



**72nd Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
4/14/2020 via Zoom**

Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Members Present: Adams, Acanda, Baxter, Donnelly, Harmon

Members Tardy :

Members Absent: Blackthorne, Brink, Kill, Villacorta

Guests: Senator Primozic

Announcements:

Committee Business: Bill 72, 7 confirmations

Old Business:

New Business:

- **Bill 72: Senator Primozic**
- **Opening:**
 - TLI typically operates in the fall, but they want to introduce a Spring class. Their current statutes wouldn't allow the Executive Board to operate during this time.
- **Motion to enter round table: Donnelly**
 - **Second: Harmon**
- **Round Table**
- **Closing: None**
- **Motion to call the question: Harmon**
 - **Second: Donnelly**
- **Vote:**
 - **Yes: (4) Adams, Acanda, Donnelly, Harmon**

- **No: (0)**
- **Abs: (0)**
- **Bill Passes**

- **Interview 1: Tanvi Marulendra- AASU Director**
 - **Opening Statement:**
 - Spent the past two years as Secretary and Assistant Director, knows strengths and weaknesses of organization, excited for the opportunity to improve it.
 - **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - None
 - **Questions Related to Position:**
 - **Donnelly:** How has your experience within AASU shaped you?
 - Familiar with bureaucratic proceedings and the members within the organization, knows the strengths and weaknesses.
 - **Donnelly:** How do you look to increase engagement?
 - Flyers in residential halls, promoting on social media, being selective in where events are hosted.
 - **Adams:** What are the strengths and weaknesses you' ve noticed within AASU?
 - Strengths: tight knit community, wants to continue building that community by strengthening executive board. Weaknesses: Can come off as cliquey, wants to continue to expand inclusivity.
 - **Questions of Character:**
 - **Donnelly:** How do you deal with conflict within your organization?
 - Conflict is situational, gives example of a time she had to mediate as Assistant Director, finds it important to hear everyone' s side of the story, acknowledge their feelings, and decide how to move forward.
 - **Other Questions:**
 - None

- **Closing**
 - Thank you for your time, so excited to continue building on this agency that I have been a part of for the past three years.
- **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
- **Call to Question**
 - **Donnelly**
 - **Harmon seconds**
- **Voting Results:**
 - **Yes- (4) Adams, Acanda, Donnelly, Harmon**
 - **No- (0)**
 - **Abs- (0)**
 - **Candidate Passes**
- **Interview 2: Megan McLaughlin- Veteran' s Student Union Assistant Director**
 - **Motion to Table Candidate: Donnelly**
 - **Second: Harmon**
- **Interview 3: Mannat Thakur- AASU Assistant Director**
 - **Opening Statement:**
 - Found her home at AASU, helped her find her identity, joined Freshman year as member of committees and fell in love with AASU. Served as Programming Coordinator last year, learned to delegate tasks, run meetings, helped run homecoming. Very excited to continue to serve organization.
 - **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - **Harmon:** What positions have you held within AASU?
 - Freshman year: member on committees, Sophomore year: General Member. Junior Year: Co-chair of event planning committee and Programming Coordinator.
 - **Questions Related to Position:**
 - **Harmon:** Do you have any experience outside of AASU that will help you to serve as Assistant Director?

- Service Leadership Seminar Coordinator, allowed her to develop curriculum and choose executive board.
 - **Questions of Character:**
 - None
 - **Other Questions:**
 - None
 - **Closing**
 - None
 - **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
 - **Call to Question**
 - **Harmon**
 - **Donnelly seconds**
 - **Voting Results:**
 - **Yes- (4) Adams, Acanda, Donnelly, Harmon**
 - **No- (0)**
 - **Abs- (0)**
 - **Candidate Passes**
- **Interview 4: Hannah Llende- PSU Director**
 - **Opening Statement:**
 - Facilitator for event, served as planned Pride Prom. Involved in Peace Jam and Class Council. Wants to work towards the integration of the Union, communicate with Senate liaison, has many ideas to engage students.
 - **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - **Donnelly:** Are you financially certified through the SGA Accounting Office?
 - Yes
 - **Questions Related to Position:**
 - **Harmon:** What are some ideas you have for Pride Student Union?

- Town Halls to increase engagement, open up engagement through advertising office hours, wants to ensure affiliates have a say on the executive board, making advertising more accessible, increase social media and agency interaction, gender inclusive housing, alumni network.
 - **Harmon:** Does PSU meet with the presidents of their affiliates?
 - Yes, currently we do but there is a problem with being able to maintain that so I have been looking for alternatives that would make it more efficient.
 - **Questions of Character:**
 - None
 - **Other Questions:**
 - None
 - **Closing**
 - Thank you for having me, I am so excited to work with SGA as a whole and the executive board. I think my experiences and involvements on campus have allowed me to be of service.
 - **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
 - **Call to Question**
 - **Harmon**
 - **Donnelly seconds**
 - **Voting Results:**
 - **Yes- (4) Adams, Acanda, Donnelly, Harmon**
 - **No- (0)**
 - **Abs- (0)**
 - **Candidate Passes**
- **Interview 5: Marcus Williams- PSU Assistant Director**
 - **Opening Statement:**
 - Has been involved in FLI, SLS, PSU, etc. Excited to take on executive role of PSU.
 - **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions:**

- **Harmon:** what position are you applying for?
 - Assistant Director
 - **Harmon:** What positions have you held in the past in PSU?
 - Public Relations Coordinator
 - **Questions Related to Position:**
 - **Donnelly:** What is your main goal for PSU?
 - Policy advocacy, wants to ensure that members voices are heard.
 - **Questions of Character:**
 - **Harmon:** How do you deal with conflict?
 - It is important to understand both sides, rather than trying to place blame. Recognizing that there is a misunderstanding and see how you can work through it.
 - **Other Questions:**
 - None
 - **Closing**
 - Thank you again for taking the time to interview me, thank you for continuing your work, I love the LGBTQ+ community at Florida State and I want to be able to build this community and create the next changemakers.
 - **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
 - **Call to Question**
 - **Donnelly**
 - **Acanda seconds**
 - **Voting Results:**
 - **Yes- (4) Adams, Acanda, Donnelly, Harmon**
 - **No- (0)**
 - **Abs- (0)**
 - **Candidate Passes**
- **Interview 6: Brandon Ocasio- PSU Center Director**
 - **Opening Statement:**

- Heavily involved in BSU, HLSU, PSU, Pride U, CARE, Seminole Minority Institute, FLI.
 - **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - None
 - **Questions Related to Position:**
 - **Adams:** How have your past experiences prepared you to serve in this position?
 - Pride U helped prepare to serve on the executive board, gave experience in event planning.
 - **Questions of Character:**
 - **Harmon:** How do you handle conflict?
 - Easing tension, empowering everyone's voice to feel heard.
 - **Other Questions:**
 - None
 - **Closing**
 - Thank you for your time
 - **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
 - **Call to Question**
 - **Harmon**
 - **Donnelly seconds**
 - **Voting Results:**
 - **Yes- (4) Adams, Acanda, Donnelly, Harmon**
 - **No- (0)**
 - **Abs- (0)**
 - **Candidate Passes**
- **Interview 7: Tan Wang- AASU Treasurer**
 - **Opening Statement:**
 - Major is accounting, which is why I applied for treasurer. I have been involved in AASU for two years. I was Co-chair of Event Planning Committee.

- **Technical, Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - **Harmon:** Are you financially certified through the SGA Accounting Office?
 - Yes
- **Questions Related to Position:**
 - **Donnelly:** What influenced you to apply for this position?
 - In high school I was Treasurer of a business club, as accounting major, I want to gain experience as treasurer.
 - **Donnelly:** Why are you applying specifically for AASU?
 - I am from China, and I want to help spread awareness of our culture.
 - **Donnelly:** What are your goals for Treasurer?
 - As treasurer in charge of financial aspect, I want to improve communication to ensure everything is done effectively.
- **Questions of Character:**
 - **Harmon:** How do you deal with conflict?
 - If it's a team member, I will go directly to them. If it's a member, I will go to their committee head rather than directly to them.
- **Other Questions:**
 - None
- **Closing:**
 - Thank you for this opportunity, if elected, I will do my best to fulfill my responsibility.
- **Deliberations**
 - Roundtable
- **Call to Question**
 - **Harmon**
 - **Acanda seconds**
- **Voting Results:**
 - **Yes- (4) Adams, Acanda, Donnelly, Harmon**
 - **No- (0)**
 - **Abs- (0)**

- **Candidate Passes**

Unfinished Business- Megan McLaughlin (VSU Assistant Director) interview; tabled

Final Announcements-

Date and Time of Next Meeting- TBD by Summer Senate Internal Affairs

Adjourned- 8:21 PM