



74th Student Senate Internal Affairs Committee

April 18th, 2022 at 5:30pm | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/5350783419>

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

Members Present: Chair Diaz, Vice Chair McMahon, Senators Downing, Vollick, Crocker, Roogow, Russell, Fronczak, Hautrive, Anderson, Pardee

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Senator Barberis (U)

Guests: Chair Duchêne

Land Acknowledgement – Senator Pardee

- 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 Diaz:** Welcome to internal affairs. I genuinely really want this to be an amazing experience for our last meeting of this semester. Our job in IA is to interview and hear candidates for SGA office, we mostly do agencies and bureaus as well as a few in the executive and judicial branch. As far as confirmations go I spoke to president Gabadage and he doesn't have access to his email currently, meaning we cannot hear candidates until he gets access to that email, which should be the 25th. With that being said we do not have any confirmations today. We have one piece of legislation from Senator Wang with chair DuChêne here to present for us. Before we do that, I want to remind everyone to please get financially certified as it is due within 15 days after inauguration.

Committee Business:

- CA #2 – Sponsored by Senator Wang: To make appointed Temporary Justices subject to Senate confirmation.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Constitutional Amendment # 2 - Sponsored by Senator Wang (P), Senator DuChêne (Co)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Chair Duchêne: Thank you. Good evening internal affairs. This constitutional amendment essentially is concerning vacancies on the Supreme Court. Right now, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court can appoint anyone to fill any temporary seats and in turn they become a justice. This will require that temporary justices be subject to senate confirmation. There are a couple amendments that the primary sponsor and I are interested in adding so you can feel free to make suggestions. This bill is going to Judiciary afterwards where the bill's main sponsor will be to suggest any amendments. My first potential suggestion for an amendment is the temporary justice shall be subject to approval by the senate judiciary committee and the full senate. The only potential problem this has is currently there is a supreme court advisory opinion that says that any position that is subject to senate confirmation, has to come from the student body president. Essentially that advisory opinion would not allow for it to come from the Chief Justice anymore. My other potential amendment is changing it from the chief justice making appointments to the student body president appointing a temporary justice. Currently the student body president appoints supreme court justices. This would give President Gabadage the ability to also have power over the temporary justices who go to the court. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them. With that, I yield.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
 - Deliberations:
 - **Senator Hautrive moves to amend the constitutional amendment to make approval subject to both the senate judiciary committee and senate as a whole, Senator Fronczak seconds. Sponsor finds the amendment friendly.**
 - **Senator Downing raises a Point of Information**
 - Making this change would require it to go to the student body president and chief justice. So how would you plan on amending the document?
 - Appointments are made by the student body president and the chief justice gets to pick someone that is qualified and so we want to give that power back to the student body president.
 - **Chair Diaz raises a Point of Clarification**
 - With agencies at least, they make their internal decision of who they want to forward, and that list of individuals is then forwarded to the student body president and then senate. What the sponsor is suggesting is that we amend that it so that it goes from chief justice to the student body president and then to senate.
 - The way it is worded in JSU statutes, for example, is that the agency's advisory board will make a recommendation to the president for who they want to appoint. In this it constitutional amendment, it can say the chief justice will recommend to the student body president that they appoint a temporary justice.

- **Senator Hautrive moves to amend the constitutional amendment to read:**
“If there is a vacancy on the Supreme Court, the Student Body President, having consulted with the Chief Justice, shall appoint a temporary justice to sit by designation.” Senator Downing seconds. The sponsor finds the amendment friendly
- **Senator Russell moves to call the question; Senator Hautrive seconds**
- **Closing Statement:**
 - Chair Duchene: Thank you Internal Affairs for considering and improving this constitutional amendment. I am not the primary sponsor so if they do have any issues, they'll have to bring it up with judiciary. However, I do believe this will satisfy all our wishes, so thank you.
- **Vote:**
 - Yes: 10 - Vice Chair McMahon, Senators Downing, Vollick, Crocker, Roogow, Russell, Fronczak, Hautrive, Anderson, Pardee
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: CA #2 PASSES**

Senator Downing moves to enter legislative roundtable; Senator Hautrive seconds

- **Chair Diaz:** For your consideration, these bills have not been submitted and I would like to get your thoughts and some of you to co-sponsor. Abolishing OSS is the first one. After the bureau review process and hearing from all the 7 bureaus, Internal affairs has the power to recommend disbanding bureaus and IA recommended OSS be abolished. They do not have any e-board members and they have not had any events or anything going on in several years. This bill would remove all the OSS statutes. Senator Russell, would you like to be the primary co-sponsor as you were the chair of IA during the bureau review process.
- **Senator Russell:** Yes.
- **Chair Diaz asked for co-sponsors and Senators Downing, Hautrive, Fronczak, Pardee, Anderson, Crocker, McMahon, and Roogow agreed to co-sponsor**
- **Chair Diaz:** This is not a controversial bill; it is just our jobs to review legislation and review the bureaus. We put this into a resolution and every single senator voted in favor or a resolution to abolish OSS. I spoke to the student body president and sent him an email last week and he is in favor of signing this. For this next bill, would Senator Russell like to be co primary sponsor?
- **Senator Russell:** Yes, I would like it to be me because when I was chair, we did bureau review, and we were the first to do a review in a decade. We did not have a set way to do it and in the statutes, it just says we have to do it so this will be very helpful in the future and if any of you decide to stay in IA.
- **Chair Diaz:** IA is required to provide recommendations to the bureaus as to how to improve their efficiency. I already stuck and rewrote part of the bill, and it essentially states we have to do resolutions for each bureau. Which is what President Hunter and the Parliamentarian wanted us to do. It also says that bureau review has to happen every spring and be done before spring inauguration. It simply just sets clear guidelines to bureau review.
- **Chair Diaz asked for co-sponsors and Senators Hautrive, McMahon, Downing, Roogow, Fronczak, Anderson, Vollick, and Crocker agreed to co-sponsor.**
- **Chair Diaz:** This next one isn't completely done I still need to talk to some other people first. But basically, a lot of agencies have had trouble filling their e-board and have found they needed to extend the deadline however statutes set hard deadlines. If you don't

meet those deadlines, the people who are forwarded will be declared illegally forwarded and that has happened with HLSU. This bill just basically says that applications for Agency Board applications may be extended by 5 business days under extenuating circumstances. Y'all are welcomed to co-sponsor this, it likely won't be submitted today.

- **Chair Diaz asked for co-sponsors and Senator Hautrige, Russell, Anderson, McMahon, Fronczak, and Downing agree to co-sponsor.**
- **Senator Downing:** How are wanting them to go about extending their deadline? Are they going to be able to just do it or is there going to be something they have to do?
- **Chair Diaz:** It doesn't specify. The outgoing board and advisor can make that decision on their own.

Senator Russell moves to exit legislative roundtable; Senator Downing seconds

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- **Chair Diaz:** Great first meeting, we were productive and passed something! I want us to be more active in making legislation so if you have any questions, you can reach out to me.

Next Meeting: Upon call of the chair, refer to SGA website.

Adjourned: 6:04pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel Diaz", is written over a horizontal line.

Signature of Chair Samuel Diaz