

**73rd Student Senate
Judiciary Committee
Date: September 10, 2021**

Zoom recording of meeting:

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Call to Order: 4:01pm

Members Present: Chair Little, Vice Chair Puwalski, Senators Guillamont, Myers, Linksy, Rodgers, Stults, Rossi

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Members Excused Absent: None

Members Absent: Senator(s) Arutt, Reeves, Molina

Guests: Speaker Hagemeyer, Senator Randall

Announcements:

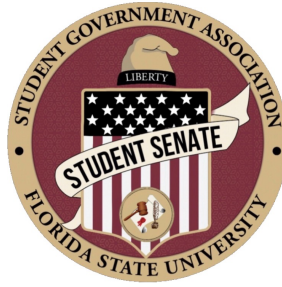
- Chair - Presentation of overview of Judiciary Committee: impeachment hearing, confirmations for Supreme Court nominees, collaborate on Elections Code with Supervisor of Elections (SBS 700-799). Slideshow will be shared in Judiciary Committee Google Drive. Roundtables at conclusion of each committee meeting. Have proper decorum, be respectful, and properly handle serious topics and discussions. Contact info for Chair Little and Vice Chair Puwalski are in slideshow.
- Vice Chair - I put my email in the chat
- Members - Sen. Linsky: Sweepings Committee applications are open
- Guests - Sen. Randall: PAC & RTAC are open. In/out of state events are approved; virtual and in-person events are also approved for funding. PAC & RTAC are both looking for more members.

Committee Business:

- **Adopt Rules of Procedure**
- **Bill 46-** Sponsored by Senator Randall- Revising the COGS statutes to improve readability, strengthen the relationship between COGS and the Student Senate, and expand the ex-officio voting rights of the COGS Speaker in the Student Senate.
- **Constitutional Amendment 10-** Sponsored by Senators Linsky and Randall- To increase the Congress of Graduate Students' ability to allocate Activities and Services Fees on behalf of graduate students at Florida State University.

Old Business: None

New Business:



-Judiciary Committee Rules of procedure

Sen. Linsky moves to adopt

Sen. Myers seconds

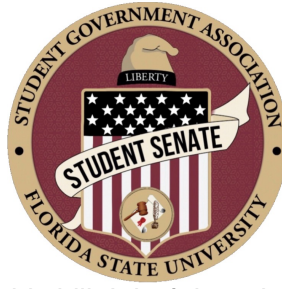
Passes by unanimous consent

-Bill 46- Sponsored by Senator Randall- Revising the COGS statutes to improve readability, strengthen the relationship between COGS and the Student Senate, and expand the ex-officio voting rights of the COGS Speaker in the Student Senate.

- Opening Statement:
 - Sen. Randall: 3 big changes. First, re-formatting. Second, changed COGS Speaker from ex-officio member for *voting* ex-officio member. This allows grad students to have their voice heard. Third, changes interaction of COGS with rest of SGA. Yields 1:44 to closing
- Technical non-debatable:
 - None
- **Sen. Myers moves to enter round table, Sen. Linsky seconds**
- Round table:
 - Sen. Linsky- Big supporter of Bill 46. COGS doesn't have much legislative discretion; they only have a liaison to Senate, and there aren't many grad school Senators. Supports this bill to allow grad students to have their voice heard. FSU needs more grad students and more grad students' papers published to have FSU rise in national rankings
- **Sen. Linsky moves to call the question, Sen. Myers seconds**
- Closing:
 - Randall: Thank you.
- Vote:
 - Y-7, N-0, A-0
 - Passes

Constitutional Amendment 10- Sponsored by Senators Linsky and Randall- To increase the Congress of Graduate Students' ability to allocate Activities and Services Fees on behalf of graduate students at Florida State University.

- Opening Statement:
 - Sen. Linsky- COGS receives abnormally low funding, especially for how many grad students there are. Grad students should get 70% of what they pay, instead of only getting 30%. Came to consensus with Sen. Randall that COGS should get 50% of what grad students pay. This will raise COGS budget from \$607,000 to a little over \$1M. This won't result in reduction from Senate budget. Yields 0:45 to closing
- Technical non-debatable:
 - None
- **Sen. Myers moves to enter round table, Sen. Guillamont seconds**
- Round table:



- Sen. Myers- supports this bill. It isn't harming Senate budget, and it's helping COGS and graduate students, so it's a great piece of legislation.
- Sen. Guillamont- I understand the COGS budget doesn't reflect number of grad students, but is there a need to increase funding?
- Sen. Randall- There is a need for more funding. COGS funds more individual students for research, which helps FSU's image on a national level. More funding would allow for a larger budget for Med School Council and Law School Council.
- Sen. Linsky- Lack of COGS funding has led to fighting among grad schools and there are accusations of favoritism. More funding would greatly help. For example, Law School Council only gets \$44,000 per year, so all the law school RSOs are fighting for money. Law and Med School Councils are seen as being the favorites because they get more funding than other grad schools, but this could be avoided if COGS is given more funding.
- **Sen. Myers moves to call the question, Sen. Rodgers seconds**
- Closing:
 - Sen. Linsky- Thank you. I hope you vote yes.
- Vote:
 - Y-8, N-0, A-0
 - Passes

Unfinished Business:

Committee Legislative Round Table:

Final Announcements:

- Chair: Thank you for showing up. Next week we will meet on Monday or Tuesday (Labor Day affected our meeting time for this week). Please read legislation before it comes to our committee. Legislation is posted on Canvas, and I will also put them into Google Drive.
- Vice Chair: None
- Members: None
- Guests: None

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 9/14 at 7:00pm

Adjourned: 4:29pm

Moved by Sen. Linsky, Sen. Myers seconds

Gabrielle Little

Signature of Chair

