



71st Student Senate

Internal Affairs Committee

October 22, 2019 in Thagard 401

Call to Order: 6:12 pm

Members Present: Durham, Villacorta, Baxter, Sandoval

Members Tardy: Alvarez

Members Absent: Walsh

Guests: Sam Jacobsen, Chaston Pfsingston

Announcements: Public comment- OGA Board of Directors members to discuss legislative agenda

Committee Business: confirmation interviews and legislation

Old Business: none

New Business:

- **Interview One- Jared Cohen- OEI Director of Finance**
 - **Opening Statement- junior, double major in finance and risk management, got to know Grant Kurtz- the director of OEI- last year, became interested in OEI, had tried to start a company freshman year, it was very tough, wants to help OEI bring resources to other students**
 - **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions-**
 - **Alvarez- financially certified?**
 - **No**
 - **Baxter- are you aware of the school of entrepreneurship's micro grants?**
 - **no**
 - **Questions Related to Position-**
 - **Alvarez- with founding of Jim Moran school, how do you feel OEI could work in a different sphere than the school?**
 - **Going to freshman, reaching out to them to let them know about the Jim Moran school**
 - **Sandoval- goals for OEI?**

- As Director of Finance, will be in charge of funding allocation, maximizing events, tabling, more events for underclassmen
 - Alvarez- how do you plan on working with the next fiscal year budget of \$500 as opposed to this year's \$2000?
 - Will figure it out and work on it
 - Sandoval- what does OEI do for students that the Jim Moran school can't?
 - Giving necessary resources to students on campus, doesn't know what Jim Moran does for students
 - Sandoval- can you tell us how you plan to reach out to new students?
 - Orientation fliers, fliers in dorms and around campus
 - Alvarez- describe philanthropic events this social organization has done?
 - Tries to get involved with Dance Marathon, but not recognized
 - Questions of Character-
 - Alvarez- expand on past work experience and how it has shaped your character?
 - Best way to learn is to fail once and not make the same mistake, is in charge of a lot of money for a large social group
 - Alvarez- what is this social group?
 - Not a recognized fraternity, about 50 kids in a house that throws parties and does philanthropy
 - Other Questions- none
 - Closing- big part of this job is being honest, trustworthy, and having a good moral character, being reliable, feels that is my best quality
 - Deliberations
 - Roundtable
 - Call the Question
 - Baxter
 - Alvarez seconds
 - Voting Results
 - Yes- (1) Sandoval,
 - No- (3) Alvarez, Baxter, Villacorta
 - Abs.- (0)
- Interview Two- Noah Abramowitz- OEI Director of Communications

- **Opening Statement- senior, started a company that does digital media marketing, services companies in five states, met director of OEI through the school, created strategy to revitalize FSU social media, wants to help revamp OEI**
- **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions-**
 - **Alvarez- financially satisfied?**
 - **No**
 - **Baxter- are you aware of Jim Moran microgrants?**
 - **Yes**
 - **Alvarez- current position you are applying for**
 - **Head of PR and Marketing**
- **Questions Related to Position-**
 - **Baxter- considering the Jim Moran school and the Innovation Hub, where do you see OEI going in terms of PR?**
 - **The kinds of people who populate those spaces and the events in those environments helps OEI find the type of people who are best suited for OEI**
 - **Baxter- how will OEI be doing outreach differently that the Jim Moran school and I-Hub?**
 - **OEI social media is nothing above and beyond, wants to use company to help OEI target new audience**
 - **Alvarez point of clarification-**
 - **Sandoval- goals for OEI?**
 - **Wants to help individuals who are interested in entrepreneurship to be connected to other students doing the same and increase attendance by spreading the word about OEI**
 - **Sandoval- specific ideas for outreach?**
 - **Networking events, targeted to areas of interest**
- **Questions of Character-**
 - **Sandoval- how did you get involved with OEI?**
 - **Met heads of the InNOLEvation program who recommended it**
 - **Alvarez- listed senate president Higgins as recommendation, do you have an alternate reference to avoid conflict of interest between the committee and the senate?**
 - **Yes**
- **Other Questions- none**
- **Closing- thanks for the opportunity, wants to help other students achieve their goals and access resources**
- **Deliberations**
 - **Roundtable**

- **Call the Question**
 - Alvarez
 - Sandoval seconds
 - **Voting Results**
 - Yes- (3) Sandoval, Villacorta, Durham
 - No- (2) Alvarez, Baxter
 - Abs.- (0)

- **Bill 100- Sponsor: Alvarez**
 - **Opening Statement- Bill 100 deletes the Office of Entrepreneurship from statutes, Internal Affairs' Bureau review process found that OEI should no longer remain a bureau of SGA. Additionally, the budget committee allocated them \$500 for the next fiscal year on the basis of being inactive and not using previously allocated \$2000 budget**
 - **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions- none**
 - **Roundtable**
 - **Sandoval moves**
 - **Baxter seconds**
 - **Baxter- agrees with bill, OEI doesn't need to be a bureau, hasn't used their money**
 - **Sandoval- what will happen to people currently in OEI if this bill passes?**
 - **Alvarez- no proviso language included, but upon removal from statutes, the positions within OEI would be terminated upon signature**
 - **Baxter- OEI has not done anything, seems to be a one-man bureau, this bureau is unsustainable**
 - **Villacorta- have you reached out to OEI exec?**
 - **Alvarez- the director was present during the bureau review process and was asked about it at confirmation, but was never present at budget hearings this year, has not been contacted about this bill for those reasons**
 - **Closing- wants bill to be seen in a positive, allowed SGA the opportunity to better advertise I-Hub and Jim Moran school resources**
 - **Call the Question**
 - Sandoval
 - Baxter seconds
 - **Voting Results**
 - Yes- (3) Alvarez, Baxter, Sandoval
 - No- (0)
 - Abs.- (1) Villacorta

- **Unfinished Business- Alex Cowan- TABLED**

- **Final Announcements-** none
- **Date and Time of Next Meeting-**
- **Adjourned-** 7:46 pm