



**76<sup>th</sup> Student Senate  
Student Life Committee  
[Monday, December 4th at 4:00PM]  
[Meeting Link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/4961896428?>]**

**Call to Order:** 4:05PM

**Members Present:** Blackwell, Daniely, Gutierrez, Hair, Hellmann, Khosh, Kleinmetz, Olsen Galvan, Simkins, Stuart, Teplin, Weston

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:** Brown, Castellanos

**Guests:** Gorelick, Lento, 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 recognize this land remains scarred by the legacies of violence and removal, we recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land, and we 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:**

- **Khosh:** Thank you Vice-Chair Blackwell. So like I said before, I want to talk about some committee procedure things before we go into it just for the sake of making things go smoothly and to make sure things go as quickly and efficiently as possible. So every meeting, I will call the meeting to order at the time, the vice chair will take the roll, and I will do announcements like I'm doing now, and then we will go into committee business. So basically we will go through every single bill and resolution and if a Senator is presenting a bill they will have time for an opening statement and then they'll have time for technical and non debatable questions. So whenever I entertain a motion to do technical and non debatable questions or roundtable. Those are motions that you guys can entertain and then will require a second and then we can go into doing that. So just make sure you're paying attention to the flow of the meeting and acknowledging when it's time to move into a period of technical or non debatable questions, a senator will second and we will go into it. So just make sure you're aware of when you have the opportunity to do that. Anyone is open to do a motion, anyone can second, the more participation from the committee the better. I want you all actively engaging with the committee, the meeting, the legislation that's brought to the table. So just make sure

you're engaging with the meeting as much as possible and you're just not sitting here for the sake of being here because then you're just wasting your time and we don't want that. Are there any questions that I can answer about how the flow of the meeting is going to go and like when you can entertain a motion of the types of questions you should and shouldn't be asking? Ok. So we will move on to committee business.

**Committee Business:**

- Bill #2, Bill #3, Bill #4, Resolution #1

**New Business:**

- Bill #2, Bill #3, Bill #4, Resolution #1

- **Bill #2 - Gorelick, Velazquez:**

**A revision to the student body statutes, chapter 1113.**

- Opening Statement:

**Gorelick:** Perfect. Thank you Chair Khosh. Hi, student life. This is pretty simple. If you were in Senate last Wednesday, Jack Folwell, one of the policy directors came and touched on this a little bit. But this is just what we need to do to make it, you know, something tangible something you know that can happen is change, or, you know, revised statutes. So basically that's what this is. Basically, like it says in that sentence right there. This bill reforms the Garnet and Gold Voting Commission to become the Civic Engagement Forum, or the Civic Engagement Board, CEB for short. Basically, under the last student body president, student body president Gabadage, he had under his administration created the Garnet and Gold Voting Commission. Now they're trying to bring that back but as the Civic Engagement Board, the CEB, and basically what this does is just, you know, help with voter turnout on campus, especially with students. I don't know if you guys know but come election season, the Student Union is going to be a, not a precinct but a place where people can go vote. So this board, and this commission is basically just going to help number one, increase voter turnout, spread the word about you know voting, getting people to register to vote, or get students to register to vote, and Chair Khosh if you could scroll down a little bit, please. This is just explaining you know everything that needs to be explained, the purpose and creation, who's part of it. There will be an executive board and then there'll be a commission. On the executive board there's going to be like the executive director, director of finance, a few other positions, and all of them will have their job descriptions as listed below. And then on, you know, election years I believe the commission will be formed by the executive director, there'll be different people on this commission from the student body President to the Senate President to directors of agencies, and basically they're all going to work together to, you know, come up with different ways and goals to increase voter turnout, civic engagement, and personally I think this is a great idea. I think, you know, we should all be going to the polls, no matter how we vote, as long as we vote, we live in a country where you know we have that opportunity, I come from, you know, a country that is communist so we can't vote. But this is something that I think you know is awesome. It's an awesome idea, and I won't take up any more of your time so if you guys have any questions I highly encourage you to ask. That's what makes committees and Senate go by faster so with that Chair Khosh I yield.

**Blackwell moves to enter technical non-debatable questions; Weston seconds.**

Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

**Simkins moves to enter round-table discussion; Gutierrez seconds.**

- Round-Table Discussion:

**Khosh:** Okay, well I will give some comments. I think this is a great bill, an extension of an idea that came about a year and a half ago. This will be a great extension towards our student government. Florida State has made great strides towards increasing our civic engagement. You know, like Jack Folwell mentioned last week, we were number two in student voter turnout, which is so awesome. And we want to hit that number one spot. And things such as the Civic Engagement Board will help us get there. So yeah, I think this is great. Are there any more comments in the roundtable discussion?

**Hair:** I'd like to add to that. I'd say with this past election cycle, as you said, we've had great strides with increasing the voter turnout, and I can only see this bill helping out increasing the voter turnout for future election cycles.

**Teplin:** I would also like to say I think it's a great idea just because not only is it a great example for Florida State as a whole, but because we're so close to the Capitol and like presidential elections are coming up as well, as well as midterms, because those are important too. I think it's a really great bill.

**Simkins:** I think it's a great bill because especially next year for presidential elections, I think we can get a lot of attention towards the SGA elections. Maybe do a countdown to the elections kind of thing. See if we could get over 10,000, that'd be great. And then we were at 6,000 this year over that. But yeah, I think this bill will definitely help voter turnout, and it'll be a good addition.

**Khosh:** Well, thank you guys I really appreciate your engagement on the bill.

- **Simkins moves to call the question; 1 second**
- Closing Statement:

**Gorelick:** Thank you guys so much for hearing me out today. I just want to say thank you guys also for having your cameras on. I appreciate that a lot. I told all the chairs to let committee members know, you know, have your cameras on as much as possible unless you can't, you know, I sometimes can't have my camera on but I appreciate you guys having your cameras on and don't be scared to ask questions when you need to ask questions, guys. You know, if it's just a clarification or anything, ask questions and any sponsor of any bill will be happy to answer. But yeah, with that I yield.

- Vote:
  - Yes: Blackwell, Daniely, Gutierrez, Hair, Kleinmetz, Hellman, Olsen Galvan, Simkins, Stuart, Teplin, Weston (12 TOTAL)
  - No:
- **RESULT: BILL #4 PASSES**

- **Bill #3 - Windlan**

**A revision to student body statutes**

- Opening Statement:

**Windlan:** All right, hi, Student Life. So this is a really simple bill. It basically changes two words of student body statutes. Basically, in the Internal Affairs Committee, one of the responsibilities we have is to conduct bureau review, which is a process where we hear from all the different SGA bureaus, such as the Mental Health Council and the Office of Governmental Affairs. They present a presentation to the Internal Affairs Committee.

We decide if they should still exist, and we give recommendations in the form of a resolution as to what things we think we would like to see from the bureau in the future. And in the past, the process has been conducted in the spring, but for some reason, it hadn't been conducted in the past few cycles in Internal Affairs. So former Chair Salazar decided to conduct it in the fall this year. So we just finished the process prior to the inauguration of new senators.

So as to not make all the bureaus go through it again in the spring, because it's supposed to be an annual process, this bill basically just amends statutes to make bureau review in Internal Affairs happen every fall semester, which will work out well because typically in the period right before elections in Internal Affairs, we don't have that much new business anyway, so it's a good time to conduct bureau review. So with that, I yield.

- **Simkins moves to enter technical non-debatable questions; Teplin, Daniely both second**

Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- **Daniely moves to enter round-table discussion; Simkins seconds**

**Roundtable Discussion:**

**Khosh:** Bureau review is important, alot of our bureaus do alot of work. So it is the best time to do this. Bureau review is very important. A lot of our bureaus do a lot of important work in Office of Governmental Affairs and Mental Health Council so it is important to kind of like keeping up to date when it is the best time to do your review for internal affairs. And yeah, I think this is great. Thank you, Senator Winland.

- Vote:
  - Yes: Blackwell, Daniely, Gutierrez, Hair, Kleinmetz, Hellman, Olsen Galvan, Simkins, Stuart, Teplin, Weston (12 TOTAL)
  - No:

**RESULT: BILL #3 PASSES**

- **Bill #4 - Lento**

**Revision to student body statutes**

- Opening Statement:

**Lento:** Hey, yall. Just got out of class, but this is to remove Oglesby from the Union. So, this bill is pretty simple. The liaison for the union board to the Senate came to me and she was essentially saying, hey, the student union's no longer the Oglesby Union, I'd really appreciate it if you can remove that from statutes, just to update everything. That's essentially what I did; it's really simple. If you have any questions I'm open to answering. I yield the rest of my time.

- **Olsen Galvan moves to enter technical non-debatable questions; Weston seconds.**
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

**Olsen Galvan:** I'm not sure I'm not sure if this would fall into it but would this affect if you type in maps, or Oglesby Union would it still take you to the student union?

**Lento:** This won't cause anything like that. It's just updating statutes so it's easier for the union board, because the chair really wanted that to just be removed so when they follow statutes, it's up to date for them. It won't change anything like that though.

- **Simkins moves to enter round-table discussion; Daniely seconds.**

**Simkins:** I think this is good. It's going to just be more efficient, especially since it's not named Oglesby anymore. It's definitely something we need to get done quickly, and I like this bill.

**Blackwell:** I think anything we can do to make the people in the Union Board's lives easier is just a bill we should pass. I think this is about time to get done so I support.

**Closing Statement:**

**Lento:** Thank you guys so much, I appreciate your support on the bill and I yield my time.

- Vote:
  - Yes: Blackwell, Daniely, Gutierrez, Hair, Kleinmetz, Hellman, Olsen Galvan, Simkins, Stuart, Teplin, Weston (12 TOTAL)
  - No:

**RESULT: BILL #4 PASSES**

- Resolution #1 - Bevis

**Opening Statement:**

Daniely moves to table the resolution

Teplin seconds

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Closing Announcements:**

**Khosh:** So, there we go guys, not too difficult. I appreciate you guys kind of getting into the swing of things. I know it is not super super easy to just have Robert's rules memorized. So I appreciate your guys flexibility and learning for our first meeting. You guys did great. Awesome first meeting guys. See you all in Senate on Wednesday. If you have any questions on anything, whether that's committee or Senate, anything at all. Let me know, shoot me a text. And we are going to schedule our next meeting, probably after we have Senate on Wednesday. I have to communicate with the President and the pro temp, if we're going to be meeting or if we're not going to be meeting, just because for everyone's information the Senate does not meet during finals week. So, just putting that out there.

**Blackwell:** I just want to say to you guys I know this was a lot of your first committee meeting and just know it's mine as well. Thank you for being patient with me today. I appreciate it. This is my first ever committee meeting so big deal but I appreciate you guys and just keep up the good work and stay engaged.

**Next Meeting: Until further notice**

**Adjourned: 4:30 pm**

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**Signature of Chair [Name]**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yasamin Khat". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent underline.