



73rd Student Senate
Student Life and Academic Affairs Committee
11/08/21 at 8:30pm | Zoom Meeting ID: 999 774 3849

Call to Order: 8:31

Members Present: Murray, Tsouroukdissian, Nemeth, Duchene, Hunter, Garcia, Vanderlay, Moriah, Noel, Preshia

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Remler, Moore

Guests: Brandon Gabay

Announcements:

- Chair Murray: It has been so much fun leading this committee this semester. Let's make it a great meeting
- Vice Chair Nemeth: So happy to be here with you all for our last meeting
- Brandon Gabay: I believe you have a bill coming through tonight about providing JSU with more hand sanitizers. We got a grant over the summer to fund 150 of them. We gave them out at the involvement fair and we're almost completely out. We would love more

Committee Business:

- **Bill 69 sponsored by Senator Tackett (P):** Funding for Pride Student Union to give out a sustainable and unique promotional item to grow their influence on campus as well as promote healthy hygiene practices at tabling events.
- **Bill 75 sponsored by Senators Tackett and Randall (P):** To purchase 150 personalized hand sanitizers to continue promoting the newest agency on the block while also promoting personal hygiene.

- **Bill 88 sponsored by Senators Murray and Preshia (P):** To purchase two picnic tables that will be placed outside of the Rovetta building to allow students to work on homework, eat, and sit before class.
- **Resolution 81 sponsored by Senators Tackett and Gonzalez (P):** Asking the University to provide EBT terminals on campus and do more to fight hunger.
- **Resolution 82 sponsored by Senator Tackett (P) Wang, Gonzalez, Lessard, T. Murray, Russell, Nasworthy, Marcus, Edouard, Garcia, DuChene, Little (Co):** To promote sustainable and healthy student life.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

- **Bill 69 sponsored by Senator Tackett (P)**
 - o Opening Statement:
 - Hello SLAA! It's great to be here for the last time. This bill has been a long time in the making. This is how we're getting bidets on campus. I talked to a bunch of agencies on campus. The Pride Student Union said they would love to have bidets. They're great to hand out at tabling events and programming events. This bill funds 60 portable bidets. You can bring them anywhere and use them in any bathroom. They're more hygienic than using regular toilet paper. They're also more sustainable and inclusive.
 - o Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - **Hunter moves to enter round-table discussion; Vanderlay seconds**
 - o Round-Table Discussion:
 - Hunter: As an environmental science major and for my constituents, bidets are much more eco-friendly and they use less water, so they're really sustainable. Especially portable ones that don't require any installation. Installation was my first concern when reading this bill, so this is a great options. Agencies are always on campus for events and tabling, so it leaves bidets completely optional. \$360 allow agencies to increase health and hygiene in a sustainable way. I am in support of this bill

- Duchene: Bidets are amazing. Anything to get more on campus is something I support. Doing this through the Pride Student Union is amazing. It opens the conversation up to how bidets aren't just substitutes for toilet paper, they're great tools for sexual health and hygiene.
 - Tsouroukdissian: POI to sponsor- is 60 enough?
 - Tackett: I would love more, but they're currently in a transitional period with the new union being built. 60 is just enough to start with and for them to store. I came up with this number with the assistant director
 - Hunter: POI to sponsor- has there been a cry or need from students for bidets? Or is this an agency a specific request?
 - Tackett: There has been a cry. A lot of my constituents have been voicing their opinions to me, but this topic is seen as taboo and this is a major issue on campus. Bidets promote inclusivity and sustainability
 - Noel: I'm all for this
 - Vanderley: I think this is awesome
 - Tsouroukdissian: I'm excited for this to pass
 - **Tsouroukdissian moves to call to question; Hunter seconds**
- o Closing:
- Thank you all so much for listening to this bill and for being so supportive of it. I have been in contact for my entire time in Senate trying to get bidets installed, so this is the best solution I could come up with. When it comes to getting physical bidets installed on campus, I will touch on that in my upcoming legislation
- o Vote:
- Yes: 9 [Tsouroukdissian, Nemeth, Duchene, Hunter, Garcia, Vanderlay, Moriah, Noel, Preshia]
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **BILL 69 PASSES**

- **Bill 75 sponsored by Senators Tackett and Randall (P)**
 - o Opening Statement:
 - This is pretty straightforward. Director Gabay spoke on this. When I was talking to the agencies about bidets, JSU said they would like more hand sanitizers. This is a popular item for agencies. It's a great way to promote health on campus. It's a cheap way to promote JSU as they are the new kids on the block. We have to do it through Senate projects because they were not funded for the fiscal year. They are now on the budget so we hopefully won't have to do that anymore
 - o Technical Non-Debatable:
 - **Duchene moves to enter round-table; Hunter seconds**
 - o Round-Table Discussion:
 - Preshia: Are these JSU branded?
 - Tackett: I believe there's a sticker they put on it, but this is just for the hand sanitizer
 - Hunter: I think this is a no-brainer. Everyone caught the flu last week, so anything like hand sanitizers or masks should be a priority for us. My first question was if it's sustainable to continually fund this through Senate Projects, so thank you for answering that already. I will be voting yes
 - Preshia: Is the quantity based on storage space, or can we fund more?
 - Tackett: They quantity is what they had last time, and this is what the Director requested
 - Duchene: I love my Office of Admissions clip and go hand sanitizer, so I can't wait to get my JSU one
 - **Duchene moves to call to question; Preshia seconds**
 - o Closing:
 - Thank you all for hearing this
 - o Vote:
 - Yes: 9 [Tsouroukdissian, Nemeth, Duchene, Hunter, Garcia, Vanderlay, Moriah, Noel, Preshia]
 - No:

- Abstain:
 - **BILL 75 PASSES**
- **Bill 88 sponsored by Senators Murray and Preshia (P)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - This bill funds picnic tables outside of Rivetta, the College of Business. There isn't much outdoor seating space right now, only 2 giant stone slabs. This would be very helpful for the college's students. We talked to the Dean about this, and it is definitely something that is wanted and needed. Senator Slimak tried to pass this before COVID.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Hunter: I know previous Senator Slimak presented this. Have you continued these conversations with the Dean after COVID?
 - Preshia: Yes, I reached out to the Dean and he restated his approval
 - **Hunter moves to enter round-table; Duchene seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Hunter: POI to sponsor- what is the freight charge? To get them from point A to point B?
 - Preshia: Yes. Shipping
 - Hunter: POI- how much do we have in Senate projects?
 - Tackett: 16,891 in Senate Projects
 - Hunter: Who completes the installation of these?
 - Preshia: FSU has a master craftsman studio who would
 - Hunter: I personally never use Rovetta, but I do cut through it to get to class and I always see people standing there looking uncomfortable. There is a need for them. I am in support of this. Adding places to sit and do work on campus needs to be evaluated to begin with
 - **Tsouroukdissian moves to call to question; Vanderlay seconds**
 - Closing:

- Thank you for your support. Rovetta is not just for business students. It's super close to HCB, to Bellamy, Legacy Walk, and other spots, so any student can benefit from them
- Vote:
 - Yes: 9 [Tsouroukdissian, Nemeth, Duchene, Hunter, Garcia, Vanderlay, Moriah, Noel, Preshia
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **BILL 88 PASSES**
- **Resolution 81 sponsored by Senators Tackett and Gonzalez (P)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - This is one of my more serious bills that I've been working on for a long time. I have been wanting to get EBT terminals on campus. I am an EBT user and so are 8,700 undergraduates on campus. People don't like to talk about it or say they use food stamps to eat, but it's a real problem on our campus and campuses across the nation. I've tried to reach out to several different departments about adding these terminals and what it would take to do so. It doesn't take a lot. The POD market has the ability to do so, but they are doing nothing about it. Aramark has a strangle hold on pretty much all food and money around food on campus. They are not open to EBT terminals because they would lose revenue. This bill details the hunger problem and the need for these terminals on campus. It also talks about Swipe Out Hunger which used to be a thing on our campus, but is no longer because of Aramark. I've tried so hard to do something about this, but I'm now out of time. I would love if someone would pick it up when I'm no longer a Senator
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Hunter: What is a POD market?
 - Tackett: The convenience store next to CFA
 - **Hunter moves to enter round-table; Tsouroukdissian seconds**

○ Round-Table Discussion:

- Tsouroukdissian: POI to sponsor- is 8,729 FSU students?
- Tackett: FSU students. They aren't all EBT users, but they're people who qualify for it. A good portion of them probably have it. I got this number through the FSU Statistics department. Those are the people who qualify for a full Pell Grant, which is what I do, and if you qualify for that you qualify for EBT
- Hunter: This resolution is of sheer importance to our campus. Swipe Out Hunger can't exist on our campus right now because of our food contract with Aramark. Most college campuses have it. So many people are food insecure on our campus, and this resolution is of such importance. EBT is not the simplest thing to apply for, but when people do apply and get it, not having access to those resources is absurd. Especially when other campuses do. Anything less than passing this by unanimous consent would be crazy
- Preshia: Something that I learned from working with the Food for Thought pantry- lots of students aren't eligible for SNAP. If you have a meal plan that covers half of your meals, you aren't eligible for SNAP. Not even through your family's benefits. If someone wanted to do a resolution about that, it would be appreciated and also help fight food insecurity
- Duchene: I don't necessarily want to get off topic, but there was a Trump administration change to the SNAP program in 2019. Has that been changed? Or is that rule still in effect?
- Preshia: There was a pandemic rule change that gave more students access, but I think that expired
- Tackett: Biden rolled back some of those, but he said if you're a full Pell grant recipient, that is one of the qualifiers. You need to meet a couple marks, but he added that as one qualifier, making it more accessible to students
- Hunter: Something we should be reminding ourselves as SLAA committee, we are supposed to do work on student life. If we're on SLAA in the spring, food insecurity on campus could be one of our focuses

- Duchene: If this is something we want to explore more, I know committees are able to open investigations. Food insecurity could be the focus of an investigation. I commend Senator Tackett for bringing this to us
 - **Hunter moves to pass by acclimation**
 - **RESOLUTION 81 PASSES**
- **Resolution 82 sponsored by Senator Tackett (P) Wang, Gonzalez, Lessard, T. Murrery, Russell, Nasworthy, Marcus, Edouard, Garcia, DuChene, Little (Co)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - I already said what a bidet is, and that's what the first two clauses do here. They can be portable, stand alone, or an attachment. This bill does several things. As for sustainability, a bidet uses 1/8 the amount of water that it takes for toilet paper to use. One roll of toilet paper uses 32 gallons of water. Bidets on campus promotes sustainability through that aspect. As for health, once you use a bidet, there is no fecal matter. You're spreading less germs when you use it. It's also clean. The water from a bidet comes from a water line behind the toilet, it doesn't touch the toilet. As for cultural reasons, bidets are also inclusive for religions and cultural identities. FSU promotes international programs and people, and a lot of people across the world use bidets. The United States is ranked at the bottom for bidet use. People are scared. As for how it impacts our students, I had a student come up to me talking about the new student union. They had to request a foot washing station, but there's no bidets. A bidet needs to be installed by the foot washing station. This resolution will be sent to the Union. I do believe the Union will be installing one, but this is to ensure it because I'm leaving soon
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Hunter: Is administration on board with the bidet in the Union?
 - Tackett: I had a conversation with Jacalyn Butts and through other people with Dr. Bowden. Dr. Bowden told me about the prayer room and the foot

washing stations. They are well aware that there is a need for a bidet there, and that's why I believe they are getting it

■ **Duchene moves to enter round-table; Tsouroukdissian seconds**

○ Round-Table Discussion:

■ Preshia: It's of course good to have bidets for hygiene, but I'm happy you included the cultural reasons in this resolution. Also, how do they connect the bidets to the toilet?

■ Tackett: A t-connector. Comes straight from the water line in the wall. The portable ones aren't connected

■ Hunter: POI to sponsor- what's the average cost of bidet installation?

■ Tackett: I'm not exactly sure, but the attachment style is about \$20-25. If you want one that dries, you'll pay roughly an extra \$30. That's not necessary. The problem I ran into was who is going to install it. Whoever picks this up, talk to Accessibility and Advocacy

■ Hunter: Would you find it friendly to have this bill sent to the Union Board? It would bring more student advocates to your side

■ Tackett: Yes

■ **Hunter moves to amend to add "The Florida State University Union Board"; Duchene seconds**

■ **Tackett finds the amendment friendly**

■ **Amendment is adopted**

■ **Preshia moves to call to question; Tsouroukdissian seconds**

○ Closing:

■ It's only fitting I end here. This was my first project in Senate. Thank you SLAA for everything you do

○ Vote:

■ Yes: 9 [Tsouroukdissian, Nemeth, Duchene, Hunter, Garcia, Vanderlay, Moriah, Noel, Preshia]

■ No: 0

■ Abstain: 0

■ **RESOLUTION 82 PASSES**

Unfinished Business:


- N/A

Closing Announcements:

- Murray: It was so great getting to know you all this semester! I hope we all can keep in contact after this
- Nemeth: Thank you for an amazing semester! I'm going to miss this group. For everyone that is returning, I can't wait to keep working with you. For those leaving us, please reach out to me at any time with anything. It was such a pleasure working with you all
- Hunter: I loved working with you all! My main announcement is that the Presidential Scholars Program and the Food for Thought pantry are doing a beat UF food drive. There should be a box in the top floor of Thagard, but there are a ton of boxes around campus. We talked about food insecurity a lot today, so please consider donating. We also get to beat UF
- Preshia: Our last Senate meeting is this Wednesday. I will be there in person, and I hope we all can be there in person. Let's have a great last meeting

Next Meeting: N/A

Adjourned: 9:16



Signature of Chair Murray