She can walk the walk and talk the talk.
- Vice Chair Stults moves to call to question, Nasworthy seconds.
- Passes with 5 yes votes (Fineout, Nasworthy, Stults, Gabadage, Russell) and one abstention (West). Rudd cannot vote due to her being the candidate.

Old Business:

- NONE

New Business:

- NONE

Unfinished Business:

- NONE

Final Announcements:

- Chair England: I apologize for the text and email spam. I have done this to be organized. I promise that things like rules and procedure and email group is a one-time thing. I want to mention Bill 4 that is in judiciary and it will come to us after that. It may come next

week. Other than that, one thing we do is to review and make changes to the SGA application. I think we should add a section for one's pronouns. We will bring a bill forward and this committee and senate would need to pass it with a 2/3 majority. Please think if you have any additional suggestions. The Bureau Review process is done annually, and we will conduct it in the coming weeks. There are many bureaus, and we will hear presentations from all of them. We will discuss if we want to recommend the bureau to be discontinued or continue. The senate will decide to abolish a bureau or not. Please refer to the Rules and Procedure for any questions on that. On Sunday, I will email you all any candidates that we will have for that week. Please review those on that following Monday. I will send a rough agenda in the GroupMe on Mondays.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday, January 25th at 6:30pm

Adjourned: 8:51pm



Signature of Chairperson, Internal Affairs Committee