



**75th Student Senate
Judiciary Committee
November 29th, 2022 | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/93934962861>**

Call to Order: 6:01 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Kariher, Vice Chair Maglin, Senator(s) Alvarez, Crusey, Brewer, Folwell, Newsome, Casiple, Boisvert, Garrison, Schindler, McFarlane

Members Tardy: None

Members Absent: None

Guests: Pro-Tempore DuChêne, Supervisor of Elections Spencer Greenwood

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: Hello everyone! Thank you all for coming, I'm happy to see you all. We have some good work coming up today and this semester. I'm so excited for you all to be here.
- Vice Chair Maglin: For the two senators that just joined, I added to the attendance- so you're present because you were in the waiting room. I'm going to say it every time and you're going to get tired of it, but I love Judiciary! I'm very excited for all the legislation that we will see because we will see a lot of interesting stuff—especially next semester.

Committee Business:

- Adopting the Judiciary Committee's Rules of Procedure
- Candidate Kevin Griffin for Confirmation for Clerk of the Supreme Court
- **Bill #1 Sponsored by Folwell (P) Anderson, Barrett, Dale, Diaz, Hockett, McMahon, Rivera, Schindler, St. Hilaire (Co)** – This bill creates the Freshman Council.

- **Bill #3 Sponsored by Folwell (P)** – This bill clarifies several definitions within the election code.
- **Bill #4 Sponsored by Folwell (P)** – This bill makes it so that people may not campaign for Student Body Elections within the Student Union.
- **Bill #5 Sponsored by DuChêne (P) Diaz (Co)** – Removing a requirement of the Legislative Certification Program to encourage greater participation in the program.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Adopt the Judiciary Committee’s Rules of Procedure**
 - Senator Folwell moves to adopt the Rules of Procedure; Senator Casiple seconds
- **Bill 3 - Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Folwell (P): To apologize, I am completely disorganized today—my computer is dying on me, so if you have any questions about any specific points about the bill I ask you to bear with me because I’m doing everything on my bill. With that being said, this is a bill that was requested by the Supervisor of Elections and it basically just updates a lot of the definitions within the definition-section of the Election Code. I tried to leave anything that would cause any controversy out of this and hopefully I’m introduce things along those lines in future bills. If you have any points, I encourage you to ask me, but I think the biggest change is in section R which simplifies what “filing” is because they’re really out of date. **Yields with 1:22**
 - General Questioning:
 - None
 - **Senator Boisvert moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Brewer seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Boisvert: I really like this bill- it’s my type of bill. It clarifies some information that should be more clear and I like that the sponsor reached out to the Supervisor of Elections and made sure everyone is on the same page. I’m in favor.
 - **Vice Chair Maglin moves to call the question; Senator Boisvert seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Folwell: It’s good to be back to Judiciary. **WAIVES**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 9, Vice Chair Maglin, Senator(s) Alvarez, Crusey, Brewer, Newsome, Garrison, Casiple, Boisvert, McFarlane
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 2, Senator(s) Folwell, Schindler
 - **RESULT: BILL #3 PASSES**
- **Bill 4 - Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P)**

- Opening Statement:
 - Folwell (P): Another election bill and another one that I worked with the Supervisor of Elections on. Basically, right now it says that the dining establishments within the Union are prohibited to campaign in—which is a relic of the Ogelbsy Union which is no longer with us. I was looking at this statute and I thought it was a really vague standard as to where dining areas start and end. If I’m in the “eating” area, is that considered under the statute if I’m on the second floor? It’s also confusing with the third floor—although we shouldn’t really be campaigning there anyways. So I really thought the best way to go about this would be that the Union is off limits for campaigning for the same reason as to why the libraries or the dorms are off-limits. We don’t want students to be bombarded when they’re doing stuff that’s important like studying. That’s why I wrote that bill. **Yields with 1:09**
- General Questioning:
 - Senator Brewer: My understanding is that the rule is that you have to be 10 feet or yards, I don’t really remember, from classroom buildings and those other buildings. Would that same rule apply to this bill for the Union? If so, would there need to be something that would state that more clearly?
 - Folwell (P): If I get stuff a little bit wrong, please bear with me as I do not have my computer, but this is the general concept. According to the Election Code, it says that “these buildings” are off-limits. Then, later in the document, it says that you aren’t allowed to campaign within this many feet of said buildings. I don’t know off the top of my head if the Union has one of those specifications, but my instinct is yes. I don’t think we need to add anything like that either. The statute says that any place with university computers has twenty-five feet away, and since the Union does have those computers, I think it would apply to them too.
 - Chair Kariher: In the other Union, were they able to campaign inside of it?
 - Folwell (P): I don’t know. When I wrote this bill, I spoke to our advisor, but I cannot repeat the words of our supervisor, so I cannot answer that question in its entirety.
 - Senator Schindler: It seems to me that there are people opposed to this bill, so why would this be something you’re pushing for?
 - Folwell (P): There was no opposition. When I spoke to the Supervisor of Elections about this, he was in support of the bill. When I spoke to other people, we had discussions about the bill, but I would not say there was opposition. I think our advisor trusts us.
 - Pro-Tempore DuChêne **POC**: In the old Union, the campaigning was not conducted. Mostly because the part that was open to the public was the dining area, but I will just say that campaigning in the Student Union has not been part of the tradition of SGA campaigning in the past several years.
 - Senator Boisvert: Are there any concerns that you may personally have regarding this legislation?
 - Folwell (P): There are no concerns that would actually come to light. I don’t think there is anything that is worthy of shooting down

and to be frank, I've withdrawn bills that I have had concerns about. I would have withdrawn this bill if I had believed that anything was a concern to others.

- Pro-Tempore DuChêne **POC**: There is a separate rule that prohibits campaigning within a certain distance from the SGA offices—which as we know, are in the Union. The statute as it exists right now, prohibits campaigning in the dining halls which I guess would technically allow campaigning in the Union on the mezzanine level but not on the first floor or third level.
 - **Senator Casiple moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Boisvert seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Schindler: I don't think this is something that we should pass without knowing all of the information. Especially when it sounds like there's a lot of altering opinions.
 - Senator Casiple: With how current elections are, we typically stay away from student spaces. I feel like this bill does a good job of laying down this concrete idea. I think that having it remain only dining establishments off-limits leaves room for a lot of ambiguity. I'm definitely a lot more comfortable just saying the Union in general cannot be campaigned in and I'm in support of this bill.
 - Senator Brewer: Building off the previous senator's point, I like how the sponsor answered my question about the proximity guidelines. Simply, I'd like to see more clarification before we pass it and maybe looking back and editing it.
 - Senator Boisvert **moves to allow a non-senator to speak**; Senator Alvarez seconds
 - Senator Boisvert **POI** to Spencer Greenwood: Are there any problems that you see with this particular piece of legislation?
 - SoE Spencer Greenwood: I wrote it, so no.
 - **Senator Boisvert moves to call the question; Senator Brewer seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Folwell (P): Thanks guys. First, to the Supervisor of Elections, I have written enough of these bills to mix up who wrote what so I apologize if I have stolen any of your thunder. Everyone go love on Spencer Greenwood a little bit. I'd like to say thank you to the Pro-Tempore for making some necessary clarifications. Currently, statutes lead to a weird system and with our new Union being more sophisticated, I'm glad to clear this up. That being said, I will be writing more election-based legislation if any of you are interested, let me know. **WAIVES**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 7, Vice Chair Maglin, Senator(s) Crusey, McFarlane, Garrison, Newsome, Casiple, Boisvert
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 3, Senator(s) Alvarez, Brewer, Folwell
 - **RESULT: BILL #4 PASSES**
- **Bill 5 - Sponsored by Senator DuChêne (P) Diaz (Co)**
 - Opening Statement:

- Chair Kariher: I want to say that I appreciate you guys all being here. At the end of last semester, our committee had like five people total, so it's very nice to see a full committee. I'm very excited for this upcoming semester. Also, if you guys see anything that confuses you about the election process, feel free to reach out to myself or Spencer Greenwood and Senator Folwell. We'd all be happy to assist you. Have a great winter break!
- Vice Chair Maglin: I think you were pushing it saying there were only five people in our committee towards the end—it was more like three. It is very refreshing to see a whole bunch of people in this committee and a whole bunch of new opinions and questions making sure we're treating this legislation with the utmost scrutiny—which is important. Have a great break and I'm excited for all the meeting we'll have in the new year and I'll see everyone tomorrow at Senate!
- Senator Folwell: I just wanted to wish everyone good luck on finals, I know that it has been kicking my behind. Best of luck everyone!

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourned: 6:43 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cole Kariher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Signature of Chair Kariher