



**73rd Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
November 1, 2021 | <https://fsu/zoom.us/j/94723052898>**

Call to Order: 6:35 PM

Members Present: Chair Murray, Vice Chair Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Senators Lessard, Thau, Powell, Russell

Members Tardy: Senator Marcus

Members Absent: Senators West (U), Hitchcock (E)

Guests: Gabriela Herrerias, Rawan Abhari

Land Acknowledgement – Chair Murray

Announcements:

- None

Committee Business:

- Bureau Review
 - Office of Governmental Affairs:
 - Presentation: Director Rawan Abhari- My name is Rawan Abhari. New confirmed director of OGA. Feel free to ask questions. Primary External Wing of SGA. Under the execute branch. Advocate on the behalf of the student body. Want to institutionalize our advocacy. Our student voice is strong especially at a local level. Start local and go as big as the Federal level. Usually focus on the state level the most as FSU gets most of its funding from the State. How we advocate effects all students.
 - Mission: Work with all levels of government. Have a university lobbyist that gets funding for the university.
 - Budget Request: On a more limited budget this year. Might come to Senate projects for some assistance in funding. Next year got most funding that was asked for. OGA still not a paid position. Did not get funding for travel. Next years budget about 15,000.
 - Expense: Statewide travel approved. FSU Day at City Hall funded. Food at receptions/retreats/events approved. Legislator awards approved. OGA polos approved. Moles Engaged in Politics approved.
 - Governing Statutes: More edits than additions. Add Statutory requirement a transition meeting or filing of passwords. Edit Director to Executive Director. Rename Internal Assistant Director to Assistant Director. Change “government al” to “Governmental”

Change meeting requirements from twice a month to once a month (entire 15 members). Take out the requirement that the Director must attend every meeting. Take out requirement of 3 credit hours of summer classes. Require Bureaus and agencies since they are under the executive branch should roll over with the executive branch.

- Confirmation Process: Director chosen by the SBP then the Director chooses the rest of the board.
- Work under the SBP. Have the Office of Governmental Relations.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
- General Round of Questioning:
 - Powell: Do you know why the executive director rename wasn't implemented before?
 - Rawan: Word of mouth issue. Technically in statutes Board of Directors members are members-at-large. Word of mouth wise refer to themselves as Directors.

Senator Russell moves to table OGA for deliberations; Vice Chair Pfeuffer- Ferguson seconds

- Student Council for Undergraduate Research and Creativity (SCURC): Director Gabriela Herrerias
 - Presentation:
 - Past Expense: Allocated money requested during Budget proposals. Pretty straight forward. Intended a new Budget Breakdown for new school year. A lot of budgeting ended up coming from word of mouth and past directors. Last year only requested money from SGA twice. Most money goes to grants. Most research conferences were over zoom. Not going to request money if we don't need it. Travel costs only registration cost. Hopefully futurist budgeting will be more reflective of how SCURC runs. Most money goes towards travel grants. Important to further the university's status as a Research 1 institution. Printing of The Owl takes up most of SCURC funding. Gives students opportunities to publish their research here at FSU. Able to budget more to events since in-person events can be held.
 - Events: Workshops. Delayed in hosting most events due to delay in confirmation of the exec board. No formal documentation of attendance records. Information based on past directors. Attendance lacking due to covid. More formal documentation next year.
 - Mission: Students regardless of background or experience are given an opportunity through SCURC to get involved in research. SCURC workshops available to all students. Different ways to get involved doesn't have to be through research. Open to the community.
 - Governing Statutes: No issues with statutes. All statutes up to par. Assistant directors felt that statutes accurately represented their positions. Slight issues with confirmations process.

- Confirmation Process: Directors hosts most of the process. Selects 4 main officer positions. Ability to go without the 4 main official positions. One of the exec members can be the Treasurer if unable to find one. Assistant directors have full flexibility and selecting their members/board.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
- General Round of Questioning:
 - Murray: Similar issue to transition as OGA, would you say that transitions is an issue for you?
Herrerias: Yes. One of our board members were confirmed last week. Made it difficult to get business done.

Senator Russell moves to table SCURC for deliberations; Senator Marcus seconds

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Unfinished Business:

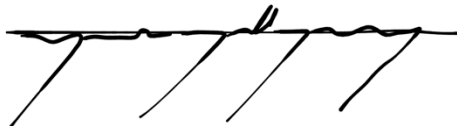
- None

Closing Announcements:

- Murray: Five Bureaus didn't show up

Next Meeting: November 8, 2021, 6:30pm

Adjourned: 7:14PM



Signature of Chair Trevor Murray