



## 74<sup>th</sup> Student Senate Judiciary Committee

10/11/2022 at 6:00 PM | 984 636 65344

**Zoom:** <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vaoTD8NqwnSIW4PDf9qzRrA3yl9FcUJXXu9vbY-RtRA/edit?usp=sharing>

**Call to Order:** 6:03 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Kariher, Vice Chair Maglin, Senator(s) Casiple, Boisvert, Drackley

**Members Tardy:** None

**Members Absent:** Senator(s) Tucker (Excused), Fermin, Rivers

**Guests:** Chair Diaz, Senator Rider

**Land Acknowledgement:** 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 Kariher:** I have been working on Central Reserves for quite a while and on our journey, we discovered some discrepancies with the A&S funds, and I believe that it's time to get other people involved in this. Those other people would be the Judiciary Committee because we are the investigative power of the Senate. I've talked with Dr. Hecht and Jaclyn and they're on board. I talked with President Hunter as well and she's on board. So if you have any questions about what that looks like or anything at all, please let me know.

### Committee Business:

- **Bill 76 Sponsored by Senator Bettley, Rider (P)** - To amend the statute regarding the amount of money that shall be funded to an organization in the category of lodging.

### New Business:

- **Resolution or Bill # - Sponsored by Senator Bettley, Rider (P)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - **Senator Rider:** Hello, this a bill that I'm doing with the awesome Chair Bettley amending a bill that was passed. Basically, what we're doing is raising the limit for the line item of lodging. I have permission from Laurel Mckinney, who is in charge of the accounts, and she thinks this is a good idea. I would say that things are getting so much more expensive these days in big cities, and we just saw some through go through Senate, so I think that the lodging right now just isn't with the times and doesn't support the amount of money that these RSOs need. Megan and I did a lot of looking at statistics of past RTACs and we feel like this would be a lot better. We did notice that a lot of RSOs were requesting more than \$200 for lodging in RTAC and this bill would update statutes. This is a really great thing to make sure we're supporting this as they're traveling more. So, this will be the room per night. We're changing it to \$300 per night and this will give RTAC more opportunities to fun trips to big cities and even fund international trips. It's obviously still important to be fiscally responsible which is why we didn't want to change the number too much. We came up with this number kind of in the middle and we believe that this will truly help organizations, and I look forward to any questions.  
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  - General Questions:
    - **Senator Casiple:** Yeah, so, with increasing the amount of money that we could fund, are you planning on changing the way you operate to allow people to get this higher amount of money? Are you making it stricter?
      - **Senator Rider:** It's going to give RSOs more money for hotels because right now they'll come in requesting what's over statutes and we have to cut them to what is statutes, so in that way we're being stricter. This will still be strict because they would still have to follow statutes, but because hotels are more expensive, it gives RSOs a little bit more to spend on hotels.
  - **Senator Casiple moves to enter round-table discussion; Vice Chair Maglin seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - **Senator Casiple:** Yeah, I mean I think it's pretty good. It's just increasing the standard which I don't think the quality of the committee is compromised, so I think this is really good—especially with prices rising. I'm in full support.
    - **Vice Chair Maglin: POI to the sponsor –** Just out of curiosity, what was the previous threshold for hotel rooms?
      - **Senator Rider:** It was \$200.
  - **Senator Casiple moves to call the question; Senator Boisvert seconds**
  - Closing Statement:
    - **WAIVED**
  - Vote:

- Yes: 3; Senator(s) Casiple, Boisvert, Vice Chair Maglin
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

○ **RESULT: BILL 76 PASSES**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Closing Announcements:**

- None

**Next Meeting: 10/18/2022 at 6:00 PM**

**Adjourned: 6:15 p.m.**

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**Signature of Chair Kariher**