



**The Florida State University Student Government Association**  
**70<sup>th</sup> Student Senate**  
**Budget Committee Hearing Report** September 24th, 2018 - September 28th, 2018

**Call to Order: 1:00 PM (September 24th, 2018)**

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Denton, Dean, Harmon, Jacobsen, Harris, Warren

**Absent:** Murcia

Tardy: Durham

**Guest:** Alvarez, Lavender,

**Announcements and Messages: None Old Business:**

- None.

**New Business: 2 students for senate seats, 3 pieces of legislation by senator Alvarez, 1 piece of legislation by Weber**

Jason Blackthorn

- Graduate Studies Seat 4
- Approachable, increase relations with SGA and graduate students
- Has experience working with
- Went to law school
- Economics graduate student
- Has passion for the environment
- Goals: survey for graduate students to see what students desire

Technical non-debatable

Warren – financially certified

- No

Questions on Position:

Harmon – how did you hear about senate

- Initially heard from Matthew Harris, Mark Porter encouraged filling graduate seat

Durham: how do you feel you could justly represent graduate students as only one person

- Part of DeVoe L. Moore Center as a research assistant and wants to distribute survey to graduate students asking what they want to be done.

Warren: Goals for time in Senate?

- Survey, join sustainability committee and

Jacobsen: Senate vs COGS

- Spoke to them but felt like they were very hidden compared to Senate which has a larger overall impact on the student body.

Character

Warren: What qualities make you an ideal leader?

- Speaking of times when he has fallen into being a leader
  - o Having open lines of communication with people

Closing: You've seen my resume and heard my goals. I believe I would make a good choice as Spring elections approach and thank you for your time.

Hamon moves to enter roundtable

Dean seconds

Harmon: is good candidate

Jacobsen: seems very qualified

Warren: Agrees, qualified and has a lot to gain from this seat

Harmon moved to forward the candidate

Jacobsen seconds

Vote

Y- Dean, Durham, Harmon, Jacobsen, Warren

N-

A- Harris

Jack Denton

Opening: Applying for CSS Seat 6, have been in senate for 2 years. Currently serve as pro tempore. My seat will dissolve so if I hold it will allow for someone to sit on it during the next session and then the seat will not dissolve. 1:24 to closing.

Technical non-debatable

Harmon: if you get into the seat, it will stay a seat until it dissolves

Durham: Non senator to speak

Warren: seconds

Alvarez: seat is valid until validation of election

Questions about Position?

Harris:

Warren: are you in an undergrad seat?

- Yes

Warren motions for a non-senator to speak

Harmon seconds

- Alvarez question: why as the sponsor of a statute which reapportion seat why are you running for it?
  - o So it does not dissolve before next spring
- If you wrote the bill to reapportion the seats, why are trying to not have the seat dissolved?
  - o Purpose if because the seat could still be filled and the College of Social Sciences is full of Poly-Sci and IA majors
  - o Instead of letting seat disappear, why not allow for representation

POC Durham: Pro-Temp is responsible for reapportioning the seat (part of their job)

POC/POI Harris: reasoning behind reapportionment is to match with how many students there are. If that seat were to remain filled, would CSS be over-represented?

Last year, that seat still existed. Reapportionment eliminates in the spring election 2020.

Warren motions for a non-senator to speak

Dean seconds

Alvarez: Seat would be dissolved depending upon when the seat was last filled so that is why the seat would now last until the spring.

Dean motions for a non-senator to speak

Warren seconds

Sandoval

POC: Explain the reapportionment process

Dr. A gives Jack the numbers and then he follows statutes to

If confirmed to seat, then he would resign from his seat and therefor resigning from Pro Temp since he would not be a Senator for that time in between

Durham motions for a non-senator to speak

Warren seconds

Villacorta: when speaking to chief of staff, they didn't want to appoint anyone to seats

Closing: He has not spoken to exec about that, but they did forward him. Hopes to allow for more representation from the CSS and thank you for hearing him out. Believes he is very qualified for the position and that appreciates our time.

Durham moved to enter round table

Warren seconds

Harris: Skeptical because Denton would be circumventing the election. Doesn't believe that is very fair. Thinks that by leaving the seat

Durham: Wishy-washy because yes, he would be skipping the election process but looking at him as a non-senator, he is the most qualified .

Harmon: Completely agrees with Durham and unsure how he feels. As a Social Sciences major, understands why it is appealing for a seat to stay open.

Warren: Understands where everyone is coming from. It is unfair but so is life. He was in the right place at the right time. He is in Social Science and it makes sense.

Harmon: would be leaving a seat for other students to win if he gets this seat.

Durham: Agrees with Warren. As someone who represents the college she thinks the college deserves to be fully represented. Would be sad to see a seat go.

Durham motions for a non-senator to speak

Warren seconds

Villacorta: In regard to what Exec said, it was them that said they want everyone to

Alvarez: As a constituent of the CSS, members of the college are very active. As a senator, this has only happened once.

Durham moves to call the question

Y- Dean, Durham, Harmon, Warren

N- Harris

A- none

Resolution 16

Alvarez: constitutional obligation is to introduce questions to the student body so it would be fit to see if our constituencies believe if our work is understood throughout the student body. Tied in with another bill to be heard in another question that these would be unopinionated questions. 1:46 to closing

Technical non-debatable

Jacobsen: would these be optional?

- Yes

Harmon: how could these be added now

- Latest time to add these is next Wednesday

Pro-

Con- Jacobsen believes students would not answer this

Pro- Harmon thinks it is good to have the option of having the questions

Durham moves to call the question

Warren seconds

Closing: addressing concerns, if they paid enough attention to read everything then they should hopefully answer the end parts.

Vote

Y- Dean, Durham, Harmon, Harris, Jacobsen, Warren

N-

A-

Resolution 61 Passes

Resolutions 67 and 68  
Durham moves to table the bills

Closing announcements: none

Adjourn: 7:04