



**73rd Student Senate
Student Life and Academic Affairs
2/01/21**

Call to Order: 6:33 PM

Members Present: Rodriguez, Hitchcock, Flashman, Moore, Nemeth, Murray

Members Tardy: Preisha

Members Absent: Hunter, Ramos, Duperier

Guests: Brandon Gabay, Danielle Pinto, Shayna Cohen, Nicholas Stinson, Samantha Jacobson, Evan Weinstein,

Announcements:

- Chair Martin: Thanking everyone for coming + talking about resolutions that will be heard on the floor tonight
- Vice Chair Murray: N/A
- Members: N/A
- Public Comments: **All students have unlimited time to speak**
 - Brandon Gabay: Asks if resolutions 7,8,10,11 will be heard tonight, Martin said if a sponsor is not here resolutions will be tabled. Third week Jewish students have fought day in and day out to fight these resolutions.
 - Danielle Pinto: Questioned again if sponsor is not here, can we still vote on resolutions
 - Evan Weinstein: In support of resolution 59 and does not support resolution 7,8,and 11. Condemns BDS and the resolutions that support it.
 - Shayna Cohen: Parliamentarian for Jewish Student Union. IHRA definition is very important and Jewish Students need representation.
 - Brandon Gabay(Speaking again): Speaking on behalf of JSU. Opinion of JSU that these resolutions are directly harmful to the Jewish Students. IHRA definition is the most widely accepted definition of anti-semitism. It was passed over the summer, we need to stick with that. Also speaking on behalf of Emily Poisson and agrees with his statement. Jessie Bass, Brooke Cohen, Amanda Press, Danielle Bard, Melissa Greenfield, Tori Carol, Kayla Reid, Stephen Freeman, Liam Fellows, Adi Cohen, Halle Gold, Emily Boden: Gabay spoke on behalf of all these Jewish Students and agreed with his previous statement. All students support the IHRA definition and want senators to vote no on resolutions supporting BDS.
 - Senator Flashman motioned to **make a five minute time limit**, Senator Murray seconded.
 - Evan Weinstein: Speaking on behalf of Cindy Chamides and wants us to reject the resolutions presented. These resolutions pit students against each other.

Was bullied because of being a Jewish Student and feels that her well being is threatened on campus. We need resolutions that build us up as students, not tear us down. IHRA definition needs to be upheld. BDS targets Jewish students.

- Roney Levinson: Opposes divestment and supports IRA working definition. Reflects on experiences of the Jewish people. How dare these resolutions weaponize me and my Jewish people. My lived experiences should not be up for debate. Oppose divestment. Reading on behalf of Genesis Sanchez: Sad that we have to retell our experiences for the third time to senate. Working definition of anti-semitism has been adopted by our school, state, and jewish organizations. There is no need to reverse this.
- Danielle Pinto: Gave a poem about the Holocaust. Asks us to reject the resolutions presented and supports IHRA definition. Spoke on behalf of Sydney Seigel. Told her story of walking into a gas chamber in Auschwitz. Make sure that anti-semitism has no place on our campus.

Committee Business: Resolutions 7, 8, 9, 10 (ALL SPONSORED BY SENATOR DARALDIK)

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- **Resolution 7 Sponsored by Daraldik**
 - Opening statement: This resolution is asking to work with the campus about our mutual funds to ensure we are not supporting companies who support racial segregation and that support the brutal oppression of palestinians. In the resolution itself, it explains how companies have continued to support violating palestinian rights. Companies like Caterpillar continue to exploit Palestinian people. FSU'S investment in these companies need to be further looked into. This resolution calls to divest from corporations that violate international humanitarian laws.
 - Preisha motions to move to roundtable, hitchcock seconds
 - Flashman asks Daraldik considering anti BDS laws in florida, what's the purpose of this resolution
 - Daraldik stated that it does not enforce the university to do anything illegal, just to look into their funds to make sure that organizations are not violating international laws. The university needs to take a closer look at what they're investing money into. Not to harm people but take a harder look at what we're spending our money on.
 - Senator Hitchcock questions Daraldik and states are you concerned with the contrast between the florida law and the university adopting this resolution that contrasts it
 - Daraldik stated that this isn't trying to make the university do anything illegal, FSU needs to take a closer look at our investments and what we're spending our money on. FSU needs to take a look at our investments and see if these companies are hurting communities. Resolution brings awareness and supports Daraldik's community.
 - Daraldik stated that there was a lack of discussion and hopes that we are not biased. Thanks to the community who came to speak.

- Senator Moore left the meeting, and Senate President Harmon became an active voter.

YES: 0 NO: 5 (Rodriguez, Preisha, Hitchcock, Flashman, Nemeth, Murray)
ABS: 1 (Harmon)

RESOLUTION DOES NOT PASS

- **Resolution 8 Sponsored by Daraldik**

- Opening Statement: Resolution makes sure that muslim and Arab students receive representation within Florida State University
- Flashman motions to move to roundtable, hitchcock seconds
- Flashman stated that he's concerned about the second whereas statement and motions to amend the second whereas. It stated that the university should not support the IHRA definition. Sponsor finds it friendly. Amendment is adopted and whereas is taken out.
- Hitchcock stated that he was concerned with the fifth clause and wants it changed to "we recognize any statements made by any members of the FSU community." Not statements made by "senators and administration"
- Preisha motions to accept amendment, nemeth seconds. Daraldik finds it unfriendly. In resolution 59, it stated the same exact thing and was passed.
- Amendment taken out.
- Senator Hitchcock stated that he put forward this amendment because it calls out people and this statement does not allow for any leeway. Not all senators and or administration were there over the summer to vote on this, so to call out senators is not acceptable and needs to be taken out.
- Daraldik gives a point of clarification that members of senate and administration were the ones that directly caused harm to Daraldik's community and that's why the whereas clause was added. It does not need to be removed.
- Senator Preisha stated that calling out the FSU community is vague, senators and administration should be left alone and that if Daraldik was called out in resolution 59, then senators and Administrators need to be called out as well.
- Flashman calls question on amendment Preisha seconds
- Hitchcock gives a closing statement and that he wanted to clarify that he wanted to give leeway. He doesn't believe calling people out is right and precedent is not always right.
- Amendment does not pass with **2 YES (Hitchcock and Nemeth) 3 no (Preisha, Murray, and Flashman) 2 abs (Rodriguez and Harmon)**
- Senator Gonzalez, non committee member, stated that resolutions should not be grouped together, each resolution is something different and should be treated as such. Goes into how oppression is a tough issue, the Jewish people are oppressed, and you cannot say Palestinians are not oppressed, they both are. This resolution does not tell us to pick sides. Does not understand where conflict comes in our disagreement.

Resolution is not asking to deny Jewish Students. This resolution gives support to Arab and Muslim students as well.

- Chair Randall, non committee member, stated he echoed Gonzalez's statements. This resolution gives Arab and Muslim students representation. Disagrees with Senator Hitchcock and stated that pointing out people's flaws educates us and sometimes we need to call people out. We need to support our Arab and Muslim students just like we support our Jewish Students.
- Senator Hitchcock stated there is a lot that still needs to be done to this piece of legislation. Amends misspelling of Student Body President's name.
- Flashman calls to question, Murray seconds
- Daraldik stated that he believes this is a simple resolution and when we look over the Arab and Muslim community, it hurts these communities. Does not appreciate his legislation being picked apart.

Yes: 6 (Rodriguez,Preisha, Hitchcock, Flashman, Nemeth, Murray)

NO:0 Abs: 0

RESOLUTION PASSES

Resolution 9 Senator Daraldik:

- Opening Statement: Daraldik Denounce Burning Spear, burning spear believes they control Student Government and they do not. SGA should not be run by backdoor meetings. Burning Spear refers to themselves as the mafia which should not be tolerated. Reclaim our branch of government.
- Flashman motions to move into roundtable, Nemeth seconds
- Flashman stated that it's concerning that an organization claims to control our Student Government. This needs to be dealt with.
- Non Committee Member Senator Villacorta stated that this was proposed in the 72nd student senate but said that members of this organization said it was in his best interest to take this resolution down. Very corrupt happenings going on with the Student Government.
- Senator Nemeth has not heard of Burning Spear and then researched it and found its manual, not sure if manual is real or not. Is not comfortable voting on an organization she knows nothing about. Hitchcock agrees.

- Daraldik states that he is not going to sit back and listen to committee members go back and forth if this organization is real or not. It is real.
- Preisha stated that if there was any way to table this resolution.
- Senator Daraldik's resolution was not meant to call anyone out. This is a real organization that needs to be condemned.
- Preisha wants to add Villacorta's claims from FSUview.
- Murray stated that she wants to table this resolution to get more information on Burning Spear

Pershia motions to table resolution, Murray seconds.

RESOLUTION TABLED

Resolution 10 Senator Daraldik:

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Unfinished Business: Resolutions 9 and 10

Final Announcements: Talking about meeting times

Date and Time of Next Meeting: February 8th, 8:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at: 8:38 PM