



**74<sup>th</sup> Student Senate  
Student Life Committee  
Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 3:30pm | Zoom ID: 937 1197 2014  
Meeting Recording Link:**

**Call to Order: 3:32 pm**

**Active Member Roll:** DuChêne, Barrett, Carter, Hakmon, Soares (Quorum: 4 members present)

**Members Present:**

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:** Weintraub (Excused), St. Hilaire (Excused), Beall

**Guests:** Senator Anand, Senator Folwell, Senator Rivers, Senator Schindler

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**Announcements:**

**Committee Business:**

- Resolution #66, Bill #85, Bill #86, Resolution #68, Resolution #70, Resolution #71, Resolution #72

**Old Business:** Resolution #66

- **RESOLUTION #66 - Sponsored by Senator Kariher (P)  
Resolution to create an Investigative Board due to A&S fee account discrepancies.**

- Opening Statement (5 mins):
- Kariher: HI student life. How's it going? I'm here to present this resolution to start an investigative board. This has been tabled because we were at a point where we were starting to get some of this information. But now it feels like we are at a point where we are not getting any information anymore. So, this is why I think that this would be a good idea. I don't know if you guys have read this yet but essentially through the central reserves process we have discovered that there are a lot of missed match numbers and things that really aren't making sense. I have been looking into this for almost 4 months now. There were millions of dollars in an account that contained A&S fees that we weren't going to have access to but then we got legal to step in and now we do have access to that money. There has just been a lot of stuff that has culminated that honestly has been for the best. If you guys have any questions please feel free to ask me. But, essentially the questions we have left are why don't the credit hours match the money? The number of credit hours per semester for campus are available through the office of institutional research. When you multiply that by 12.86 which is our A&S fee amount per credit hour, we should be getting \$15.9 million per year which we simply aren't which is why this resolution is here.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
- **Carter moves to enter round-table discussion; Soares seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
- **Carter has a POI to the sponsor**
  - Carter: I know that the investigative committee would include judiciary and I know it says that it may include the chairs. So, does that mean that chairs absolutely will be on the committee, or they can if they want to?
    - Kariher: They can if they want to if they have the time or whatever.
- **Soares moves to call the question; Hakmon seconds; no objections.**
- Closing Statement:
  - Kariher: Thanks so much for hearing me today. You all are about to here more central reserves and money stuff coming through in the next few weeks. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions.
- Vote:
  - Yes: **4** Voter Names: Barrett, Carter, Hakmon, Soares
  - No: **0**
  - Abstain: **0**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #66 PASSES**

- **Upon passage this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Committee on the Budget**

**New Business:** Bill #85, Bill #86, Resolution #68, Resolution #70, Resolution #71, Resolution #72

- **BILL #85 - Sponsored by Senators Folwell and Tucker (P), Senators Anderson, Barrett, Diaz, Hockett, McMahon, Rider, Rivera, Schindler, St. Hilaire (Co)**  
**This bill creates the Freshman Class Council**
  - Opening Statement (5 mins):
  - Folwell: Hi guys thank you for having me here today. This bill, I wouldn't call it simple, but what it does is pretty straight forward task. Currently, there is a sophomore class council, a junior class council, and a senior class council. There is no freshman class council. Why this is, I don't know. I think that freshman deserve representation and I think that the class councils are a pretty low stress way to get a start in getting involved in SGA. I knew I wanted to get involved as soon as I got onto campus in some way, but I didn't know how. I ended up running for senate but that's probably not the best avenue for all people. I think that having a freshman class council where people can immediately jump in and apply and have that be their intro is ideal solution to the problem. It also gives more representation to the freshman class within student government which I hope we all can agree is a good thing.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - **Carter moves to enter round-table discussion; Hakmon seconds; no objections**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
  - Carter has a POI to the sponsor
    - Carter: Is there anything that distinguishes the freshman class councils rules and procedures from that of any of the other class councils besides the senior class council since they get voted on?
    - Folwell: The primary thing that me and senator Tucker discussed with each other and with the senior class council when creating this was under the rules and responsibilities of the class councils. All of them kind of say you know like represents their graduating class, fundraise for the eventual class gift and then Junior and Senior class councils distribute information about the upcoming graduation of their classes. Sophomore class council does not have that. We were kind of stuck between just copying the sophomore class council's responsibilities or adding another section. We decided to go with adding another section. This section added that Freshman class council shall help the freshman class transition into the FSU student body. This isn't a very concrete responsibility but it is a

general goal we gave the freshman class council in order to better actualize why we are creating this.

- DuChêne has a POI to the sponsor
  - DuChêne: Why do you think that there isn't one currently, like what is the argument against this? Because it has been tried in the past.
  - Folwell: So, I talked to a few senators who are not the biggest fans of this and the primary argument that I heard was that the class councils have a lot of discretion on how their budgetary allocations are spent and within the class councils the senior class councils get 50%, the Junior class councils get 30% and the sophomore class councils get 20%. Obviously, that would be redistributed if there was a freshman class council. I say that with hope. Generally speaking, some of the opponents didn't like the idea of first semester freshman having access to those funds. I think that personally that's not the biggest deal because the senior class council has the ability to give them money or not give them money and to oversee how they spend that money. I think that a good senior class council would do so. That is the only argument against that has made any sense to me, but I think that's really assuming the worst.
- Senator Hakmon has a POI to the sponsor
  - Hakmon: Besides just getting into SGA what would you say is the benefit of this?
  - Folwell: I think that generally there is very little student-based programming that is directed towards freshman. I think that one of the most effective goals of each class council is programming for each class. When freshman come, they have all this university based programming pushed towards them, which is great, but it's very daunting. It's very much systematic. University based programming is fundamentally different from student-based programming. That's why I think that having people targeting these first-year freshman who have never been in college before, I think that's a beneficial thing because it helps get them more engrained into the community. Which is another reason that we added that 302.5 D5 point of helping them transition. So I think that regardless of concerns about funding I think that it helps the overall class council structure target these new students in a way that they haven't previously been targeted before
- Carter has a POI to the sponsor
  - Carter: I know that you mentioned the budget process and how it would have to get approved by the senior class council. Is that budget process detailed somewhere?

- Folwell: I'm going to answer this to the best of my knowledge. I could be wrong here so grain of salt. As far as I am aware, the way that the budgetary allocations for the class councils go, is that the senior class council gives a request and then it is at their discretion how to distribute those funds across the class councils. Theoretically the senior class councils can distribute funds however they want or they could for an example give the freshman class council 10% but say that all expenses need to go through the senior class council treasurer. Or they could do any number of things. I just like to have faith that people will do things properly. I think that having some worry that new college students wouldn't be the best at figuring out how to spend money is valid, but I think its not a reason for them to not get the opportunity to be involved.
    - Carter: I agree. Is that not in statutes?
    - Folwell: If it is, its not in the class council statutes. I know the class council statutes through and through. So, if it is in statutes, its in some really obscure place. So, I don't think so.
  - DuChêne has a POI to the sponsor
    - DuChêne: I'm wondering how you would think this would be beneficial in addition to the Freshman Leadership Institute. An organization that already acts as a way for new students to get oriented with leadership opportunities and kind of dip their feet in the water. They have the workshops and the retreats and those sorts of things to get a sense of how the large apparatus of SGA works. So, my first question for you is why you think there should be both or why anyone would recommend someone join the class councils in lieu of the freshman leadership institute or running for an undergrad seat in the senate? And then secondarily, if any members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class councils have expressed support in being willing to cut their budgets in order to support a freshman class council?
    - Folwell: I'm going to answer the first question and then I might ask you to repeat the second question once I get there.
    - DuChêne: No problem.
    - Folwell: I'm really glad you asked that. I am currently a mentor with the freshman leadership Institute, and I think it is a really good program. I think that the fundamental difference between what I want the freshman class councils to be and what the freshman leadership institute is is that the freshman Leadership Institute is primarily a mentorship. It is something for students to see how the university works and hopefully get some hands-on experience. I know that one of the things that is asked of the mentors is to take their mentee into one of their leadership opportunities and hopefully they can get experience. That being said, those experiences are entirely dependent on you getting a good or effective mentor. As much as I would like to think that everyone selected

will do a fantastic job, sometimes stuff happens. The FLI isn't prepping freshman to be in SGA. The FLI is prepping students to be leaders around campus. It is an SGA institute but that does not mean it is for SGA. The freshman class council would directly give people hands on experience with how SGA operates. The confirmation process, interacting with people in positions by virtue of their job rather than by virtue of being assigned to do so. It's an actual leadership opportunity as opposed to a stance to prepare them for a potential leadership opportunity. We could get people who would be the best person at that time for the positions on freshman leadership council rather than people we see potential in for the FLI. I also think it's a good idea to diversify the people electing the freshman who are involved because the FLI is great but one department of SGA selecting all of the freshman that is the primary avenue of getting involved I think that corruption is very easy to arise. I don't think that it has but I think that it could.

- DuChêne: Asked and answered, thank you. On the second piece, have you spoken to any members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class councils have expressed support in being willing to cut their budgets in order to support a freshman class council?
- Folwell: So, this bill was something that was directly requested by the senior class council. It was something that they aimed to do when they got into office. So, while I directly didn't speak to them about the budget aspect, I would presume that they are aware it would entail a reworking of the budget. Also, when speaking to the senior class council president, he expressed that officers of the sophomore and junior class councils were also in support.
- Hakmon has a POI to the sponsor
  - Hakmon: I'm having a hard time understanding exactly what they would be doing and why it is needed. If you have like 3 points besides the leading into SGA why this is needed?
  - Folwell: Programming is a big one, getting familiar with the confirmation process, and connecting people who aren't in the class councils with people in other leadership positions.
- **Carter moves to call the question; Hakmon seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
- Folwell: I really want to thank you guys for your questions, that is the lifeblood of SGA. I have spoken to the senior class council, they really want this, I really want this. This will help freshman. This will help create more passionate leaders within SGA. I have also spoken to a lot of freshmen about this. I have spoken to some of the freshman that were confirmed into senate recently, they are a huge fan of this. I have spoken to freshmen who really want to get involved with SGA. They are not constantly asking me when this will get passed. I think that is a huge sign

that this is something that they really want and that it is something that will help the general student body.

- Vote:
  - Yes: **3** Voter Names: Carter, Barrett, Soares
  - No: **1** Voter Names: Hakmon
  - Abstain: **0**
- **RESULT: BILL #85 PASSES**
- **Upon passage this Bill shall be forwarded to the Committee on the Judiciary**
  
- **BILL #86 – AMENDED IN BUDGET – Sponsored by Senators Anand and Suarez (P), Senators Boisvert, Carter, Diaz, Folwell, Hunter, Rider, St. Hilaire (Co)**

**This bill is a donation of \$5000 to the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Park as a gift from the Student Senate, after having this project’s attention brought to Senate through FSU’s Student Foundation.**

  - Opening Statement (5 mins):
  - Anand: Alright well thank you and good afternoon student life. Today I am presenting a bill to donate \$5000 to the National Pan-Hellenic council or NPHC park. The NPHC or more commonly known as the divine 9 was created after white sororities and fraternities denied black people membership from their organizations. After numerous black Greek letter organizations were established, the National Pan-Hellenic council was created to combine 9 chapters who have dedicated their lives to serve and to keeping black history alive by educating individuals on it through their Greek culture. FSU has announced its NPHC park project to create a physical place where the NPHC can be recognized and hold events to celebrate their Greek culture and heritage while also being able to educate the student body and staff on black history. The FSU student foundation is an organization that fundraises for campus projects and is focusing on fundraising for the NPHC park and brought this project to senates attention. This donation will be monumental to the progress of an amazing campus project and after speaking with the NPHC president Carrington Hickman, a donation of \$5000 would be one of the biggest donations they have received and would bring them closer to the construction as they cannot begin construction until they are halfway to their ultimate fundraising goal. This bill would be one of the biggest donations they receive before construction can start and I strongly encourage everyone to vote yes on this bill.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - **Carter moves to enter round-table discussion; Hakmon seconds; no objections**
  - Round-Table Discussion:

### **Soares has a POI to the sponsor**

Soares: I don't know if it says it in the bill but where will this park be located?

Anand: It will be outside Moore Auditorium, if you are looking out from HCB towards the union it would be on the right of the union

### **Hakmon has a POI to the sponsor**

Hakmon: Why was it \$2000 and now its \$5000?

Anand: When writing this bill, I was in a bit of a time crunch when I was writing this legislation and was communicating with the president of the NPHC, vice chair of the student foundation, a few other people, as well as President Hunter. The number that I know 100% President Hunter was comfortable with was \$2500 at the moment and since some of my co-sponsors and some other people had not gotten back to me and I was in a bit of a time crunch I put \$2500 to be safe. But after submitting the legislation and speaking with my co-sponsors a lot of people thought we should move it up to \$5000 and President Hunter was in support of that. So, in budget it got amended to \$5000.

### **Soares has a POI to the sponsor**

Soares: What exactly is going into the park that \$5000 is needed?

Anand: So, the overall \$5000 will make a huge impact in the park. I don't know the specifics but if this bill gets passed today the NPHC president Carrington will be at senate next week and he can answer that more thoroughly. But, to the best of my ability there is going to be 9 statues and cement blocks of all 9 organizations within the NPHC and it will be customized to the chapter at FSU. The creation of the park is pretty pricey which is why the \$5000 is helping to go towards that. But again, I don't have specifics as to why exactly it is so pricey.

### **Carter has a POI to the sponsor**

Carter: Do you know how much has been raised so far and how much they have left to raise?

Anand: They are 20% to their construction goal which is half the total amount. They have alumni from some of the NPHC chapters that are pledging very generous amounts to this park that they haven't included yet because they are waiting for more fundraising to happen. As per like student fundraising the FSU NPHC posted a donations website that's at about \$1500 and their goal is \$7000. After talking with the NPHC president they are about 20% till construction can start.

Carter: I know that SF is the primary fundraiser for this, but have they really picked up the campaign yet?

Anand: I am a member of the SF fundraising team, and the campaign will be starting up as of our last meeting. We do have events coming up in the next couple of weeks. That will be mainly focused on our main priority this semester which is the NPHC park. So, there are going to be a lot of donations coming in via the student foundation.

Soares: This is a question kind of for anyone. Do these sororities and fraternities have a spot on campus where they can meet and do these things?

Anand: I can answer that. They really do not. Other than the FSL office which is really for council use these chapters don't have individual places to meet and they kind of do it in private spaces.

- **Carter moves to call the question; Hakmon seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Anand: Thank you for listening to me today. I believe this donation will make a huge impact in the student portion of fundraising.
- Vote:
  - Yes: **4** Voter Names: Barrett, Soares, Carter, Hakmon
  - No: **0**
  - Abstain: **0**
- **RESULT: BILL #86 PASSES**
- **Upon passage this Bill shall be forwarded to the Senate floor**
- **RESOLUTION #68 - Sponsored by Senators Schindler and Hunter (P), Senators Malone and Diaz (Co)**  
**This resolution endorses and affirms the Florida Board of Governors' 2019 Statement of Free Expression and Civil Discourse Initiative**
  - Opening Statement (5 mins):
  - Schindler: Hey everyone thank you for having me here today. The board of governors has asked all universities student senates to pass a resolution along these lines. USF has done so along with some of the other state university system schools. What it does is it covers the civil discourse initiative that is part of the state university's freedom of expression statement. It explains that intellectual diversity is a first amendment protected right at all public university campuses. Abril asked me to work on this and do some research and put this together. It follows not identically but very side by side all the other resolutions that have been passed in other students senates. I think it's a good point as we are all here with different views coming from different backgrounds. If you have any questions I'm happy to answer.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - **Barrett moves to enter round-table discussion; Carter seconds; no objections**
  - Round-Table Discussion:

- Carter: I'm in support of this. I think its something fsu student government has been following already and if its something other student governments are passing.
- **Barrett moves to pass by acclamation, no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #68 PASSES**
- **Upon passage this Resolution shall be forwarded to the full Senate floor**
  
- **RESOLUTION #70 – AMMENDED IN BUDGET – Sponsored by Senators Anand and Suarez (P), Senators Boisvert, Carter, Diaz, Folwell, Rider, St. Hilaire (Co)**  
**This resolution commends FSU's Student Foundation for taking the initiative to fundraise for the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Park and bringing it to the Student Senate's attention which inspired a \$5000 donation to be made on behalf of the Student Senate as a gift to FSU's NPHC.**
  - Opening Statement (5 mins):
  - Anand: With this resolution its basically commending the student foundation which is an organization to foster a spirit of philanthropy, student development, and actively work on fundraising for campus activities and campus projects. With this organization that has fundraised for amazing projects, this is just commending them for bringing this to senate to inspire this \$5000 donation for this NPHC project. That's pretty much what this resolution does and its just thanking the student foundation who has members of NPHC and who are very passionate about this project for bringing it to senate.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - **Barrett moves to enter round-table discussion; Carter seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
  - **Carter moves to pass by unanimous consent, no objections**
  - **RESULT: RESOLUTION #70 PASSES**
  - **Upon passage this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Senate floor**
  
- **RESOLUTION #71 - Sponsored by Senator Rivers (P)**  
**A resolution celebrating and highlighting Breast Cancer Awareness Month.**
  - Opening Statement (5 mins):
  - Rivers: The chair just spoke about what the resolution is.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - **Hakmon moves to enter round-table discussion; Barrett seconds**

- Round-Table Discussion:
- **Carter moves to pass by acclamation, no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #71 PASSES**
- **Upon passage this Resolution shall be forwarded to the full Senate floor**
  
- **RESOLUTION #72 - Sponsored by Senator Barrett (P), Senators Bettley, Boisvert, Weintraub (Co)**  
**A resolution encouraging Recognized Student organizations at FSU to adopt and utilize more sustainable guidelines and techniques. As well as, encourage them to look to the work of FSU Sustainable Campus.**
  - Opening Statement (5 mins):
  - This resolution is coming out of the sustainability ad hoc. Juan Bustamante brought a lot of different things for us to work on. This is the first of those. It is encouraging RSO's to utilize more sustainable techniques listed in the resolution. At the bottom I added in that these organizations can look to the work of sustainable campus.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - **Carter moves to enter round-table discussion; Hakmon seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
  - **Hakmon moves to pass by unanimous consent, no objections**
  - **RESULT: RESOLUTION #72 PASSES**
  - **Upon passage this Resolution shall be forwarded to the full Senate floor**

**Unfinished Business:**

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**Closing Announcements:**

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**Next Meeting:** Friday, 28 October 2022 at 3:30pm

**Adjourned: 4:22 pm**

*P. DuChêne*

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