



## **75<sup>th</sup> Student Senate Internal Affairs Committee**

**November 29th, 2022, at 5:30pm | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/6872875849>**

**Call to Order: 5:31 pm**

**Members Present: Chair McMahon, Vice-Chair Crocker, Senators Adonis, Anderson, Birdson, Dlugos, LoBianco, Roogow, Salazar, Vollick**

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent: Kaneshige (E)**

**Guests: Pro-Tempore Duchene, Candidates Ashley Boudreaux, Grace Wu, Jenna Kruse, Joshua Marting, Bryanna Major, Anna Gutfreund, Corren Mahone, Jordyn Fisher**

### **Land Acknowledgement – Chair McMahon**

- 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 McMahon** – Welcome everyone to the first meeting of Internal Affairs for the 75<sup>th</sup> Senate. I am excited to have you all here. We have eight candidates to hear from tonight. Candidates, as you know per my email Internal Affairs' job is to ask questions regarding to your candidacy and I can't wait to hear from all of you.

### **Committee Business:**

- Ashley Boudreaux – Mental Health Council, Assistant Director (1 Applicant)
- Grace Wu – Executive Branch, Photographer (1 Applicant)
- Jenna Kruse – Inter-Residence Hall Council, Assistant Director of Finance (1 Applicant)
- Joshua Marting – Executive Branch, Press Secretary (1 Applicant)
- Bryanna Major – Student Council for Undergraduate Research and Creativity, Editor in Chief (1 Applicant)

- Anna Gutfrend – Homecoming Overall Director (2 Applicants)
- Corren Mahone – Homecoming Overall Assistant Director (1 Applicant)
- Jordyn Fisher – Homecoming Live Director (2 Applicants)

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- **Candidate for Confirmation:** Ashley Boudreaux – Mental Health Council, Assistant Director

- Opening Statement:

- Hi, my name is Ashley Boudreaux. I'm a first-year presidential scholar here. I am majoring in English Language and Literature. I am looking into pursuing a double major in human rights and social justice. I am a very passionate and driven person which is why I am looking forward to this opportunity to serve in this position. Mental health and mental illness is such a prevalent issue within our generation and especially within the college demographic. It is one that is severely unaddressed, and it is addressed in a damaging way towards those who are struggling with mental illness because of its romantic portrayal in media. That is why I am passionate about serving in a role that can genuinely make change for the Florida State student body in terms of this issue that is universal. I want to work towards providing better education and resources for the student body to improve the overall mental health of the student body. Thank you.

- Rounds of Questioning:

- **Vice-Chair Crocker** – I'm reading in your application about wanting to ensure that students get health care referrals and are seen as quickly as possible. Do you have any ideas on how you could expedite that process on students getting seen for medical conditions?
  - **Candidate Boudreaux** - So, I am not entirely sure yet of what that would look like, but I would want to discuss that more with the University Health Services. I am thinking that there could be a middle person to advocate for the students and work directly with university mental health students to work towards organizing that. But obviously that ranges outside of my expertise at the moment but it is a goal that I want to work towards, and I want to discuss feasible options with the university.
- **Senator Vollick** - In your application, I see that one of your goals is to educate. Can you give an example of how you plan to educate the Florida State community?
  - **Candidate Boudreaux** - One of the things that I really wanted to do after speaking with the director is to work with existing campus organizations in order to put on events where we can have people come in to speak and educate about the resources we have on campus. I am interested in drafting my own program. I would like to work with the Pride Student Union in addressing mental health within the LGBTQ+ community and working with the Asian American Student Union talking about mental health within interracial groups and working on events like that.



this sentiment from a lot of candidates that we hear, how can you specifically accomplish this through social media?

- **Candidate Wu** – I would have to work with the entire communications team, but by capturing photos of students on campus or making Instagram reel interviews of SGA members and the general student body population, it could inform the student body of the type of work that the senators do and will be easier to understand.
- **Senator Salazar** – I saw on your application and resume that you've done a couple of internships. How do you feel like this experience will help you in this position?
  - **Candidate Wu** - There are some internships that I did that are unrelated because they're graphic design, but I had to communicate while in these internships and it taught me to become a better team member overall.
- Deliberations:
  - **Senator Roogow** – I am in full support of this candidate. They are beyond qualified with their experience in digital marketing and capturing photos in general. They seem extremely qualified.
  - **Vice-Chair Crocker** – Expressing the same sentiments, I haven't ever really heard a candidate wanting to use photos of the student body in a social media presence and this is so interesting a great idea. The candidate really elaborated on how they plan to use social media in their role. They have my full support.
- **Senator Vollick moves to call the question; Senator Salazar seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - I would be very honored if I get selected to this role and I'm excited to bring new energy to the team and work with everyone in the Executive Branch and everyone in SGA.
- Vote:
  - Yes: 8 – Vice-Chair Crocker, Senators Adonis, Birdsong, Dlugos, LoBianco, Roogow, Salazar, Vollick
  - No: 0 – N/A
  - Abstain: 0 – N/A
- **RESULT: Candidate GRACE WU PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation:** Jenna Kruse – Inter-Residence Hall Council, Assistant Director of Finance
  - Opening Statement:
    - Hi everyone, my name is Jenna Kruse. I am a senior honors student majoring in psychology and minoring in Spanish. I'm running for this position for two reasons. First, I believe that students should involve themselves in communities that they benefit from. As a third-year student living on campus, I would like to give back to the housing community and contribute to a positive experience for others. I've gained friendships and a sense of belonging from living on campus, so I'd like to do the same for others. Secondly, serving as the Assistant Director of Finance specifically is the best position for me to contribute because I have experience in money management. If selected, I have three main goals: I intend to be

approachable and knowledgeable, I want to start and manage an advocacy and philanthropy committee to serve students on campus, and I also intend to manage the IRHC budget so the organization can comfortably host events and conferences.

○ Rounds of Questioning:

- **Vice-Chair Crocker** – I'm reading about your experience being a board member at The Plant. Can you expand upon that and how it makes you qualified for this position?
  - **Candidate Kruse** – For a little bit of background, The Plant is an organization off campus. It serves as a community center and offers free food, clothing, art supplies, space, etc. It is a space for people to coexist and explore their passions. I served as a volunteer last year and I noticed that they did not have any documentation for money made during events, so I started helping them manage their funds and track that so that the owner didn't have to pay out of pocket. I know how to manage money and I've done so at a larger capacity, so I think I'm qualified for this position.
- **Senator LoBianco** – I really liked the goal that you wanted to start in starting a philanthropy committee. Do you have a plan for how you would start this?
  - **Candidate Kruse** - So, it's written into the bylaws that this can exist, but it hasn't existed prior because of the workload and lack of effort willing to start it. I would intend on each month focusing on a different issue. I would want each student in the committee to advocate for an issue they are passionate about so that everyone has an opportunity to work in that capacity and gain leadership experience.

○ Deliberations:

- **Senator Vollick** – I just wanted to say that she is very well spoken, and I like her ideas. She has my full support.
- **Senator Salazar** - She has great qualifications. Her involvement in this nonprofit is great and she has lived on campus for three years which shows her involvement and passion for IRHC. She has my full support.
- **Senator Adonis** – I support her as well because she has great ideas and I like how she is passionate about what she is speaking about. I wish her the best of luck.
- **Senator Birdsong** – I want to commend the candidate for stepping up to this position. She is very qualified, and I would look forward to seeing all that she does.

○ **Senator Roogow moves to call the question; Senator Salazar seconds**

○ Closing Statement:

- Thank you all for considering me this position. With my prior experience, my passion for contributing to the housing community, and my vision to work as a team to improve the lives of my peers, I know that I would be a great fit for this role. I want to move the philanthropy forward. I hope I am given this opportunity and thank you all so much.

○ Vote:

- Yes: 9 - Vice-Chair Crocker, Senators Adonis, Anderson, Birdsong, Dlugos, LoBianco, Roogow, Salazar, Vollick
- No: 0 – N/A





research. It would be another form of communication to bridge the gap between students and SCURC.

- **Senator Adonis** – So if granted the opportunity, what are some of your plans?

- **Candidate Major** - My plan is to make sure that the publication is representative of the research community. I was speaking to some of the members, and I know there were publication issues last semester, so I hope to be able to bring timeliness and organization to make sure it is published properly. I want to work with other members to bring more life into SCURC, and also expose other kids to research through market Wednesdays and things like that.

- Deliberations:

- **Vice-Chair Crocker** – This candidate has my full support. I think that being an editor for Key Club is a major role that takes a lot of thought, collaboration, and communication. I liked the candidate acknowledged the differences between this position in college and high school because she discussed how she would adapt to this change.

- **Senator LoBianco** – This candidate has my support based off of her resume she seems very qualified. She has a lot of experience that can help her excel in this position and her goals and plans are backed by passion.

- **Senator Birdsong** – I have had the pleasure of knowing this candidate for quite some time now. She has a great work ethic and great discipline and her background in journalism has prepared her, so she has my full support.

- **Senator Roogow moves to call the question; Senator Adonis seconds**

- Closing Statement:

- Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to speak and explain why I'm interest in this role. If I get this position, I know I will be successful in it and thank you again.

- Vote:

- Yes: 9 - Vice-Chair Crocker, Senators Adonis, Anderson, Birdsong, Dlugos, LoBianco, Roogow, Salazar, Vollick

- No: 0 – N/A

- Abstain: 0 - N/A

- **RESULT: Candidate BRYANNA MAJOR PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Anna Gutfreund** – Homecoming Overall Director

- Opening Statement:

- Hi, my name is Anna Gutfreund. I am a third-year student majoring in Public Relations and Spanish. I have been a part of Homecoming for three years now and I started on Spirit, advanced to Sponsorship Chair, and am now currently the Operations Director. I love being able to give back to such a large tradition at FSU and create so many memories for the student body and alumni. Some goals I have are to increase our initiatives for sustainability and accessibility by partnering with organizations on campus such as the Office of Accessibility. I want to guide the Homecoming Council and create a welcoming environment

because I think it will create one for the student body, as well and leave them wanting to come back and attend our events.

○ Rounds of Questioning:

- **Vice-Chair Crocker** – So it's known that Homecoming this year had a low turnout which is extremely disappointing. Moving forward, if elected, what are some changes you would like to push for to prevent this from happening again?
  - **Candidate Gutfreund** – The low turnout was a result of the changing dates from the hurricanes. The events had to be delayed two times. IN the future, were hoping for a date that does not contradict with a hurricane. We hope to have a combination of indoor and outdoor events in the future so that it would not affect the turnout.
  - **Vice-Chair Crocker** – As a follow up question, obviously the hurricane date can't be foreseen, but knowing that it happened this year, what would be your suggestion to put in place a procedure so that if this does happen again, the attendance remains where it should be?
    - **Candidate Gutfreund** – I would encourage our programming committee to come up with an alternate plan in case the vents have to be move to a different date or location so that the process wouldn't be delayed, and we could smoothly transition to our Plan B.

○ Deliberations:

- **Senator Roogow** – I am in full support of this candidate because she seems so involved in Homecoming. She knows the organization inside and out and they would be great in this position. She wrote with so much passion in her application and its exciting to hear what she wants to do.
- **Senator Salazar** – Her application stood out to me in how much she put into it and it shows her passion and involvement. She has my support as well.
- **Senator Adonis** – Reading her application, she completely has my support. Based on her experience she would be a great candidate for the position, and I wish her the best of luck.

○ **Senator Vollick moves to call the question; Senator Salazar seconds**

○ Closing Statement:

- Thank you all again for your time and consideration. I believe that my experience with Homecoming and my dedication with all the members the past few years has given me the insight necessary to lead our organization successfully and I'm excited to get started if I get confirmed tomorrow. Thank you.

○ Vote:

- Yes: 9 - Vice-Chair Crocker, Senators Adonis, Anderson, Birdsong, Dlugos, LoBianco, Roogow, Salazar, Vollick
- No: 0 – N/A
- Abstain: 0 – N/A

○ **RESULT: Candidate ANNA GUTFREUND PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation:** Corren Mahone – Homecoming Overall Assistant Director

○ Opening Statement:



- Vote:
  - Yes: 9 - Vice-Chair Crocker, Senators Adonis, Anderson, Birdsong, Dlugos, LoBianco, Roogow, Salazar, Vollick
  - No: 0 – N/A
  - Abstain: 0 – N/A

- **RESULT: Candidate CORREN MAHONE PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation:** Jordyn Fisher – Homecoming Live Director

- Opening Statement:

- Good evening, my name is Jordyn Fisher. I am currently a junior double majoring in Human Development and Family Sciences and Psychology. I wanted to thank you all for this opportunity and for allowing me to speak with you all today. I have been a member of Homecoming for three years, holding the positions of Spirt Force, Sponsorship Chair, and Homecoming Live Assistant Director. With these positions, I have learned how to lead a committee, manage my time efficiently, and work with students on campus. I have also gotten to work with every committee on the council and work behind the scenes of the events. Within holding the position of Sponsorship Chair, I was able to reach out and work with local businesses and gain partnerships during the week of the events while being the Assistant Director. I worked with many out of state businesses, student organizations, and student agencies to plan and execute the event. I am qualified for the position because I of the amount of time I have spent working on Homecoming and the experiences that I have had with my other involvements on campus.

- Rounds of Questioning:

- **Senator Adonis** – How would you say your past experience prepared you for this position?
  - **Candidate Fisher** – So as a Sponsorship Chair, I work with all of the other committees in Homecoming Council to gain partnerships and sponsorships, so we work as a committee with four or five people, and as the Assistant Director, I helped plan Homecoming Live and I held auditions for student performers, I emailed all of the student agencies and organizations for performing groups. I made social media posts coordinating auditions, and I worked alongside the Director of Homecoming live to help manage the budget and contract two artists.

- Deliberations:

- **Senator Salazar** – Based off her sheer amount of experience and dedication to this organization and the event, I think she undoubtedly has my support.

- **Vice-Chair Crocker moves to call the question; Senator Anderson seconds**

- Closing Statement:

- I want to thank you all again for your time tonight. I am so grateful for you all allowing me to come speak and share my journey with Homecoming Council. Thank you so much for this opportunity.

- Vote:

- Yes: 9 - Vice-Chair Crocker, Senators Adonis, Anderson, Birdsong, Dlugos, LoBianco, Roogow, Salazar, Vollick
- No: 0 – N/A

- Abstain: 0 – N/A
- **RESULT: Candidate JORDYN FISHER PASSES**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Closing Announcements:**

- **Chair McMahon** – I want to thank you all so much. It has been a little over an hour that we met tonight and if any of you are returning from IA from the previous semester, you would know that interviewing eight candidates would have taken two hours. I appreciate you all being very diligent and doing your job. That's it for me.
- **Vice-Chair Crocker** – Thank you to those of you who reached out if you were going to be late that helps a lot with attendance. Thank you so much again for speaking and getting a discussion flowing in round table and for just being here.
- **Chair McMahon** – One last thing to add, tomorrow is the last senate meeting for the semester, so we won't meet again as a committee again until January so closer to then I will send out a text for you all to decide when is best to meet.

**Next Meeting: TBD**

**Adjourned: 6:40 pm**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack McMahon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

**Signature of Chair Jack McMahon**