



## **Judiciary Committee Report**

April 17, 2018

**Call to Order:** 8:48p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Villegas, Vice Chair Denton, Senator Mizell, Senator Dobbins, Senator Lewis, Senator McQuillan, Senator Bousbar, Senator Spear

**Members Tardy:** None

**Members Absent:** Senator Schettino

**Chair Announcements:** Welcomes outgoing and incoming Golden Tribe Chairs to meeting.

**Vice Chair Announcements:** Come to Circus on Saturday at 2:00pm!

**Student Comments:** Golden Tribe Lecture Series Committee will be meeting on Friday, 4/20, at 9a.m. in Executive Conference room.

**Committee Business:** See Old Business

**Elections Subcommittee Report:** Began discussion of political parties. Parties should be held to election code all year long. Issue ran into was how to measure when that intent begins. Text or email Chair Bousbar about committee info.

**Judicial Branch Forwardings:**

None.

**Old Business:**

Bill 25 – Dobbins, Denton, and Bolton

The purpose of this statute revision is to clarify that students that currently hold elected or appointed positions may not also hold positions of power or influence in registered student political parties.

- Senator Dobbins: Adjusted language to compromise with concerns previously expressed in committee
  - Aim of bill is to get rid of potential conflicts of interest by removing any senators from slating process by political parties
- Senator Spear moves to table
  - Senator Lewis seconds
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### Bill 47 – Denton, Arthman, and Ready

The second half of the Golden Tribe Lecture Series Bill; first part passed. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 612. Purpose: to require all candidates chosen by the Golden Tribe Lecture Series be approved by the Student Senate via consent resolution after being forwarded from Student Life and Academic Affairs.

- Senator Bousbar moves to enter round table
  - Senator Lewis seconds
  - No objections
- Senator Bousbar: Do you think this bill would be effective?
  - Bill is redundant
  - Committee wants more student feedback, but finds it difficult to attain
  - First bill very necessary
  - Bill 47 creates barriers
- Vice Chair Denton: Does GT work under any bylaws
  - Statutes
  - Chair of committee does most work
- Senator Arthmann: How would the list the committee would have to make under Bill 47 differ from the list the committee currently works off of?
  - Not a dramatic difference
  - Potential gridlock
  - Working with limited number of dates, so efficiency might become an issue
- Senator Bousbar will move to strike the mandated speaker list from the bill
- Senator Bousbar: Is it possible to execute a survey to student body?
  - It's a good idea
- Senator Dobbins: What is the cancellation process like now?
  - Speaker cancellations are uncommon
  - Hasn't happened in two years
- Senator McQuillan: Could you describe the timeline of booking a speaker?
  - Biggest frustration of format right now is how they book speakers
  - Working with agents makes process difficult
- Senator Dobbins: How does your funding work? Money spent?
  - Speaker fees largest expense
    - Sometimes pay for flight, ground transportation, hotel
    - Spend about \$100,000/year

- Senator Mizell: Is it fair for the committee to elect VC?
  - Yes
- Senator Mizell: How many offers do you put out at once?
  - One
  - Can't put out more than one
- Senator McQuillan: Do you operate during Summer?
  - Yes. Still hold monthly meetings in person
- Senator McQuillan: Is there a student input issue?
  - Yes, there is an issue.
  - People who come to committee meetings push for a homogenous type of speaker
  - Committee wants more diversity
- Vice Chair Denton: Does committee actually vote on speakers?
  - Yes, majority vote for a priority list.
- Senator Bousbar: Can you email Senator Lewis ideas for committee?
  - Yes. Committee would like to see UP Lecture Director have a say in who serves on committee. Not Student Body President.
- Senator Spear: Structure committee like the agencies
- Senator Arthmann: More of a student voice enabled by a different process for getting committee members from SB President
- Senator Bousbar: Moves to call to question
  - Senator Lewis seconds
  - Vice Chair Denton objects
  - Senator Bousbar does not withdraw
    - Thinks it would be best to meet with GT and restructure a new bill with their input
    - Senator Lewis speaks in pro of motion
    - Senator Mizell speaks in pro of motion
  - Vote on whether or not to call to question
    - Yea: Senators Lewis, McQuillan, Dobbins, Mizell, Bousbar, Spear, Denton
    - Nay:
    - A: Villegas
  - Vote on Bill 47
    - Yea:
    - Nay: Senators Bousbar, McQuillan, Mizell, Spear, Lewis
    - A: Senator Dobbins, Chair Villegas, Vice Chair Denton
- **BILL 47 FAILS IN COMMITTEE**

**New Business:**

Bill 42 – Alvarez, Gomez, Isaac, Casello, Cagnollati, Brown, Paul, and Denton

Revising Student Body Statutes 603.3 E, 802.5 A, 802.5 D, and creating 802.12 in accordance with the decision of the United States Supreme Court Case, *"Broward of Regents University of Wisconsin System v. Southworth"*

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### Constitutional Amendment 1 – Alvarez

To amend Article 3 Section 2 C and D, Section 3 D and I, Section 4 A, Article 4 Section 3 B-2 and 3, Section 5 A-5, Section 7, and Article 7 Section 1 of the Florida State University SGA Constitution of the Student Body to be entirely gender neutral.

- Senator Alvarez: CA1 deals with switching he/him in constitution to they/them
- Senator Dobbins: Will this eliminate all instances of gendered language?
  - Yes
- Senator McQuillan: This cannot be a clerical change? It must be amendment?
  - Yes
- Senator McQuillan speaks in pro of CA1. Good change, more inclusive, consistent.
- Senator Dobbins speaks in pro. Diversity and inclusion is important because the constitution reflects everyone.
- Senator Mizell moves to call to question
  - Senator Lewis seconds
- Vote on CA-1
  - Yea: Senators Dobbins, Lewis, Mcquillan, Spear, Bousbar, and Vice Chair Denton
  - Nay:
  - A: Senator Spear, Chair Villegas
- **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1 PASSES IN JUDICIARY**

### Constitutional Amendment 2 – Alvarez

An addition to the Florida State University Student Government Association Constitution of the Student Body, Article VI Section 4, titled Gender Neutrality.

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### **Unfinished Business:**

None

**Other Announcements:** None.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 8:30pm

**Adjourned:** 10:14p.m.