



74th Student Senate Internal Affairs Committee

November 1st, 2022 at 5:00pm | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/95508946768>

Call to Order: 5:01 pm

Members Present: Chair Diaz, Vice Chair McMahon, Senators Crocker, Rainey, Roogow, and Vollick

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Members Absent: Senators Anand (U), Anderson (U), and Schindler (E)

Guests: Candidates Strickland and Reynolds

Land Acknowledgement – Chair Diaz

- The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.

Announcements:

- **Chair Diaz:** Alright welcome everybody to the last Internal Affairs meeting of the 74th senate 'Sine Die' if you want to call it that. I don't really have anything to say, I will have more to say in my closing announcements. But for now, we have our committee business, I think we are going to have candidate Reynolds go first. But we have candidates Samantha Strickland of for Inter-Residence Hall Council Director and Genevieve Reynolds for Associate Director.

Committee Business:

- Samantha Strickland – Inter-Residence Hall Council Director (1 Applicant)
- Genevieve Reynolds – Inter-Residence Hall Council Associate Director (1 Applicant)

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Candidate for Confirmation:** Samantha Strickland – Inter-Residence Hall Council Director
 - Opening Statement:
 - First, I want to thank you all for allowing us to come and speak today and get the chance of being confirmed. First and foremost, Inter-Residence Hall’s mission is to create on campus leadership experiences, foster peer advocacy, and engage students within our FSU community. This mission resonated with me my freshman year; it is the reason I have been involved with the IRHC for the past three years. My freshman year, I was the President of the Dorman and Deviney’s Hall councils. In that role, I oversaw the agenda, I led events, I delegated tasks, and oversaw the hall council as a whole. I loved the organization so much that my sophomore year, I ran for the role of the assistant director of operations on the executive part. Last year, I served essentially as the secretary off the executive board of the IRHC. I took minutes every minute, which taught me to pay extreme attention to detail. It allowed me in the fall of last year to receive the associate director position. It allowed me to interact with the hall councils and get a gist of who they were, a lot of it was on zoom. Through that role I got to understand the role of the hall council and the role the executive board plays. I love this organization so much; it is why I am trying to be confirmed as director. I think this organization has so much potential the hall councils put so much time and effort into their events and they are not given as much recognition on campus. I would like to be confirmed as director to create better traction in IRHC as a bureau in SGA to have better ties and better connection. I hope to create that sense of community that comes with our organization. Thank you for letting me speak today.
 - Round of Questioning:
 - **Senator Crocker:** Just reading over your application, I see where you are passionate about combating student homelessness. Do you mind elaborating on the experiences you have had with this issue
 - **Candidate Strickland:** Yeah, part of the reason that we are doing it is because we had an advocacy and philanthropy committee within in IRHC for the past five years. Truly, we don’t have a lot of experience with it. Our assistant director of finance, Jenna Cruz, she works as the plant that helps with those that are homeless. She has a lot of experience that she is bringing to the board. We actually have our first meeting for it tomorrow, to discuss it is run by me, our assistant finance director, our national communications coordinator, equity and inclusion rep. We were just thinking of doing a canned food drive within all the hall councils and put on events so we can get a ton of food. We can also hopefully, get socks which is something many homeless people need but don’t get. Those are just our two event ideas right now, there will be more finalized by tomorrow.
 - Deliberations:
 - **Senator Vollick:** I was just looking at your application and saw that your goals were very specific, and I appreciate that, I would like to see this candidate pass.

- **Senator Crocker:** Just echoing the sentiments of Vice Chair McMahon, I think this candidate has already done great things and this it is nice to hear that she has already achieved great things. I support this candidate.
- **Vice Chair McMahon moves to call the question; Senator Crocker seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - To start off my closing statement again, I just want to thank all of you for the opportunity to speak. I really think you should confirm me for this position, I love serving in this role. I love improving the lives on students and improving the housing experience. I love living on campus, it is my favorite place to live and I want others to have that same experience and feelings as I do. Thank you.
- Vote:
 - Yes: 5 - Vice Chair McMahon, Senators Crocker, Rainey, Roogow, and Vollick
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: Candidate REYNOLDS PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- **Chair Diaz:** it has been a really fun ride, started the job in the spring and took a break in the summer. I am happy that we did a lot of great work, while I was here and while you were all here. Big things ahead, hopefully. Senator Rainey, I hope you come back, I know you've only been here two weeks, it was nice to have you.
- **Vice Chair McMahon:** Thanks for being the opportunity to be vice chair, it was scary starting this role on like the second day of senate, but it was fun.
- **Chair Diaz:** I need to thank my vice chair; this man has done so many minutes and spent so much time, I was vice chair. So I know how hard that job is.
- **Vice Chair McMahon:** I think I speak for all of us when I say thank you for being our chair.

Next Meeting: Meeting again in the 75th Senate. Refer to SGA website.

Adjourned: 5:19pm



Signature of Chair Samuel Diaz