



**73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate  
Student Life and Academic Affairs  
2/08/21**

**Call to Order:**

**Members Present:** Rodriguez, Hitchcock, Preshia, Flashman, Nemeth, Ramos, Hunter, Murray

**Members Tardy:** Duperier, Moore

**Members Absent:**

**Guests:** Brandon

**Announcements:**

- Chair Martin:
- Vice Chair Murray:
- Members:
- Public Comments:
  - Shayna Cohen: Speaking on behalf of Brandon Gabay, the Jewish Student Union President. Urges us to reject resolution 10 and anti semitism. Speaking on behalf of Halle Gold as well. Asks us to reject resolution 10. Biden accepted the IHRA definition and we should too.
  - Sydney Siegel: Reject resolution 10. It deaminases the IHRA definition of anti semitism. Proud of what our campus did over the summer and does not want to undo what we accomplished over the summer.
  - Danielle Pinto: Reject resolution 10.
  - Evan Weinstein: Reject resolution 10
  - Lioz Grunberger: Speaking on behalf of Rony Levinson. Reject resolution 10. Making a statement on behalf of himself. Wants us to support the IHRA definition of anti-semitism and reject resolution 10.
    - Patrick Martin: Martin discusses resolution 9. Says how Burning Spear is a real organization and attended a few of their events while on Union Board. Not telling us to vote one way or another, but giving us specific instances where Burning Spear was present on campus and facts about the organization.

**Committee Business:**

- **Resolution 9 sponsored by Senator Daraldik**
- **Resolution 10 sponsored by Senator Daraldik**
- **Resolution 15 sponsored by Senator Tackett and Ramos**
- **Resolution 16 sponsored by Senator Marcus**

**Old Business:** Resolution 9 and 10.

**New Business:** 15 and 16

### **Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Daraldik**

- **Opening Statement:** I made my arguments clear at the last senate meeting, hoped we did our research and yielded time at 4:42 seconds.
- Senator Murray asks if Daraldik has ever had a personal encounter with members of burning spear.
- Senator Daraldik says yes
- Roundtable discussion
- Senator Hitchcock thanks Patrick Martin for coming, the issue with resolution is that it claims to control SGA. It's a bold claim to make.
- Senator Preisha stated that voting yes to it would legitimize the claim and make a laughing stock of SGA.
- Senator Hunter stated that this statement is legitimate, why wouldn't we denounce it.
- Senator Flashman stated that everyone considers this statement legitimate already. This is Burning Spear and it's a step in the right direction to condemn it.
- Senator Hunter stated "would you be okay with an entity claiming autonomy over our organization?"
- Senator Hitchcock stated that if an organization claims that they ran SGA, he would probably just laugh. It would not be up to a formal condemnation.
- Senator Flashman would agree with him, but half the student population knows what Burning Spear is and knows it controls SGA
- Senator Hunter said that it's not an "if" if a burning spear controls Student Government, they do.
- Motion for Non-Committee Member to speak
- Senator Villacorta stated that he put this resolution into the 72nd student senate and said that it had to be pulled or he would be in jeopardy. When senior members of FSU's administration attend these events, it's troubling.
- Senator Marcus, non committee member, agrees with Senator Villacorta. Stated that this needs to be heard on the senate floor to bring awareness to resolution. Gave us links to members of Burning Spear.
- Senator Murray stated that while she does not agree with this resolution, she wants to hear this on the senate floor for more student opinions. Will be voting yes
- Senator Flashman Calls question, Murray Seconds.
- Senator Daraldik gives a closing statement: This is long overdue and this organization needs to be denounced.

**YES: 9(Rodriguez, Preisha, Flashman, Nemeth, Ramos, Hunter, Murray, Moore, Duperier) NO: 1(Hitchcock) ABS: 0**

- **Resolution 10 Sponsored by Daraldik**

- Opening Statement: This resolution focuses on the IHRA definition and the amendments that were adopted in the 72nd student senate. Not meant to harm any religious group, but give protection to jewish, arab, and muslim students. The reason he believes he can speak on this

definition is because it negatively affects his community. This definition causes harm to our students on campus. Yields 44 seconds for closing

- Senator Preisha stated that if Daraldik has another definition in mind
- As a senator who is not Jewish, I do not have a place to give a new definition. The IHRA definition adds an unneeded layer of harmful language and should not be accepted by the University
- Roundtable discussion begins
- Senator Flashman said that currently there is no replaceable definition for IHRA
- Senator Preisha asked Daraldik what part of the IHRA definition is alarming to him.
- Senator Daraldik stated that the examples were the alarming part of the definition. Criticizing a state is not anti-semitic and that's a problem for Daraldik.
- Daraldik stated that the IHRA definition harms Palestinians because it doesn't allow them to speak up but rather oppresses them.
- Senator Hitchcock stated that he reviewed this resolution in depth. Talked to many Jewish Students and they all feel the same and will be voting no.
- Senator Preisha asked Senator Hitchcock if he talked to Arab and Muslim students about this resolution.
- Senator Hitchcock stated their feelings are mixed but would want to vote no if it would cause this much trouble.
- Senator Hunter moves to let a non senator speak, Senator Preisha seconds.
- Shayna Cohen stated that she's not going to pretend to know the experiences Daraldik went through but can speak on the IHRA definition. What happens if you condemn the IHRA definition, you condemn all forms of anti-semitism and would invalidate all the work Jewish Students fought for.
- Senator Daraldik stated to Cohen that his resolution isn't condemning the IHRA definition, but he's trying to work on this definition to support all communities. The IHRA definition stifles free speech. If we keep this definition, it's harmful to FSU students.
- Senator Preisha motions to let Senator Gonzalez speak
- Senator Gonzalez stated that it's disrespectful to disclaim someone's personal experiences. The difficulty of this resolution is the battle of oppression. The issue that arises is whose oppression is more valid. This needs more discussion and the Palestinian students need more discussion on this.
- Senator Nemeth thanks everyone for coming but will vote no on this resolution after doing her research.
- Senator Flashman stated he is voting no on this resolution.
- Senator Hunter stated that she believes it's disrespectful to be sending emails to committee members during meetings. (Talking about the students who spoke on public comments sending emails to committee members on how to vote)
- Senator Hitchcock is abiding by the people he was voted in by. He will be voting in the way of his constituents.
- Senator Daraldik Closing Statement: This resolution serves to make Jewish students more safe on campus and needs to be passed.

**Yes: 0 NO:( Rodriguez, Hitchcock, Flashman,Nemeth, Ramos, Murray, Moore) Abs: (Preisha, Duperier, Hunter) (HAD TO DO A VOTE 3 TIMES)**

- **Resolution 15 Senator Tackett and Ramos**

**Opening Statement:** Helps DACA/undocumented students receive more funding on Florida States Campus.

- Roundtable Discussion
- Senator Murray asked where the DACA Student Center will be?
- Sponsor stated it could be in the new Student Union center
- Senator Hitchcock loves this resolution and has a problem with the last clause about FSU PD and ICE
- Sponsor stated that this amendment would make FSUPD cooperate with ICE and making sure they have a warrant to come on campus
- Senator Grunberger, non-committee member, is in complete support of this bill.
- Senator Hunter is in full support
- Sponsor wants to work one on one with CARE and DACA students
- Lioz Grunberger is added as a Co-Sponsor.
- Sponsor closing statement thanked us for support and how a lot of colleges have dream centers.

**Yes: 9 (Rodriguez, Hitchcock, Preisha, Nemeth, Ramos, Murray, Hunter, Duperier, Moore)  
NO: 0 Abs: 0**

- **Resolution 16 Senator Marcus**

- **Opening Statement:** Wrote this resolution due to the Tornado that struck Tallahassee. Needs to be educated about Tornadoes by doing Tornado drills.
- Senator Murray stated she will vote yes on this resolution and has never met someone so passionate about weather.
- Senator Hunter stated that Tornado's need to be taken seriously and this amendment is important.
- Senator Marcus stated he believed this is common sense and to pass this resolution!

**Yes: 9 (Rodriguez, Hitchcock, Preisha, Nemeth, Ramos, Murray, Hunter, Duperier, Moore)  
NO: 0 Abs: 0**

**Unfinished Business: N/A**

**Final Announcements: Chair Martin spoke on behalf of Senator Randall and talked about RTAC and letting students know he wants to spend RTAC money on their organization's needs.**

**Date and Time of Next Meeting: 2/15 @ 8 PM**

**Meeting adjourned at: 10:17**