



**73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate**  
**Student Life and Academic Affairs Committee**  
**9/20/21 at 8:30pm | Zoom Meeting ID: 999 774 3849**

**Call to Order:** 8:03

**Members Present:** Murray, Preshia, Lessard, Moore, Tsouroukdissian, Nemeth, Duchene, Moria, Hunter

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:** Remler, Garcia, Vanderley

**Guests:** Brandon Gabay, Parliamentarian Rowan

**Announcements:**

- Chair Murray: Let's make it a great meeting!
- Vice Chair Nemeth: Just happy to be here!
- Brandon Gabay: Hi everyone! I don't support Resolution 18. I'm tired of being here every week. Please do something about it, and have a great meeting.

**Committee Business:**

- **Resolution 18 sponsored by Senator Gonzalez (P):** Calling on the FSU Administration and Board of Trustees to review and withdraw investments from corporations deemed unethical by the FSU student community.
- **Resolution 48 sponsored by Senator Bowling (P), Hadley, Puwalski (Co):** Pledging support for native and indigenous rights movements.
- **Resolution 70 sponsored by Senator Marcus (P)**
- **Resolution 71 sponsored by Senator Marcus (P), Lessard, Tackett (Co)**

**Old Business:**

- **Resolution 18 sponsored by Senator Gonzalez (P)**

- o **RESOLUTION 18 IS TABLED**
- **Resolution 48 sponsored by Senator Bowling (P), Hadley, Puwalski (Co)**
  - o Opening Statement:
    - I'm here again because we made a bit of a mistake last week. We forgot to strike the original legislation and amend it. I appreciate you all being here, and let's get started.
  - o Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - Lessard: POI did we hear this on the floor? Or a resolution that was similar?
    - Duchene: No
    - Marcus: POC I believe you're remembering the description being read, but because of a procedural error, it had to be sent back to committee
    - Lessard: POI do the whereas clauses have to be black? They're gray
    - Murray: Fixing it now
    - **Nemeth moves to enter round-table discussion; Duchene seconds**
  - o Round-Table Discussion:
    - Bowling: The procedural issue was that I presented an amended resolution and not the resolution that was originally submitted. We forgot to strike the entire resolution and amend it to the new version
    - **Lessard moves to amend; Preshia seconds**
    - Hunter: POC we are not following parliamentary procedure for the amendment, so can we start over
    - **Lessard moves to amend; Preshia seconds**
    - Sponsor Bowling finds it friendly
    - Lessard: We need to make the gray lines black again
    - Hunter: POI can the sponsor please send the amended version in the chat
    - Rowan: You can do all of the grammatical changes from the last meeting in one amendment, but it still needs to be made as an amendment
    - Preshia: Can we make a substitute amendment

- Rowan: The motion would be to strike the entire resolution and make it what Senator Bowling sends in
- Hunter: POI in the rules you all adopted, do we need to raise our hands in round-table, or can we just talk?
- Murray: You can just talk
- Hunter: Sponsor, can you please send the new text in the chat, and can the sponsor of the amendment withdraw their motion so we can re-do this again
- **Lessard withdraws the motion to amend**
- Hunter: The amended version of this resolution is great, and I appreciate the subject matter. It's very important to talk about stuff like this considering we go to FSU
- Duchene: While it's a little frustrating that we weren't able to hear it on the floor of the senate last week, it's important that we're hearing this today in SLAA. There is a federal action today in Canada for members of Parliament, and indigenous issues are very much on the ballot. Trudeau's government is being held accountable, and pro-indigenous candidates and indigenous candidates themselves are winning. For us to pass this resolution tonight as elections results roll in is very special. I will be proposing a few amendments
- Hunter: Can we please change who the Pro-Tempore is in the chat so we can amend this all as one go
- Rowan: Since Hadley and Puwalski are no longer Senators, we also need to take them off the co-sponsor list
- **Hunter moves to amend the document to strike the entire resolution and change it to what the Sponsor sent in the chat; Tsouroukdissian seconds**
- Rowan: You can put all of the new stuff in under the striked out language. Second, Emmabella Rudd and Sofia Herrera are no longer in those positions in OGA, so they need to be updated as well
- Hunter: POC to committee, I will make an amendment with the name changes later

- Murray: As of now, everything is in the document, so let's make an amendment for that
- **Bowling finds the amendment friendly**
- Duchene: POC in the copy paste, the first clause underneath the struck through amendment is not the correct beginning of this resolution
- Murray: Thank you, fixing that now. Does anyone have any other amendments?
- Hunter: POI to Parliamentarian, after the sponsor finds it friendly what is next?
- Rowan: You need to ask if there is an objection
- Murray: Is there an objection?
- **Duchene moves to capitalize "N" in "Nations"; Nemeth seconds**
- Bowling finds the amendment friendly
- Murray: Are there any objections?
- **Hunter moves to correct the spelling of "Kahleel"; Tsouroukdissian seconds**
- Bowling finds the amendment friendly
- Murray: Are there any objections?
- **Hunter moves to amend "Emmabella Rudd" to "Rawan Abhari"; Duchene**
- Bowling finds the amendment friendly
- Murray: Are there any objections?
- **Hunter moves to amend "Sofia Herrera" to "Ariel Trueba"; Tsouroukdissian seconds**
- Bowling finds the amendment friendly
- Murray: Are there any objections?
- **Tsouroukdissian moves to amend to format the document correctly; Hunter seconds**
- Bowling finds the amendment friendly
- Murray: Are there any objections?

- **Duchene moves to amend the resolution by striking clause 5; Hunter seconds**
- Bowling finds the amendment friendly
- Murray: Are there any objections?
- Tsouroukdissian: Can we do this on a google doc later?
- Murray: That can be started in the future
- **Preshia moves to correct the spelling of “ethnic”; Tsouroukdissian seconds**
- Bowling finds the amendment friendly
- Murray: Are there any objections?
- Rowan: For Senator Tsouroukdissian, we have this on word docs and not google docs because it locks down the legislation so that the changes are only made at committee meetings. We try to keep submitted legislation off of google docs
- **Hunter moves to amend to remove former Senators “Hadley” and “Puwalski” from the co-sponsor list; Duchene seconds**
- Bowling finds the amendment friendly
- Murray: Are there any objections?
- Hunter: POC I mean this in the nicest way possible, but when you come to committee, can you please have your resolution spell checked and grammar checked
- **Hunter moves to have the amended resolution read in full; Duchene seconds**
- Murray: Are there any objections?
- Lessard objects
- Hunter does not withdraw her motion
- Rowan: Let me check the ROP to see what we do next
- Lessard withdraws her objection
- Murray reads the amended resolution in full

- **Hunter moves to change spelling to “Colbi”; Tsouroukdissian seconds**
- Bowling finds the amendment friendly
- Murray: Are there any objections?
- Bowling: We had an issue with the word “revealing” last time, so if we want to change that again
- **Duchene moves to change “revealing” to “underscoring”; Hunter seconds**
- Bowling finds the amendment friendly
- Murray: Are there any objections?
- **Hunter moves to call to question; Tsouroukdissian seconds**
- Murray: Are there any objections?
- Lessard objects
- **Lessard moves to pass by unanimous consent; Tsouroukdissian seconds**
- **RESOLUTION 48 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

#### **New Business:**

- **Resolution 70 sponsored by Senator Marcus (P)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - I believe that this is the least controversial piece of legislation that has ever passed through Senate since we are always asked how to fix parking on campus. As you may have noticed, some parking spots have been painted green meaning you have to pay to park in them. Over the past few weeks, we have been having conversations about the privilege and elitism that exists on our campus. I was sitting in bed at night thinking about what I can do to fix this, and this came to mind. First of all, no one uses these pay to park spots, and if they do, they have enough disposable income to do so. These spots were previously available for free, and because parking permits are already included in our tuition, I don't understand why our university decided to convert to this system. I

added a section saying that if our university felt compelled to convert some areas of our parking garages, they could have converted them to renewable energy charging ports, as that only exists in one of our parking garages. But they decided to make them a luxury commodity. I take issue with this, and I know our constituents do as well. One of the FSU meme accounts posted something about it, and I commented that I submitted this resolution. It got a lot of attention on that page. I'm looking forward to any questions

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - Hunter: Did you speak with FSU Tranz about this?
  - Marcus: I did not. I thought they wouldn't be open to one student coming to them about this. No one asked for this change to happen, so I don't think it's my duty to fix the problem, but I need to show that students are unhappy about it. That's why I decided to do it in this way
  - Duchene: Do you feel like the first and second "be it resolved" clauses are necessary considering the third is the one we want?
  - Marcus: I would not be friendly with an amendment to strike those. They need to be said
  - Duchene: Because the third "be it resolved" clause condemns, do we need 2/3 vote in big Senate?
  - Marcus: Yes and it also needs to go to rules
  - Duchene: Thank you
  - Preshia: What would a special permit be in the last whereas clause?
  - Marcus: Special permit means in spots such as the loading zones, the yellow spots, or the spots in Pensacola for electric cars. If you park in them you will be towed
  - Nemeth: Can we move to round-table for that
  - Hunter: That was technical non-debatable because it asked for a fact
  - **Lessard moves to enter round-table discussion; Tsouroukdissian seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:

- Lessard: The Call St. garage is the smallest garage on campus, and the entire College of Music and College of Fine Arts are expected to park there. The entire bottom floor is also for faculty, so it's not even accessible for students. Since I'm an art student, I have to carry significantly sized materials to campus, and I have to park in Call St. garage. I have had to park in the pay to park spots since there's no room. Having pay to park spots here is detrimental for students because we don't have the luxury of being able to walk across campus with our materials because we can't find a parking spot. The College of Music students also often have to carry large instruments. I had to pay about \$10 the other day and it made me especially angry. I'm sure Senator Duchene has had similar issues
- Duchene: I don't have much to add, but when the entire garage is full except pay to park, it really sucks
- **Tsouroukdissian moves to strike the first "be it resolved clause"; Hunter seconds**
- Duchene objects
- Duchene: I would like to amend it
- **Tsouroukdissian withdraws the amendment**
- Hunter: Sponsor, can you please speak with the organization this resolution impacts before you put through legislation. It's awful if it ends up on their desk and they didn't know about it. Resolutions don't do much, they just urge changes. Secondly, I'm all for an amendment to the line Senator Tsouroukdissian was discussing. I will say that saying it has absolutely no benefit to the constituents is wrong, I'm sure that it benefits at least one person on campus. It's a catch all that isn't necessarily reflective of the entire population. It sucks when there's only pay to park spots left, but it does speak to the amount of privilege we have that I can open my phone and pay \$5 to park and go to Strozier, and then come back and have my car not ticketed. I also want to point out that those lower floors that were for faculty, any student can park there after 4:30. It did take that option away too. It's parking that would have been available for students



- Lessard: I would agree. While it does show my privilege that I was able to afford it and it did benefit me in that moment, it's not a benefit I want to take advantage or pay for
- **Hunter moves to amend the resolution to say “we recognize many students are frustrated with the Pay to Park system”; Duchene seconds**
- Marcus finds the amendment friendly
- Murray: Are there any objections?
- Lessard: We can pass my unanimous consent by the way. It condemns, but we can pass by unanimous consent in committee
- Tsouroukdissian: I do think this is controversial. Pay to park benefits people in some way. I disagree that they took away spots from students, but that money goes back tot the university. I'd like to see more information on where it goes. I would like for this resolution to have more research because it could make more have an impact
- Preshia: I know at a lot of colleges, their parking services are self containing. It pays for the garages themselves
- **Hunter moves to amend the spelling of “Colbi”; Tsouroukdissian seconds**
- Marcus finds the amendment friendly
- Murray: are there any objections?
- **Hunter moves to amend the spelling of “Kahleel”; Lessard seconds**
- Marcus finds the amendment friendly
- Murray: Are there any objections?
- Duchene: These spots have been marketed as visitor spots
- Hunter: Good point. When you visit the university, you can't park in student spots or faculty spots, so that's a really good point if people are visiting during parents weekend or any other time. We should look into that
- Lessard: Call St. garage specifically, you can enter from the second floor at Call St. or from Macomb where the visitor parking is available. There

are already visitors spots there, but there are very few. Also, visitors can park anywhere after 4:30 without getting towed. I've parked a non-permitted car several times in spots after 4:30 and have never been towed

- Preshia: Almost every spot on campus is a visitor's parking spot because you can pay \$5 a day as a visitor to get access to any spot a student may have as well as more
- Hunter: POC non-FSU cars can't park in any spot on campus unless it's on weekdays after 10pm or any time on weekends
- Hunter: Also, if I'm coming from FAMU for a day and I can slide into a pay to park for \$1.10, it's easier than paying for an all day permit. We should think about that. It's economically savvy for visitors to pay to park. Unless you're on Call St. and you can use their visitor parking. However, we are students and we serve students and not visitors
- **Hunter moves to allow the sponsor speak; Lessard seconds**
- Marcus: Another POC is that anyone with a valid FSU permit can add another car to their account. When my parents and grandparents have visited FSU, I have added their license plates to my account and then they're able to park on campus
- Tsouroukdissian: If this passes in committee right now, it is going to be debated for a while on the Senate floor
- Lessard: I agree
- Duchene: We also need more to pass
- Hunter: I think that it's really important we have these critical conversations. It's going to get to parking and transportation anyway, and they're not going to do anything about this issue if it doesn't cover all the bases. I would encourage that we all keep discussing this
- Lessard: The visitor spots are two polarizing ends of campus that have these spots, and I don't know about Senator Duchene, but I prefer to make the hike over to the College of Fine Arts in the morning. If you're a visitor, it's a long walk, so I can see the benefits of pay to park for them. At the end of the day, we need another garage. I love the passion behind

this resolution and the general consensus, but it needs more research and the sponsor should talk to FSU Tranz. If they're using these spots to eventually fund a new parking garage, at least the money is going back into university parking in a sense. You can also park at the Civic Center as a visitor, but that's a long walk as well

- Tsouroukdissian: I do want to say that walking is not the worst thing as well
- Lessard: When we are talking about visitors with mobility issues, it is something that needs to be discussed
- Duchene: Even certain logistical things. Would FSU Tranz have to terminate a contract with Park Mobile? We need to research these things
- Marcus: POC FSU has a visitors center by the stadium. For safety reasons, when people not affiliated with the university come, they're supposed to go to that center and park over there for guided tours so we don't have as many people not affiliated with the university wandering around. That is for safety. Also, handicapped permits are valid anywhere where there are handicapped spots not blocked by a gate. I believe that you don't need a specific permit because handicapped permitted are done by the state, not FSU. My third POC is that we are here to serve the students. So many students have complained about this system, so we would be doing them a disservice to not point this out. FSU has multiple ways to get a visitors pass before the pay to park system, and I was not aware of anyone complaining about that. We are here to serve students, not visitors. Whether or not parking services makes a change, that is out of our control. We are here to point out that students are upset
- Lessard: My thing is that yes, handicapped spots are issued by the state. When I would visit FSU before having a permit, I would just park anywhere on campus after 4:30 and I guess I was fortunate enough to never get a ticket. I think people are uninformed on how to get a visitors pass. It's \$65 to get a pass for a semester if someone is visiting a lot. I think these pay to park situations have shed more light on the disparity with visitor parking. I don't think it was common knowledge before. I broke my foot one year when I still had to come to campus, and I didn't receive

a handicapped permit for that, but I had mobility issues when I was on crutches. They don't hand out handicapped permits for injuries like this, and considering we're talking about mobility issues, we need to consider that as well

- Hunter: Yes our job is to serve students, but it's not to serve them poorly and get something on someone's desk immediately. As for the safety thing, people are going to figure out how to get on our campus regardless. Pay to park doesn't affect that. We talk about Tallahassee as a collaborative area, and we share our engineering school with FAMU, but those students aren't necessarily welcome on our actual campus. In order to best serve our students by passing a resolution, we need to talk to the people this impacts. We have all said several things that we could get more research on
- **Hunter moves to table the resolution; Tsouroukdissian seconds**
- Duchene objects
- Hunter withdraws
- Duchene: Do you feel that it's inappropriate to say how the students feel about pay to park without addressing all parking issues, or can we pass another resolution that is more nuanced later on?
- Hunter: There's still not enough research. I passed a resolution about counseling earlier, so I talked to UCC. We should not let execution slack in order to get this passed one week earlier. This isn't time sensitive in my opinion
- Lessard: I agree with Senator Hunter. People are frustrated with parking as a whole, and this made it worse. I would like to see something that's more comprehensive with parking in general. I love the passion and ideals behind this resolution, but I would agree with tabling. The sponsor can come back with friendly amendments after talking with FSU transportation
- Tsouroukdissian: To go back to what Senator Duchene was saying, my personal opinion would be to pass one resolution
- Duchene: I just wanted the consensus of the committee, so thank you

- **Hunter moves to table the resolution; Tsouroukdissian seconds**
  - Murray: Are there any objections?
  - **RESOLUTION 70 IS TABLED**
  - **Lessard moves for a quorum check; Hunter seconds**
  - 3 minutes recess
  - Members Present: Preshia, Lessard, Tsouroukdissian, Nemeth, Duchene, Moria, Hunter
  - Members Absent: Remler, Garcia, Vanderley, Moore
  - Quorum is verified
  
- **Resolution 71 sponsored by Senator Marcus (P), Lessard, Tackett (Co)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Last week there was an incident at Auburn University, and they have a campus safety instagram where they post about incidents such as sexual assaults that may occur off campus, but are still affiliated with Auburn. I did research with Senator Tackett and also chatted with Senator Lessard about this, and one thing we know is that FSU interprets the Clery Act as something that includes off campus. FSU only reports crimes such as sexual assault that occur directly on campus. While other universities such as Auburn interpret this to include areas just off campus, but are trafficked so frequently by Auburn students that it's essentially a part of campus. This resolution asks FSU to adopt that interpretation of the Clery Act so that we have more accurate reporting of crimes on campus and so that students are aware of places they should avoid for their own safety. There had been previous conversations with university admin about this, so this is just bringing it to light again and giving Senate's opinion. I can't guarantee that this will happen because FSU hasn't wanted to adopt it in the past, but I do think it is important to recognize that we support the safety of our students.
  
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- Preshia: Where did you get the information that it's only on campus things that are reported?
- Marcus: They do not report any sexual assaults that happen off campus. It was previously discussed in SA2 adhoc. Senator Tackett brought this to my attention
- Preshia: So this is just for off campus sexual assaults?
- Marcus: I didn't make the language exclusionary to sexual assault because I wanted to include all crimes, but as go right now, sexual assaults are not reported off campus
- Lessard: POC Yes, we have gotten notifications about things that have occurred off campus but near campus, and while Senator Marcus' resolution has vague language, we're trying to get FSU to report sexual assaults that occur off campus. Yes FSUPD sends reports out about other things like the shooting at Pots, but never about sexual assault. I personally have never gotten a notification about sexual assault occurring on campus, but I have heard about them off campus, so we're trying to get FSU to adopt a policy that if sexual assault occurs on an FSU student off campus, that they're reporting those as well
- **Tsouroukdissian moves to enter round-table; Hunter seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - Hunter: Who determines or is it intentionally vague how far away from campus these occur?
  - Lessard: I think it's vague. For example, Governors Square mall is highly trafficked by students but not necessarily Apalachee parkway as a whole
  - Marcus: My intent behind that was to address areas like College Town, Heritage Grove, or Woodward Ave that students walk on. However, I do see how that is vague and could be expanded
  - Hunter: I don't feel comfortable designating what is and isn't near campus. Secondly, about the FSU alert system, I've never been alerted of a sexual assault on campus in general. Does this include sexual assault on campus?

- Marcus: Due to the Clery Act, they are already supposed to report those. I would be friendly to an amendment that says “on or near”
- Lessard: The Clery Act makes it a legal requirement that they report sexual assaults on campus. If they aren’t, they’re breaking federal law. What we’re talking about here is to include near campus like Auburn does
- Hunter: I understand that, but my question is that reporting and getting alerted by FSU alert are not the same thing
- Marcus: I would like to table this
- Marcus: POPP when I was referring to FSU alert, the inspiration behind this was the Auburn safety instagram. They pushed an alert of a sexual assault that occurred at a fraternity house, and at FSU, those are considered off campus and students are not alerted when that happens
- **Tsouroukdissian moves to table the resolution; Hunter seconds**

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Resolution 18 sponsored by Senator Gonzalez (P):** Calling on the FSU Administration and Board of Trustees to review and withdraw investments from corporations deemed unethical by the FSU student community.
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**Closing Announcements:**

- Chair Murray: We had a great meeting! So nice seeing you guys
- Vice Chair Nemeth: Let’s slow down a bit when we talk and get to the point just for minutes purposes. Thank you everyone, have a great night!

**Next Meeting:** September 27 at 8:30

**Adjourned:** 10:25



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**Signature of Chair Murray**