



**73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate  
Internal Affairs Committee  
5 July 2021, 6:30pm | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/93313515302>**

**Call to Order: 6:32pm**

**Members Present:** Chair Nasworthy, Vice Chair Murray, Senator(s) West, Roy, Espinosa, Condon, Hautrive

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:** VanderLey, Lynch

**Guests:** Ash Soto, Brandon Gabay, Brianne Basdeo, Brooke Cohen, Brooke Murray, Bruce Suarez, Chloe Connor, Christelza Janvier, Colbi Thykadavil, Faith Jankowski, Franceska Edouard, Jack Rowan, Johnathan Dorsey, Kahleel Gray, Marcus Williams, Nastassia Janvier, Nimna Gabadage, Nolan Rudolph, Quentin England, Ryan Thorpe, Sarah Nemeth, Sarai Palacio, Shayna Cohen, Sneha Kapil, Victoria Paul

**Land Acknowledgement - READ**

**Announcements:**

- Shayna Cohen: The JSU director and assistant director are being heard for confirmation tonight. This is the first time JSU candidates are being heard as JSU is a new agency. These candidates do the work and advocate. Very confident in them and they have the confidence of the executive administration. This process can be intimidating. Please show the candidates patience and understanding. Also, Torchlight executive board applications are out. Reach out with any questions.
- SP Treasurer Kahleel Gray: Here supporting Ryan Thorpe as candidate for Deputy Treasurer. Ryan is definitely the best candidate. We need someone to fill Deputy Treasurer position because there are critical, time sensitive funding issues that the DT needs to resolve before Gray, the Student Body Treasurer, returns from summer leave.
- SB Vice President Colbi Thykadavil: Voices support for Ryan Thorpe. Could not feel more comfortable about a candidate.
- Parliamentarian Jack Rowan- Thanks the members of the executive branch for coming to the meeting. The Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc meets this Thursday.
- Roy: The Central Reserves committee is now taking requests for funding. Reach out for any information.

**Committee Business:**

- None

**Old Business:**

- None

## New Business:

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Sneha Kapil, AASU Director**

- Opening Statement:
  - Kapil: Has served on the AASU e-board since sophomore year. Learned how AASU functions and is looking forward to questions.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - None
- General Round of Questioning:
  - Nasworthy: What are your concrete goals for this position? Kapil: Continue holding cultural events to celebrate diversity among Asian cultures. Hold awareness and educational events. Work with other agencies.
  - Nasworthy: What did you learn from previous experiences that will help you in this position? Kapil: Was previously the AASU PS Coordinator. It was a learning curve to pick up a new skill and turn it into something concrete. As Education Coordinator, held a leadership program in AASU to develop a leadership curriculum to build skills for others and have resources for them.
  - Murray: What is your approach to conflict resolution? Kapil: Address the issue one on one then have a discussion for the team of how to have positive interactions. Learn how people want to be worked with.
- Closing Statement:
  - Kapil: Thank you for your time and for being involved. Excited as AASU has been a big part of college experience, wants to give back.
- **Roy moves to enter round-table discussion; Murray seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - Espinosa: Is a good fit, dedicated, wants to be involved more.
  - Roy: Obvious yes. Good fit.
  - Murray moves for non-member to speak; West seconds
  - Faith Jankowski: Worked with Kapil before. Supports her. Could not think of a better candidate for this position.
- **Roy moves to call the question; West seconds**
- Vote:
  - Yes: [6] [West, Roy, Espinosa, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
  - No: [0] [none]
  - Abstain: [0] [none]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Sneha Kapil PASSES**

## Candidate for Confirmation: Ash Soto, PSU Assistant Director

- Opening Statement:
  - Soto: Is financially certified. Goals include revamping Pride U fellowship program. Build curriculum, build it beyond expectations. Collab with other agencies. Was. previously external affairs coordinator.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - None
- General Round of Questioning:
  - Nasworthy: What are your concrete goals for this position and what previous experiences will help you in this position? Build relationship with the pride alumni network. Hold a Pride prom. Work with Capital T, a Tallahassee LGBTQ group. Work towards the Tallahassee community's increased involvement with the FSU community, and reach out to FAMU.



- **Roy moves to call the question; West seconds**
- Vote:
  - Yes: [6] [West, Roy, Espinosa, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
  - No: [0] [none]
  - Abstain: [0] [none]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Brandon Gabay PASSES**
  
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Sarai Palacio, WSU Director**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Palacio: Has been involved with WSU since freshman year. Previously served as Director of Administration. Main goals are advocacy and intersectionality on campus coordination with other agencies. Thank you for time looking forward to questions.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - None
  - General Round of Questioning:
    - Murray: What is your approach to conflict resolution? Palacio: Recognize that there are different types of women with different experiences. Host a retreat to learn more about each other and each other's work styles to better understand each other. Be vulnerable. Bring missions together to see what overlaps.
    - Nasworthy: What are your concrete goals for this position? Palacio: WSU has not been as present as it should have been. Make the agency more known and recognized. Work with other agencies to uplift each other and strengthen bonds, promote intersectionality. WSU is broad and is a big umbrella of identities. Two big goals are advocacy and intersectionality.
    - Nasworthy: How can past experiences help you in this position? Palacio: Women's history month. Was director of administration "which translates to secretary". Knows the background of what goes into running an agency.
  - Closing Statement:
    - Palacio: Apologizes for tardiness. Loves WSU. Looks forward to working.
  - **Roy moves to enter round-table discussion; Murray seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - Roy: One of the most informative resumes. Great candidate.
    - Murray: Supports. Candidate has concrete goals and a clear vision.
  - **Roy moves to call the question; Espinosa seconds**
  - Vote:
    - Yes: [6] [West, Roy, Espinosa, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
    - No: [0] [none]
    - Abstain: [0] [none]
  - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Sarai Palacio PASSES**
  
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Christelza Janvier, WSU Assistant Director**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Janvier: VP of Public Relation for GGK. President's Ambassador. Worked with CARE department. WSU historian this past year. Describes herself as a dreamer. Sees great potential for WSU. Translate dreams into a reality. Seeking position because WSU gave an opportunity to expand leadership skills was a safe space to exercise leadership skills. Lead with integrity.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - None
  - General Round of Questioning:
  - Murray moves for non-member to speak; Roy seconds
  - SBP Nastassia Janvier: What do you enjoy most about being in WSU? C. Janvier: Wasn't the most effective leader before joining, but there was no judgment during struggles. Grew as a leader. Wants to provide that experience to the next group of leaders coming in and the rest of the FSU community.
    - Nasworthy: What are your concrete goals for this position? Janvier: Increase professional development and bonding for members. Host retreats and development opportunities. Community service initiatives. Giving back is a priority.
  - Closing Statement:
    - Thank you for your time appreciate and dedication to the FSU student body.
  - **Roy moves to enter round-table discussion; Murray seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - Murray: Supports. Excellent experience. Understands what it takes to be a leader
    - Roy: Authenticity. Absolute yes.
  - **Roy moves to call the question; Espinosa seconds**
  - Vote:
    - Yes: [6] [West, Roy, Espinosa, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
    - No: [0] [none]
    - Abstain: [0] [none]
  - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Christelza Janvier PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Brooke Cohen, JSU Assistant Director**
    - Opening Statement:
      - Cohen: Honored to be here. Since JSU's inception, has been involved on every level of leadership, first on a committee, then VP of programming. Learned how an agency works. Excited to learn more about SGA. Attended SLAA and senate meeting to promote JSU on campus. Make it something to be proud of.
    - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
      - None
    - General Round of Questioning:
      - Nasworthy: What are your concrete goals for this position? Cohen: Focus on education, what it means to be JSU, what Judaism is, its history, struggles, culture, and how non-Jewish students can be allies. Collaborate with other unions to highlight intersectionality of Jewish community.
      - Nasworthy: How will past experiences help you to be successful in this position? Cohen: Have been very lucky. Learn about how an agency is run. Planned programs that people will enjoy. Being on e-board during the transition from an RSO to an agency whs difficult but valuable.
    - Closing Statement:
      - Cohen: Jewish community did so much for me, want to return the favor. Passion determination, kindness, and sincerity. Thank you for your time.
    - **Roy moves to enter round-table discussion; Espinosa seconds**
    - Round-Table Discussion:

- Murray: Support. Great advocate, resource, and leader.
    - Roy: Support. Would help JSU in its first year as an agency.
  - **Roy moves to call the question; Hautrive seconds**
  - Vote:
    - Yes: [6] [West, Roy, Espinosa, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
    - No: [0] [none]
    - Abstain: [0] [none]
  - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Brooke Cohen PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Ryan Thorpe, Deputy Treasurer**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Thorpe: Will be a tool of the executive branch to execute platform. Goals include financial literacy workshops, SGA finance series for funding process. There are time sensitive allocations where a deputy treasurer is needed for it to happen. Was a member of Senate finance committee, board of trustees of Student Foundation, involved with finances in his fraternity, and dance marathon. Here because of a passion for FSU and service. Strong suit is leadership.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - Murray: Are you financially certified? Thorpe: Yes.
  - General Round of Questioning:
    - Roy moves for a non-senator to speak; Murray seconds
    - Ash Soto: Asking as Finance committee Vice Chair, what are goals do you have as DT besides financial workshops? Thorpe: Key part of SGA is getting students involved. Smaller organizations have difficulty getting access to funding. Working unofficially with Gray this summer.
    - Ash Soto: Do you know what PAC and RTAC stand for and what they do? Thorpe: Programming Allocation Committee and Resources and Travel Allocations Committee. Hear bills to approve funding. PAC only funds programming requests and RTAC funds travel requests.
    - Roy: How have you worked with you fraternity on projects that involve budget and finance? Thorpe: Had access to the budget with Sigma Phi Epsilon. Is not a member of the leadership, but has worked with them. Has held charitable events including dance marathon. Worked on budgeting for events.
    - Ash Soto: Since you served on budget committee, what was your role besides being a member, what have you taken away? Thorpe: There are different ways to be an effective senator. Budget week taught that there was so much about SGA that he did not know and how much it means to organizations to get funding.
    - Ash Soto: What was your position within dance marathon? Thorpe: Did not have an official position but worked on financial aspects of planning.
    - Ash Soto: What work have you previously done with agencies that suits you for this? Thorpe: Has networks with leaders and has a team that will help with networking.
    - Ash Soto: Are you aware of discrepancies within the financial manual? Thorpe: Has not been brought to attention yet but is ready and has plans to work with financial office to smooth things out.
    - Roy moves for a non-member to speak; Murray seconds

- Francesca Edouard: What are your motivations for this role? Thorpe: Interested in seeing what it would be like to be Student Body Treasurer. Is comfortable in an executive role.
- Francesca Edouard: How will this role help you potentially be SBT? Thorpe: Shows the intricacies of financial matters on campus. Give the opportunity to see issues in other agencies that would need to be fixed. Overview of how things work.
- Roy: Have you been able to attend any financial literacy events? Thorpe: Have attended a SAP funding q&a session. Familiar with finance committee process.
- Ash Soto: Candidate has only been to one finance meeting. How can we trust you will attend meetings and help SGA with financial process in the future? Thorpe: That duty had never been expressed to him. Glad to take on responsibility. Quit his job in anticipation to take on this role. Fully committed as this is his passion.
- Nasworthy: What has changed that you should be confirmed this time having not passed last senate meeting? Thorpe: Was caught in heat of the moment last time. Only prepped for questions for DT not SBT. Never a doubt that he would come back.
- Ash Soto: How will you work with Gray to do what needs to be done this summer? Thorpe: Both are in Tallahassee. Stay in close contact.
- Francesca Edouard: How did you find out about this position and why did you decided to apply? Thorpe: Found out through Instagram and wanted to get involved. Applied because he thought "it couldn't hurt". Glad he had the guts to do it.
- Closing Statement:
  - None (time expired in opening)
- **West moves to enter round-table discussion; Murray seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - West: Intentions are clear. Supports.
  - Espinosa: Supports. Has seen his work. More than qualified
  - Murray: Respects the people who vouch for the candidate. Seems very prepared this time. Supports.
  - Roy: Addresses concerns with this candidate. Does not feel completely comfortable.
- **West moves to call the question; Hautrive seconds**
- Vote:
  - Yes: [4] [West, Espinosa, Hautrive, Murray]
  - No: [2] [Roy, Condon]
  - Abstain: [0] [none]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Ryan Thorpe PASSES**

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Ireland Hadley, AASU Assistant Director**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Daymee Sanchez, HLSU Director**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Caroline Martins, HLSU Assistant Director**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Brandon Ocasio, PSU Director**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Sam Youngston, PSU Center Director**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Zach Krueger, VSU Assistant Director**

**Closing Announcements:**

- Parliamentarian Rowan: Congratulates new committee members. Come to the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc meeting on Thursday.
- Quentin England: Lots of upcoming interviews, therefore lots of upcoming IA confirmations.
- Ash Soto: Thank you for hearing comments and questions. Offers self as a resource to new senators. Would love to help out. Thank you for your time.
- Roy: Thank you for your time. Welcome to new senators.
- Nasworthy: Congrats to everyone confirmed. Will probably be meeting next week. Great work.

**Next Meeting: 12 July 2021, 6:30pm**

**Adjourned: 8:19pm**

*Luke Nasworthy*

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**Signature of Chair Luke Nasworthy**