



75th Student Senate

Student Life Committee

Friday, September 8th, 2023 at 2:15 pm | Zoom ID: 662 691 0906
Meeting Recording Link:

Call to Order: 2:17 PM

Members Present: Syska, Garrison, Sparling, Meunier, C. Brown, Barrett, M. Brown, Dos Santos, Khosh.

Members Tardy: None.

Members Absent: Pruum, Chatelleier, Newsome.

Guests: Staveski, Velazquez, Widmann, Lento, Mendez.

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:

Chair Meunier: Welcome back to student life! I am excited and this will be a fun semester.

Committee Business:

- Resolution #59, Resolution #61, Resolution #62, Resolution #63

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RESOLUTION #59 : Sponsored by Velazquez (P) Anandjiwala, Widmann (Co)

This resolution addresses the urgent fentanyl crisis at Florida State University, recognizing the severe threat to student health and safety. It endorses the legalization of fentanyl test strips as a life-saving measure, calls for collaboration to make them readily available, and sends copies to key university officials for immediate action.

- Opening Statement (5 mins):

Velazquez: Hey guys so this resolution is something I had something I had been thinking about all summer because I was an intern for representative Christine Hunschofsky who was the sponsor of the legalizing fentanyl bill in the Florida House and it got passed over as well. I have read a lot about the fentanyl crisis in America and I think we all know somebody who could be dealing with addiction right now. Addiction is not something that is taboo or should not be talked about and everybody knows somebody who has used drugs at one point or another, and having these safety precautions in place such as fentanyl testing strips are important. These strips allow drugs to be safer across the market, and save lives. This resolution supports fentanyl testing strips and more actions to take preventative care.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

Barett moves to enter round-table discussion; C.Brown seconds; no objections

- Round-Table Discussion:

None

Syska moves to call the question; Sparling seconds; no objections

- Closing Statement:

Thank you for your time and I hope we can continue to do things like this in Senate.

Sponsor yields with 3 minutes and 26 seconds left.

- Vote:
 - Yes: 8
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #59 PASSED**

RESOLUTION #61 : Mendez and Salazar (P) Behar, Burton, Diaz, Garcia, Gorelick, Humberg, Jones, Khosh, Lento, LoBianco, Mcenery, Newsome, Nguyen, Randall, Sparling, Staveski, Velazquez, Widmann, Windlan (Co)

Commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month and the Hispanic community on campus in honor of the upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month which begins September 15th.

- Opening Statement (5 mins):

Mendez: This resolution just started as something where we can commermate the hispanic culture and community on their heritage. This month is a very important month for all hispanic and latinios, where we all can celebrate our culture. I am not sure how aware you all are, but each country has their own traditions and ways that they like to celebrate. This month is definetly one where we come together and celebrate everything we have in common. This bill also recognizes the affects that hispanics and latinios have done in the United States and world wide. Florida State is a hispanic serving university which is pretty cool and one of the largest universities with hispanic and latino on campus.

Sponsor yields with 2 minutes and 42 seconds.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

None

C.Brown moves to enter round-table discussion; M.Brown seconds; no objections

- Round-Table Discussion:

Barett moves to pass my unanimous consent. No objections

- Closing Statement:

None.

- Vote:

Passed by Unanimous consent.

RESULT: RESOLUTION #61 PASSED

RESOLUTION #62 : Sponsored by Senator Lento (P) Staveski, Windlan (Co)

This resolution honors children who are fighting childhood cancer as well as their families and healthcare workers that care for them. It encourages the Florida State community to raise awareness surrounding childhood cancer and support them.

- Opening Statement (5 mins):

Lento: Hey guys, this resolution is amazingly simple and near and dear to my heart. This recognizes September as childhood cancer awareness month. This is very personal for me because my cousin who is 15 is currently battling cancer. Just really rallying behind the families and children who are going through this. We just really need to highlight the people that are going through this. We just need to support eradicating cancer, cancer sucks. So yes, I hope you guys support me.

Sponsor yields 4 minutes and 5 seconds.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

Syska moves to enter round-table discussion; Barrett seconds; no objections

- Round-Table Discussion:

Barrett: I think this is an amazing resolution.

Barrett moves to pass by unanimous consent.

- Closing Statement:

None

Passed by unanimous consent.

RESULT: RESOLUTION #62 PASSED

RESOLUTION #63 : Senators M. Brown and Staveski (P) Behar, Lento, Mendez, Randall (Co)

A resolution to recognize September as National Suicide Awareness Month and promote mental health resources both on and off campus.

- Opening Statement (5 mins):

M.Brown: Hello everyone, senator ~~Staveski~~ and I have been working hard on a resolution that recognizes September as national suicide awareness month, and this is something we both feel deeply about. We think people should be educated and not only protect themselves but protect others as well. We urge the senate press secretary and the executive branch to post a small graphic, made by the mental health council, or any university organization to bring awareness to this issue. Overall, our goal is to make sure no one must suffer alone, and that those who are going through a tough time have the resources they need.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

None

Syska moves to enter round-table discussion; Khosh seconds; no objections

- Round-Table Discussion:

Khosh: Great resolution! I think there is a lot of opportunity to work with people in Mental Health Council and Senate helping spread mental health resources around campus.

Barett: I think this is a great resource and I think it's a great reminder of the resources we have available and what our university has to offer.

Barett moves to pass by unanimous consent.

- Closing Statement:

None

Passed by unanimous consent.

RESULT: RESOLUTION #63 PASSED

Unfinished Business:

• None

Closing Announcements:

• Great to see you all and great to be back in student life!

Next Meeting: 9/15/2023

Adjourned: 2:39 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luke M. Meunier', is written on a light-colored background. The signature is positioned to the left of a vertical line that extends downwards from the top of the signature area.

Signature of Chair, Luke M. Meunier