



## 73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate Student Life Committee

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:00pm | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/9458129384>

**Call to Order: 5:03pm**

**Members Present: DuChêne, Powell, Soares, Masters, Tsouroukdissian, Weintraub, Pardee**

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent: Stewart (Excused), Remler (UE), Barret (UE), Kaminsky (UE)**

**Guests:**

**Land Acknowledgement:** 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.

**Read by Senator: DuChêne**

### **Announcements:**

- Chair DuChêne: I will once again remind all of you I am performing Cinderella. We have 11 performances left so I encourage you all to come and see it. Please remember during election week, make sure you prioritize your studies and yourselves.

### **Committee Business:**

- Bill 11: (P) Rivers, (Co) Bettley, Gonzalez  
**To require Homecoming and the Student Alumni Association to release the voting results for Homecoming Chief and Princess one (1) business day after the winners**

**are announced at Homecoming Live.**

- Bill 12: (P) Gonzalez and Wang  
**Revising the statute regarding the amount of money that shall be funded to an organization in the category of lodging.**
- Resolution 15: (P) Diaz, (Co) Tucker, Russell, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Murray, Suarez, Fronczak, Lessard, Downing, Hautrive, Barberis, DuChene, Stewart, Wells, Rivers, Gonzalez. Rider, Soares, Garner, Bowling, Satizabal-Prieto  
**Congratulating Dr. Richard McCullough on his Investiture as the 16th President of Florida State University.**

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Bill 11: (P) Rivers, (Co) Bettley, Gonzalez
- Bill 12: (P) Gonzalez and Wang
- Resolution 15: (P) Diaz, (Co) Tucker, Russell, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Murray, Suarez, Fronczak, Lessard, Downing, Hautrive, Barberis, Duchene, Stewart, Wells, Rivers, Gonzalez. Rider, Soares, Garner, Bowling, Satizabal-Prieto
- **Resolution or Bill 11 - Sponsored by Senator Rivers**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Rivers: Hi, just wanted to say be nice to me because this is my first time presenting a bill. Basically, this bill is very straightforward, I just want to have Homecoming and the Student Alumni Association have to release the results for Homecoming Chief and Princess after the election. For the sake of fairness, I just think this is the best thing for Homecoming as a whole. Every other election has its results posted online and is public knowledge, so I don't know why it has taken the Homecoming results to be the same. I know they do runner ups alongside the winners, but people want to see the numbers. Students should be able to see the numbers, and I do not know why this has not happened yet but hopefully we can make it happen. With that I yield.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - None
  - **Tsouroukdissian moves to enter round-table discussion; Soares seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - DuChêne: Sponsor, I will just say that for future reference, all of our legislation must be in 11-point Ariel font. So I will change that right now; we don't need to do any amendments for grammatical or logistical things, but just for future reference.
    - Tsouroukdissian: I think it is pretty nice, pretty straightforward.
    - Pardee: Yeah, I agree I see no reason why it is not transparent, like any other kind of election.
    - Powell: I also agree, I do not know if there have been any instances prior to last year why the results were not released, but I think it is a great idea to hold accountability.
  - **Tsouroukdissian moves to call the question; Weintraub seconds**
  - Closing Statement:

- Rivers: Just going to keep it short and brief, this is something that needs to happen. I think it is important to the student body to see where their votes go. The Chief and Princess are important representatives of the student body, and there is no reason for us to not see where our votes go.
    - Vote:
      - Yes: (6) Soares, Masters, Tsouroukdissian, Weintraub, Pardee, Powell
      - No: 0
      - Abstain: 0
    - **RESULT: BILL 11 PASSES**
- **Bill 12 - Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez and Wang**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Gonzalez: So, this bill is just confirming in statutes that the allotted cost for lodging is at \$175 per night. So, what this bill does is just puts it into statutes. This is in the financial manual enacted by the student body treasurer. So, we are just putting this into statutes because statutes because it has more power than the financial manual. Right now, University Policy says it is \$175 per person per night, which means that if it is \$175 per person per night for a room for 4, we would be paying upwards of \$700 per room per night if you all are following. That is basically a penthouse and we do not have penthouse money. \$175 for 4 travelers per room is standard, and this will just be putting it into statutes. If you have any questions let me know.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - Tsouroukdissian: Is it possible when you present this on the floor, that you could show where it says in the financial manual. I see it right now; I just feel without it is going to create questions?
    - Gonzalez: I mean yeah, I can show it. This is exactly what it says in the manual.
    - Masters: Is there currently any documentation in correlation to this topic that is already in legislation?
    - Gonzalez: So not in statutes but it is in the Financial Manual. It is not in statutes, but it is enforced by the Student Body Treasurer, and it is done in collaboration with the SGA Accounting, but technically statutes have more precedent. So, we just want to move it up, so it has more emphasis.
    - Powell: So basically, I wanted to ask has there been any precedent of bills or legislation ignoring this rule?
    - Gonzalez: So, let me clarify, it is not ignoring the rule, this exact sentence is in the financial manual right now. This is just moving it to statutes.
    - Powell: I am sorry, I think my question came off not as I intended. I just want to ask if there has been in the past any legislation that has not adhered to this rule?
    - Gonzalez: I have been in the senate for 3 senates. For my entire time serving we have always abided by this rule. I think there is maybe one instance where we have not because there was some confusion, but other than that we have abided by this rule since the 72<sup>nd</sup>.
  - **Soares moves to enter round-table discussion; Tsouroukdissian seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - Pardee: I think this is a formality to put it into statutes. I expect there to be amendments on the floor based on my experience. Regarding

possibilities like inflation and other factors. Regarding Vice-Chair Powell's question on precedent, I expect that to be asked as well. If an example can be brought just to clarify.

- Soares: I think it will be interesting to get it passed on the floor. Although it is in the financial manual, this will help it take precedent by being in statutes rather than just the financial manual.
- Powell: I would agree with Senator Soares in saying we should pass this. It definitely makes passing legislation pertaining to travel expenses a lot easier, so I think it is a great idea.

○ **Soares moves to call the question; Weintraub seconds**

○ Closing Statement:

- Gonzalez: Yes, thank you. Like I said this is exactly what it says in the financial manual and just moving it to statutes makes it a lot easier.

○ Vote:

- Yes: (6) Soares, Masters, Tsouroukdissian, Weintraub, Pardee, Powell
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

○ **RESULT: BILL 12 PASSES**

● **Resolution 15 - Sponsored by Senator Diaz**

○ Opening Statement:

- Diaz: Hello Student Life, I am assuming this has already been sent to you. So essentially, we have our new President of the University. His inauguration in a week and a half from now. This is a resolution that congratulates him for that. I think it is important to know how big of a national figure he is. The President and Provost of Harvard are expected to come and make speeches on his behalf. Dr. McCullough is a national feature in the realm of education, and I think we should all be grateful he is in charge of FSU now and officially following his inauguration. I spoke to President Hunter, and she said there might be a possibility we can schedule a meeting with him or meet him after the investiture ceremony to officially present him this on behalf of the entire senate. These things only happen so often and the last time we had an inauguration was in 2014 of course with President Thrasher. I think this is a momentous, historic moment at Florida State, and I want to mark that with a resolution and of course make plans with President Hunter to perhaps present this to him. I am happy to take any questions

○ Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- None

○ **Tsouroukdissian moves to enter round-table discussion; Soares seconds**

○ Round-Table Discussion:

- None

○ **Tsouroukdissian moves to pass by Acclamation with no objections**

○ Closing Statement:

- Waived

○ Vote:

- Yes: Passed by Acclamation
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

○ **RESULT: RESOLUTION 15 PASSES**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Closing Announcements:**

- Chair DuChêne: Once again, come see Cinderella. I will not be in Senate next week because I will be doing a show, but if we have legislation, I will be chairing Student Life.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 5:00pm

**Adjourned: 5:24pm**



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**Signature of Chair Patrick A. DuChêne**