



**74<sup>th</sup> Student Senate  
Student Life Committee  
Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 at 3:30pm | Zoom ID: 937 1197 2014  
Meeting Recording Link:**

**Call to Order: 3:33 pm**

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

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent: Beall (E), Barrett (E), Hitchcock, Weintraub**

**Guests: Senator Diaz, Senator Folwell**

**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:** None

**Committee Business:**

- Resolution #57, Resolution #61, Resolution #62, Resolution #63

**Old Business:** Resolution #57

- **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.**
  - DuChêne: Sponsor not being present, this resolution is tabled.
  - **RESULT: RESOLUTION #57 IS TABLED**

**New Business:** Resolution #61, Resolution #62, Resolution #63

- **RESOLUTION #61 - Sponsored by Senators DuChêne and Carter (P), Senators Bettley and Kariher (Co)**

**Expressing the Senate's disappointment at Homecoming activities being scheduled squarely over Rosh HaShanah, the first of the High Holy Days in Judaism.**

- Opening Statement (5 mins):
- Carter: Thank you so much student life for being here to listen to this. I do want to give Chair DuChêne some credit here, he wrote all this out and I really believe in this resolution. If you were present a few senates ago and remember, former JSU director Brandon Gabay came and expressed their sentiments regarding the scheduling of homecoming and family weekend over Rosh Hashanah. Rosh Hashanah is an incredibly important holiday, he expressed it as most important in Judaism and he expressed that many Jewish students at FSU must choose between their Jewish identity and their identity as an FSU student. We do not think that is fair to students who are celebrating and really anyone. There is a calendar that has all religious observances. This resolution will urge anyone on the homecoming board, we aren't exactly sure who determines this, so we just noted that all stakeholders be aware of the holidays that fall in line with any potential scheduling. Just to be aware of that and to not do it again.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions: None
- **Soares moves to enter round-table discussion; St. Hilaire seconds; no objections**
- Round-Table Discussion:
- Soares: I was not at that last senate where he expressed those sentiments. So, to be honest, this has only been brought to my attention now. It does make me pretty upset that parent's weekend and homecoming are such big deals here and it is really important. Those people who like have the job of picking dates really did overlook this. I really like this.
- **Soares moves to call the question; St. Hilaire seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
- Carter: Thank you. Just to keep this brief, thank you all for listening today. I really do think that this will not only increase the accessibility of any Jewish students who would like to celebrate and their friends but then also anyone that would like to get more of a connection with the FSU community as well.
- Vote:
  - Yes: **4** Voter Names: Soares, Carter, Hakmon, St. Hilaire
  - No: **0**

■ Abstain: 0

○ **RESULT: RESOLUTION #61 PASSES**

- **RESOLUTION #62 - Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P), Senators Barrett, Bettley, DuChêne, Folwell, Kaneshige, Kariher, Maglin, Rivers, St. Hilaire, Suarez, Tucker (Co)**

**A resolution to award the FSU Black Law Students Association with the Student Senate Award for Excellence.**

- Opening Statement (5 mins):
- Diaz: I will always thank the Chair of this committee for helping me in the spring to rewrite statutes about the award for excellence because this is the ORG I was thinking about in particular when I did that. This is an organization that FSU should be incredibly proud of, and I think that it is an organization that deserves our recognition. It is for the FSU Black Law Students Association. There are actually two organizations with this name, one for undergrad and one for graduate. This award is specifically referring to the graduate BLSA team, as the resolution says, they for the third year in a row won the regional national BLSA mock trial competition. Which is the Constance Baker Motley competition. This allowed them to advance to the National level and we won the national championship over 15 or 16 other teams. I believe that this is one of those organization that really deserved this. I hope we pass this so that President Hunter can award this to them at Inauguration.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions: None
- **Carter moves to enter round-table discussion; Soares seconds; no objections**
- Round-Table Discussion:
- St. Hilaire: So, I did co-sponsor on this bill but I think it's also so important to recognize these organizations because we have been promoting SGA as a whole and I think it's really important to be recognizing these organizations.
- **Soares moves to call the question; St. Hilaire seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
- Diaz: I appreciate this committees support on this resolution. I'm always happy to support and recognize the other people outside of Senate and outside of SGA that do great work at this university. I love this trend of looking outward to recognize those groups and especially BLSA.
- Vote:
  - Yes: **4** Voter Names: Soares, Carter, Hakmon, St. Hilaire
  - No: **0** Voter Names:

■ Abstain: 0 Voter Names:

○ **RESULT: RESOLUTION #62 PASSES**

● **RESOLUTION #63 - Sponsored by Senators Carter and DuChêne (P), Senator Bettley (Co)**

**This resolution will condemn all forms of hate speech, drawing specific attention to antisemitism, given recent reports of antisemitic acts committed on campus.**

○ Opening Statement (5 mins):

○ Carter: This resolution is kind of a second part to the resolution previously about Rosh Hashanah. This is more of a generalized statement regarding hate speech and more specifically drawing attention to Antisemitism given recent reports of it on campus. I don't know if you all are aware but there is an Instagram account called Jewish on Campus it brings attention to issues that Jewish students face on campus and Antisemitic acts. There was a post on August 31<sup>st</sup> regarding a statement made during Panhellenic recruitment by the Alpha Phi chapter where they had made Holocaust jokes and general Antisemitic statements towards potential new members. This has not been addressed at this point, so this resolution will not only work to condemn any forms of hate speech including Antisemitism but also urge any organizations where there are public reports of hate speech occurring to address that and discuss it within their communities to best stop this from ever happening again. I believe that is a pretty good summary of the resolution and I look forward to hearing everyone's thoughts and any questions.

○ Technical Non-Debatable Questions: None

○ **St. Hilaire moves to enter round-table discussion; Soares seconds; no objections**

○ Round-Table Discussion:

○ St. Hilaire: I absolutely support this resolution. I don't think that anyone should be discriminated against especially because we all pay to go to this school, and we should all feel safe and protected and loved here. It's so upsetting to hear about this especially when an individual is so excited to go through recruitment and join an organization that feel like home. This needs to go through for sure.

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

○ **RESULT: RESOLUTION #63 PASSES**

**Unfinished Business:**

- Resolution #57

**Closing Announcements:**

- **DuChêne:** There is a bill that passed Rules to get rid of technical non-debatable questions in our full Senate meetings. It would be replaced with a round of general questioning. We are not obligated as a committee to change anything, but we can if we want to. SO, over the next week just ponder if we would want to make that same change for efficiency reasons. I don't care frankly, but whatever you may think will be best.

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

**EDITED TO FRIDAY, 07 OCTOBER 2022 AT 3:30pm DUE TO HURRICANE IAN**

**Adjourned: 3:52pm**



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**Signature of Chair, Patrick A. DuChêne**