



**73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate  
Student Life and Academic Affairs  
3/09/21**

**Call to Order: 8:01**

**Members Present: Cubas, Rodriguez, Flashman, Moore, Murray, Nemeth, Duperier, Ramos, Hunter**

**Members Tardy: Preshia**

**Members Absent: Hitchcock**

**Guests:**

**Announcements:**

- Chair Martin: N/A
- Vice Chair Murray: N/A
- Members:
- Public Comments:
  - Brandon Gabay: Speaking on behalf of Shayna Cohen, wanted to thank us for our work and helping the jewish students. Speaking on behalf of himself now, thanks us for voting yes on Bill 13 and appreciates all of our hard work in SLAA. Stance does not change on resolution 17 and 18 and to reject these resolutions.

**Committee Business:**

- **Bill 17 sponsored by Enalgnd and Nemeth**
- **Bill 18 sponsored by Soto and Marcus**
- **Bill 19 sponsored by Stinson and Linsky**
- **Bill 20 sponsored by Boole**
- **Resolution 17 and 18 sponsored by Daraldik**
- **Resolution 24 sponsored by Stinson**
- **Resolution 25 sponsored by Preshia and Hunter**
- **Resolution 26 sponsored by England and Stinson**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- Bill 17 Sponsored by Senator England and Nemeth!
  - Opening Statement Nemeth: Simple Bill, allocates 1,720 dollars from the senate projects account to the center for leadership and change for the purpose of purchasing graduation stoles for the cultural graduation.

- No technical/non debatable questions
  - Murray motions to roundtable, Flashman seconds
  - Senator Murray stated she will be voting yes, pretty self-explanatory
  - Senator Ramos calls to question, Flashman seconds
  - Senator Nemeth stated thank you for the support
- \*Had to go back to calendar and allow senator nemeth to vote\*

**YES: (8) CUBAS, PRESHIA, FLASHMAN, MOORE, MURRAY, NEMETH, RAMOS, HUNTER** **NO: (0) ABS: (0)**  
**BILL PASSES**

- Bill 18 Sponsored by Soto and Marcus

- Opening Statement: Senator Soto stated that FSU needs to stop supporting deadnaming and this is what this bill will cover. According to statues, your FSU ID must match with your deadname. This bill will help change deadnaming on ID's and the FSU website and allow for students to go by their changed name.
- No technical/ non-debatable questions
- Senator Nemeth motions to enter roundtable, Hunter seconds
- Senator Flashman completely supports this bill and in this day in age, not being able to use a preferred name is wrong.
- Senator Hunter asks Soto what deadnaming is and to explain to our committee
- Senator Soto stated that deadnaming is addressing someone by a name they do not go by anymore.
- Senator Nemeth stated that this bill will make people more comfortable on campus and is pretty straight forward.
- Senator Flashman calls question, Hunter seconds
- Senator Soto closing: SLAA is the easiest committee to talk to about problems on campus and eager to help students.

**YES: (10) CUBAS, RODRIGUEZ, PRESHIA, FLASHMAN, MOORE, MURRAY, NEMETH, DUUPERIER, RAMOS, HUNTER** **NO: (0) ABS: (0)**  
**BILL DOES PASS**

- Bill 19 sponsored by Senator Stinson and Linsky

- Senator Linsky opening statement: This bill goes into the background of subpoenas.
- No technical/non debatable questions
- Hunter moves to roundtable, Nemeth seconds
- Senator Hunter questions Linsky, addresses a lot of issues revolving around subpoena powers. Asks for reasoning behind  $\frac{2}{3}$  senate vote instead of majority student senate vote
- Linsky said this would make it more deliberate. When it comes down to the authorization, it still does need a majority student senate vote.
- Senator Flashman and Senator Preshia stated they both agree with the bill.

- Non Committee member Senator Soto speaks: Asks question to Linsky about what motivated him to write this
- Linsky stated that him and co sponsor were very different when it came to their opinions on the impeachment hearings. Wanted to pass a bill that addressed subpoenas in an efficient way.
- Senator Hunter questions Linsky about bullet point G about private records. Had discussion in the senate about private text messages. Elaborate more on this
- Senator Linsky stated that private text messages need to be included in this
- Senator Preshia calls to question, Flashman seconds
- Sponsor Linsky stated thank you for your work, and read through it more before it goes to the senate!  
\*There was debate whether on not to table this, however, SLAA ended up not tabling and voted to get this to judiciary as quick as possible.

**YES: (10) CUBAS, RODRIGUEZ, PRESHIA, FLASHMAN, MOORE, MURRAY, NEMETH, DUPERIER, RAMOS, HUNTER NO: (0) ABS: **BILL****  
**PASSES**

- Bill 20 Senator Boole
  - Opening Statement: This bill is to implement an instant run-off election. Talks about being able to rank candidates in choice of preference. Happy to talk about what instant-run off election in the roundtable. This is better than a plurality vote and hopes to enact change.
  - Senator Preshia stated is this the same as rank choice voting?
  - Boole says yes
  - Senator Ramos asks why he wants voting to be in preferences
  - Senator Boole stated that he was inspired by the election in 2016. Encourages strategic voting when you have to rank candidates based on preference.
  - Senator Hunter read through this bill a couple of times, was confused. Asks if preferential run off vote is ranking who you like best? Confused how it works if there's only 2 people running for a seat?
  - Senator Boole stated the offices will still be singular, and there will still be more than 2 people running for a senate seat. Probably will not affect that many elections but if it is more than 2 it will.
  - Senator Flashman states that this eliminates party politics and makes elections possible for independent candidates.
  - Senator Preshia stated if there were any other schools that implemented this system of voting?
  - Boole stated that some local governments do this, but not schools yet.
  - Senator Preshia stated that would this make the waiting time for elections longer
  - Senator Boole stated he does not believe so.
  - Non-senator Trevor Murray has a question for Senator Boole. Only 1 race in the legislative race had 3 candidates. In the very rare case that there is a 3 candidate race, why is there a need for this change if it's very rare.
  - Senator Boole stated that this needs to be implemented because it would allow for independent candidates to rise.

- Senator Flashman again states that this is perfect for non-affiliated candidates to actually have a chance to win.
- Senator Hunter stated that this is the right thing to do!
- Brandon Gabay stated that he's used this in different clubs and it works and gives rise to more candidates.
- Murray motions to call question, Hunter seconds
- Closing Statement: Thanks SLAA for questions and will be a great thing for SGA elections.

**YES: (9)CUBAS, RODRIGUEZ, PRESHIA, FLASHMAN, MOORE, MURRAY, NMETH, RAMOS, HUNTER NO: (0) ABS: (0)**  
**BILL PASSES**

- Resolution 17 Sponsored by Senator Daraldik

**TABLED**

- Resolution 18 Sponsored by Senator Daraldik

**TABLED**

- Resolution 24 Sponsored by Senator Stinson

**TABLED**

- Resolution 25 Sponsored by Senator Preisha and Hunter

- \_Opening statement: Hunter stated this resolution encourages the university to allow mental health counseling across state lines for out of state students. When out of state students go home, they are not allowed to receive counseling from Florida State which is a huge problem and needs to be solved. If counselors want to help out of state students, they have to be licensed in other states.
- Technical non debatable questions:
- \_Senator Flashman stated that when they met with the counseling center, would all of this be a possibility and would this actually be funded?
- Senator Preisha stated that this would be based on need, obviously not every student can be paid for so it will be based on need.
- Senator Flashman asked where this money will come from?
- Senator Preshia hopes that this will come from the UCC.
- \_Senator Flashman stated did the UCC seem to support this?
- Senator Preshia stated that they did not go into budget expenses, but hopes that if this passes, it shows the need for out of state students and counseling.
- Roundtable:
- Senator Flashman asked what the issue exactly was again

- Senator Preshia stated that it's hard to get out of state counseling people to come to Florida State and also getting licensed in another state takes a lot of time and money which creates another problem.
- Non-Committee member Soto speaks; Supports this bill and also made the point that out of state students pay triple the amount of in state students and it's ridiculous that they're not able to receive counseling when they go home.
- Senator Ramos stated that they pay so much money and to not receive counseling does not make sense.
- Senator Hunter stated that students escape their hometown to Florida State, and going back could cause stress and counseling from FSU should be there for them!
- Senator Flashman motions to call to question, Nemeth seconds
- Closing Statement: Senator Hunter stated that this is an important resolution to her because she is an out of state student. Was not able to receive counseling due to her being out of state which was a huge problem.

**YES: (8) CUBAS, PRESHIA, FLASHMAN, MOORE, MURRAY, NEMETH,**  
**RAMOS, HUNTER NO: (0) ABS: (0)**  
**RESOLUTION PASSES**

- Resolution 26 Sponsored by Senator England and Stinson  
TABLED

**Unfinished Business: Resolution 17,18,24,26**

**Final Announcements: Senator Murray mentioned Half-way there fair for sophomores on Landis, March 10th 12-2, Senator Hunter mentioned Power of We and their advocacy of Women's History Month, Senator Soto mentioned coming to Judiciary tomorrow. Chair Martin will update us later on when SLAA is meeting in person**

**Next Meeting: 3/16 @ 8**

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:27**