



**73rd Student Senate
Student Life and Academic Affairs
01/19/21**

Call to Order: 6:31 PM

Members Present: Rodriguez, Hunter, Hitchcock, Flashman, Nemeth, Ramos, Murray, Preisha, Martin

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Moore, Duperie,

Guests: Jason Randall, Brandon Gabay, Cindy Chamides, Danielle Pinto, Jake Mershon, Evan Weinstein, Liam Fellows, Joshua Losner, Shayna Cohen, Brendan Gerdt, Halle Gold, Jason Randall, Liam Fellows, Parker Ridaught, Ryan Villacorta, Steph Selva, Sydney Siegel, Lioz Grunberger

Announcements:

- Chair Martin: N/A
- Vice Chair Murray: N/A
- Members: N/A
- Public Comments:
 - Jake Mershon: Opposes Senator Daraldik's resolutions going through SLAA. Opposes BDS: Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions
 - Cindy Chamides: Reject Divestment. Does not support misrepresentation of Israel. Resolution ignores acts for peace.
 - Brandon Gabay: President of Jewish Student Union. Supports Muslim representation but does not support this resolution. Supports IHRA definition
 - Danielle Pinto: Does not support BDS resolution, BDS brings down the Jewish state.
 - Sydney Siegel: Does not support divestment resolution. Wants to see Muslim and Arabic representation but this resolution does not support a big population of Jewish students. BDS has no place at FSU.
 - Halle Gold: Reject BDS. This marginalizes Jewish students. Fully supports resolution 8 and its representation, but does not support the divide it gives students on campus.
 - Liam Fellows: Co-founder of Noles For Israel. Does not support resolutions 7 and 8. Seeks to divide students on our campus. Supports effort to increase representation but does not support the efforts to divide Jewish students.
 - Shayna Cohen: Important to make resolutions 7 and 8 a priority and to think about the Jewish students it hurts.
 - Evan Weinstein: Safety and Security of Jewish students is not secured because of this BDS resolution. Embrace diversity and dismantle bias.

- Stephanie Selva: BDS completely undos Resolution 59 and these resolutions are political.
- Jason Randall: These resolutions defy diversity. BDS resolutions has troubling language.
- Lioz Grunberger: Asks to reject BDS and support the IHRA definition.

Committee Business:

- Bill 1 - Sponsored by Senator Villacorta- Indeginous Land Act
- Resolution 1- Sponsored by Senator Martin and Randall- Condemning Capitol Riots.
- Resolution 6- Sponsored by Senator Villacorta- Expand dialogue between Florida State and Seminole Tribes
- Resolution 8- (**TABLED, SPONSOR NOT AT MEETING**) Sponsored by Senator Daraldik- Making sure that Florida State allows for representation of Arab and Muslim students.
- Resolution 9- (**TABLED,SPONSOR NOT AT MEETING**) Sponsored by Senator Daraldik- Denouncing the Burning Spear Organization

Old Business: NA

New Business:

- Bill 1 Sponsored by Senator Villacorta
 - Ramos stated being an indeginous student, it's important that we acknowledge our past and give recognition to indeginous people.
 - No technical/non-debatable questions, Murray motions to move to roundtable
 - Hunter Seconds
 - Roundtable Discussion:
 - Hitchcock posed a question to Gertz, what is missing from this bill
 - Gertz stated that this amendment was originally written by a professor at FSU, and has worked with many different tribes. If the bill is passed, Tribes requests will be put into the bill.
 - Senator Ramos motions to amend bill 1
 - Flashman seconds
 - Sponsors find it friendly
 - Hitchcock stated when this does get passed, has Dr. Hecht been notified about the new language?
 - Gertz said he has worked closer with Dr.Bowden but directly works with Hecht to relay information. Believes issues have been resolved.
 - Murray moves to call the question
 - Preshia seconds motion
 - Sponsors say thank you for hearing the bill. Students would appreciate this bill being passed because it would support Indeginous people. Would allow students to feel welcomed on campus.

YAY: (8 RODRIGUEZ,HUNTER,HITCHCOCK,FLASHMAN,NEMETH,MURRAY,
PREISHA,RAMOS) **W NAY:** (0) **ABS:** (0)

BILL PASSES

- Resolution 1 Sponsored by Senator Martin and Randall

- Martin Relinquishes Chair to Murray because she is the sponsor
- Randall stated that those who raided the capitol led a coup and that President Donald Trump incited this violence. This Resolution would reaffirm our commitment to unity and diversity, pledge to uphold the constitution of the United States and Florida, and ensure that FSU PD has extra protection during this time.
- Senator Martin stated that the Capitol raid was horrible and needs to be condemned. This resolution would help to take actionable steps to ensure
- Hunter moves to go to roundtable discussion
- Hitchcock seconds
- Flashman moves to amend resolution
- Senator Martin goes over the amended language in the resolution
- Senator Hunter has a point of personal inquiry and wants to speak more on amendment and moves to enter roundtable discussion
- Senator Nemeth seconds
- Hunter disagrees with the word “domestic terrorist” in the resolution, wants to look more deeply into the resolution before passing it. Thinks terminology is a little extreme. Believes it’s a proper way to characterize these rioters, but language could be changed. Doesn’t have to be changed but should be considered.
- Senator Martin questions what Hunter would want the change to be
- Senator Hunter would want it to be violent extremists
- Senator Villacorta stated that every place has a different definition of domestic terrorists. When there is a direct attempt to try and use violence to incite change, that is considered domestic terrorism. If you decide to not go with domestic terrorists, go with violent actors.
- Flashman states the government was very close to being overturned. A riot isn’t a strong enough of a term.
- Randall stated saying something along the lines of violent extremists instead of rioters.
- Hunter stated that she did not want to necessarily change the wording of domestic terrorists, instead go into a discussion about how this could affect minorities.
- Senator Nemeth stated that she agrees and violent extremists should be used.

- Senator Villacorta stated that violent actors is a useful term because it places blame on an individual.
- Flashman disagrees with the word actor, it was a group of people looking to cause harm, not just an individual.
- Villacorta stated that you could use the term right wing
- Hitchcock believes the word actor shifts the blame
- Flashman is fine with violent extremists or white supremacist terrorists.
- Randall stated that he would like to use violent extremists
- Martin changes domestic terrorists to violent extremists; Murcia added as a co-sponsor of resolution
- Flashman approves amendments, Hunter Seconds
- Sponsors find it friendly
- Amendments Pass
- Senator Martin appreciates how the committee was able to change wording and work together to provide valuable input. Provides so much for student body
- Flashman wanted this to be a bi-partisan resolution, so senator Randall stepped down as a sponsor.

**YAY: (8) MARTIN, RODRIGUEZ, HITCHCOCK, RAMOS,
NEMETH, HUNTER, PREISHA, FLASHMAN) NAY: (0) ABS: (0)**

RESOLUTION PASSES

- Resolution 6 Sponsored by Senator Villacorta

- This was a resolution that encouraged FSU to reach out to the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. We don't have much of a relationship with this tribe and it's important we have a relationship with them. Passing this resolution would help it make it known that the senate supports this relationship.
- Preisha motions for roundtable
- Rodriguez seconds
- Hunter supports resolution. There's not just one seminole tribe, but multiple, and making these relationships with different tribes is important.
- Ramos supports the resolution because she is native american and believes that this is an important relationship to establish.
- Flashman calls the question
- Preisha seconds
- Villacorta looks forward to getting this passed and letting the university know that they need to do a better job with the way we communicate with tribes.

**YAY: (8) RODRIGUEZ, MURRAY, NEMETH, FLASHMAN, RAMOS,
HITCHCOCK, RAMOS, PREISHA NAY: (0) ABS: (0)
RESOLUTION PASSES**

- Resolution 8 Sponsored by Senator Daraldik
 - TABLED

YAY: () NAY: () ABS: ()

- Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Daraldik
 - TABLED

**YAY: () NAY: ()
ABS: ()**

Unfinished Business: Resolution 8 and 9

Final Announcements: Martin talked about being a liaison with the committee and encouraging everyone to be one.

Martin also discussed in the future if there happens to be a quick meeting, we come up with legislation to better our committee and the student body as a whole

Flashman thanked those who came and talked about resolutions 8 and 9.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 1/25 at 6:30

Adjourned: 8:13