



72nd Student Senate

Internal Affairs Committee

2/11/2020 in William Johnston G060

Call to Order: 8:16 pm

Members Present: Adams, Baxter, Blackthorne, Brink, Donnelly

Members Tardy: Toussaint

Members Absent: Acanda, Kill

Guests: none

Announcements:

Committee Business: Bureau review

Old Business:

New Business:

- **Presentation One- Center for Participant Education**
 - **Presentation Notes- board has doubled in size over the last year, low barrier to entry for classes, spent \$489 in total last year, has served over 575 students in the Fall of 2019, 13 classes in the Fall of 2019, 8 classes so far in Spring 2020, over 210 students attending in Spring 2020, total expected spending for Spring 2020 is \$2,620.34**
 - **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions- none**
 - **Roundtable Questioning-**
 - **Donnelly- is the projected budget all of your remaining budget?**
 - **No**
 - **Donnelly- do you have to rent out the Plant?**
 - **No**
 - **Donnelly- how do you market your events?**

- **We have a media and design coordinator to handle our social media and continue using our newsletter to publicize events, as well as postering**

- **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
- **Call to Question**
 - **Donnelly**
 - **Blackthorne seconds**
- **Voting Results**
 - **Yes- (5) Adams, Blackthorne, Brink, Donnelly, Villacorta**
 - **No- (0)**
 - **Abs.- (0)**

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 - Roundtable
- **Call to Question**
 - **Villacorta**
 - **Donnelly seconds**
- **Voting Results**
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 - **No- (5) Adams, Brink, Blackthorne, Donnelly, Villacorta**
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 - Abs.- (0)
- **Interview One- Aaliyah Abarzua- VSU Director**
 - **Opening Statement-** has been in VSU over a year, started as Secretary, wants to continue growth
 - **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions-** none
 - **Questions Related to Position-**
 - **Donnelly-** what has prepared you for this position?
 - **Joined Army at 18, learned to be a follower, then learned to be a leader as an Officer candidate**
 - **Donnelly-** what qualities do you think make a great director?
 - **Communication and transparency, wants to create a continuity book to help successors in positions take on the new role**
 - **Questions of Character-**
 - **Toussaint-** toughest part of your transition from the army?
 - **Being older than my peers and leaving my comfort zone and being in big environments**
 - **Other Questions-** none
 - **Closing-** being the voice for veterans is important, there is a lot of work to be done
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 - Villacorta
 - Donnelly seconds

- **Voting Results**
 - **Yes- (3) Adams, Brink, Donnelly**
 - **No- (0)**
 - **Abs.- (2) Blackthorne, Villacorta**

- **Interview Two- Harrison Alton- VSU Assistant Director**
 - **Opening Statement- Formerly CFO of VSU, current assistant director is moving up & thought it was his time to step up, he is a cadet, does IM sports and holds leadership positions on campus**
 - **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions- none**
 - **Questions Related to Position-**
 - **Donnelly: How does your experience tie into your role as assistant director?**
 - **Learned the financial aspect & how to plan events**
 - **Donnelly: How do you plan on incorporating veterans onto campus?**
 - **We have one event a month, social gatherings, heavily publicized to all vets**
 - **Toussaint: What will you add to the position that it hasn't seen prior?**
 - **Student Veterans of America is expanding as a parent organization**
 - **Questions of Character-**
 - **Donnelly: How has being in the military prepared you as assistant director?**
 - **As a military kid, is used to transitions and making new connections & the military has given time management skills**
 - **Other Questions- none**
 - **Closing- Excited to be able to serve our campus and veterans**
 - **Deliberations**
 - **Roundtable**

- **Call to Question**
 - **Donnelly**
 - **Brink seconds**
- **Voting Results**
 - **Yes- (5) Adams, Blackthorn, Brink, Donnelly, Toussaint**
 - **No- (0)**
 - **Abs.- (0)**
- **Interview Three- Thomas Lovegren- Deputy Supervisor of Elections**
 - **Opening Statement- Freshman at FSU double major in polisci & international affairs, wants to get involved with student gov, was student body pres in high school, last semester was a legislative aide in Senate. Liked working in the field and would like to continue to be involved.**
 - **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions-**
 - **Questions Related to Position-**
 - **Donnelly: Why do you want to be in elections?**
 - **Saw the turmoil in senate & thought he would work better in the elections office, wants to help create peace, wants to make a positive impact on student government**
 - **Brink: Do you have any plans to get students to vote?**
 - **Yes, as a freshman that is involved in politics, he didn't even know about elections so wants to engage freshmen. Wants to bring SGA education to orientation.**
 - **Donnelly: With elections about a week away, how do you plan to acclimate yourself to election code and elections?**
 - **Plans to treat this as he would a class, recognizes that this is a paid position, and requires effort. Wants to make sure the election cycle is going fairly. Believes giving everyone a seat at the table begins with a strong election code.**
 - **Questions of Character-**
 - **Donnelly: How do you deal with stress?**

- **Developed and planned out**
 - **Adams: Are you affiliated or do you plan to affiliate with a political party?**
 - **Aware that this is a nonpartisan position, will practice that nonpartisanship throughout term. Is not affiliated and does not plan to in the future.**
 - **Other Questions- none**
 - **Closing- Genuinely interested in this, has been pursuing it for a while, will be putting in full effort.**
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 - Roundtable
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 - **Donnelly**
 - **Brink seconds**
 - **Voting Results**
 - **Yes- (5) Adams, Brink, Donnelly, Toussaint**
 - **No- (0)**
 - **Abs.- (1) Blackthorne**
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- **Unfinished Business-**
 - **OGA Deliberation**
 - **Motion to enter deliberation**
 - **Donnelly**
 - **Brink seconds**
 - **Deliberation**
 - **Roundtable**
 - **Call to Question**
 - **Donnelly**
 - **Brink Seconds**

- **Voting Results**
 - **Yes- Adams, Blackthorn, Brink, Donnelly, Toussaint (5)**
 - **No- (0)**
 - **Abs.- (0)**
- **Memo**

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- **Final Announcements- HAPPY BIRTHDAY JAYLEN!**
- **Date and Time of Next Meeting- TBA**
- **Adjourned- 9:46 PM**