

75th Student Senate Internal Affairs Committee

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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?
 - <u>Candidate Azzarito:</u> 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?
 - <u>Candidate Azzarito:</u> 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.
- <u>Vote:</u>
 - 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 gividng thek the reosurces 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:

- Senator Windlan: How do you plan on advocating for people who don't have a voice or know about resources?
 - <u>Candidate Nover:</u> I think having connections to SGA and through the senate I can help guide people t the right resources through my involvement. I want to be transparent and communicate when opportunities arise.
- Senator Lento: Do you have any events planned for engagement?
 - <u>Candidate Nover:</u> I think right now we have some forms coming up so we can do an engagement fair amongst other clubs and orgs to get transfer students involved in different RSOs.
- Senator Nguyen: What do you think is the biggest challenge for transfer students, and how do you want to alleviate that?
 - <u>Candidate Nover:</u> FSU is a big place, so I think finding the right resources and organizations is a challenge. Being in a lot of orgs myself, I plan on guiding people to the right places and helping people figure out what their first step is.
- Senator Lento moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Lewis seconds
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Lewis: I think this candidate has a vision of what he wants to do in this role, and he has the motivation to carry out everything he has said to us.
- Senator Lento moves to forward the candidate; Senator Dlugos seconds
- Closing Statement:
- <u>Vote:</u>
 - Yes: [8] Senator(s) Birdsong, Dlugos, Gandolfo, Lewis, Lento, Nguyen, Waller, Windlan
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE NOVER PASSES**

• Candidate for Confirmation: Shirom Arza- Facilitator of Media, TLI

- Opening Statement:
 - Candidate Arza: As a transfer myself, when I was trying to do my research on where transfer students could be included, however I couldn't really find much other than FLI. As I had gone through the invovlement fair and realzied that TLI was being brought up agai this year, I realzied that is where I wanted to be when findinf my place to help other transfer students when they are coming in. There are many students who are struggling finding their place. For media, it helps set the foundation for TLI as people that are transfering can see how great the campus is and how great the program is. My experience comes from my previous university, doing different media for different clubs in regards to advertising and other things. I also helped consult a company in regards to advetising for their customers. Thank you.
- <u>Round of Questioning:</u>
 - Senator Birdosng: What do you think is the most effctive way to reach out to transfer students?
 - <u>Candidate Arza</u>: I think that instagram along with the website are the best ways. The first time I went on the website, I saw it hasn't

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?
 - <u>Candidate Arza:</u> 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.

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Signature of Chair