



**71st Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
10/1/19 in Thagard 401**

Call to Order: 6:07 pm

Members Present: Alvarez, Durham, Baxter, Sandoval, Walsh, Villacorta

Members Tardy: none

Members Absent: none

Guests: Thomas Driscoll

Announcements: Member of the week- Baxter

Committee Business: Confirmation interviews

Old Business:

Baxter- moves to table Bill 84 and Bill 86

Sandoval seconds

Bill 79- Sponsored by Chair Harmon

Purpose & Description: The Union Board wants to create an efficient process to fill empty seats, to allow them to continue their work, and created this process to fill vacancies internal of the board. The Union Board has voted unanimously in favor of this bill.

Opening Statement- Bill 79 brought to sponsor by the Union Board, written by them, helps with approval process for vacancies in the Union Board.

1st Round of Pro-

Thomas Driscoll allowed to speak by committee- Union Board not part of SGA, vacancies never filled with current rules, creates better process

POI- Baxter- why at least 3 Union Board members for confirmation?

Answer- Driscoll- believes this is enough

Follow up- how many attend

Answer-Driscoll- all 12 attend monthly meetings

1st Round of Con-

2nd Round of Pro-

POI- Baxter- why is application window open for only five (5) days?

Answer-Driscoll- sees no purpose in making it longer

Sen. England- keeping application window open longer allows for more publicity

Alvarez moves to amend

Harmon finds it friendly

Baxter moves to amend from five (5) business days to ten (10) business days

Harmon finds it friendly

Driscoll- Union Board will withdraw support until they can vote on it

Alvarez moves to amend from 24 business hours to 1 business day

Harmon finds it friendly

Alvarez moves to remove “The Union Board has voted unanimously in favor of this bill.”

Harmon finds it friendly

Sandoval moves to call the question

Baxter seconds

- **Voting Results**
- **Yes- (5) Baxter, Sandoval, Walsh, Alvarez, Villacorta**
- **No- (0)**
- **Abs.- (0)**

New Business:

- **Interview One- Matthew Rega, IRHC Assistant Director of Finance**
 - **Opening Statement- Elected in April, has filled role since then, wants to fix how money is tracked using an excel spreadsheet, has already made spreadsheet, wants to increase brand recognition of IRHC and build community on campus**
 - **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions-**
 - **Alvarez- financially certified?**
 - **Answer-yes**
 - **Questions Related to Position-**
 - **Alvarez- what has been your experience with Housing and IRHC?**

- Answer- IRHC bridges University Housing and the residents, they advocate on their behalf to Housing
 - Alvarez- examples of how they advocate?
 - Answer- has had meetings with residents about parking, expressed concerns to parking, taking concerns of safety to housing
 - Baxter- why did you apply?
 - Answer- was previously treasurer of his hall, got to do a similar job on a smaller scale
- Questions of Character-
 - Alvarez- how do you handle conflict?
 - Answer- hearing both sides and having a broader perspective
- Other Questions- none
- Closing- was part of budget week, presented for IRHC, has been doing this job since April
- Deliberations
 - Roundtable
- Call the Question
 - Baxter
 - Sandoval seconds
- Voting Results
 - Yes- (5) Baxter, Sandoval, Alvarez, Walsh, Villacorta
 - No- (0)
 - Abs.- (0)
- Interview Two- Caitlin Stevens, OGA Board of Directors
 - Opening Statement- Junior, works at state capitol for CFO in policy and strategic initiatives division, passionate about government
 - Technical, Non-Debatable Questions-
 - Alvarez- Financially certified?
 - Answer- yes
 - Questions Related to Position-
 - Baxter- do you see any potential conflicts with current job and OGA?
 - Answer- no, mostly bureaucratic work
 - Alvarez- how do you feel you can best balance the interests of the university and the students if they conflict?
 - Answer- will advocate for what the students want
 - Alvarez- what do you know about the creation of the legislative agenda and what critiques do you have?
 - Answer- more focus on preeminent university

- **Alvarez- primary focus between local, state, and federal government?**
 - **Answer- has most connections in state, would work best there**
 - **Questions of Character-**
 - **Villacorta- why you want to advocate for the student body**
 - **Answer- FSU has given me a lot of opportunities, wants to give back**
 - **Villacorta- what other involvement do you think would influence your work with OGA?**
 - **Answer- exec board for student foundation, case club**
 - **Other Questions- none**
 - **Closing- thanks**
 - **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
 - **Call the Question**
 - Sandoval
 - Baxter seconds
 - **Voting Results**
 - **Yes- (4)** Baxter, Sandoval, Walsh, Villacorta
 - **No- (1)** Alvarez
 - **Abs.- (0)**
- **Unfinished Business- none**
- **Final Announcements- none**
- **Date and Time of Next Meeting- 10/8/19 at 6:00 pm in Thagard 401**
- **Adjourned- 6:52**