



75th Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
February 27th, 2023, at 5:00pm | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/97407455338>

Call to Order: 5:04 pm

Members Present: Chair McMahon, Vice Chair Crocker, Senators Anderson, Birdsong, D'Lugos, Fineout, Roogow, Vollick

Members Tardy: Salazar

Members Absent: Senators Adonis, LoBianco

Guests: Candidates Boudreaux, Ball, Hamid, Senator Folwell

Land Acknowledgement – Chair McMahon

- 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:

- None

Committee Business:

1. Ashley Boudreaux – Mental Health Council Director (1 Applicant)
2. Caroline Ball – Sophomore Class Council Secretary (1 Applicant)
3. Jaden Hamid – Freshman Leadership Institute Director (1 Applicant)
4. Bill 29 – Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P)
5. Resolution 22 – Sponsored by Senator Rivers (P)
6. Resolution 23 – Sponsored by Senators McMahon and Crocker (P)

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Ashley Boudreaux – Mental Health Council Director**
 - **Opening Statement:**
 - Hello, my name is Ashley Boudreaux. I am currently the assistant director and interim director for the mental health council. Last semester, I applied for the assistant director position because I'm really passionate about mental health and there is a really vital need for student support and mental health resources on college campuses. However, in my first meeting with the previous director, he informed me that he was no longer planning on returning and so effective immediately, I would be placed in the interim director role. For the past 2-3 months I've been serving in this position, working to fill the board of directors, gain programming, and overall revitalize the mental health council. Because I've already been serving in this position, this conformation process is a little bit of a formality in terms of just officially getting confirmed in this position. I have experience dealing with all the things that this role requires, and I appreciate you all for your time, thank you.
 - **Rounds of Questioning:**
 - **Senator Anderson:** I just wanted to know do you have anything that you would take from your old position that you would now be able to apply to your current position?
 - **Candidate Boudreaux:** Honestly, I never actually got a chance to really serve as the assistant director. As soon as I was confirmed I reached out to the previous director, and we met and within that first meeting he told me that I would serve as interim director. I never got the learning curve within the assistant director position, but I have been learning a lot about the process of SGA and how to run a council since my time here. Beginning of the semester I was the only person on the mental health council and now were starting to have a board of directors and starting to begin outreach and it's been a big learning curve there, but I've gotten a lot of experience in the past few months, and I plan on continuing to work on that.
 - **Deliberations:**
 - **Senator Vollick:** I think she is great, and we've seen her once or twice this year when she's come to senate and I think she would be perfect in this role. She's already shown that she's capable.
 - **Senator Birdsong:** It's clear that her resume speaks for herself, and she has the necessary experience. This is the logical next step.
 - **Senator Anderson moves to call the question; Senator Vollick seconds**
 - **Closing Statement:**
 - I just want to thank everyone for your support and thanking the time to listen to me. I really hope that I get the opportunity to show you all what I can do if I am officially the director.
 - **Vote:**
 - Yes: 6 - Senators Anderson, Birdsong, D'Lugos, Fineout, Roogow, Vollick
 - No: 0 -
 - Abstain: 0-
 - **RESULT: Candidate ASHLEY BOUDREAUX PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Caroline Ball – Sophomore Class Council Secretary**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Hello everyone, my name is Caroline Ball. I applied for Sophomore Class Council Secretary. I would do well in this position because I've taken on roles in other positions such as the Phi Mu assistant director. I also worked as a career workshop ambassador for the school of hospitality. I feel like I am well organized and very efficient when it comes to managing my time and I'm hoping to grow and learn more about what SGA has to offer in this position. Thank you!
 - Rounds of Questioning:
 - **Senator Vollick:** So, your application says that your reason for applying is that you are interested in getting involved in student government. Was there any specific reason you wished to apply?
 - **Candidate Ball:** A lot of people in my chapter are involved in SGA and when I was on the website, I saw the pdf of all the class councils and what kind of things does within them, I was told that the secretary was open. I have done similar things in the past with other organizations such as taking notes during different meetings, sending out the emails, and making sure the photos are being taken and posted during them.
 - Deliberations:
 - **Senator Anderson:** I feel like this candidate, especially with her saying that she wanted start getting involved, I think that this is the best way to by joining. She has my vote.
 - **Senator Vollick moves to call the question; Senator Salazar seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - I just wanted to thank you guys for giving me this opportunity to apply for this position and for your time. I am really hoping to grow and learn more and get involved even more in the future.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 7 – Senators Anderson, Birdsong, D'Lugos, Fineout, LoBianco, Roogow, Salazar, Vollick
 - No: 0 -
 - Abstain: 0 -
- **RESULT: Candidate CAROLINE BALL PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Jaden Hamid – Freshman Leadership Institute Director**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Hello everybody, I'm a student here at FSU and I am applying for Freshman Leadership Institute Director. I joined my first semester here in Fall of 2021. I feel as if I learned so much from this institute and that's why I worked myself up within the ranks and hopefully become the director. I want to give the students the same experience I had, the same relationships I had, and to really ease their first semester here at FSU and hopefully impact their college career and it will be an institute they won't forget.
 - Rounds of Questioning:

things, it is kind of confusing and the institutes are in a weird limbo. This is a fix to that and it's really fast. It wasn't supposed to change the way anything operated but it did, but I want to fix this for institutes because it's not something they agreed to. I apologize for having to have two bills, that was an oversight of mine and I take full responsibility. Thank you, guys.

- Rounds of Questioning:
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- Deliberations:
 - **Senator Roogow:** I just want to issue my support for this, it is a no-brainer and a quick fix. I commend Senator Folwell for wanting to ammend his mistake so quickly and efficiently.
- **Senator Vollick moves to call the question; Senator Roogow seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - For some reason, I thought we confirmed Director and Assistant Director at the same time, but I misremembered. I'm glad I have the chance to fix this because I don't want to make anyone upset with the original Bill.
- Vote:
 - Yes: 7 - Vice Chair Crocker, Senators Birdsong, D'Lugos, Fineout, Roogow, Salazar, Vollick
 - No: 0 -
 - Abstain: -
- **RESULT: BILL 29 PASSES**

- **Resolution 23 – Sponsored by Senators McMahon and Crocker (P)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - So, everyone here knows the gist of this resolution, it's our recommended changes to the SGA application. Most of us here are cosponsors on this piece of legislation, but it still needed to go through all the works. It went through Rules unamended I believe, if it was amended, I wasn't told about that. Vice Chair Crocker and I could not attend Rules, so we sent Sam Diaz in our place to present the resolution because he is our cosponsor as he worked a lot with us on it in the previous Senate. Just to kind of go over the gist of it, we want to switch from Qualtrics to Survey Monkey so that is more user-friendly so that we do not turn applicant away from applying to SGA because its currently difficult to apply. We also scratched a lot of the questions really to make the interview process the main deciding factor and the main part of the SGA application process, so we really just want to drive heavy on that interview rather than just hearing people go off in their application, which is still great, but we want more of the chemistry between everyone so that we can have that face-to-face interaction and also the candidates more on the spot and get better answers. We also feel like the interview being more substantial than the actual application shows the candidates that we value their time and value that they're showing up to be interviewed. If we come knowing that we ask them more questions, rather than just reading their application, we think it shows that we more respect for the candidates' time.
 - Rounds of Questioning:
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 - Deliberations:

- **Senator Salazar:** I think this is cool and our wonderful Chair and Vice Chair have worked really hard on this for a while, and it has my full support.
- **Senator Birdsong moves to call the question; Senator Roogow seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - I don't think we need to take up any more time, so we are going to waive the rest of our time, thank you.
- Vote:
 - **Yes: 7 -** Senators Anderson, Birdsong, D'Lugos, Fineout, Roogow, Salazar
 - **No: 0 -**
 - **Abstain: 0 -**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 23 PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- **Chair McMahon:** I appreciate all of your participation. I appreciate you all passing my resolution. We have to do bureau review. I've been trying to set up a meeting to kind of get the full gist because I'm a little confused on how it works, myself. Hopefully by next meeting, we'll be doing bureau review. Vice Chair Crocker and I had hoped to have the meeting in person to do bureau review instead of over zoom. I'm not 100% sure if that's going to happen, we would like to do that, but I guess it would also depend on your availability. If we do, it would be in one of the Union offices that we can reserve. To be determined.

Next Meeting: March 6, 2023 at 5:00pm

Adjourned: 5:33 pm



Signature of Chair Jack McMahon