



75th Student Senate Judiciary Committee

January 17th, 2023 | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/93086798961>

Call to Order: 6:31 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Kariher, Vice Chair Maglin, Senator(s) Crusey, Garrison, McFarlane, Casiple, Folwell, Newsome

Members Tardy: Senator Alvarez

Members Absent: Senator(s) Boisvert (Excused), Schindler, Brewer (Unexcused)

Guests: None

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.

Announcements:

- None

Committee Business:

- **Approve the Election Code Exam**
- **Bill #1 Sponsored by Folwell (P) Anderson, Barrett, Dale, Diaz, Hockett, McMahon, Rivera, Schindler, St. Hilaire (Co)** – This bill creates the Freshman Council.

Old Business:

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New Business:

- **Approve the Election Code Exam**
 - Round-table Discussion:
 - Folwell:
 - **Senator Folwell moves to call the question, Senator Alvarez seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 8, Senator(s) Alvarez, Garrison, Folwell, Casiple, Crusey, Newsome, McFarlane, Vice Chair Maglin
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **RESULT: Election Code Exam is APPROVED**

- **Bill #1 - Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P):**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Folwell (P): Hey folks, I hope your day hasn't been as long as mine has. I hope you're all doing well and had a fantastic break. So obviously three minutes is not long enough to get through five pieces of legislation, but this went through the 74th Senate and was just heard today in Student Life. It failed in Judiciary I believe by the tie-breaking vote. The reason why the opposition was there-- to my memory—was because people did not like the idea of giving freshmen discretionary use of A&S funds. I think it's Statute 302.5 subsection D—I think that's the clause I added in that basically just prevents that from happening. This should set that in stone, and I hope it addresses any issues that people might have with this bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask and I'm happy to get discussion rolling on this. **Yields 1:27**
 - General Questions:
 - Chair Kariher: Do you know why the Freshman Class Council was removed in the first place?
 - Folwell (P): I don't know. The class councils were created quite a long time ago and obviously a lot has happened since then. Unfortunately, early minutes are not as good as they are now. It basically says the description of the bill, any motions that were made, and the vote count. It's hard to say exactly why it was removed and admittedly, I haven't taken the time to go through the old paperwork because it would be tens of hours of searching.
 - Vice Chair Maglin: So what do you envision happening with this FCC? If enacted, what events or tangible things do you see coming from this?
 - Folwell (P): Yeah, so, I think largely speaking, it replicates what the current class councils do. It's not going to be world-altering but what I do think will happen is something along the lines of what the Junior Class Council does like doughnuts on Landis advertised specifically for Juniors and while events like that are fantastic, they're also open to everyone—not just Juniors. What I see with this FCC is similar programs happening through—sticking with our example—something like doughnuts on Landis advertised specifically towards Freshmen. It's still more student-based programming that takes Freshmen into account. While the JCC may hold events like “road to graduation” whereas the FCC may hold something like “how to adjust to college life”.

- Vice Chair Maglin: What distinguishes this from the Freshman Leadership Institute?
 - Folwell (P): The FLI is important but at the end of the day, but at the end of the day, institutes are designed to be training opportunities for freshmen to become the best leaders on campus. I was a mentor last semester and mentees follow their mentors to events, but they don't really get that hands-on experience. If your mentor goes above and beyond, maybe you get to actually engage in some stuff, but it's not a given. That's not ultimately what the program is about. This is actual leadership experience where you're doing stuff. I think that it does give you leadership experience similar to FLI, but its purpose is to create programming and giving some freshmen some leadership experience is happy outcome. Ultimately, the intentions are different.
- **Vice Chair Maglin moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Newsome seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Vice Chair Maglin **POC**: I sat in on the Judiciary meeting when this Bill did not pass and the primary reason was not—at least to my knowledge—because freshmen shouldn't be able to use money, but rather it would divide the amount of money that the class councils get in general. This would take money away from the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore Class Councils. So, it would just mean less money all around because you have to split it four ways instead of three and that was one of the primary reasons—not that freshmen shouldn't be allowed to spend money.
 - Senator Casiple: I was reading through the rest of it and I saw under the FCC where the Treasurer is under Section C and it said: "all of the monetary issues and purchases must be approved by the senior class treasurer". I think that that specifically gives the Senior class the ability to dictate which direction they want the FCC to move in. They get to see if their goals don't align financially, then it has to go through the Senior Class Treasurer. I think that this addresses the issues brought up in the last Judiciary meeting where this was failed, so I am a bit more amicable to the idea of a FCC.
- **Senator Casiple moves to call the question; Senator Newsome seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Folwell (P): First I just want to thank you all so much—it's hard to get back into SGA after how long it's been. I want to thank Vice Chair Maglin for her comments regarding why the bill did not pass originally and time is the reason why I had forgotten the reason. I hope you can forgive me--two months is a long time. I was under the impression that the reason I listed was more pressing, but you were the one making the decision so obviously your opinion is more valid. I will say that I spoke with the Senior Class Council and they are aware of this and thought that it was something that they had already taken into account with the requesting of the bill. Based on the way they talked about it, it seemed as if the other class councils were also of the same mindset. I hope that addresses the concern and that the updated version is really amicable to the honorable committee that I am so fond of.
- Vote:

- Yes: Senator(s) Casiple, Newsome, Crusey, Garrison
- No: Senator Alvarez
- Abstain: Senator Folwell, McFarlane, Vice Chair Maglin
- **RESULT: BILL #1 PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- Chair Kariher: Part of Judiciary's responsibility is when people from Panama City request any changes to their overarching statutes, we are responsible for bringing them up and creating a bill for them. So, the President of Panama City's SGC reached out to President Diaz, and he forwarded that to me and I am working on a bill for them. If anyone wants to primary sponsor or cosponsor that with me just let me know. Other than that, good job, nice, short meeting.
- Vice Chair Maglin: I wanted to say that I hope everyone had a great first week of school and is continuing to have a good second week of school. I'm really excited for this semester because we're going to get into some really cool legislation. I'm excited to see everyone tomorrow.

Next Meeting: January 24th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:55 p.m.



Signature of Chair Kariher