



**74th Student Senate
Student Life Committee
Friday, 02 September 2022 at 3:30pm | Zoom ID: 937 1197 2014
Meeting Recording Link:**

Call to Order: 3:42pm

Members Present: St. Hilaire, Carter, Soares, Barrett, DuChêne – President Hunter ex-officio

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Members Absent: Beall (E), Hitchcock (U), Hakmon (U), Weintraub (U), Masters (U)

Guests: Senator Diaz, Senator Schindler, Senator Rivers, Senator Folwell, President Hunter

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Announcements:

Welcome back, Student Life!

Committee Business:

- **Adopting and Amending the Rules of Procedure, Bill #72, Resolution #49, Resolution #50, Resolution #51, Resolution #53**

Old Business: None

New Business: Adopting and Amending the Rules of Procedure, Bill #72, Resolution #49, Resolution #50, Resolution #51, Resolution #53

- **Soares moves to adopt the Rules of Procedure; Carter seconds, no objections**
- **Soares moves to amend Rules of Procedure to change the meeting time to 3:30 pm on Fridays; St. Hilaire seconds, no objections**

- **BILL #72 - Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P), Senators Casiple, Carter, Diaz, Drackley, Rider, Suarez (Co)**

This bill addresses several issues in Chapter 302, regarding the Class Councils. Among these issues includes references to incorrect statutes, general legislative vagueness, conflation of an “officer” of the Class Councils and a “member-at-large” of the Class Councils, the application process timeline not adequately reflecting how applications have been handled, forcing a President of a Class Council wishing to resign to hand in a resignation to themselves, and general typos.

- Opening Statement (5 mins):

- Folwell: Good evening student life, I hope you are all doing well. Bill 72 is the second iteration of something I had introduced in the summer although it has had quite a few changes in the last month or so. It is essentially designed to fix some fundamental issues with statutes surrounding the class councils. I think that the most pressing of these issues is the terminology inconsistencies that makes it unclear who does what and what every individual's role is and references to the wrong statutes. Another really big issue that there is frankly an absolutely ludicrous timeline right now for the appointments of the sophomore and junior class councils. One that as far back as I can find stuff records these appointments, I can't find that it has been followed. I have worked extensively with the offices of the class councils, and they are all on board with this bill. It is necessary to be able to do some of the projects that they are working on this year, and it will allow the class councils to be more easily managed and increase their long term viability. I hate to say this, but the statutes as written are really majorly flawed and I hope that I can help fix some of the issues that are present within those statutes in this bill. As I mentioned, I have all of the offices of the class councils on board with this and I look forward to any questions you may have. Thank you for listening and I hope you will vote in favor.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- **Barrett moves to enter round-table discussion; Soares seconds**

- Round-Table Discussion:

- Carter: I'll begin by speaking in favor of this bill. I do believe that the majority of the revisions are not trying to change the whole thing but make it simply making it easier to understand. I don't think I had an incredibly clear grasp of how the individuals were chosen or at what time. I think that this will make it so that individuals who are involved with SGA or even individuals who are just looking to get involved more aware of the internal workings of it. So, I am in favor of this bill because it will make the class councils more effective and increase their longevity.

- DuChêne: Sponsor I have a question. Who will be the ones administering the applications?
- Folwell: The same that any position within SGA is filled on the website. If you would like to amend to clarify that, I don't want to panickily look through statutes right now. But, as far as I know, it doesn't specify on most sections of statutes where it says that. If I am wrong, please feel free to correct me. But as far as I remember this is about consistent with the way that statutes were.
- DuChêne: Thank you.

- **Barrett moves to call the question; Soares seconds**

- Closing Statement:
Folwell: Thanks guys, this was pretty easy. As I said before, I encourage you all to vote in favor and yea I think this is just a positive bill. If you want to reach out to me about this later on if any questions come up, I am more than happy to answer. You can find my email on the website.

- Vote:
 - Yes: 4 Voter Names: Barrett, Soares, Carter, St. Hillaire
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0

- **RESULT: BILL #72 PASSES**

- **RESOLUTION #49 - Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P), Senators Fermin, Mantilla, Rider, Rivera, Suarez (Co)**
A resolution to recognize and commemorate National Hispanic Heritage Month.
 - Opening Statement (5 mins):
 - Diaz: I know I say this before almost every single piece of legislation, but this is really a simple piece of legislation. It just honors a yearly month that happens. It's a tradition that happens every year and has commenced since the 50's or 60's in some form. As it says in the resolution, since 1999 it has been a national thing. It has been recognized by every president, it's a cultural thing, a cultural phenomenon. The HLSU is planning a month long series of events throughout Hispanic heritage month which is from September 14th trough the 14th or 15th, it's in the resolution. The theme is a little bit of a secret, I don't even know what it is. They are announcing the theme at the event on the night of the 15th as it says in the resolution. I am super excited about it and I hope you are. Especially for the agency that I represent as the liaison and especially coming out of the senate which in the last year hasn't treated the HLSU kindly, especially in the 73rd. So again, I am super excited to be repping them and to be introducing this. Happy to answer any questions and I hope you are in support.

 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- **Soares moves to enter round-table discussion; Carter seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
- St. Hilaire: I think its super important to make sure that we are recognizing and just appreciating culture no matter who, so I think this resolution is very very important. Especially as a senate just acknowledging things and making sure everyone is appreciated.
- Soares: Awareness too on top of that is really important I think.
- **Soares moves to pass by unanimous consent; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
Diaz: Waive, closed
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #49 PASSES**

- **RESOLUTION #50 - Sponsored by Senators Diaz and Rivers (P)**
A resolution proclaiming and celebrating September 20, 2022 as National Register to Vote Day, and encouraging all members of the FSU community to vote in the upcoming midterm elections.
 - Opening Statement (5 mins):
 - Diaz: Again, very similar to the last resolution. It's just commemorating an annual thing. It is a little bit less known probably then the last one, but September 20th is national register to vote day. So again, just encouraging people to participate in our democracy. As it says there in the quotes in the big paragraph "up to 1 in 4 people are not registered to vote in this country who are eligible to". That is a shame. We should be having a higher turnout especially with super important midterms happening this November. I wrote this and I wanted to have Rivers present it at the next senate meeting because I don't think I will be there due to a work thing. I didn't have the time to get co-sponsors yet so If anyone would like to co-sponsor please reach out to me about that. Super excited to be supporting people's right to vote and encouraging them to do so.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Carter: I was looking through and saw that there was going to be a new voting location for all members of the FSU community to vote. I just wanted to clarify who exactly this would be open to?
 - Diaz: For the early voting period I believe it is open to all Florida residents but don't quote me on that. I am not particularly sure. Its available to students, faculty. They verified to me that they would be open during the early voting period.
 - **Soares moves to enter round-table discussion; St. Hilaire seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - St. Hilaire: I do think that it's really important to get people registered to vote. I did go to early voting and was the only person in there and they said that they hadn't

seen anyone in their all day. So, I think putting this out there will really just increase student knowledge of the opportunity to vote especially on campus. And just a good reminder that we should be voting because everything we do matters.

- Soares: I agree and not just putting this resolution through but putting this on social media where everyone can see it.

- **Soares moves to call the question; no objections**

- Closing Statement:
- Diaz: Waive, closed.

- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #50 PASSES**

- **RESOLUTION #51 - Sponsored by Senator Rivers (P), Senators Hockett, Kariher, Burton, Folwell, Maglin, Seavers, Bettley, St. Hillaire, Diaz, Mantilla, Casiple, Tucker, Turkomer (Co)
Awarding Eva Killings the Student Senate Award for Excellence.**
 - Opening Statement (5 mins):
 - Rivers: This resolution is very simple. I want to award Mrs. Killings with a senate award for excellence. The resolution speaks for itself. She has worked here for almost 50 years. If you had parents that went here then they probably know of or have interacted with Mrs. Killings. Everyone loves her, everyone speaks highly of her. She was going to retire and then someone reached out to her about becoming an ambassador for student dining services. That is what her role is within the university. If you ever go to the union then you probably see her all the time at the front desk of the union greeting people for smiles, giving them hugs, telling people she loves them and all of that goodness. I know there was some conversations about naming the dining area of the new student union after her but those conversations fizzled through. So that is one of my resolutions, to encourage them to name the space after her. I understand that they are trying to raise funds and have people pay millions of dollars to get these areas named after them, but I believe that they should name it after her after all the years that she has served here. The people who are naming or getting named in the union haven't even worked here for a fraction of the time as Mrs. Killings. They haven't left a legacy on this campus like Mrs. Killings has. So, I think she deserves to have the new dining space in the student union be named after her.

 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

 - **Barrett moves to enter round-table discussion; Soares seconds**

 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Barrett: I personally think that this is an amazing resolution. When I came in during Covid I remember going to the dining hall and meeting Ms. Killings and thinking that this woman was literally amazing, and I am so happy that she told me she loves me. Ever since then I thought she was such an amazing person

and I learned so much about her career from this resolution and I am so thankful for that. I think that the sponsor did an amazing job with this.

- Soares: Piggy backing off that, I heard a lot about Ms. Killings last year but I never went to a dining hall or anything and I never saw her around until this semester actually. She is the sweetest lady ever and was literally talking to her for about 15 minutes. So, I am in support of this.
- Carter: I agree with what both of them have said. I think the sponsor did an amazing job with this resolution. I definitely agree with trying to urge the University to name the dining space after her, I think that would be an amazing tribute to someone that changes students' lives. So, I will be voting in support of this resolution.

- **Barrett moves to pass by unanimous consent; no objections**

- Closing Statement:

- Rivers: Thank you student life for this. I think Ms. Killings will get a little tickle out of this. I want to invite her to our next senate meeting to hear this, but it might be a little late for her. I wanted this to be on the ending stages before I told her. I'm going to reach out to President Hunter about buying a plaque for her so she can have something physical along with this. Thank you student life and I hope you have a good rest of your day.

- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #51 PASSES**

- **RESOLUTION #53 - Sponsored by Senator Schindler (P), Senator Malone (Co)**
In regards to changes to the Academic Honor Policy. The resolution will encourage the Office of Faculty Development and Advancement to make the student body aware of changes to this policy.

- Opening Statement (5 mins):

- Schindler: Hey everyone, thank you for listening to me present this legislation. I am presenting this legislation because I am not sure if you all remember but at the end of the spring semester representatives from the faculty development and advancement office came and spoke to us regarding changes to the academic honor policy. One of these changes was that students who had one minor offense on their record could push to have this expunged from their record within one year from graduation. After passing these changes they did not make members of the student body, especially those affected, aware of the changes. This is something that affects a large number of the student body, and they should be made aware. I think this is a good piece of legislation to encourage the office to really go in and make members of the student body aware.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- **Carter moves to enter round-table discussion; Soares seconds**

- Round-Table Discussion:

- Soares: I wasn't aware that they didn't make those single time offenses aware. I have had friends that have tried to apply to like study abroad that can't because they have this one-time offense the fall semester of their freshman year where they made a mistake so I am in favor of this.
- Carter: Frankly I forgot that they came and spoke to us so for students who didn't even get to see the presentation I feel as if the information should be expedited so students can take advantage of the opportunity.
- Soares: I applaud you for remembering that they came and taking initiative to see if they made people aware. So, I think that was great.

- **Barrett moves to call the question; St. Hilaire seconds**

- Closing Statement:
- Schindler: Thank you guys for sharing that insight. I want to be honest that I am a student who was affected by the changes and without having heard the presentation this could have affected me in applying to law school. I know plenty of people who are affected by this issue who won't know that these changes had been made. I actually had to email the office to see if the changes had been implemented and the only place you can find this is on the 7th page of the academic honor policy which is basically hidden on their website to begin with.

- Vote:
 - Yes: 4 Voter Names: Soares, Carter, St. Hilaire, Barrett
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0

- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #53 PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

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Closing Announcements:

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Next Meeting: Friday, 09 September 2022 at 3:30pm

Adjourned: 4:15pm

P. DuChêne

Signature of Chair, Patrick A. DuChêne