



75th Student Senate Student Life Committee

Friday, February 17th, 2023 at 3:00pm | Zoom ID: 816 795 7655
Meeting Recording Link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/s/8167957655>

Call to Order: 3:01 PM

Members Present: Carter, Barrett, Walerio, St. Hilaire, Pruim, Severy

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Members Absent: Walden, Lewis, Meunier, Humburg, Hansen

Guests: Folwell, Hall, Dale, Moonsbrugger, Widmann

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Announcements:

Committee Business:

- Bill #22, Bill #23, Resolution #17, Resolution #19, Resolution #20

New Business: Bill #22, Bill #23, Resolution #17, Resolution #19, Resolution #20

BILL #22 - Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P) Kariher, St. Hilaire, White, Widmann (Co)

This bill codifies the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission as a biannual affiliated project of the Florida State University Student Government Association.

- Opening Statement (5 mins): Folwell: Thank you for hearing this. For those of you who don't know, the Garnet and Gold Voting commission was put in place by the SBP to try and increase voter turnout, for engagement on campus, and to make FSU students get as politically active on campus, especially for student government. This

was an executive order by the SBP, and I believe it was a success for a college in the midterm year. To continue off this success, we want to hopefully codify this into a bill. So a lot of the language used in this directly taken by President Gabadage's verbiage. I believe that this will be very beneficial and won't hurt us a bit monetarily at all. Thank you, and I look forward to any questions you all have.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions: **N/A**

Pruim moves to enter round-table; St. Hilaire seconds; no objections

- Round-Table Discussion:

Carter: So I know this was an executive project originally, will codifying make it an executive branch thing, or would this be turned into a legislative branch thing?

Folwell: So affiliated projects are efforts from both the executive and legislative branch, so in the writing of this I was trying to bear this in mind, so I tried making this less under the executive, so that the president would be able to discuss about this, even before the Fall semester. And for the RSOs we have, we will hopefully let them decide. It makes it a little less executive, but it does include more legislative oversight.

Carter: Did you show President Gabadage this or include him on it?

Folwell: Yes, I actually wrote it in his office.

Pruim moves to call the questions; Severy seconds; no objections

- Closing Statement:

Folwell: Thank you guys, it's not often that we see these kinds of projects come to Senate, so I think it's really cool opportunity. I think that affiliated projects are a very underutilized asset, and I believe that more combined things with the legislative and executive branches are very cool, especially to bring in student turn out for elections, especially in 2024 where we have an election coming up. I really hope we vote in favor.

▫ Vote:

- Yes: 5 **Voter Names: Severy, Pruim, Walerio, Barrett, St. Hilaire**
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

▫ **RESULT: BILL #22 PASSES**

BILL #23 - Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P) Bettley, Crusey, Dale, Diaz,

DuChêne, Kariher, Maglin, McEntyre, St. Hilaire, Widmann (Co)

This bill designates the Diversity & Inclusion Institute as an official Executive Institute of the Student Government Association.

▫ Opening Statement (5 mins): Folwell: Hey Guys, another pretty big bill. So this is for the Diversity & Inclusion Institute, this is already a thing within the three institutes, FLI, TLI and DII, and it's never been included in statutes. This means it's doing everything informally. A bill I put it in before allows for a place to put it. I adopted this from President Diaz before his presidency. The director of the DII institute worked really hard on this, and this is what the DII institute needs. I also showed the SBVP this and had them over look it as

well, and she was in disbelief that this wasn't even in statutes yet. So with that, I'm happy we are getting around to it and I am open to any questions you all have.

▫ Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

Carter: How long has the Diversity and inclusion institute been around?

Folwell: I know that this is not its first year, but I would like to say 3 years now.

Barrett moves to enter round-table; St. Hilaire seconds; no objections

▫ Round-Table Discussion:

St. Hilaire: I was a co-sponsor for this Bill, and I am in full support of this. The DII is under attack right now, and I find it incredibly important to protect it if push come to shove and institutes like this get taken away. The people within the DII work extremely hard and help a lot of students on campus. I think it's very important to give them the credit they deserve.

Barrett: I second what was just said, because I think this is a vital program we have here, and we need to do our due diligence to support this as much as possible and to show that the work they are doing is important and more specifically is written in. We can't protect them and we need to show we support these programs, and the work they do here and around the states.

Severy: I am also in support of this. I believe these types of programs are very beneficial and we need to be proactive in trying to support them. I commend the sponsor for making sure this happens here at Florida state to make sure we value it.

St. Hilaire moves to call the question; Pruim seconds; no objections

▫ Closing Statement: I would like to commend the Chair of Student Life for showing this because as a former chair of Student Life, I think you have done a far better job than I have. As many of the committee members has said, there has been a lot of aggressions against Diversity and Inclusion. As the people who control the A&S fees, I believe it is important to support programs such as these. Those are a lot harder to restrict, rather than give out, so I think it's our obligation and duty to continue doing that. They have been doing so many good things for so long; they should have already been in statutes, and I'm happy they will hopefully get there.

▫ Vote:

- Yes: 5 Voter Names: Severy, Barrett, Pruim, Walerio, St. Hilaire
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

▫ **RESULT: BILL #23 PASSES**

RESOLUTION #17 - Sponsored by Senators Brown and Widmann (P)

Supporting the Affordable College Textbook Act and recognizing the

student lobbyists attending the legislative session, affirming the university's values of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

▫ Opening Statement (5 mins): Widmann: Thank you everyone for hearing me today, this resolution is fairly simple. Senator Brown and I were approached by Florida PIRG with FSU regarding the Affordable College Textbook Act and are reaching out about this act to other universities. We are hoping to use this as a tool to approach lawmakers. The language that “the FSU student body supports...” is very important, especially when talking with said lawmakers. Textbook affordability is something that is very important to me. Right now, I am taking a class that I do not have the textbook for because I do not have want to spend over \$100 dollars on it for this specific class and at the time it was not financially viable for me. This is just a way for us to show support for this act. I look forward to hearing your questions.

▫ Technical Non-Debatable Questions: N/A

Pruim moves to enter round-table; Barrett seconds; no objections

▫ Round-Table Discussion:

Barrett: How'd you do your class without a textbook?

Widmann: I honestly struggled through the class, but one of my friends had the textbook, and she helped me out with it.

Carter: Florida PIRG is a non-partisan organization; is that still true of the affordable textbook act?

Widmann: I don't have the answer to that but it's not 100% no, but I will have a answer on Senate on Wednesday.

Barrett: It's kind of how OGA advocates on behalf of us because they are also nonpartisan. I assume its lobbying on behalf of students.

St. Hilaire moves to pass by unanimous consent; no objections

▫ **RESULT: RESOLUTION #17 Passes**

RESOLUTION #19 - Sponsored by Senators Jones and Salazar (P) White, Dale, Diaz, Maglin, LoBianco, Folwell, McEntyre, Alvarez, Fineout, Chehaitli, Carter, St. Hilaire, Anandjiwala (Co)

Recently, there have been accounts of antisemitism on campus and across the globe. This resolution aims to express condolences to the Jewish communities and marginalized groups on campus.

▫ Opening Statement (5 mins): Folwell: Thank you, I will admit I am not as familiar with the writing of this resolution and how it came about but I do think the issue is very important, and it's very clear for why we need to support this. This has been a prevalent form of bigotry from the “beginning of time.” It is incredibly disheartening that to this day the Jewish community continues to be targeted on and off campus. It's terrible when celebrities spout anti-semitic views and their followers do the same. We as members of Student Senate have an obligation to stand for the students at our university. This is an utmost form of tragedy, and I'm sure you can all agree. Thank you all for your time.

▫ Technical Non-Debatable Questions: N/A

St.Hilaire moves to enter round-table; Pruim seconds; no objections

▫ Round-Table Discussion:

Barrett: This was an awful thing that occurred on Landis, and it made so many of our students uncomfortable. It was horrible to see, especially on social media who thought it was funny, and coming from a influential person, it was so horrible and is definitely something we need to call out. It is so incredibly wrong and this isn't something that should be happening on campus. Thank you co-sponsor for bringing this to Student Life.

Barrett moves to pass by unanimous consent; no objections

▫ **RESULT: RESOLUTION #19 PASSES**

RESOLUTION #20 - Sponsored by Senators Dale and Jones (P) Brewer, Humberg,

Salazar, Widmann, White, St. Hilaire, Tevlin, Wyatt (Co)

This resolution celebrates the facilities office and expresses our gratitude for their service to our community. This resolution will be sent to the head of each facilities department.

▫ Opening Statement (5 mins): Dale: I wrote up this resolution when I was on Landis, and I saw the Facilities faculty cleaning up and taking care of our campus, and I just want to commend and recognize them for all the work they do for us on this campus. Especially in the Senate chambers, cleaning up after us and moving tables and chairs. They are members of our community that can sometimes go under-represented, so I just want to shine a light and thank them for what they do. I think it would be a great thing for us to do.

▫ Technical Non-Debatable Questions: N/A

Pruim moves to enter round-table; Barrett seconds; no objections

▫ Round-Table Discussion:

Barrett: I think this is cool, thank you facilities!

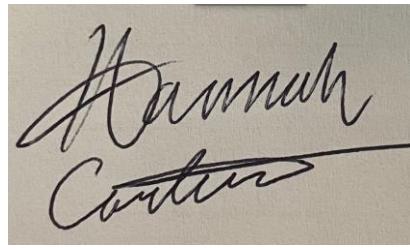
Barrett moves to pass by unanimous consent; no objections

▫ **RESULT: RESOLUTION #20 PASSES**

Announcements: N/A

Next Meeting: Friday, February 24th at 3:00pm

Adjourned: 3:39 PM



Signature of Chair, Hannah A. Carter