



**31st Congress of Graduate Students
Internal Affairs Committee
October 9, 2023**

Call to Order: 6:02 PM

Members Present: Chair Rivers, Rowan, Speaker Rogowski, Deputy Speaker Burns, Deputy Speaker Delva.

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: VC Gai (excused).

Suspended:

Guests:

Approval of the Minutes:

- Delva moves to approve the minutes from September 25, 2023
 - Rowan Seconds

Announcements:

- Chair
 - Land Acknowledgement:
 - The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler-colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.
 - No other announcements.
- Vice-Chair
 - VC Gai is out sick and the committee wishes her well.
- Members
 - Rowan notified the committee that he will bring his bill on the LSC to the next committee meeting for full discussion. A copy of the bill will be emailed to all

committee members, alongside the one-pager that is being provided to the Law School RSOs.

- Guests
 - None

Committee Business:

- Resolution #(Unknown) by Chair Rivers
 - Opening
 - Rivers: Will add numbers when it goes to the floor.
 - Rivers steps down from the chair, Speaker Rogowski takes the Chair
 - Rivers: Two weeks ago, we streamlined the committee meeting minutes, which will help with formatting and transitions. At the retreat, it was mentioned that changing the code requires a bill, not a resolution, but we will debate that. The resolution amends the IROP to include that the meeting minutes of committees must use the template we have started using in this committee. It includes general announcements, attendance, the committee, business. I yield.
 - Questions
 - Delva: The emblem needs to be changes.
 - Rivers: Yes, yes!
 - Delva: This will help keep us organized going into the next Congress. I'm happy with that.
 - Rogowski: Is the resolution just for the committee template or for the whole rules.
 - Rivers: I put it in the IROP.
 - Rogowski: We need to update our IROP. Yeah, I like it. My only other question is about the land acknowledgement. Did we contact the tribe, how was this invented? I want to know before we adopt it.
 - Rivers: I don't know when it was adopted, but this is built out of the FSU statement. It comes from statutes that we are supposed to use the acknowledgement at any meetings.
 - Rogowski: Jack, do you have any information?
 - Rowan: I know that the language was a combination of the acknowledgements used by some departments and the University. Unsure if it was ran past the Tribe.
 - Burns: It's in Chapter 211 of Statutes.
 - Rogowski: It says strongly suggested, it's not required.
 - Rowan: It was originally obligatory, but watered down to strongly suggested after a veto on First Amendment concerns.
 - Rogowski: Ok, I was interested.
 - Delva: This is for committees, does this have to be in the Assembly too?
 - Rivers: No, I wrote this just for committees.
 - DEBATE
 - Burns: I think it's good to have a consistent format. Helps us be more compliant with posting minutes and make them more accessible. We should want a similar structure.
 - Rogowski: Agreed, always good to make them similar.

- Delva: This will help make transitions easier and make it easier to look back to what the committees have done.
- Rowan: Agree with everything already said.
- No debate in opposition.
- **Delva moves to call the question, Rowan Seconds, no objection.**
- Closing
- Rivers: This will make things smoother. I will fix the emblem before next COGS.
- **Final Vote 5-0-0 RESOLUTION PASSES**
- *His resolution being considered; Rivers retakes the Chair.*
- Rivers: Won't be at COGS next week, will be at Clock & Seal.
- Food Science Club Wanting to Cook Using A&S Fees
 - Rogowski: Frank brought up issues with cooking food bought with A&S fees in the test kitchen of the department. We can only cook at the Globe, he raised concerns. If we have to change statutes to let him cook, it will be difficult to do this semester. Could we pass a resolution to do it this semester.
 - Delva: Is it for raw things?
 - Rogowski: It's for multiple things, will have to check statutes.
 - Rowan: It is likely a university policy that must be taken up with the university. We can work with the university to fix this.
 - Rivers: Maybe he could give the money to the Globe and have them do it?
 - Rowan: But he wants cooking the food to be part of the event and the Globe won't let students do the cooking.
 - Rogowski: Looking at the financial manual to see where the restriction is. *Reads from the Manual*
 - Rivers: Can you screenshare?
 - Rogowski: Found the section on pg. 22 of the Manual. This is coming from the university, then. So you're saying it's not statutes, it's university policy?
 - Rowan: Yes.
 - Rogowski: Okay, so he'll have to go to the university. He's very passionate and I want to help, but I'm not sure.
 - Rowan: That's why I suggested he go to SOI.
 - Delva: Maybe he can partner with the Globe.
 - Rowan: The Globe dismissed him because he had no cultural aspect to the club.
 - Rogowski: I will contact Jesse at the Globe to see how we can work together to help him get this event.
 - Delva: Anything that we can do will be helpful.
 - Rowan: He could partner with a cultural club and maybe do the culture café.

Final Announcements:

- Chair
 - Rivers: Sweepings is about to meet and elect leadership. Looking forward to getting back to the budgetary process.
- Vice-Chair
 - OUT.

- Members
 - Rogowski: Andy is working hard with Gabbi and Keyona to update Code because it hasn't been updated in a long time. They'll have to download every bill passed since the last update to see what's been changed. It is a lot. He's working on making the updated document. We also need to update the IROP, but the resolution today helps to codify that. Will get the word document version of the IROP from Erick, but Ben Young might have a copy too. Will provide that to Erick.
 - Rowan: We will have to re-adopt the rules at the start of the next Congress anyways, so that can be an opportunity to set out a new rules and make changes that can be the new basis.
 - Rogowski: Will need to combine seats for the Education and Health Sciences colleges because of the administrative merge. Andy recommends a resolution combining the seats in COGS.
 - Rowan: There might be issues about reapportioning midway through the year, but I'll talk to Andy.
 - Rivers: Someone from HHS mentioned wanting a student in their department to join COGS, will continue to work with them.
 - Rogowski: Even if they fill up, we have the special seats.
 - Delva: Will be on two week vacation, see you all then!
- Guests
 - NONE.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 10/23/2023 at 6:00pm on Zoom. Final Meeting of the Committee for the 31st Congress.

Adjourned at 6:50 pm

Signed,

Erick Rivers

Erick Rivers
Chair