



**75th Student Senate
Judiciary Committee**

September 15, 2023 at 4:00pm | [<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/93149836915>]

Call to Order: 4:03pm

Members Present: Chair Velazquez, Vice Chair Anandjiwala, Senator(s) Behar, Brewer, Chinn, Crusey, Mendez, Ramos, Walerio

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Senator(s) Novotney, Spangler, Widmann

Guests:

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 pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and 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

Public Comments:

- None

New Business:

- **Chair Velazquez:** So, as you guys can see, we don't have any official legislation today. President Diaz called me and asked me to motion to reapprove the previous election

code quiz. So, I decided to pull up in the statutes where it gives us the power to do so that you guys' kind of understand what we're doing right now. So, the senate president may create an ad hoc election oversight committee to compose a written or multiple-choice certification exam. To assess appointments to elections commission. The test was fairly encompassing the election code, judiciary committee must approve that test prior to the start of the campaign week, every fall and spring semester, a previously used test may be reapproved, all voting members a elections commission shall take the election code test every fall semester. So essentially if somebody wants to serve on the elections commission, they must take the election oversight exam, which was written by a judiciary committee before us. So, I'm going to entertain a motion a little bit to approve the previous test that was written by a previous judiciary committee. And then I know we have some pretty big legislation coming down the pipeline right now, in terms of the election code being changed. So, when that happens, I'm going to go and talk to Spencer Greenwood and talk to the sponsor of the bill as well, to make sure that we can make changes to that quiz as needed. And then we can just re approve at a future meeting if we need to.

- **Chair Velazquez:** So, at this time, I would like to entertain a motion to approve the previous election code test.
- **Senator Brewer motions to approve the previous elections code test, Vice Chair Anandjiwala seconded.**

- Vote:
 - Yes: [6] **Vice Chair Anandjiwala, Senators(s)** Behar, Brewer, Chinn, Crusey, Mendez, Ramos, Walerio
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - **RESULT: Motion to approve election test [PASSES]**

Old Business:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- **Chair Velazquez:** Perfect. So that I will also let you guys know when we have a new one coming out as we can we approve that. And then the other thing that I want to talk about, I want to work with some of you guys on redoing the procedure just because you can see it's from 2019-2020 It's been a while since we've redone it. And even like we had confirmation last week for some candidates and there's nothing in here about confirmations at all. So, would that be of interest to anybody to help kind of rewrite the rules of judiciary so that we can have them updated. I will make note of that Vice chair Anandjiwala. Alright, so me and by Vice chair Anandjiwala will lead

that. Other than that, that's all we really had an agenda. Do we have any legislation because we met on Tuesday so that kind of helped us out in pushing stuff out. Senator Behar as well. Got that. Alright that's all I had for you guys today.

- o **Chair Velazquez:** That is all we had on the agenda today. I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday and if any of you guys want to work on the rules of producer for judiciary feel free to reach out and we can get that going. Thank you guys so much again!
- o **Vice Chair Anandjiwala:** Thank you everyone. Have a great weekend!

Adjourned: at 4:09

Signature of Chair Velazquez

Christian Velazquez