



**71st Student Senate
Judiciary Committee Report
DATE: July 22, 2019**

Call to Order: 7:31 P.M by Chair Latham

Members Present: Chair Latham, Vice Chair Bodiford, Senator Basdeo, Senator Recht, Senator Linarte, Senator Murcia, Senator Bryer, Senator Sanchez, President Parker, Chair Villacorta, Vice Chair Slimak

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Members Absent: None

Guests: N/A

Chair Announcements: Chair Latham filled in the absent and new senators on the legislation draft the committee worked on in the last session. She explained how we learned how to actually draft legislation, understand the process, and briefed the statute amendment that the committee is currently drafting.

Vice Chair Announcements: Vice Chair Bodiford informed the present committee members that Chair Villacorta and possibly other members of the Sustainability Committee would be in attendance later on.

Student Comments: President Parker welcomed Senator Bryer to Senate. She encouraged her to put her time and dedication into the remainder of the Summer Senate session and any future Student Government Association endeavors. She expressed her hope that all Senators present learned something from being involved in SGA and encouraged everyone to reach out to her for any guidance.

Committee Business:

- Committee members pulled up the Statutes on their computers as Chair Latham asked for student opinions on possibly replacing Statute 1112 with a similar statute. Chair Latham explained that a past member of "MARC" has mentioned an organization called "No More", a brand new RSO. Chair Latham informed us that the organization would be similar to "MARC", and at the request of a past member of "MARC", that individual wanted us to amend the statute to help out the new brother organization. Senator Murcia said that logically, it might be easier to eliminate Statute 1112 as a whole due to us not knowing just how similar this new RSO would be to MARC. The committee pondered the pros and cons of adding No More to Statutes because they might not qualify as an RSO under current Senate rules.
- Senator Recht walked the committee through his views and understanding of the Senator confirmation process and any transparency flaws/pros that it may have. He gave the committee a rundown of his and Senator Donnelly's views on the transparency of the confirmation process that SLAA has and how any hypothetical constructive criticism can help or hurt a candidate.

- Chair Villacorta walked the committee through a piece of legislation he is planning on presenting to Senate: a guideline for Student Government Association social media. He described the outline for language to be used and to not be used on any and all Student Government Association social media accounts and the neutrality he hopes to come through it. He hopes to filter any party language or party association from being used on Student Government Association social media accounts, such as the official Instagram and twitter accounts. He did clarify how comments on such posts would not be filtered, as they would be posted by members of Florida State University's student body.

Old Business:

- Chair Villacorta expressed his opinions on a "word bank" for the Internal Affairs Committee student screening process, as discussed in a previous Judiciary Committee meeting. He ran through some possible pros and cons of how the Internal Affairs Committee wants to express opinions on a certain candidate, and how a word bank could either help or hurt that constructive criticism process. Chair Villacorta walked through a few pros and cons of Senators being sent any confirmation letters or documents too close to a Senate meeting- thus making the Senators not as well briefed as possible on who is being presented to Senate for a confirmation process. The committee then asked general questions about the specifics of what goes on during a round table Internal Affairs process. Senator Recht then brought up the idea of possibly taking notes during a round table process for a written record of Internal Affairs opinions on potential candidates. Senator Murcia expressed her opinions regarding taking notes during a candidate interview process conducted by the Internal Affairs committee and posting them alongside the committee minutes. The committee then continued to discuss the matter of transparency and conduct in documenting the opinions that Senators have during candidates during the interview process.

New Business:

- Senator Recht and potential sponsor Chair Villacorta began the discussion of presenting a piece of legislation that would potentially call for more transparency during the Internal Affairs candidate interview process.
- Vice Chair Slimak put on the radar that the Sustainability Committee has a few projects upcoming in the next month and encouraged everyone to reach out to her.

Unfinished Business: Possible revision to or elimination of Statute 1112.

Other Announcements:

- Chair Latham expressed her thanks to everyone who was in attendance. She said that the committee is not planning on presenting the possible revision to Statute 1112 to Senate on the 7/24/19 session. She said that we would hopefully be able to have it read in the Fall but encouraged all returning and non-returning Senators to be involved in the Senate process in the Fall.
- Vice Chair Bodiford welcomed Senator Bryer to Senate and thanked everybody present for attending.
- President Parker encouraged Senators to continue the process of drafting any legislation that they may be working on, even after the Summer session has passed.
- Chair Villacorta announced that Senator Alvarez introduced a piece of legislation to have Senate candidate statements of interests in a booklet that would be sent out to the student body during election season. He said that the legislation is planned to be introduced sometime in November and asked if anybody was interested in being involved in the draft process.

- Chair Villacorta expressed his enjoyment that the Summer Senators were involved during the Summer Session and thanked them for the work they have done this past semester.
- President Parker told everyone that she hoped they had a good rest of their summer.
- Senator Murcia encouraged Senators not running in the Fall to join RTAC and PAC.
- Chair Villacorta mentioned that SGA is looking for a new Clerk, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant for the 2019-2020 school year.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: N/A- this was the committee's last meeting for the Summer session.

Adjourned: 8:28 P.M by Chair Latham. Senator Recht motioned and Vice Chair Bodiford seconded.