



75th Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
9.26.23 | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/4349728982>

Call to Order: 4:30

Members Present: Senator(s) Dlugos, Gandolfo, Lewis, Lento, Waller, Windlan, Chair Salazar

Members Tardy: Senator(s) Birdsong, Nguyen, Vice Chair LoBianco (E)

Members Absent: Senator Dennig (U), Browne(U), Gomez (U)

Guests: Charles Azzarito, Joshua Nover, Shirom Azra

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Announcements:

- None

Committee Business:

- Charles Azzarito- SCURC, Assistant Director
- Joshua Nover- Facilitator of Engagement, Transfer Leadership Institute
- Shirom Arza- Facilitator of Media, Transfer Leadership Institute

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Charles Azzarito- SCURC, Assistant Director**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Candidate Azzarito: I believe I should be confirmed as assistant director for SCURC because I already have experience. I completed the UROP program and did a whole project which I am planning on presenting at a conference. I completed a field school over last summer so overall I have

a lot of research experience. In SCURC I was an undergrad research ambassador last semester and worked closely with the last assistant director to help rebuild SCURC, since it hasn't been as much as it could be since post covid. As assistant director, I want to take that vision and keep it moving forward to see how we can grow. The council wants to get more involved in CRE and other undergraduate research fields.

○ Round of Questioning:

- Senator Windlan: How do you think your research experience will help you in this position?

- Candidate Azzarito: Just in being able to help and teach the undergraduate research ambassadors, since not everyone has that level of research. Also, just being able to understand where they are coming from. Being a humanities major, I understand not many humanities major have the tradition research experience like STEM majors do.

- Senator Gandolfo: In your application you talked about wanting got get more students involved, how will you do that?

- Candidate Azzarito: I want to go to all the current URA's that we have and find out what other clubs and extracurricular they are involved with on campus, and then see where we can shove research into. Whether that is going to club meetings and presenting how research could work in that field, and so forth. Overall just expanding upon our current network.

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

○ Round-Table Discussion:

- Senator Lento: He is very qualified and has a lot of ideas for the role and actual plans with outreach and recruitment for SCURC.

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

○ Closing statement:

- Candidate Azzarito: I am really excited for this position, thank you.

○ Vote:

- Yes: [8] Senator(s) Birdsong, Dlugos, Gandolfo, Lewis, Lento, Nguyen, Waller, Windlan
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

○ **RESULT: CANDIDATE AZZARITO PASSES**

● **Candidate for Confirmation: Joshua Nover- Facilitator of Engagement, TLI**

○ Opening Statement:

- Candidate Nover: I am really excited to get TLI started again. This program hasn't been in existence for the past couple years, so I think that gives us a unique perspective. As facilaotr of engagemetn, I will be making sure I am engaging trasnfer students and givindg thek the reosources they deserve. As a transfer student myself, I understand the struggles and understand what they are feeling. As someone whos done egagement befroe, I have the ability to do it better than anyone else, and I think TLI in general will be shaped in a better way because I have the ability to engage these transfer students.

○ Round of Questioning:

been updated since 2018, so we will definitely be updating it so its readily available for transfer students can see that. Seeing how great the FLI Instagram is being managed, we hope to get along the lines of that to get more people involved.

- Senator Windlan: Do you have any specific activities in mind to increase engagement?
 - Candidate Arza: We want to focus on activities that bring these students together, as many of them are probably coming from different groups so they can meet each other. Also doing professional development, so LinkedIn and resume building, etc.
- **Senator Lento moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Windlan seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Windlan: This candidate seems very qualified for this position, and being a transfer student fits for this role as well. I feel confident he will use his experience in advertising to recruit well.
- **Senator Windlan moves to forward the candidate; Senator Dlugos seconds**
- Closing Statement:
- Vote:
 - Yes: [8] Senator(s) Birdsong, Dlugos, Gandolfo, Lewis, Lento, Nguyen, Waller, Windlan
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE AZRA PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- None.

Closing Announcements:

- None.

Next Meeting: 10.2.23

Adjourned: 4:52 p.m.



Signature of Chair