



**73rd Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
02/15/21**

Call to Order: 5:30pm

Members Present: England, Stults, Gabadage, West, Nasworthy, Russell, Hitchcock

Members Tardy: None

Members Excused Absent: None

Members Absent: Fineout

Guests: Kenley Adams, Kana Lilly, Nicolas Stinson, Matthew Rega, Ash Soto

Announcements:

- We have four candidates with us this evening. Bill 4 is tabled.

Committee Business:

- Vice Chair Stults moves to recess one hour until 6:30pm, Senator Hitchcock seconds.
- Recess until 6:30pm.
- **Candidate Rega for Assistant Director of Finance, Inter-Residence Hall Council.**
- Link:
https://fsu.qualtrics.com/CP/Report.php?SID=SV_3aeRwgC6BiiJWh7&R=R_tFEFSF0YyWWsQj7
- **Opening** – Candidate Rega: I am a third year at Florida State. I have held this position for an entire year, and I have been confirmed once. I have been financially certified three times. I am invested and I love housing and what we do. I have been cleaning up the finances since I began working with them and I look forward to continuing to work.
- **Questioning:** none
- **Closing** – Candidate Rega: Thank you for your time and it is a pleasure to work with you and I look forward to working with SGA in the future.
- Senator Gabadage moves to enter roundtable discussion, Senator Nasworthy seconds.
- Senator Nasworthy: I worked with Matthew before a few times. I was in the National Residence Hall Honorary and I know he is a great person, and he has been working with it for a long time. Matthew has done great things and there is no reason to not confirm him.
- Senator Nasworthy moves to call to question, Vice Chair Stults seconds.
- Candidate Rega **forwarded** 6-0 unanimously.
- **Candidate Stinson for Chief of Staff, Office of Governmental Affairs.**
- Link:
https://fsu.qualtrics.com/CP/Report.php?SID=SV_e4NcdhYFzmaZtC5&R=R_ugFN0hbVISEJdGV

- **Opening** – Candidate Stinson: I am a sophomore political science major and I personally love to lobby. I am in a couple organizations where we do this, and we get to see multiple different perspectives. I love to hear from all the different perspectives and cultures. With OGA we get actual legislation passed and I want to make those impacts on campus.
- **Questioning:** Senator Nasworthy asks will you still be in Senate if you get this position?
- Candidate Stinson: I think so, but Chair England can answer that.
- Chair England: Depending on pending legislation the answer may change. Right now, he would not have to resign his seat.
- Chair England: Is this a position on the board of directors?
- Candidate Stinson: I am not sure, but I will ask Emmabella Rudd.
- Senator Nasworthy: What other experiences do you think qualifies you for this position?
- Candidate Stinson: I have experience with the intern director for a state congressional campaign. I can manage a team. I am the VP of NolePAC, which is a branch of APAC and I lobby with them.
- **Closing** – Candidate Stinson: I appreciate all the work you guys do and I do not want to take any more of your time.
- Senator Gabadage moves to enter roundtable discussion, Senator Nasworthy seconds.
- Vice Chair Stults likes his experience with lobbying.
- Senator Nasworthy likes his experience with being the intern director.
- Senator Nasworthy moves to call to question, Stults seconds.
- Candidate Stinson is **forwarded** unanimously, 6-0.
- Senator Russell exits.
- **Candidate Adams for Vice President of Outreach, Mental Health Council**
- Link:
https://fsu.qualtrics.com/CP/Report.php?SID=SV_e4NcdhYFzmaZtC5&R=R_3QWSuQRJah12LRs
- **Opening** – Candidate Adams: I am a sophomore double majoring in psychology and political science. I used to chair IA. Thank you for taking your time for this. Mental Health Council is very close to my heart and I got to see it come to fruition and converse about the future of the MHC. This is a make-or-break moment for this council. When I was in Senate, I focused my energy on mental health issues. I want to work closely with the Senate, and I want to connect senators with those mental health staff. I know how draining and taxing the Senate can be and burnout is real. I want to help create a healthy environment and institute trainings. A goal of mine is legislative advocacy. I want to follow the APA's legislative agenda.
- **Questioning:** Senator Nasworthy asks what the position is in terms of the work they will do
- Candidate Adams: I serve as a liaison to many entities and the legislative and executive branch. I will be connecting all the legislative priorities and promote mental health.
- Senator Nasworthy: What other experiences do you have previously?
- Candidate Adams: I am an intern at the DOE doing legislative work. A big focus is COVID-19 and mental health crisis with the effects of the pandemic on education. This pairs very well with the work I will be doing.
- **Closing** – Candidate Adams: Thank you guys for hearing me and it is great to be here. I hope to help work together to serve the student body.
- Senator Nasworthy moves to enter roundtable discussion, Gabadage seconds.
- Senator Nasworthy: I think her experience is extremely valuable and she is gaining valuable skills for this position.
- Senator Hitchcock: She has a lot of experience and she is perfect and amazing.
- Senator Nasworthy moves to call to question, Vice Chair Stults seconds.

- Candidate Adams unanimously **forwarded**, 6-0.
- **Candidate Kana Lilly for Vice President of Programming, Mental Health Council.**
- Link:
https://fsu.qualtrics.com/CP/Report.php?SID=SV_e4NcdhYFzmaZtC5&R=R_1hLnNcFUuIMpLFf
- **Opening** – Candidate Lilly: I am a second year studying political science with a minor in English. I find mental health to be very important because being a Black woman I had to grow up with negative stereotypes and narratives. I am currently going through mental health problems. I will educate others on how mental health affects students and this is why I applied.
- **Questioning:** Senator Nasworthy asks what does the position entail.
- Candidate Lilly: It entails creating events on campus or on zoom. I will be creating educational concepts to inform about mental health issues and creating safe spaces, so people are comfortable discussing issues.
- Senator Nasworthy: What previous experiences will help you in this position?
- Candidate Lilly: I conducted a research project dealing with Black women’s mental health and I am on the membership chair for the Society of Future Black female attorneys and I am able to reach out to others.
- **Closing** – Candidate Lilly: Thank you for listening to me tonight and I am very excited to work with you. I appreciate the questioning and input to allow me to learn and grow. Thank you so much for your time.
- Senator Nasworthy moves to enter roundtable discussion and Senator Gabadage seconds.
- Senator Nasworthy: I really appreciate her focus on Black women and mental health. I feel like we do not know enough about Black mental health and this research is very integral to success of all people’s mental health.
- Vice Chair Stults moves to call to question, Senator Gabadage seconds.
- Candidate Lilly is **forwarded** unanimously, 5-0.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- None

Final Announcements:

- Chair England: Thank you for your hard work these past couple weeks. Next week we have one person for sure and we are still waiting for a Senate parliamentarian.
- Senator Nasworthy: Will we be hearing from either Jack Rowan or the other person?
- Chair England: Yes.
- Chair England: I would like to have a bonding session, socially distanced with masks. I have two ideas. One being we all go somewhere off-campus and eat. We could go to Suwanee dining hall and I will pay for all of it.
- Senator Nasworthy: Brunch at Kiki’s on a weekend.
- Chair England: I will put a when to meet in GroupMe with dates in it.
- Senator Soto: Hi.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday, 2/22/21, 6:30pm

Adjourned: 7:19pm

Quentin England

Signature of Chairperson, Internal Affairs Committee