



**74th Student Senate
Student Life Committee
Friday, 16th September 2022 at 3:30pm | Zoom ID: 937 1197 2014
Meeting Recording Link:**

Call to Order: 3:39pm

Members Present: Soares, Carter, St. Hilaire, Hakmon

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Beall (Excused), Masters (UE), Hitchcock (UE), Weintraub (UE)

Guests:

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 recognize this land remains scarred by the legacies of violence and removal, we recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land, and we 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 DuChêne apologizes for his absence but will be making it up to VC Barrett by taking the minutes based on today's recording! I love and miss you all!

Committee Business:

- **Bill #75, Resolution #54, Resolution #55, Resolution #57, Resolution #58**

Old Business: None

New Business: Bill #75, Resolution #54, Resolution #55, Resolution #57, Resolution #58

- **BILL #75 - Sponsored by Senators Folwell and Wyatt (P), Senators Barrett, Bettley, Boisvert, DuChêne, Hockett, Pedraja, Schindler, St. Hilaire, Suarez (Co)**

This bill increases the maximum amount of funding that PAC can give towards clothing and allows Senate to override that maximum if two-thirds of the Senate sees fit to do so.

- Opening Statement (5 mins): Good afternoon SL, this bill just aims to give PAC some leeway in how much they fund items of clothing. Chair Wyatt has said that inflation has made it increasingly difficult to fund organizations adequately even if we want to, so this should make life easier for PAC as well as all RSO's. I also included a clause allowing the Senate to overrule this restriction with a 2/3 majority, which is a pretty standard rule in the finance code. I'm not picky over what the voting threshold is but I do think it should be there. YIELDS WITH 3:30
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions: None
- **Soares moves to enter round-table discussion; St. Hilaire seconds; no objections**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Carter: I like this bill. I think it will ultimately help RSO's and PAC to have some more leeway here. I also like that it includes a clause to help Senate still have a say if need be
 - St. Hilaire: Having been able to help serve in PAC, I think that this will make the overall process easier for everyone involved
- **Soares moves to call the question; St. Hilaire seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement: WAIVED
- Vote:
 - Yes: **4** Voter Names: St. Hilaire, Carter, Soares, Hakmon
 - No: **0**
 - Abstain: **0**
- **RESULT: BILL #75 PASSES**
- **RESOLUTION #54 - Sponsored by Senator Carter (P), Folwell, Rider, St. Hilaire, Suarez, Tucker (Co)**
This resolution will recognize and commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month while promoting the work and programming of the Women's Student Union (WSU) and its affiliates.
 - Opening Statement (5 mins): Thank you so much SL for hearing me today. This is my first piece of legislation, so I'm happy it gets to be heard in my home committee! As Sam Diaz loves to say, this is a very simple piece of legislation. It

essentially works just to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and also promote the WSU. I've spoken with the Director (or Assistant Director) of the WSU, who is in support. In addition, it also promotes FSU CHAW and the Victim Advocacy Program, and similar relevant initiatives. If you weren't aware, domestic violence is a huge issue on college campuses. I know it may not seem like it but it is incredibly prevalent. I hope passing this resolution helps raise awareness on the issue and even help prevent it as well. YIELDS WITH 3:30

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions: None

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

- Round-Table Discussion:
 - St. Hilaire: I am in absolute support of this resolution. There are a lot of topics that we as college students glance over, and this is one of them. I think many of our resources go unnoticed on campus, so I think this resolution will be a great opportunity for that
 - Hakmon: I agree with those sentiments and think it's great that you included the WSU on this bill

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

- Closing Statement: Thank you so much SL. I think that this will help our students and any survivors.

- Vote: UC

- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #54 PASSES**

- **RESOLUTION #55 - Sponsored by Senator Kariher (P), Senators Rivers and DuChêne (Co)**
A resolution to join USF in the collaborative effort between Florida SGAs to condemn anti-transgender legislation.
 - Opening Statement (5 mins): Hello SL, I appreciate you all being here today. Essentially, over the summer, USF passed a similar resolution in response to Florida and nationwide SGA's drafting legislation like this to condemn anti-transgender legislation. USF reached out to me, and I worked on this in conjunction with the Pride Student Union, and I think it's just really important to take a stand against hateful legislation. I think this is a pretty straightforward resolution and am happy to answer any questions. YIELDS WITH 3:57

 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions: None

- **Soares moves to enter round-table discussion; St. Hilaire seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Soares: I think it's really cool how we're collaborating with other universities, and I think it's important to show our stand as a student body, so I am in support of the resolution.
 - Carter: I am also in support of this legislation. I think it's so important that we as a Senate show our support for every single student on this campus and their identities. I also commend the fact that you included the rules and regulations surrounding trans women's' participation in sports.
 - St. Hilaire: I am also in support. It's our job to ensure that everyone feels represented.
- **Soares moves to pass by unanimous consent; no objections**
- Closing Statement: I appreciate it. I think this will say a lot to trans students, knowing that their student government supports them.
- Vote: UC
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #55 PASSES**
- **RESOLUTION #57 - Sponsored by Senator Schindler (P), Senators Casiple and Hockett (Co)**
This resolution promotes collaboration between FSU Student Senate and FAMU Student Senate regarding legislation that affects the FSU-FAMU College of Engineering.
 - Opening Statement (5 mins): TABLED DUE TO ABSENCE OF SPONSOR
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - _____ **moves to enter round-table discussion; _____ seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - _____ **moves to call the question; _____ seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Vote:
 - Yes: ___ Voter Names:
 - No: ___ Voter Names:

■ Abstain: ___ Voter Names:

○ **RESULT: RESOLUTION #57 IS TABLED**

● **RESOLUTION #58 - Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P), Senators Carter, Diaz, DuChêne (Co)**

A resolution to congratulate and commend Florida State University for retaining its status as a Top 20 Public School, as listed by the U.S. News and World Report's "Best Colleges 2022-2023," among other impressive rankings.

○ Opening Statement (5 mins): Hi folks, this is a simple resolution to celebrate FSU doing so well in the rankings, as well as supports President McCullough's goal of getting us to the top 15, thank you. YIELDS WITH 4:45

○ Technical Non-Debatable Questions: None

○ **Soares moves to enter round-table discussion; Carter seconds; no objections**

○ Round-Table Discussion:

■ St. Hilaire: I think we all chose to come to Florida State for a reason, so I think this is an amazing resolution!

○ **Carter moves to pass by unanimous consent; no objections**

○ Closing Statement: Waived

○ Vote: UC

○ **RESULT: RESOLUTION #58 PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- Resolution #57

Closing Announcements:

- From Chair DuChêne: Thank you all for your hard work in my absence, especially since Student Life was sent most of the legislation this week! A special shoutout to our very own member, Hannah Carter, on her first piece of legislation coming through her own committee this week! Another special thank you to Senator Carter and Senator St. Hilaire on doing SL proud on the Sweepings Committee! They're going to do wonderful and important work. And of course (YES YOU HAVE TO SAY THIS KEAGAN), thank

you from Chair DuChêne and all of our members to VC Barrett for chairing today's meeting. You're just the best.

Next Meeting: Friday, 23 September 2022 at 3:30pm

Adjourned: 4:01pm



Signature of Chair, Patrick A. DuChêne