



**73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate**  
**Student Life and Academic Affairs Committee**  
**9/27/21 at 8:30pm | Zoom Meeting ID: 999 774 3849**

**Call to Order: 8:**

**Members Present:** Murray, Moore, Tsouroukdissian, Nemeth, Duchene, Moria, Hunter, Remler, Garcia, Vanderley, Noel

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:** Lessard, Moria

**Guests:**

**Announcements:**

- Chair Murray: Hope you all had a great weekend!

**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 70 sponsored by Senator Marcus (P)**
- **Resolution 72 sponsored by Senator Duchene (P) Bowling, Hunter, Lessard, Marcus, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Roy, Tackett (Co)**

**Old Business:**

- **Resolution 18 sponsored by Senator Gonzalez (P)**
  - **RESOLUTION 18 IS TABLED**
- **Resolution 70 sponsored by Senator Marcus (P)**
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## New Business:

- **Resolution 72 sponsored by Senator Duchene (P) Bowling, Hunter, Lessard, Marcus, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Roy, Tackett (Co)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Hi everyone! Resolution 72 calls on the School of Theatre, the School of Dance, and the College of Music to adopt unique native land acknowledgements for their respective colleges/schools. These are to be written in the programs for all official performances, written on their websites, and to be read aloud as a pre-show announcement. The resolution outlines the reasons why this is important specifically for the arts. It's narrowed for the arts because I'm a College of Fine Arts senator, and it will get more attention from my college if it's specifically geared towards it. I've reached out to all of the colleges and schools that are targeted in resolution, and they all seem amiable to it. One thing that is notable is that the Department of Art History and the Museum of Fine Arts which are both in the College of Fine Arts already have adopted land acknowledgments and are on the website, so there is precedent. One of the questions that the School of Theatre leadership asked me is if this was even something they'd be allowed to do, so the fact that organizations within the College of Fine Arts have already done so is a good precedent. Also I want to be clear that the language strongly encourages these organizations, but there is not stronger language than that that could be more controversial or out of the scope of a resolution.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - **Hunter moves to enter round-table discussion; Tsouroukdissian seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - Hunter: I want to voice my full support for this resolution. I spoke with Senator Duchene about all of its specificities, and I think it is important to note that fine arts affect and are affected by our place on indigenous land so differently than lets say Senate. For example, so many parts of dance are taken from Seminole culture and Native American culture in general. It

is also important to encourage individual colleges to interpret land acknowledgements differently instead of having a catch all because every department is so different and resides on Seminole land in a different capacity. I will be voting yes and would like to thank the sponsor for doing such a thorough job.

- Nemeth: I want to second everything Senator Hunter said and add that this is a perfect example of a Senator advocating on behalf of their college. I will definitely be voting yes.

- **Hunter moves to call to question; Tsouroukdissian seconds**

- Closing:

- Thank you all so much, and I'm looking forward to talking about this more on the Senate floor on Wednesday.

- Vote:

- Yes: 8 [Tsouroukdissian, Nemeth, Duchene, Hunter, Remler, Garcia, Vanderley, Noel]

- No: 0

- Abstain: 0

- **RESOLUTION 72 PASSES**

#### **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.
- **Resolution 70 sponsored by Senator Marcus (P)**

#### **Closing Announcements:**

- Chair Murray: Thank you all for a good meeting!
- Vice Chair Nemeth: Thank you all for making this a quick and easy meeting so Senator Duchene can get to his practice.
- Tsouroukdissian: Senator Preshia and I are working on a piece of legislation to address Senators not showing up to present their legislation at committee, and we would love for you all to co-sponsor.

**Next Meeting:** October 4 at 8:30

**Adjourned:**

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**Signature of Chair Murray**