



**73rd Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
02/08/21**

Call to Order: 6:33pm

Members Present: West, Russell, Vice Chair Stults, Gabadage, Chair England, Hitchcock

Members Tardy:

Members Excused Absent: Nasworthy, Fineout

Members Absent:

Guests: Rachel Loring, Jack Rowan, Renee Wang, Niah Washington, Matthew Mendez, Supreet Deshmukh

Announcements:

- Chair England: Bill 4 remains tabled.

Committee Business:

- Candidate Rachel Loring for VP of Marketing, MHC
- Link to application:
https://fsu.qualtrics.com/CP/Report.php?SID=SV_e4NcdhYFzmaZtC5&R=R_1FDi4o5y3BcVlzH
- **Opening** – Candidate Loring: I am a junior at FSU. I am double majoring in family child sciences and French language. I applied back in September; I am a huge advocate for mental health. I have struggled with depression and have firsthand experience with yoga and therapy. It is not a trendy buzzword but is serious. I have a good amount of marketing experience and I have been painting and drawing my whole life. I used to do my own blog and be on my sororities marketing team. I have taken advertising classes as well. I have good ideas and I have been thinking about this position and brainstorming for months and I am committed and ready.
- Senator Stults: What do you think is the number one challenge you will face with this position?
- Candidate Loring: On a personal level, time management. I am busy but I have reserved time for it. This is a personal struggle for me with any club. We need to make things happen and get the word out. Also, having a clear vision while having many ideas in my head. Finding a clear focus for the mission and following the vision.
- Senator Gabadage: You mentioned wanting to make the MHC more visible, what are your plans for that?
- Candidate Loring: I want to make a website specifically for it. I wanted to make a kind of personal place where people to do resources and know about other's struggles. I want to make a website that is easy to both find and navigate and become accessible. I want students to be able to find stories that are relatable and connect.

- **Closing** – Candidate Loring: I have a lot of passion and ideas and I am ready to work through any ideas that arise. The main goal is to help people and I wish I knew about this as a freshman. Knowing people are there for you is crucial. It would mean a lot to create this space.
- Vice Chair Stults moves to roundtable discussion, Senator Gabadage seconds.
- Senator Gabadage moves to call to question, Vice Chair Stults seconds.
- Voted in favor unanimously. (Gabadage, Hitchcock, Stults, West, Russell)
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- Candidate Niah Washington for Vice President, MHC
- **Opening** – Candidate Washington: Hello everyone, I am a third-year majoring in neuroscience. I am involved with Delta Sigma Theta; I am a second year RA and VP of System Society. I feel as though there could be some changes within the mental health policies on campus especially with freshman. I was depressed and ready to transfer. The school prioritizes selfcare, but they do not 100% back what they say. I have seen it a lot with COVID-19 and Black Lives Matter. I hope we can come up with better policies and make sure all have access to the counseling center and other resources. For other areas on campus, they may not have someone telling them to go to the center if something is wrong. I want to make sure we are as inclusive as we can be. It is a PWI and we need to ensure that all people are able to get proper care and resources and we are looking out for our black and brown students on campus.
- Vice Chair Stults asks what she is the VP of.
- Candidate Washington: The System Society
- No further questions.
- **Closing** – Candidate Washington: I hope you all see me fit to be VP of MHC and I hope to promote change on campus.
- Vice Chair Stults moves to enter roundtable discussion, Senator Gabadage.
- Vice Chair Stults moves to call to question, Senator West seconds.
- Candidate is forwarded unanimously. (Gabadage, Hitchcock, Stults, West, Russell)
- West exits.
- Link to application:
https://fsu.qualtrics.com/CP/Report.php?SID=SV_e4NcdhYFzmaZtC5&R=R_3QE4sQ9xzfmnhoM
- Candidate Matthew Mendez for Press Secretary, 73rd Student Senate
- **Opening** – Candidate Mendez: Hello I am a second-year student at FSU majoring in Political Science. I have written 25 articles for Flambeau and I am a 2021 Orientation Leader. Thank you.
- Senator Gabadage: How will your skills translate to your position.
- Candidate Mendez: I am typically writing political content and I am writing with the student's view in mind. I hope to continue to facilitate this communication and have a clean transfer of information from senate to the student body.
- **Closing** – Candidate Mendez: I want to emphasize my commitment and intentions to my position, and I intend to give it my all.
- Senator Gabadage moves to roundtable, Vice Chair Stults seconds.
- Vice Chair Stults moves to call to question, Senator Gabadage seconds.
- Candidate is forwarded unanimously. (Gabadage, Hitchcock, Stults, Russell)
- Senator Gabadage exits.
- President Pro Tempore Wang enters

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- Candidate Supreet Deshmukh for VP of Finance, MHC.
- **Opening** – Candidate Deshmukh: I am a sophomore. I am a member of Pi Lambda Phi and NSCS Honor Society, I am a psychology major and communication major. I hope to secure a research position with mental health in the future. I hope you guys understand where I am coming from during this interview.
- Vice Chair Stults: What do you foresee being the number one challenge with this position?
- Candidate Deshmukh: The number one challenge is my location. I am at home right now, but I will be returning to Tallahassee in the future. This impacts my communication with my teammates.
- Chair England: Are you currently financially certified?
- Candidate Deshmukh: No.
- **Closing** – Candidate Deshmukh: I know I do not know you all personally. I hope you see the potential that I have for MHC and you consider me for the position going forward.
- Vice Chair Stults moves to enter roundtable discussion, Senator Hitchcock seconds.
- Vice Chair Stults moves to call to question, Senator Hitchcock seconds.
- Senator Wang abstains, Senator Hitchcock and Senator Russell and Vice Chair Stults votes in favor, Candidate passes.

Old Business:

- NONE

New Business:

- Chair England relinquishes Chair to Vice Chair Stults.
- Consideration of Bill #9
- **Opening** - Chair England: We typically get forwarding letters from FSU employees. There was a statute change last senate that changed it to state that we have to wait 5 days from receiving the letter to hear the candidate. If you do the math, if we receive a forwarding letter on Friday, we are forced to wait 9 whole days to hear the candidate. There was a candidate that came to Rules and Calendar who was told they could not be heard. This bill is to change the statute to 3 business days.
- Pro-Temp Wang moves to enter roundtable discussion, Senator Hitchcock seconds.
- Pro-Temp Wang moves to call the question, Senator Hitchcock seconds.
- Bill Unanimously Passes
- **Closing** - Chair England: This looks like a simple change, but this is the difference between making candidates wait a whole week. I trust everyone to read applications and come prepared.

Unfinished Business:

- NONE

Final Announcements:

- Chair England: We have at least two candidates for next week, probably four. Bill 4 remains tabled. Please try to come out. If you cannot make it to a meeting, please notify me in advance.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday, 2/15/21 at 6:30pm

Adjourned: 7:19pm

Quentin England

Signature of Chairperson, Internal Affairs Committee