



**75<sup>th</sup> Student Senate**  
**Internal Affairs Committee**  
**9.19.23 4:30 p.m. | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/4349728982>**

**Call to Order: 4:31 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Chair Salazar, Vice Chair LoBianco, Senator(s) Birdsong, Gandolfo, Gomez, Lento, Lewis, Nguyen, Waller, Windlan

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:** Senator(s) Browne (U), Dlugos (U) Lewis (E)

**Guests:** Yasmin Khosh, Adrian Fribley

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**Announcements:**

- None.

**Committee Business:**

- **Yasamin Khosh – Board of Directors Member, OGA**
- **Adrian Fribley – Facilitator of Mentors – Transfer Leadership Institute**

**Old Business:**

- None.

**New Business:**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: [Yasmin Khosh, Board of Directors OGA]**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Candidate Khosh: Hi everyone. I once sat in on the senate meeting where they did the OGA agenda and I believe there are a lot things that I think we can do better in OGA. Smoother processes, better communication, and overall I want to make sure that the voices of the general student body are heard when we take agendas to the capitol, and that we don't have a ton of issues when we bring the bill to the senate floor. I want to make

sure the senate liaison and OGA have good communication when coming up with the agenda. I will hopefully in a role of Director of Communications, something I'm really keen on. Thank you.

○ Round of Questioning

- Senator Lento: I know you are very involved on campus, how do you plan on balancing OGA with everything else?

- Candidate Khosh: OGA used to be a major role but now it is not, so I feel like I am going to be dedicating a lot of my time to this role, as it takes my experience with the university at an involvement level, but also my professional experience, as this is the avenue I am looking to go in. I am hoping to dedicate a lot of my time to this, and I have set out a good calendar for the semester.

- Senator Birdsong: What was it about OGA that drew you to be on the Board of Directors, and why do you think you specifically make a good candidate for it?

- Candidate Khosh: I am looking to find a way that we can avoid what happened in OGA last year and have a more productive legislative session. People on OGA should have experience in some sort of legislative role in the real world, although experience on campus is awesome and great too. I was a legislative intern for a session in the spring, and then I worked on Capitol Hill as an intern in the summer, and then I was an intern for two years in high school as well. So, a lot of the things I've learned from that I want to transfer over to OGA to make it more productive. I also want to be able to translate the legislative language to students so they understand all of the laws and policies that will be passed.

- Senator Windlan: Are there any issues that you are passionate about bringing towards the legislative agenda?

- Candidate Khosh: Having worked in session, there are a lot of topics that I am passionate about that unfortunately may not be on the top of everyone's agenda. I think for me in this role, it is less about what I want but more so what the average students wants. There are a lot of topics and bills that will be passed that affect students, so it is important to make everyone aware of those things and getting their input.

○ **Senator Lento moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Windlan seconds**

○ Round-Table Discussion:

- Senator Lento: I know this candidate personally, she is extremely hardworking and involved. She is definitely qualified to be on this board.

- Vice Chair LoBianco: I really appreciate how this candidate an emphasis on communication and working on improving the communication between the students, OGA, and senate, as that was such a huge issue in the spring while we were trying to approve the legislative agenda that OGA put forward.

- Senator Birdsong: I also want to speak in pro, we are all familiar with her work and her resume. She has an intrinsic urge for her leadership.

- Senator Waller: I worked alongside this candidate during campaigning and I know her personally, and she is extremely hardworking.

○ **Senator Lento moves to forward the candidate; Senator Nguyen seconds**

- Closing Statement:
  - Candidate Khosh: Thank you for your time.
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ 9 ] Senator(s) Birdsong, Gandolfo, Gomez, Lento, Lewis, Nguyen, Waller, Windlan
  - No: [ 0 ]
  - Abstain: [ 0 ]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE YASAMIN KHOSH PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: [Adrian Fribley – Facilitator of Mentors]**
- Opening Statement:
  - Candidate Fribley: My name is Adrian. I didn't have the easiest childhood growing up, so when I moved up here I was able to find a mentor who was also my barber. He was able to guide me throughout a lot. I was at TCC for two years and I wasn't doing the best. He helped guide me and pushed me to apply for this position, so I can also help others. I know how it is to be a transfer and come to a new school knowing no one.
- Round of Questioning
  - Senator Gandolfo: I was wondering if you get this position, will you to be involved with your current involvements and how will you balance those.
    - Candidate Fribley: My uncle runs the program, so he is very good with working with my school schedule.
  - Senator Lento: In your application, you listed a lot of goals with is very ambitious of you. If you could pick one goal that was the most important to you, what would it be?
    - Candidate Fribley: When I initially applied, I thought the program was striving, and when I got in I realized we were starting from ground zero. So I kind of had goals but that has changed, as to now I want to help the team build the foundation so we can really get the program going.
  - Senator Nguyen: Now that you mention you didn't know it was new, did it make your vision change at all in regards to leadership?
    - Candidate Fribley: No, it just changed the outlet on how we will go about things. I know I can't just go and do big events when we don't have anything or don't know where to start. I am excited for it, everyone is great so far.
  - Senator Windlan: How do you see yourself recruiting new members and expanding this organization?
    - Candidate Fribley: I'm very nervous talking right now, I am better in person and more outgoing. But honestly just interacting with students, as that is how we got some candidates to apply for a certain program. I printed out flyers and just handed them out to students, so overall just increasing engagement.
  - Senator Waller: What was exactly on the flyer/ what was your best method of advertising the flyer?
    - Candidate Fribley: We made a flyer talking about positions open for the execute board and we put a barcode on the bottom of the flyer so they could apply, which is a direct link to the SGA website.
- **Senator Lento moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Windlan seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:

- Vice Chair LoBianco: I really appreciate his honesty throughout all of the questions in regards to how he didn't know TLI was starting from the bottom up. I applaud you for coming to this meeting as I know it can be scary. I think you have been answering great throughout all of it. It is also important that you are a transfer student yourself going into this program as you understand the perspective of incoming students. I also loved how detailed your application was.
  - Senator Nguyen: I appreciate the humility because yes, it is a new institution but you are stepping forward and have goals and a vision for this institution. I can't wait to see what you do in this role.
  - Senator Gomez: It sounds like you are very passionate, and it is good you have the experience of having a mentor as it makes you more qualified and makes you more dedicated to being a mentor yourself.
- **Senator Lento moves to forward the candidate; Senator Gomez seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - Candidate Fribley: Thank you and I appreciate the kind words.
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ 8 ] Senator(s) Birdsong, Gandolfo, Gomez, Lento, Lewis, Nguyen, Windlan, Vice Chair LoBianco
  - No: [ 0 ]
  - Abstain: [ 1 ] Senator Waller
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE ADRIAN FRIBLEY PASSES**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None.

**Closing Announcements:**

- Chair Salazar: You guys are awesome, keep it up with the questions!
- Vice Chair LoBianco: I feel like a proud mother.

**Next Meeting: 9.26.23**

**Adjourned: 4:53 p.m.**



**Signature of Chair**