



74th Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
March 21st, 2022 @ 6:30pm | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/95903818319>

Call to Order: 6:30pm

Members Present: Chair Russell, Vice Chair Diaz, Senators Suarez, Hautrive, Barberis, Downing, Drackley, Lessard, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Fronczak

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Members Absent: Senator Wells (U)

Guests: Former President Alexander Harmon, Senator Tsouroukdissian

Land Acknowledgement – Chair Russell

- The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.

Announcements:

- Chair Russell: We don't have any new business or new candidates from a forwarding letter to hear, so we'll just be working on our bureau review recommendations.
- Vice Chair Diaz: We should be hearing the SGA application change resolution at the next meeting.

Committee Business:

- Bureau Review Deliberations

Old Business:

- **Bureau Review Deliberations:**

- Chair Russell: I spoke with President Hunter about how we should be presenting our recommendations, as this process has not taken a place in a long time. I will be submitting seven resolutions for the next Senate meeting with our recommendations for each bureau that we can deliberate on based on the presentations we heard.
 - Chair Russell goes into more detail about the logistics and formatting of the resolutions.
- **Office of Governmental Affairs (OGA)**
 - After deliberations, the committee noted that it supports OGA's expansion of events to include a Day at City Hall, and recommends that the bureau expands its on-campus presence to include campus events that educate the Student Body on local government and encourage students to get involved in the community around them. The committee also recommended that OGA engage in outreach with the Student Senate to determine potential amendments to the composition of the bureau. Internal Affairs determined that OGA should continue its operations.
- **Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRHC)**
 - After deliberations, the committee resolved that IRHC is operating efficiently and did not provide additional recommendations. Internal Affairs determined that IRHC should continue its operations.
- **Student Council for Accessibility and Advocacy (SCAA)**
 - After deliberations, the committee recommended that SCAA expand efforts to advertise vacant executive board positions and improve their relationship with the Office of Accessibility Service to facilitate administrative support for the bureau. Internal Affairs determined that SCAA should continue its operations and continue having conversations regarding its operations with the committee and the Executive Branch.
- **Mental Health Council (MHC)**
 - After deliberations, the committee resolved that it is satisfied with the operations of MHC and supports the bureau's forthcoming efforts expand its operations and programming to increase engagement. The committee recommended that MHC continue its outreach with Student Senate and their liaison to facilitate revisions of their governing statutes as they stated they would like to do. Internal Affairs determined the MHC should continue its operations.
- **Student Council for Undergraduate Research & Creativity (SCURC)**
 - After deliberations, the committee recommended the bureau prioritize communication with the Student Senate and their liaison to work towards updating SCURC's governing statutes to streamline efficiency and executive board transition procedures as detailed by the bureau director. The committee resolved that SCURC also be more attentive to communication, specifically by checking their public email addresses more often and ensuring that smooth officer transitions take place so that email communication ability is not lost in transition. Internal Affairs determined that SCURC should continue its operations.
- **Office of Student Sustainability (OSS)**
 - After deliberations, the committee resolved that due to the fact that OSS does not have active executive board members, and the fact that its mission(s) could be fulfilled by other, more active, RSOs, the bureau does not add value to the student life at Florida State University. The committee also noted that it is well within the right of the Student Senate

to reinstate the bureau if it is determined that enough student engagement exists to justify its existence. Internal Affairs determined that OSS should be removed from Student Body Statutes and will be discussing the process for introducing legislation to do so in the near future.

- **Center for Participant Education (CPE)**
 - After deliberations, the committee resolved that the committee has potential to grow and expand its operations, and that the bureau request funding from the Senate funding boards and/or Senate or Executive Projects funds if needed to fulfill its goals, as it was not allocated any funds in Budget Bill 2022. The committee also recommended that the Executive Branch of Student Government expand its advertising efforts for CPE leadership. Internal Affairs determined that CPE continue its operations.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

Closing Announcements:

- The committee roundly commended Chair Russell for being the first committee chair to complete bureau review, and for doing so during Women's History Month.
- Senator Pfeuffer-Ferguson: Please go to Senate this Wednesday so that we have good attendance numbers. We definitely slayed this semester!

Next Meeting: March 28th, 2022 at 6:30pm

Adjourned: 8:10pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Russell', written over a horizontal line.

Signature of Chair Katie Russell