



## 75<sup>th</sup> Student Senate Judiciary Committee

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/99918927976>

**Call to Order:** 6:06 p.m.

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

**Members Tardy:** Boisvert (Excused)

**Members Absent:** Senator(s) Alvarez (Excused), Crusey (Excused), Newsome (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:**

- **Bill #7 – Sponsored by Folwell (P):** This bill brings Chapter 605 in line with the changes made to the election code by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate in Bill 82.
- **Bill #9 – Sponsored by Folwell (P) Jones, McFarlane, White (Co):** This bill restructures the statutes pertaining to the SGA Executive Institutes.

### **Old Business:**

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- **Bill 7 - Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P)**

- Opening Statement:

- Folwell (P): Yeah, this is super simple. There's a very practical purpose for this and a general philosophy I have, and I'll describe both of them. One: as the description says, in Bill 82 of the 74<sup>th</sup> Senate, we made some changes to the election code. I also probably should've known that it was mentioned in this section of statutes, but it didn't even occur to me that elections may be governed by something that isn't in the Elections Code as well. So, that's on me—I didn't do my full due diligence. But this is just bringing it into line with those changes that we made. By bringing it into line I just struck it out and that's a piece of that general philosophy of mine. The Election Code has structures for how elections can be changed, so I think—generally speaking—anything pertaining to the election of individuals should be covered in the Election Code itself. Now obviously there's things that throughout session are like “as referenced in 702.1...”—I just made that statute up, but you know I could have put that here, but it felt to me a bit superfluous. The same thing happens, it just doesn't mention it. So, yeah. **Yields with 1:43**

- General Questioning:

- None

- **Vice Chair Maglin moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Brewer seconds**

- Round-Table Discussion:

- None

- **Senator Brewer moves to pass by unanimous consent; No objections.**

- Closing Statement:

- Folwell (P): I need to do bill like this more often, the noncontroversial ones. **WAIVED.**

- Vote:

- Yes: All
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

- **RESULT: BILL #7 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

- **Bill 9 - Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P) Jones, McFarlane, White (Co)**

- Opening Statement:

- Folwell (P): Hey guys, so this is kind of a 'big bill', but in my opinion is still pretty simple. Really, the changes are largely structural. The 'Institutes' section of statutes right now is really kind of all over the place. The heading is 'The Freshman Leadership Institute' and then there's the 'Freshman Leadership Institute' and the 'Transfer Student Institute'. We're working on codifying the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Institute, which I'm sure you guys will see coming through here within the next several weeks. The way it was set up was very antiquated and you know how statutes are like: one person thirty years ago had this idea and then twenty-seven years ago they had this idea and then twenty-five years ago they had this idea. None of them really build on what the other people have they just added their own idea in, so this is really bringing in all of those ideas into line so that they're very structured, so that they make a

lot of sense, taking out a lot of weird grammatical errors. As you can see right now, there's something on the screen that refers to the wrong statute. I don't really think this will be all that controversial because really it is just fixing the way that the structure is—which is bad. **Yields with 1:40**

○ General Questioning:

- Senator Brewer: I was curious, what brought these issues to your attention? Was it brought to your attention?
  - Folwell (P): I believe this is something that President Diaz initially took on and shifted aside when he assumed the presidency. I did know that the Institute statutes were not really up to par. I read the entirety of the statutory document this summer, which I don't necessarily recommend, but it was useful for finding things like this where you're like "woah this does not make a whole lot of sense". So, when President Diaz mentioned that he was working on this and assumed the presidency, I just kind of took it over.
- Chair Kariher: Was this [monetary allocations of the Student Body Treasurer] already here? Was this already their responsibility? Or is this something that was added now?
  - Folwell (P): I'm still kind of coming off 'winter-break mode' if you know what I mean with SGA. I believe that this is current practice but that it's not codified. I'd have to look in statutes to really remember—I apologize about that, but you know my brain isn't perfect unfortunately. I'm pretty sure it's just current practice that's not codified.
  - Folwell (P): To ease the mind of the committee, I will speak to them before tomorrow's meeting just to make sure that this is something that they are on board with so that I don't mistakenly do something without realizing it. I'm fairly confident it's current practice.
- Chair Kariher: I'm assuming the same goes for the Student Body Vice President?
  - Folwell (P): Yeah, so, that I believe currently is in statutes. Specifically, it's like "Student Body Vice President is the person who oversees the Agencies and the Bureaus..." and the Institutes kind of falls under that umbrella. So, that is currently what happens—this is where the actual change is but I think they're very sensible. It's like: if the Director becomes incapacitated the Student Body Vice President takes over for that Director. So, we changed that to the Assistant Director takes over because otherwise, it's like, this is a weird power structure. This I think is just taking that and putting it in one place saying all Institutes instead of saying "the Freshman Leadership Institute, the Vice President does it" and "the Transfer Leadership Institute, the Vice President does it". It just streamlined.
- Chair Kariher: Is there current leadership in the Transfer Institute and Freshman Leadership Institute?
  - Folwell (P): The Freshman Leadership Institute I believe are currently under their transition of power. Of course the FLI is primarily active during the Fall—I don't want to make a blanket statement saying "their only active" but I know that that's their

primary activity. I know that traditionally the new director enters during the Spring. I believe that the rest of the Executive Board also comes in during the Spring. I think they're currently in the transitional period. Oh gosh, I spoke to somebody, and they mentioned that right now the Transfer Leadership Institute was kind of a non-entity. So, maybe that's something that we look into in the future, but that's not really the purpose of this bill. Omnibus bills are not my favorite thing in the world often times, so I don't want to take the potential inactivity of the Transfer Leadership Institute into account here. I just really want to restructure it so we further amend statutes more easily in the future.

- **Senator Brewer moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator McFarlane seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - None
- **Senator Brewer moves to call the question; Senator Boisvert seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - Folwell (P): Like I said, I'm still coming off 'winter-break-mode' and I haven't really touched SGA all that much so a lot of the stuff that I did during the full winter break is very brain-foggy and I've been coming off of illness. I was not here last week because I was in the midst of that illness among other responsibilities, so I didn't really have the mental energy to go to everything, so I hope you guys understand and forgive me.
- Vote:
  - Yes: 4, Senator(s) Garrison, Brewer, McFarlane, Vice Chair Maglin
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 2, Senator(s) Folwell, Boisvert
- **RESULT: BILL #9 PASSES**

**New Business:**

- None

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Closing Announcements:**

- Chair Kariher: I don't know if you guys have seen, but the Legislative Agenda is finished, and I recommend that everyone go look at that to see if you're happy with how it looks. If you have any amendments, to brainstorm them and talk with people. This is one of the most important parts of SGA is creating this Legislative Agenda, so we want to make sure that everything we want is passed and prioritized. That's all I got to say about that. I'll see you guys tomorrow.
- Vice Chair Maglin: Great meeting everyone and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow.

**Next Meeting:** February 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 6:23 p.m.

*Cole Kariher*

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**Signature of Chair Kariher**