



**75<sup>th</sup> Student Senate  
Judiciary Committee**

**November 3, 2023 at 4:00pm | [<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/93149836915>]**

**Call to Order:** 4:00pm

**Members Present:** Chair Velazquez, Vice Chair Anandjiwala, Senator(s) Behar, Chinn, McKinney, Mendez, Crusey, Ramos, Walerio, Syska, Widman

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:** Senator(s) Brewer

**Guests:** Spencer White, Ella Windlan

**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:

- **Senate Bill #98 – White, Salazar (P) Gorelick, Hellman, Gummerman (Co):** To reform Senate Projects statutes to allow the funding to be utilized in a more effective manner that can make a greater impact on the student body.
- **Senate Bill #99 – White:** To align the Campus Recreation Board Statues with other SGA entitles to make sure those interested have the opportunity if a vacancy occurs
- **Senate Bill #100 – Windland(P) Barresi, Burton, Garcia, Gorelick, Hine, McEnery, Randall, Staveski (Co):** This bill modifies the election code to establish an opportunity for every candidate running for an SGA office to have a 100-word statement about their qualifications and/or reasons for running published on the SGA website and made accessible to the student body at least 48 hours prior to Student Government Association election day
- **Senate Bill #101 – White (P) Velazquez (Co):** A revision is made to the Student Body Statues Chapter 403.2.
- **Senate Bill #102 – Diaz (P) Gummerman, Khosh, Larancuent, Lento, LoBianco, Patel, Randall, Sparling, Staveski, Velazquez, White (Co):** Requiring that the Union Board and Campus Recreation Boards post their committee members, meeting minutes, annual budgets, and relevant bylaws on the Union and Campus Recreation websites, and requiring that external links be posted to those websites on the main SGA website. This bill becomes effective January 15, 2024 to give both boards enough time to comply with the provisions of this bill
- **Senate Bill #103 – Lento, Velazquez (P) Anandjiwala, Crusey, Diaz, Hellman, Khosh, Larancuent, LoBianco, McAllister, Newsome, Patel, Randall, Staveski, Walerio, White, Widman (Co):** This bill proposes a new process for Student Government apportionments in order to best represent the Student Body population.
- **Senate Resolution #83 – Diaz (P):** The proposals in this resolution would allow the Senate President the power to place a bill or resolution (not a constitutional amendment) on the consent calendar if it has been approved unanimously in all of its standing committee assignments
- **Updated Judiciary Rules of Procedure**

### **Senate Bill #98 – White, Salazar (P) Gorelick, Hellman, Gummerman (Co)**

- Opening Statement:
  - **Senator White:** Hello, everyone. So this bill is a Senate project reform bills. It updated update Senator project statutes to make any Senate project transfer over \$2,000, a two thirds vote and Committee and the Senate floor similar to our tech and PAC where you need a two thirds vote to get that amount of funding authorized and adding support and because Senate projects only

gets about 20,000 a year. And \$2,000 makes it about 10% of that Senate project has also to be a consensus fund of what the Senate wants to accomplish. By making it a two thirds vote. It allows everyone to have greater input on to what onto house Senate represents itself on campus. With that I yield. Thanks.

- **Yields with 2:21 remaining**
- **Senator Chinn motions to enter roundtable, Senator Syska seconded.**
  
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - **Senator Chinn motions to call the question, Senator McKinney seconded**
  
- Closing Statement:
  - **Senator White:** Really like to support for this bill decided to present it on the floor and get to hear everyone's input. If anyone has any questions, please reach out.
  
- Vote:
  - Yes: [9] Vice Chair Anandjiwala, Senator(s) Behar, Chinn, McKinney, Mendez, Crusey, Ramos, Walerio, Syska
  - No: [0]
  - Abstain: [0]
  - **RESULT: Motion to pass Bill 98 [PASSES]**
  
- **Senate Bill #99 – White:**
  
- Opening Statement:
  - **Senator White:** This is just to update statues and vacancies for Campus Rec. I saw that they don't really have any statues available. It just said the chair gets to decide. And the board gets to decide so to put this into statutes to allow people that want the opportunity to apply to Campus Rec if the vacancy occurs, they can take that opportunity and be able to apply.
  - **Yields with 2:40 remaining**
  - **Senator Chinn motions to enter roundtable, Senator Syska seconded**
  
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - **Senator Crusey motions to call the question, Senator Chinn seconded.**
  
- Closing Statement:
  - **Senator White:** Thank you!
  
- Vote:

- Yes: [9] Vice Chair Anandjiwala, Senator(s) Behar, Chinn, McKinney, Mendez, Crusey, Ramos, Walerio, Syska
- No: [0]
- Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: Motion to pass Bill 99 [PASSES]**
  
- **Senate Bill #100 – Windland(P) Barresi, Burton, Garcia, Gorelick, Hine, McEnery, Randall, Staveski (Co):**
  
- Opening Statement:
  - **Senator Windlan:** Hi, judiciary committee. I wrote this bill, basically, because I'm on every student body Student Government election that I've witnessed, one of the number one complaints I've gotten from friends and constituents. And the student body at large is that oh, like a way to access information about individual candidates and their qualifications and why they're running for student government. And so a lot of people have told me like, Oh, I just vote for whoever I'm friends with. And I leave the rest blank, or I just pick someone random. So I thought it was important to establish a way for people who are running for SGA offices, to kind of have information about why they're running, and what their qualifications are dispersed to the student body in an accessible way in order to increase SGA transparency. So this bill basically just establishes the opportunity for any candidate that's running for an SGA office to submit a 100 word statement about these different qualifications or goals for their position. And then this Supervisor of Elections will have the responsibility of publishing 100 Approved 100 Group statements on the SGA website, at least 48 hours prior to SGA Election Day. And this 100 word statement would be included within the candidate declaration form. So that way, they'll just be a more formalized and standardized way for the student body to access information about candidates running for SGA offices through the SGA website. So I'd be happy to answer any questions about any specific parts of the bills.
  - **Yields with 1:10 remaining**
  - **Senator Syska motions to enter roundtable, Senator Chinn seconded**
  
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - **Vice Chair Anandjiwala:** I think this is great. I think it's beneficial in the sense of if you don't know a candidate you can learn more about it if people are curious on what they want to do. You industry as a whole, so I definitely support this bill.
  - **Senator Mendez:** Do you already know where this would be posted? Like where it would be posted on the SGA? website? Or is that a question for afterwards?

- **Senator Windlan:** So, I didn't stipulate anywhere in the bill were exactly on the SGA website that it should be posted. But I imagine wherever it would be posted would be on the page that is most relevant to student government elections. But if someone wants to make an amendment to more concretely spell out where on the SGA website, they would like that to be posted, I'd be friendly to that. If not, I think it would just be up to the discretion of the supervisors election whose responsibility it is to post to your group statements built into the SGA Website.
- **Chair Velazquez:** I'd be hesitant to simulate a direct area just because the website changes a lot. So, if you put in statute where you want it to go, I understand that like, in theory, that's a good idea. But then in two years when the SGA website gets an overhaul, and then in statute said you can only place it on here, then the bill kind of doesn't serve a purpose after that, because there's no place to put it. But if anybody has a take, definitely so feel free to place it. I just wanted to add that caveat.
- **Senator Mendez:** I'm not sure if you mentioned that during your opening statement. But did you talk to the supervisor of elections about this?
- **Senator Windlan:** Yes, I did. Reach out to him. Senator Randall gave me his contact information. I reached out to both him and Senator Whitman because he had me ready the election code and Senator Whitman expressed his support for the bill. I don't think the supervisor ever responded. But to be fair, I texted him at like 8am in the morning that I submitted this bill. So I'm not sure if he had the chance to look it over. Although it has been multiple days that that I never received a response from him. But I didn't receive any indication that he would be against this bill. But I'd be happy to sit down with him and talk to him about it. But I did reach out to him.
- **Chair Velazquez:** I have spoken to a liaison for elections, Senator Lento. And I believe he also was in support of this bill.
- **Senator Mendez:** I mean, I think this is a great bill. But with the SGA website being so cluttered, how efficient do we think this 100 statement will actually be? Um, I'm not sure. Sorry, that wasn't even a question. I'm not sure what I'm even saying. But I guess the question would be, I see the purpose behind it. I think it's a really great idea. But how are we going to get students to actually like read that 100 word statement? I think the students are actually passionate about SGA would actually go out of their way to learn about the candidates. So I don't really see how this is something as efficient just because the SGA website is such a cluttered website. And how are you going? How are you going about that way to promote it and to get other students to actually see that 100 word statement? So the question would be like, how are you planning on marketing this?
- **Senator Windlan:** Yeah. So what I would propose and what I had originally written into my original draft of the bill was that the availability of the 100 Great work statements would be advertised on the SGA social media platforms. But when I contacted Senator Wigand about this, he expressed

that he thought that it would not be appropriate for the SGA social media to be posting things other than the official election day flyer on social media. So in the interest of not trying to make something that I thought was good for increasing transparency, more controversy, controversial, I agreed to take that part out of the bill. But if someone wanted to amend to put that part of the bill back in, I'd be friendly to that. And also I, where I think you're making a valid point about you want to make sure that the 100 word statements like people know that they exist. So I think I'd kind of via social media would be an effective way to go about that, even if it's not formally placed into the step or into the bill. But even if the one Hackenberg statements are not as accessible if they add, as they potentially could be had they're posted, how they are, if they're posted on the SGA social media. I still don't think that's necessarily a reason to not proceed with the bill because it's still going to work to increase transparency. And I know a lot of people that are running for SGA offices would probably take the time to self advertise the availability of 100 word statements, I would ultimately work to their benefit so that more information about them as a candidate would be made accessible. So I guess that is the answer to my question. But again, if anyone wants to amend to add some sort of clause to promote the advertisement of the 100 word statements on SGA, social media or another way of making them more widely available, I would be friendly to that. But I think this is a good first step, even if it is just that first step.

- **Chair Velazquez:** I will also and really try not to debate here, but just kind of I think, the reasoning that a lot of the reason why the issue, the issue, Instagram typically isn't included into bills is because under the executive branch, and we try not to step on the executive branches like she as much as we can. But I also agree with you that posts on the SGA Instagram would be a good idea. But we could talk about that now or on the floor or whenever roundtable is still open.
- **Senator Mendez:** I think this is a great bill. I think it is a work in progress. I think it's something that we should revisit in the future. I do think that there's just a little more details that need to be discussed before we vote for this bill. I don't want to table this bill. I just think it's something we should revisit in the future. So I think that, yes, we're trying to be as transparent as possible. But I mean, to what cause I just think this is just going to add more clutter to the SGA website. I think there's not a marketing strategy set just yet. Um, so there's just a couple of more details and steps that I think should happen before this bill passes. Again, I'm strongly in support of this bill, just not at the moment.
- **Senator Chinn:** Yeah, I just wanted to say I'm fully in support of this bill, just because some of the details aren't fully fleshed out yet. That's, you know, to be considered, that's to be done later. I think that's a good way to promote transparency. You can't really put all the details of where exactly it's gonna

go. And I don't think a cluttered website is really a great excuse to debate this bill.

- **Senator Crusey:** Yeah, I just want to say, I think this bill is a great idea. I think it's giving accessibility to information about the candidates to people who may not know where to go because the first place they're gonna go is just oh, there's an election I'm going to the SGA website. So I think just giving them another avenue to learn more about the candidates is great. And also even if say were to add clutter, I don't really think it would add too much of an issue considering it would only be maybe like a tab or something that would only be up during the election time. And I think the details like fine tuning the details shouldn't be something to hold back the bill
- **Vice Chair Anandjiwala motions to call the question, Senator Syska seconded.**
  
- Closing Statement:
  - **Senator Windlan:** Hope everyone has a great weekend. I do the rest of my time.
  
- Vote:

Yes: **[7]** Vice Chair Anandjiwala, Senator(s) Chinn, McKinney, Crusey, Ramos, Walerio, Syska

  - No: [1] Mendez
  - Abstain: [1] Behar
  - **RESULT: Motion to pass Bill 100 [PASSES]**
  
- **Senate Bill #101 – White (P) Velazquez (Co):**
- Opening Statement:
  - **Senator White:** This bill just adds that the Senate newsletter needs to be posted in PDF form on the website to make it more accessible to those that don't have social media. Right now they just repost the social media graphics. So if you don't have social media, then you can't see it. by also having it in PDF form. It's capable of being printed, which means it's more accessible, and we can put it on paper for people to see too. And then this also adds to it. It needs to be posted on social media. We should already so that just puts that into statute.
  - **Yields with 2:30 remaining**
  - **Senator Chinn motions to enter roundtable, Vice Chair Anandjiwala seconded**

- Round-Table Discussion:
  - **Vice Chair Anandjiwala motions to call the question, Senator Crusey seconded.**
  
- Closing Statement:
  - None
  
- Vote:
  - Yes: [9] Vice Chair Anandjiwala, Senator(s) Behar, Chinn, McKinney, Mendez, Crusey, Walerio, Syska
  - No: [0]
  - Abstain: [0]
  - **RESULT: Motion to pass Bill 101 [PASSES]**
  
- **Senate Bill #103 – Lento, Velazquez (P) Anandjiwala, Crusey, Diaz, Hellman, Khosh, Larancuent, LoBianco, McAllister, Newsome, Patel, Randall, Staveski, Walerio, White, Widman (Co):**
  
- Opening Statement:
  - **Senator Velazquez:** Thank you so much. Yeah, guys. So I think I spoke to everyone in this committee, either personally or in caucus minus, maybe Senator McKinney and Senator Ramos. But I also think I've spoken to them indirectly about it, because I've really tried to voice trying to hear questions or comments on this bill. I would like to entertain an amendment today. If somebody can make that for me, simply just moving. Actually, we can just move on before I take that back. I won't. I won't. I won't do it here but I'll do it before. Um, basically what this does is it combines a bunch of the callers into divisions. There is what I want to do this is to decrease vacancies increase representation, and overall just like make Senate actually try to hit its 80 seat threshold. This idea came from President Diaz and SOE Greenwood. And basically the idea is since we never really have a full Senate right now the goal is to get up there. So Oh, you can kind of read through and see where we can find different colleges. But they're pretty logical, the only assignment we're going to make is get college music, its own division, probably gonna do on the floor just because I don't really want to do it today. Story of them they're in division and undergrad stays the same. Going through here. Basically, it allows all grad students to vote in every single Senate seat, which will be nice increases representation, because they give us 50% of ANS fees, but they're not in particular college years, we're still going to vote for all of them. And we're cutting out the College of Applied Sciences because it's only offered to Panama City, which is a hike. I believe it's actually the Panama City and Panama. I could be wrong on that. I'm not



entirely sure. But regardless, it's a hike. We're never really going to have zoom votes for Senate and it just kind of wasn't we didn't feel like it was needed anymore because they're in the college like where do people summer Senate stays the same.

- **Yields with 1:32 remaining**
- **Senator Syska motions to enter roundtable, Senator Chinn seconded**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - **Senator Chinn:** But I have a couple of issues with this bill. I'm going to fully express those ideas, some more when this goes to the Senate floor, theoretically, but I will be abstaining today.
  - **Senator McKinney:** So I just have a question, as far as I understand the concern with like, how consistent the Panama influence could be, but considering is still part of the college, should we try to include them somehow? Is there some way to work with that?
  - **Senator Velazquez:** Yeah, I can definitely talk about that if you would like. So currently, in Senate, you can't vote via zoom. And we're also not going to open up the Zoom though. I don't think it'll ever really happen in the Senate. So allow one particular senator to vote via zooms, I don't really know how that's gonna work. Additionally, the only reason why it's the only reason the Applied Studies majors only offered on Panama City campus and has no actual like, there is no applied science. He's me applied sciences. Students on the main class on campus and consider in Panama City does have their own student government. I feel like it's kind of like unfair to let them kind of like double dip in that sense. Additionally, the college is only I think, 4050 people, and none of them are on an actual Tallahassee. So that's why I felt that the Tallahassee students on it shouldn't really be had Nautilus, they should sell the voice but in their own government. Thank you. Yeah. Which kind of questions? I was going to add just like, never, I will leave it to the closing, I'm okay.
  - **Senator Ramos:** But I will say I did like the idea that we were trying to, like, solve the issue of vacancies and seats. But I do think it is a big ask to kind of combine different colleges and expect one senator to be able to represent all of them adequately. I think already, we all have a lot on our plate trying to represent our own colleges. And it's kind of a lot to expect us to really, truly understand like the needs and wants of other colleges beyond our own. So that is just like a concern of mine that I've been thinking about. And also just a matter of representation for, you know, the smaller schools, how they can be overshadowed when they're in Division with schools that have a lot more students. So yeah, those are just some of my concerns with this bill.
  - **Senator Crusey:** But could you just kind of go into detail on the Supervisor of Elections opinions on this?
  - **Senator Velazquez:** He actually wrote the bill, not directly but with Jack Falwell, who's policy director for the executive branch, which was actually

one of his major initiatives to try to make SGA more kind of like to reduce the vacancies increase our presentation and some of that didn't clarify as well that heat me and him talked about a lot was that we are not changing number of seats within this bill. So for example, if division of business had college business argument's sake had one gym or in college it should have one and College Hospital. I already had one that could have been in the business would have three seats total. So we're not changing representation as a whole. And that was me that me and him had talked about a lot.

- **Senator Crusey:** I just want to say that I really like this bill. I think the Senator has really done their homework and kind of covered all your bases. I want to add since it isn't directly changing seat numbers, it makes it easier to group seats together. Its not really making to much of a change. It opens up more opportunities. So I will be voting yes
- **Senator Syska motions to call the question, Senator Crusey seconded.**
- Closing Statement:
  - **Senator Velazquez:** I want to thank everybody who talked about this bill, and if I didn't get a chance to talk with you please hit me up. It just shows the power of communication and the amount of time we were able to save today. I am trying to find a way to get these smaller colleges represented but my counter argument to representing smaller colleges, is that would you rather these seats remain vacant? For example the college of motion pictures arts is currently vacant, so if you want to get involved you can look at the vacant seats on the SGA website. If you are against this bill I understand, no hard feelings, but I just hope you abstain and let it be heard on the floor, and kind of let the work that I have done on this bill see its light on the floor.
- Vote:
  - Yes [5]: Senator(s) Behar, Mendez, Crusey, Walerio, Syska,
  - No: [0]
  - Abstain: [3] Senator Chinn, Mckinney, Ramos
  - **RESULT: Motion to pass Bill 103 [PASSES]**

### **Motion to unlock the calendar to Bill 102**

- **Senate Bill #102 – Diaz (P) Gummerman, Khosh, Larancuent, Lento, LoBianco, Patel, Randall, Sparling, Staveski, Velazquez, White (Co):**
- Opening Statement:
  - **Senator Diaz:** So regarding the discussions I had on the floor this Wednesday about Campus Rec and Union board. I feel like often we forget they exist, I know I certainly have, and a lot of that is simply because their information

isn't on the SGA website. 2/3<sup>RD</sup> of our budget goes to Campus Rec and Union which are governed by the boards there of which are SGA entities. I personally have never seen the Union Board budget or campus rec board budget. This bill says that Union Board and Campus Rec board have to have websites to their committee members, their budgets and their bylaws. So any policies and bylaws, and budgets have to all be on the Union and Campus Rec websites. Our SGA website has to link and external link to their website. When the new boards gets inaugurated on the 15<sup>th</sup>, then they are more then willing to create the website again. I spoke to both boards, Ana Grande from campus rec, chair, vice chair, and Amy Erickson from Union Board, all on board. This bill will also come into effect January 15, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the spring semester, to give them enough time to come into compliance with this bill. It will give them enough time to gather the bills, make the website and link it to the SGA website. Happy to answer any questions.

- **Yields with 1:30 remaining**
- **Senator Chinn motions to enter roundtable, Senator Syska seconded**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - **Vice Chair Anandjiwala:** Ya, I think this is a great way for students to know more of what is going on in terms of the Union and Campus Rec.
  - **Senator Mendez:** This semester we focused a lot on transparency and I think this bill will definitely support that cause, and a great way to advertise what other parts of SGA are doing. I am fully in support of this bill
  - **Vice chair Anandjiwala motions to call the question, Senator Syska seconded.**
- Closing Statement:
  - **Senator Diaz:** Good for transparency!
- Vote:
  - Yes: [9] Vice Chair Anandjiwala, Senator(s) Behar, Chinn, McKinney, Mendez, Crusey, Ramos, Walerio, Syska
  - No: [0]
  - Abstain: [0]
  - **RESULT: Motion to pass Bill 102 [PASSES]**

**Senator Widman motions to table Resolution #83, Vice Chair Anandjiwala seconded**

- **Judiciary Rules of Procedure**
- Opening Statement:
  - **Chair Velazquez:** I added rule 3 of confirmations. As you know we had the supreme court candidates come to judiciary and I just wanted to make sure

that we had something in statues. This is literally from the IA statues, so if anyone has any questions feel free to ask.

- **Yields with 2:30 remaining**
- **Senator Widman motions to enter roundtable, Senator Crusey seconded**
  
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - **Senator Widman:** Section 3.4 so does that mean that any senators who come regardless, say I was in the student life committee, I could come and ask questions to the candidates.
  - **Chair Velazquez:** You can, and that is also the case for 2.5 under Rule Two of debate.
  - **Senator Widman:** Move to amend, so strike section 3.4 in its entirety and replace it with “Non-committee members may be eligible to ask questions to a candidate by the committee, however a motion must be made to allow a non-committee member to speak.”
  - **Senator Widmann motions to call the question, Senator Chinn seconded.**
  
- Closing Statement:
  - None
  
- Vote:
  - Yes [10]: Vice Chair Anandjiwala, Senator(s) Behar, Chinn, McKinney, Mendez, Crusey, Ramos, Walerio, Syska, Widmann
  - No: [0]
  - Abstain: [0]
  - **RESULT: Motion to pass Judiciary Rules and Procedures [PASSES]**

**Old Business:**

- None

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Closing Announcements:**

- **Chair Velazquez:** Thank you very much.

**Adjourned: at 4:47**

**Signature of Chair Velazquez**

*Christian Velazquez*