



**73rd Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
02/01/21**

Call to Order: 7:32pm

Members Present: Senators Gabadage, Fineout, West, Hitchcock, Russell, Chair England, Vice Chair Stults

Members Tardy:

Members Excused Absent: Senator Nasworthy

Members Absent:

Guests: Samantha Leval, Senator Ash Soto

Announcements:

- Chair England: Bill 4 is tabled.

Committee Business:

- Consideration of Samantha Leval for the Supervisor of Elections
- The link to the application of Candidate Leval:
https://fsu.qualtrics.com/CP/Report.php?SID=SV_e4NcdhYFzmaZtC5&R=R_1OuXC7TPeOzBiIS
- Senators introduce themselves and their positions.
- **Opening:** I am a student in the college of social work. I have experience with the Elections Office, and I served as the acting supervisor and deputy. I have been a facilitator for the student Leadership Institute, and I am an intern with the office of accessibility.
- Vice Chair Stults asks what Candidate Leval foresees being the biggest challenge if confirmed.
- Candidate Leval: I would say that whether I stay as deputy or not, the biggest challenge is planning the exec debate which is new to me. Also, I will work with the new advisor, I will have to coordinate with the parties to work around the pandemic/ as well as dealing with interparty conflict.
- Senator Gabadage asks how Candidate Leval will increase inclusion.
- Candidate Leval: A lot of the time SGA and Senate is reserved for certain people and certain colleges such as COSSP and many people see it as it helps them and not as it should be which is helping everyone. These students may see SGA as not representing them I will increase turnout by using the communities I am in like the Center and Pride and Social Work. We should increase inclusion by going directly to our communities.
- Chair England: Have you ever been involved in a political party at FSU?
- Candidate Leval: No.

- Chair England: How are you going to ensure a fair and free elections?
- Candidate Leval: That is the foremost job of my position. I am unaffiliated and I will do things by the deadlines and enforce the code without concern for what particular party. People may not be sure of how the code affects them and I think the candidate education will be important. I work with the advisors in certifying the vote.
- **Closing** – Candidate Leval: Thank you for taking the time to meet with me. With my experience in the election's office, I am capable of handling the job. I have already uploaded forms and start planning the exec debate. I have a plan to communicate more with the parties. I know what works and what does not.
- Vice Chair Stults move to roundtable, Senator Gabadage seconds.
- Vice Chair Stults notes her experience and says he will vote in favor of them.
- Senator Gabadage moves to call to question, Vice Chair Stults seconds.
- 5-0 candidate passes, Senator Fineout is non-voting.

Old Business:

- NONE

New Business:

- Considering Resolution 11
- Senator Gabadage – **Opening**: First off, I hope this passes unanimously. I do think this is an important resolution. Respecting pronouns and welcoming all students is key. This is the bare minimum and is necessary to include everyone.
- Senator Russell – **Opening**: This resolution should encourage all identities to apply to different agencies and that they are respected and included. This should mean a lot to people.
- Vice Chair Stults moves to enter roundtable, Senator Hitchcock seconds.
- Vice Chair Stults apologizes to Senator Soto for not including them in the discussions of the resolution.
- Senator Soto: I personally spoke to England and Stults about this. I was never contacted about this resolution and as the only person who identifies with, they/them pronouns, I wanted to help with this resolution. I want to add an amendment to include all pronouns not just he/him and she/her. I can send a list. We should have all options and an “other” option.
- Chair England: I will make sure that it is not a drop down.
- Senator Soto: I think we should specify that it should be a clear blank box where the user can put in their pronouns.
- Stults: moves to amend the resolution including the stipulation that it should be open ended and blank box format. Hitchcock seconds.
- Sponsors Gabadage and Russell find it friendly, amendment adopted.
- Vice Chair Stults moves to add Soto as a cosponsor, Hitchcock seconds. Soto added.
- Vice Chair Stults moves to call to question, West seconds.
- Senators Russell and Gabadage – **Closing**: Thanks for your support. This is a step toward making SGA more inclusive.
- 6-0 all senators present vote yes including Senator Fineout.
- Resolution 11 is passed as amended.

Unfinished Business:

- NONE

Final Announcements:

- NONE

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 6:30pm, Monday, February 8th.
Adjourned: 8:06pm

Quentin England

Signature of Chairperson, Internal Affairs Committee