



**72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate**  
**Racial Inclusivity and Justice Ad Hoc**  
**Date: 10/09/20 via zoom**

**Call to Order:** 6:12 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Murcia, Vice Chair Gonzalez, Senator Waters, Ad Hoc Member(s) Feacher, Williams

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** None

**Announcements:**

- Chair - None
- Vice Chair - Communication w legislative and executive is gonna grow. Planning biweekly meetings, super excited about that.
- Members - Daraldik: Talked about who is at stake with current climate, about 850 Movement this summer and their work and conversations with the local community and administration, working on police report cards for FSUPD and TPD. Talked about trainings and where the disconnect is and how to address the gaps that exist. Independent investigation toward police depts in town from FSU and FAMU Criminology departments to see how things are working and how to help policing in communities, accessibility, and bettering systems. Working on engagement with OGA and how we can lobby state legislators into helping us. Partnerships with local gov w leadership structures to keep people accountable. Reaching out to allies. Also working on application for student to sit on board that oversees police. Having a 'what's at stake' event with local and city organizers, partnership w OGA, talk about the state of our leadership when it comes to local government.  
Waters: I appreciate all the efforts of exec spearheading accountability in community. I think we've done a disservice to ourselves by not focusing on voting records. Voting is the one time we're all equal and don't have to conjure meetings. I don't know what we can do but collectively we can think about tackling things on every different front.
- Guests - None

**Committee Business:**

- Roundtable

## New Business:

### ● Roundtable

- Motion to enter Roundtable by Feacher
- Gonzalez seconds
- Feacher: Takeaways were report cards and an application process for being on citizens review board for TPD and the investigate board w crim depts. The only effort I know about for voting is the CLSC that allow people to sign up to drive ppl for polls and voting. Perhaps there's more opportunity for engagement with the Center or devising a plan in SGA.
- Murcia: Who would be developing the applications?
- Daraldik: Not sure
- Murcia: There's room there for bias, racism, and those things to take place when deciding who gets to sit on the board. Concerned we may not have the diversity needed to make tangible change we're looking for. Maybe draft a letter to voice these concerns? Can be problematic but very good idea.
- Feacher: There's a seat reserved for FSU in a board. All skin folk aint kin folk. It's about qualifications as well.
- Williams: I agree, diversity doesn't mean they'll advocate correctly. I don't want someone who fits the diverse skin but not mindset. Beyond surface level they have to have that experience.
- Waters: Good point. Don't want someone to be steamrolled in the position. Seeing if we have an answer, what sort of say so we have on this.
- Murcia: Can schedule a meeting w Tazzy so we can talk more about this.
- Waters: Expressing my grievance. Think this is too important to sit here and play partisan politics and checks and balances. To be frank, these issues are too important. For us to be spearheading the same initiatives unbeknownst to one another is unacceptable. Us being in the dark is a bit disheartening. The Senate IB is a different issue and we have to make that clear.
- Murcia: I've been trying to get in contact cause I agree. Invited her to last two meetings but didn't happen. Trying to establish that line of communication. We work closer to the student body than others in some aspects.
- Williams: We should talk to OGA about garnet and gold votes. What's the follow up to Res 80?
- Murcia and Gonzalez: The meeting w Hecht and Brown turned into "talk to exec about their initiatives"
- Williams: That's wrong, advisors should be helping us and that's a tactic to get rid of us. That could have been translated into an email, why reserve a block of time? Fall is about to end. I understand exec has a lot going on but when there are diverse leaders and bodies like this, we can help alleviate that. We need to move past political things and bureaucracy to get things done.
- Feacher: I agree, this is literally to stifle social progress and it is literally just a tactic. Why can't Ahmad or someone he appoints sit on the board? There's a balance of power between the branches and we have that right. It's frustrating and especially as the branch who cuts the checks and interacts the most, we should be having more. It's unacceptable. We shouldn't be directed to another branch.

- Daraldik: I was giving them the benefit of the doubt but now that you mention it, yes I can see it that way and I agree. I will make it clear that we want a direct conversation with them. We're getting pushback from Hecht for Bill 93.
- Gonzalez: Williams, want to be added to the TPD and FSUPD and Exec committee? We need to talk to Hecht.
- Daraldik: I went to the BOT meeting to talk about diversity in the presidential search because it was a hot topic here and i thought it was important to mention and follow up on. Racial inclusivity is very important.
- Feacher: Devoe Moore should be looked into because there's an interesting history there. They're still alive and healthy so I didn't say anything.
- Murcia: What did Hecht say about Bill 93?
- Daraldik: She said the constitutionality is questionable, same argument Levin made, and that they want to talk to the Seminole Tribe before she signs it.
- Feacher: Thank you for telling us. We are here for you and we have more liberty to speak and pushback than you or anyone else. I wasn't elected. Let's use the vocal people to our advantage to advocate.
- Williams: Thank you Ahmad for always being vocal. I know it's hard and there's always something running through your head. What I want to say is Hecht, we can help her reach out. Show that other depts do it and other orgs. FSU appropriates their culture and we can't acknowledge their ancestors? That's an issue.
- Daraldik: Thank you. I know you all are agents of change so I will continue and we will continue to push back. This won't happen again. Your passion empowers me.
- Gonzalez: Will set up the meeting with Hecht ASAP.
- Daraldik: Feacher, you serve on taskforce, do you think we should talk to the Chair?
- Feacher: Reach out to Hecht and the taskforce. I can ask for a presentation to be delivered from FSU SGA to speak on experiences of students on campus. We also have public comment that allows anyone to talk. I don't believe in going through necessary steps, its about being committed to that and getting the opportunity and taking advantage. I'm there to advocate for everyone. In the last meeting on Wednesday, we found out that the first building was made by enslaved people, w/o that building there would be no FSU. We'll be making some impactful steps soon.
- Williams: Been hard for me to get to those meetings. I've been seeing people using their voices and expressing their experience. The first meeting I wanted to read off of dearfloridastate's instagram. Allow me to be a beacon of voice and space to speak for others.
- Feacher: Meetings are at 3pm on Wednesdays. Go on [president.fsu.edu/taskforce](http://president.fsu.edu/taskforce).
- Daraldik: I went to one of those with SJP members and got on tallahassee dem for expressing arab student grievances. We should create a presentation and present it to the committee.
- Murcia: Can we get input from the taskforce to help us do the vocalizing for diversity requirement in presidential search?
- Waters: Did you say they were considering Devoe?
- Feacher: No, he's on it and It's inappropriate that Devoe Moore is on it.

- Waters: Maybe add a committee of students to interview the candidate?
- Gonzalez: We might get pushback because its governed by state law (whoever sits on the pres search committee)
- Feacher: Yes there are guidelines given by Board of Governors.
- Murcia: We wouldn't be on the board, just giving advice or recommendations.
- Feacher: It should be a conversation at large. We need to build coalitions on the issues that we care about.
- Waters: We're about to pay this person. We should have a say. The summer energy has dissipated. Tazzy needs to be transparent in what she's doing.
- Murcia: I agree the conversation has to be had and ASAP, especially with Tazzy and Hecht.
- Feacher: Once we get that conversation, we have to be kind and have grace because that's how oppressive systems work. Its sad that we have to go through formalities but it's what we have to do or they'll say that that's why we didn't get a meeting.
- Murcia: For sure, be aggressive but kind. We need to keep each other accountable moving forward.
- Motion to exit roundtable Waters
- Gonzalez seconds.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Final Announcements:**

Water: Vote!

Murcia: Early voting starts the 19th.

Feacher: Next taskforce meeting is this Wed at 3pm. Should be all subcommittees reporting back with what they've learned. If we want to keep organizing, beginning of next semester would be best to have a bunch of leaders express their concerns. Send emails to provost and board of governors for Fall graduation.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** X

**Adjourned:** 7:16 p.m.