



**72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate**  
**Student Life and Academic Affairs**  
**10/5/2020 at 5:00pm via Zoom**

**Call to Order:** 5:01pm

**Members Present:** Chair Martin, Ferguson, Maymon, Absten, Pedroso, Denton, Selva

**Members Tardy:** None.

**Members Absent:** Hall, Diaz, McCay

**Guests:** Rudd, Wang, Rowan, Rawan, Pro Tempore Harmon, President Daraldik

**Announcements:**

- Chair: None.
- Vice Chair: None.
- Members: None.

**Committee Business:**

- **Resolution 88: Sponsored by Gerdts**
  - Gerdts opens explaining that this is a reoccurring resolution that recognizes German day is happening and brings light to the German community using the German language. The German department greatly appreciates the recognition and many people on campus and in the US identify as being of German descents
  - Yields 3:42 to closing.
  - Absten motions to move into roundtable; Pedroso seconds.
  - Absten commends the sponsor and says that he is happy to see senators doing work for the communities that mean a lot to them.
  - Absten motions to call the question; Pedroso seconds.
  - Gerdts closes by saying thank you.
  - **VOTE:**
    - YES:** Ferguson, Maymon, Absten, Pedroso, Denton, Selva **NO:** None.
    - ABSTAIN:** None.

The resolution does pass.

- **Resolution 89: Sponsored by Rudd & Soto**
  - Rudd opens by explaining that canvas has given the option for universities to enable the setting to allow users to display their pronouns in their username. It would be a big step in the inclusivity of our university and preventing students from being excluded or misgendered on Canvas. It goes against Objective 3 of



the strategic plan to not allow for this setting to be enabled. It continues to educate and bring awareness to gender fluidity and the identities of our students, and shows that our faculty stands in support of those communities and students.

- Yields 2:55 to closing.
- Pedroso motions to go into roundtable. Absten seconds.
- Absten asks whether the pronouns would be permanently in the user's name
  - Rudd responds that it would and that the resolution also urges the university to send out an email explaining the steps.
- Absten commends the sponsor and comments that this is an important step in fostering inclusivity.
- Selva motions to pass by acclamation; Absten seconds.
- Denton objects.
- Selva withdraws her motion.
- Absten moves to call the question; Selva seconds.
- Rudd closes by explaining the need to foster the inclusive culture and furthering Florida State, and the fact that this resolution helps to make more students feel welcome and appreciated on campus.
- **VOTE:**
  - YES:** Ferguson, Maymon, Absten, Pedroso, Selva **NO:** None.
  - ABSTAIN:** Denton

The resolution does pass.

- **Resolution 90: Sponsored by Gerdtz & Soto**

- Gerdtz opens and explains that Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed away on September 18th, and had a long lifetime of giving rights to LGBTQ+ people, widowers, gender equality, and upheld a strict set of standards and values that inspired millions of women and people across the nation and across the world. She allowed many people to feel pride in their nation and her loss is one that was felt deeply across the nation and the world.
- Yields 3:09 to closing.
- Absten motions to go into roundtable; Selva seconds.
- Selva comments on the incredible impact that Ruth Bader Ginsburg has had on the life of women and to so many people both personally and politically.
- Absten thanks the sponsor and comments that he wholeheartedly supports the resolution.
- Absten moves to call the question; Pedroso seconds.



- Gerdts closes by commenting on the need to thank Ruth Bader Ginsburg for the important work that she has done, and that her legacy is one that proved you can make an impact without being the biggest or the loudest one in the room.
- **VOTE:**  
**YES:** Ferguson, Maymon, Absten, Pedroso, Selva. **NO:** Denton.  
**ABSTAIN:** None.

The resolution does pass.

- **Resolution 91: Sponsored by Wang & Soto**

- Wang opens by explaining the impact of Katherine Gooding passing away from COVID-19 last week, and the effect that COVID has had and continues to have on the FSU and greater Tallahassee area, and that Governor DeSantis has endangered many people by allowing bars and nightclubs to open at full capacity without regard for the immense impact COVID continues to have on our university and our state.
- Yields 3:54 to closing.
- Selva motions to go into roundtable; Maymon seconds.
- Selva comments that she commends the sponsor and appreciates the resolution, and is apologetic that COVID continues to affect the greater Tallahassee area in such a large way.
- Absten motions to amend the legislation in the third whereas from “topics” to “total cases,” Selva seconds. The sponsor does find it friendly.
- Absten motions to strike out the second “total” in the third whereas; Pedroso seconds. The sponsor does find it friendly.
- Absten echoes the sentiments of Selva, commenting that it is disheartening to see people not taking COVID as seriously as they should, and that he is sorry for the loss of Katherine Gooding.
- Selva motions to pass by acclamation; Pedroso seconds.
- Denton objects.
- Selva withdraws her motion.
- Selva motions to call question: Absten seconds.
- Wang thanks the committee in her closing.
- **VOTE:**  
**YES:** Ferguson, Maymon, Absten, Pedroso, Selva **NO:** Denton  
**ABSTAIN:** None

The resolution does pass.



**Old Business:**

- None.

**New Business:**

- None.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Resolution 65 sponsored by Leckie.

**Final Announcements:**

- Our next meeting will be Monday, October 12th at 5:00pm.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

- Monday 10/12/2020 at 5pm via Zoom

**Adjourned:** 5:34pm

Sasha Martin

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Signature of Chair