



## **Judiciary Committee Report**

April 24, 2018

**Call to Order:** 8:36

**Members Present:** Chair Villegas, Vice Chair Denton, Senators McQuillan, Dobbins, Lewis, Schettino, Mizell

**Members Tardy:** N/A

**Members Absent:** Senators Bousbar, Spear

**Chair Announcements:** Good luck on finals! Eat donuts.

**Vice Chair Announcements:** Have a great summer!

**Student Comments:** None.

**Committee Business:**

**Elections Subcommittee Report:** Chair Bousbar absent.

**Judicial Branch Forwardings:**

None.

**Old Business:**

Bill 25 A – Dobbins and Denton

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.

Status: Deferred 4/10/2018

- **BILL 25A WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS**

## 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”*

- Senator Alvarez: This topic has come up several times in Senate during the 70th Student Senate. Viewpoint neutrality would have prevented some of the debate which occurred in Senate due to the lack thereof.
- Senator Casello: The way statutes are written now gives Senate the power to allocate funds anyway it sees fit.
- VC Denton: Could you explain differences
  - Virginia case was about a religious magazine was not receiving funding while other non religious magazines were. Court said school should supply funding to the religious magazine. Board of Regents case stated that all students and clubs should have equal access to A&S fees.
- Senator Dobbins: Proposes withholding clubs from giving A&S fees to politically motivated campaigns
- Senator Mizell moves to enter round table discussion
  - Senator Schettino seconds
- Senator Aparaccio: Point of information: Aren't clubs who use A&S funds to attend an event where a political organization will be pushing an agenda indirectly funding a political agenda?
- Senator McQuillan: Have you consulted any faculty or RSO's that would be affected by this?
  - Senator Alvarez: No.
- President Singhal: Senators may still subconsciously allow bias to affect their decision making even though they think they're only using objective factors.
- Senator McQuillan: I think this is a great effort and the topic has impacted Senate. This is a big shift, so I think faculty should be consulted before moving forward with the bill.
- VC Denton: I think this needs more thought put into it to see how it will affect RTAC, PAC, Senate, RSOs, etc. If co-sponsors are open to withdrawing, I think that is the best move.
- **BILL 42 WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS**

## 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.

- Senator Alvarez: This amendment simply adds a clause which states all future amendments must include gender neutral language
- VC Denton moves to enter round table discussion
  - Senator Mizell seconds
- VC Denton: This statute mandates that all amendments to the constitution must use either of the words they, them, or their. We need to fix this so that it means only when gender neutral language is applicable.

- VC Denton moves to amend CA2 “Section 4” to “Section 5”
  - Senator Dobbins seconds
- Senator Mizell moves to amend CA2 “Referendum” to “Petition”
  - Senator Schettino seconds
- Senator Dobbins moves to amend CA2 “Gendered” to “Gender”
  - Senator Schettino seconds
- VC Denton moves to add the words “when applicable”
  - Senator Lewis seconds
- Vice Chair Mizell moves to call to question
  - Senator Lewis seconds
  - Vote:
    - Yes: Senator Dobbins, Senator Mizell, Senator Lewis, Senator Schettino, VC Denton
    - No: None.
    - A: Chair Villegas
- **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2 PASSES IN JUDICIARY**

**New Business:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**Other Announcements:** None.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** TBD.

**Adjourned:** 9:50