



**72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate  
Judiciary Committee  
Date: February 17th, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 8:19 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Leckie, Vice Chair Slimak, Senator(s) Absten, Ascanio, Gerdts, Parker, Primozic, Ready, Recht, Sojos, Weber

**Members Tardy:** Senator(s)

**Members Excused Absent:** Senator(s)

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**Guests:** Daraldik, Diaz, Durham, Jacobsen, Warren, Gnanam

**Announcements:**

- Chair - I am so sorry we are running late, my professor let out class late. This will not be happening again hopefully. This week we are hearing all older
- Vice Chair - Happy Monday! Please take care of yourself this week.
- Members - X
- Guests - X

**Committee Business:**

- **Bill 26** - Sponsored by Senator Adamyk - to amend Student Body Statutes Chapter 504 in regards to qualifications for the Student Defender position. This bill will allow any student enrolled at Florida State who has completed at least 60 credit hours to be eligible for the position, given approval and forwarding by the appropriate parties.
- **Bill 31** - Sponsored by Senator Levin - to define major legislation.
- **Bill 35** - Sponsored by Senator Levin - to outline legislative procedure related to holy days.
- **Bill 38** - Sponsored by Senator Daraldik - including VSU's membership to the Student Veterans of America National Organization.
- **Bill 29** - Sponsored by Senator Durham - To create the Student Council for Accessibility Advocacy (SCAA) as a bureau.
- **Bill 27** - Sponsored by Senator Ready - To amend student body statute 807.6 I & J to better foster debate on the spending of A&S Fees allocated to the RTAC and PAC committees

**Old Business:**

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- Tabled
- **Bill 31** - Sponsored by Senator Levin - to define major legislation.
  - Opening Statement
    - Durham: This is a bill to help define major legislation within our statutes. This is important to understand our bills throughout the Senate. If we could please add Senator Gerdts as a co sponsor to bill
  - Round Table
    - Senator Ready moves to enter Round Table Discussion
    - Senator Sojos seconds
      - Ready moves to add Gerdts as a cosponsor
        - Sojos Seconds
    - Senator Gerdts moves to amend bill 31
    - Weber seconds
    - Durham finds it friendly. Amendment is adopted.
    - Ready moves to call to question
    - Sojos seconds
  - Senator Ready moves to call the question
  - Senator Sojos seconds
  - Vote
    - Absten - Yes
    - Ascanio - Yes
    - Gerdts - Yes
    - Primozić - Yes
    - Ready - Yes
    - Recht - Yes
    - Silvia - Yes
    - Slimak - Yes
    - Sojos - Yes
    - Weber - Yes
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  - **Bill RESULT passed unanimously**
- **Bill 35** - Sponsored by Senator Levin - to outline legislative procedure related to holy days.
  - Opening Statement
    - Durham: This is a bill that came up last semester, that we have taken back and reworked. This will ensure that we respect holy days within the student government for our students.
  - Technical, Non-Detableable
    - X:
  - Round Table
    - Gerts moves to add himself as a cosponsor
    - Sojos seconds
    - Gerdts moves to amend bill to
    - Ready seconds
    - Sponsor finds it friendly, amendment adopted

- - Do we want to keep this as “may” or “must”? This allows for a grey zone. This will allow for special time sensitive legislation to be passed
  - Senator Ready moves to call the question
  - Senator Sojos seconds
- Closing:
  - Thank you to Senator Gerdts for all the hard work and working with us to ensure that this is done correctly. I look forward to continue respecting our students moving forward.
- Vote
  - Absten - Yes
  - Ascanio - Yes
  - Gerdts - Yes
  - Primozić - Yes
  - Ready - Yes
  - Recht - Yes
  - Silvia - Yes
  - Slimak - Yes
  - Sojos - Yes
  - Weber - Yes
- **Bill RESULT passed unanimously**
- **Bill 38** - Sponsored by Senator Daraldik - including VSU’s membership to the Student Veterans of America National Organization.
  - **Senator Daraldik withdraws bill 38**

**New Business:**

- **Bill 29** - Sponsored by Senator Durham - To create the Student Council for Accessibility Advocacy (SCAA) as a bureau.
  - Opening Statement
    - Durham: This is a major piece of legislation that we have been working on for months now. We are technically ADA Compliant on campus, but not practically. This organization would tackle this issue and help ensure that the changes needed are made. The group will also work with Student Government to ensure that events such as Homecoming and other events are ADA compliant. This will help our students on campus, ensuring that all students are supported. Within the budget, we allocated \$2,500 to accessibility in the exec branch. They will be able to start off with their feet under them. I am happy to answer any questions
  - Technical, Non-Detableable
    - X:
  - Senator Weber moves to enter Round Table Discussion
  - Senator Asconio seconds
  - Round Table
    - Gerdts: Could the sponsor please read the letter from Demitrius Wynn
      - Thank you for taking time to hear about this council. We have been working on this beuro for months now, and look forward to making a change moving forward. I want to see more than a singular student in a position to allow for advocating for student

accessibility on campus. I have worked directly with larger organizations on campus, and all are backing this.

- Slimak moves to amend bill 29 to make chapter 9.14
- Sojos seconds
- Durham finds amendment friendly
- Who are the six board members?
  - This is up to the discretion of the director. We did not want to define to specific positions, rather allowing them to grow and create what they need in the construction of the new beuro
- Slimak: Thank you to the sponsors for working so hard to ensure that this bill has been created. There are numerous students who struggle on campus, that may need support to be heard. This beuro will allow for students to advocate for the things that will truly change the lives of students here on campus
- Gerdts: I see no problem with adding beuros, this is a great opportunity to allow students voices to be heard. This is a chance for us to help students lives on our campus. If this is not to work out, we can simply remove it later on
- Senator Gerdts moves to call the question
- Senator Ready seconds
- Closing:
  - Thank you so much for everything, if there are any questions please ask me before the Senate!
- Vote
  - Absten - Yes
  - Ascanio - Yes
  - Gerdts - Yes
  - Primozic - Yes
  - Ready - Yes
  - Recht - Yes
  - Silvia - Yes
  - Slimak - Yes
  - Sojos - Yes
  - Weber - Yes
- **Bill RESULT pass unanimously**
- **Bill 27** - Sponsored by Senator Ready - To amend student body statute 807.6 I & J to better foster debate on the spending of A&S Fees allocated to the RTAC and PAC committees
  - Opening Statement
    - Ready: This gives finance the power to debate PAC and RTAC bills. This will remove the question of amendments being found friendly or not. This is needed because the sponsor is not actually writing and owning the consent resolution. This is more than one person's piece of legislation. Hopefully this will allow for debate on spending. This was amended in finance, which i now hope to revert back to after t
  - Technical, Non-Detableable
    - Recht: what did finance change?

- Finance removes pro con from the first line, they do not debate in the finance committee. I want to change back because debate is debate, pro con or not
- Senator Sojos moves to enter Round Table Discussion
- Senator Asonio seconds
- Round Table
  - Gerdts: Can we find the changes made in finance? The bills sent over are not properly edited to show the changes
- Ready moves to amend bill to reinsert pro and con
- Sojos seconds
- Sponsor finds it friendly
  - This amendment also clears up conflict later on, this creates continuity within statutes
  - Providing pro con debate within finance, as it allows them to build their rules off of forming a discussion and debate.
  - The work is done in committee, we are excited to see PAC and RTAC work done within committee. Hopefully this will save time wednesday nights
  - This will help make sure that debate is actually taken and engages the finance committee. This will only increase discussion
- Senator Weber moves to call the question
- Senator Gerdts seconds
- Vote
  - Absten - Yes
  - Ascanio - Yes
  - Gerdts - Yes
  - Parker - Yes
  - Primoizic - Yes
  - Ready - Yes
  - Recht - Yes
  - Silvia - Yes
  - Slimak - Abst
  - Sojos - Yes
  - Weber - Yes
- **Bill RESULT 10-0-1 bill pass**

**Unfinished Business: X**

**Committee Legislative Round Table:**

Weber: We need to ban Gatoraide! Lets figure out how to do this.

Slimak: Working with facilities, Weber and I have previously discussed how to add paid for by SGA on projects such as tables, bike racks, etc. If you have any ideas, please reach out!

Gerts: The three things i am working on:

1) Senate Excellence Awards, so possible Senate President Excellence Award

2) Senate hall of fame award for the given senate, rather than year. So only 4 awards in the 72nd Senate rather than 2020

3) Central reserves and sweepings reforms, fun fact, Central Reserves does not have a section within Senate

Gnanam: Members of Green Dot, KNoleMore, and groups are not happy with Student Government at this time. Noticing that the expectation for senators to be green dot certified has been removed from statutes, they are disappointed

Leckie: I have submitted two minor bills that will be coming forward next week.

Recht: The Elections Ad-Hawk had its first meeting, which made vast strides forwards. Please talk to us afterwards if you want more information on how to get involved.

### **Final Announcements:**

Leckie: Sorry again I was late today. We are all here today! All 12 of us, that's pretty great.

Slimak: Thank you for being so on top of knowing our rules and flying through our work. It makes my job incredibly hard, which I am so proud of you all for being. Thank you for your patience with me. I appreciate all of you so much

Gerdt: It has been a calm and peaceful election week, thank you! Senators have been engaging students and talking to their constituents. I appreciate all the hard work being done. Please vote in the SGA elections on wednesday, it is our duty. I appreciate the Judiciary for knowing who we are. We are confident in our committee, and we know what we are doing. "I appreciate how much Judiciary knows what it is and how it acts. Being chair of the central reserves has been like being 13 again and trying to figure out if I like men or not. Except this times it is do I have rules or not. The answer is always yes to men and no to rules."

Parker: Some of us Senior Senators are leaving so soon, and I want to celebrate the great times we have had together. So many great people we have had the honor to work with. Possible at the last senate we will be at, pending the date! Stay tuned for more information as it gets closer.

Gnanam: Green dot training is important. Please come talk to me if you feel this way as well and wish to help write this legislation

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

**Adjourned:** 9:19 p.m.

*Griffin Leckie*

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Signature of Chair