



**73rd Student Senate
Student Life and Academic Affairs
2/23/21**

Call to Order: 8:01

Members Present: Cubas, Preisha, Hitchcock, Nemeth, Duperier, Ramos, Hunter, Murray.

Members Tardy: Flashman

Members Absent: Rodriguez, Moore

Guests:

Announcements:

- Chair Martin: Keeping decorum
- Vice Chair Murray: N/A
- Members:
- Public Comments:
 - Brandon Gabay: President of Jewish Student Union. Asks SLAA to be courageous and permanently give jewish students a spot at the table and give us a recognized union for Jewish Students.
 - Shayna Cohen: It has taken us a lot to get here to obtain union status. We've had extensive conversations with jewish leaders, executive branch students, etc. This is a sustainable union.
 - Brooke Cohen: VP of programming for Jewish Student Union. Shared stories about anti-semitic experiences in front of the whole legislative branch which was a very personal story that has never been told. Decided to share a story to ensure protection for Jewish students and thanked us for listening to the Jewish Students.

Committee Business:

- Bill 13 Sponsored by Senator Stinson and Randall
- Resolution 17 Sponsored by Senator Daraldik
- Resolution 18 Sponsored by Senator Daraldik
- Resolution 20 Sponsored by Senator Wang
- Resolution 23 Sponsored by Senator Soto and Nasworthy

Old Business: NA

New Business:

- Bill 13 Sponsored by Senator Stinson and Randall

- Opening statement: This bill creates the Jewish Student Union after ten years of inactivity. Incredible piece of legislation that took time to create due to numerous conversations with administration, senators, executive branch, and jewish student leaders.
- Non technical- non debatable questions
- Senator Hunter moves into roundtable, Senator Cubas Second
- Senator Murray stated that she's excited for this bill to come into fruition. If the Catholic Student Union has a Union, the Jewish Student Union deserves one too.
- Senator Hunter questions if Catholic Student Union is an agency?
- Senator Randall said it is not.
- Senator Hunter stated why do they want to become a union?
- Senator Randall stated that the Jewish Student Union does not have specific funding from SGA, they want representation, and support from the executive branch.
- Senator Flashman is very in support of this Bill. Recognizes separation of religion vs separation of culture.
- Senator Hitchcock supports this and is so happy to see this Bill. Asks senator Randall.
- Many SLAA members added as co-sponsors to Bill.
- Senator Ramos is in full support, paves the way for other communities on campus.
- Senator Hunter said these unions give students a voice and comfort on campus. With all of the anti-semitism on campus, this is a step in the right direction.
- Stephen Freedman, student commnet, "hi, I dont know if this is allowed and I deeply apologize if it is not, but as a jewish student and a board member of the union, it warms my heart to see you all supporting us. Thank you!"
- Senator Nemeth stated that she thanked everyone for informing her more on jewish issues and is so thankful for this committee
- Senator Soto has a question for sponsor, how the jewish student union, if advanced as an agency, will work with clubs like hillell,
- Amendments approved
- Senator Randall stated that this agency will support the interests of all jewish student entities.
- Stephen Freedman, non senate member, stated that SLAA is supporting the jewish students. Telling students that they are heard and things will get better.
- Senator Grunberger stated that he is in full support as a co-sponsor.
- Senator Nemeth moves to call question, Ramos Seconds
- Senator Randall stated that the Jewish students have struggled a lot the past couple of weeks. The stories they have told us have inspired us but also have shocked us. This reassures me that the Jewish Students have someone looking out for them.

YES: (8) Cubas, Preisha, Hitchcock, Flashman, Nemeth, Ramos, Hunter, Murray NO: (0) ABS: (0)

BILL PASSES

- Resolution 17 Sponsored by Senator Daraldik

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- Resolution 18 Sponsored by Senator Daraldik:

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- Resolution 20 Sponsored by Senator Wang
 - Opening Statement: Gave SLAA a brief description of what the Lunar New Year is. The resolution talks about the traditions this community celebrates. States support of Asian-American Student Union. Resolution tries to enlighten students on Lunar Year and the traditions they celebrate. Condemns racism of Asians in resolution.
 - No technical-non debatable questions
 - Hunter motions to move to roundtable, Nemeth seconds
 - Senator Hunter moves to Amend resolution, Flashman seconds
 - Senator Wang adds another be it further resolved that clause and it be sent to Amy Hecht and Dr. Sally McRorie.
 - Wang adds, "Be it further resolved that: The FSU Student Senate encourages Florida State University to offer more courses that analyze and educate the unique and distinct cultures of the continent of Asia and the experiences of Asian Americans."
 - Both amendments pass!
 - Senator Hitchcock supports resolution and is in full support.
 - Senator Hunter read this resolution many times, and is in full support of it and supports the amendments that were passed.
 - Senator Nemeth agrees with both senators and believes it is informational and allows students to learn more about a new culture.
 - Senator Murray calls the question, Preisha seconds
 - Senator Hunter moves to pass by acclamation, Duperier seconds

RESOLUTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

- Resolution 23 Sponsored by Senator Soto and Nasworthy
 - Opening Statement: Senator Nasworthy stated that this resolution stemmed from Senator Soto's problems with seminole express, the bus system at Florida State. It has not been a reliable form of transportation and bus systems seem to always be late. Advocates for a better transportation system. Senator Soto stated they have been in direct communication with many people concerning the bus system. Has missed many classes due to the unreliable transportation system. Students should not have to rely on transportation that is unreliable! Staff and Faculty also rely on this transportation system, needs to be fixed.
 - _Technical Non-Debatable: Senator Murray questioned who Soto has talked to about this resolution?
 - Talked to a lot of different higher-ups in the transportation system and all of them had said to Soto that they need to get to your bus stop earlier or wake up earlier to get to where you need to be on time.

- Senator Nemeth moves to roundtable, Hitchcock seconds
- Senator Hunter questions how far off campus are the bus systems supposed to go?
- Senator Soto stated that the Nole Express runs like a normal bus system in Tallahassee, but Soto rides the osceola which is closest to her apartment.
- Senator Hunter said Transloc needs to be updated for students
- _Senator Murray stated that she understands Soto's frustration and has never used the bus system, but would never want to rely on unreliable transportation.
- Non-committee member England stated if Soto gave administration suggestions? He believes that administration to him has never been that non-understanding.
- Senator Soto said she has given them all of her ideas but administration was incredibly dismissive.
- Non-Committee member Grunberger supports this resolution and uses the bus system.
- Senator Ramos supports resolution and can attest to the unreliable bus system at FSU.
- Senator Hitchcock added as co-sponsor
- Senator Flashman wants to add a google maps feature to Transloc where it would be added in the be it further resolved that clause
- Flashman said this has been used in big cities and needs to be used here.
- Senator Murray Motions to amend, Hitchcock seconds.
- Sponsors find it friendly
- Hitchcock calls to question, Flashman seconds
- Senator Soto thanks us for all asking questions and spent a lot of time working on this resolution. Nasworthy agrees.

YES: (9)Cubas, Preisha,Hitchcock,Nemeth, Duperier, Ramos,Hunter,Murray, Flashman. _ NO: (0) ABS: (0)

RESOLUTION PASSES

Unfinished Business: Resolution 17 and 18

Final Announcements: Senators closed up the meeting and expressed gratitude toward SLAA.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 3/2 @8

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:31