



**75th Student Senate
Student Life Committee
Friday, March 31st, 2023 at 3:00pm | Zoom ID: 816 795 7655 Meeting
Recording Link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/s/8167957655>**

Call to Order: 3:02

Members Present: Carter, Meunier, Walerio, St. Hilaire, Barrett, Dos Santos

Members Tardy: Severy

Members Absent: Walden, Lewis, Hansen, Pruim

Guests: Pedraja, Birdsong, Brewer, Patel, Chehatili

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Announcements: N/A

Committee Business:

Bill #44, Bill #45, Bill #46, Resolution #31, Resolution #33

New Business:

Bill #44, Bill #45, Bill #46, Resolution #31, Resolution #33

**BILL #44 - Sponsored by Senators Patel and Pedraja (P)
To transfer \$2500.00 from Senate Projects to FSU Food for Thought
Pantry.**

- Opening Statement (5 mins):

Pedraja: Hello everyone, we believe that we need to support the Food for Thought Pantry to help students who face food insecurity. We believe in using Senate Projects for something

meaningful, and I spoke to the case manager for the FSU Food for Thought Pantry. She said that \$2500 for the Pantry can help pay for a month of food, and this will help to prevent gaps from popular food such as onions, nondairy milk, and foods that don't grow for the second harvest in February. There were 106 unique students that visited to the pantry last year, and this was double the numbers from January 2022, and they believe there will be an increase in those numbers very soon. Many students will become ineligible for food benefits, due to the new bills being passed so the food pantry needs to be stocked.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

St. Hilaire: You said you spoke with Hailey Gentile, how did we get to the \$2,500 amount?

Pedraja: It felt like a good number, and I know the food pantry can do a lot of good with it. It will be enough to sustain the food pantry, and I believe this is a great use of senate project funds.

Carter: How much is left in Senate Projects?

Pedraja: I believe just over \$13,000.

Meunier moves to enter round-table discussion; Dos Santos seconds; no objections

- Round-Table Discussion:

Meunier: This is a resource that goes under the radar very often, and if we support this and bolster this program, I feel it will help a lot of students who face food insecurity. I also want to commend the sponsor for this bill.

Meunier calls the question; St. Hilaire seconds; no objections

- Closing Statement:

Pedraja: Thank you everyone to your time and support behind the Food for Thought pantry.

- Vote:

- Yes: 5 Meunier, Walerio, St. Hilaire, Barrett, Dos Santos
- No:
- Abstain:

- **RESULT: BILL #44 PASSES**

BILL #45- Sponsored by Senator St.Hilaire (P) Burton, Folwell (Co)

The Black Student Union is the only agency with an election in place for its Executive Cabinet. To align with the other agencies and provide all students the opportunity to apply for an executive cabinet position without the concern of an election surrounding the stress of finals.

- Opening Statement (5 mins):

St. Hilaire: I have talked with the President and Vice President in regards to BSU and our elections. Right now, anyone can vote on the elections for the BSU and with a full blown election, people pay money, there's rules, regulations, and from what I seen and I've heard, this can be a really big deterrent for some people to run. We have so many leaders that are involved in things like SGA that a double election can be something that is inconvenient for our candidates, and after speaking with the President and Vice President, truly, the most reasonable thing is to change statutes. Even seeing that our population is the only population that does it this way is a little bit weird. I'm sure you know what I mean, so we're looking into

things for the BSU elections and the way that these individuals will be chosen. Our current cabinet says it won't go into effect this semester, but the next one. This process that is in place at the moment is different from every other agency, so we want to change that to continue along the lines with them. We want the most qualified candidate, regardless of popularity status, or funding the candidate gets.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

Carter: How long has BSU been doing a voting system?

St. Hilaire: I don't know the exact amount of years, but for as long as I've known, it has been like that, and I just don't know why we are the only ones who have to do elections.

Meunier moves to enter round-table discussion; Barrett seconds; no objections

- Round-Table Discussion:

Barrett: I love this bill. It makes a lot more sense.

Meunier: I support this, thank you for presenting it.

Barrett calls the question; Meunier seconds; no objections

- Closing Statement:

St. Hilaire: Thank you guys for your support ,and I very much hope that this passes and I'm sure the students of the Black Student Union will be very appreciative too.

- Vote:

- Yes: 5 Meunier, Walerio, St. Hilaire, Barrett, Dos Santos
- No:
- Abstain:

- **RESULT: BILL #45 PASSES**

BILL #46- Sponsored by Senators Bettley and Chehaitli (P) Allgoever, Alvarez, Anandjiwala, Burton, Carter, Dale, DuChêne, Folwell, Humberg, LoBianco, Maglin, McEntyre, Severy, St. Hilaire, Walerio (Co)

To implement and supply free menstrual product dispensers on Florida State University's campus.

- Opening Statement (5 mins):

Chehaitli: I'm very excited to present this bill to you all today, but we are very excited to have this opportunity to support free menstrual products to our students here on campus. In the construction of this bill, I've talked to a lot of people about how to do this because in California and Oregon, this is put into place. A lot of the dispensers will be located outside bathrooms to accommodate students with all gender identities. There will be 13 dispensers around campus in different buildings like the library and the union, as well as by the food for thought pantry and the athletic complexes. This is just the start of our project and we hope to include a wide range of products in order to help our student body. For right now, it will be tampons and pads. I know we are asking for a lot of money from Senate Projects, but we think this could be used very well to provide for the student body. Thank you for your time and I hope we can take a next step against period poverty.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

Carter: After these dispensers are implemented, is there a plan for them to be regularly restocked?

Chehaitli: We don't intend to use more funds from Senate Projects to keep this going; this initial ask is just to get it going. The university programs will most definitely provide the rest and continue the restock. The way the university does it is they gauge how much traffic is happening between those areas to tell when to do the condom refills, so it would be a similar process with the dispensers.

Carter: Where exactly will these dispensers be placed?

Chehaitli: So Bellemy, HCB, Strozier, Dirac, University Centers B and A, the Union, Sewanee, Seminole Cafe, BSU house, College of Law, and in the College of Medicine.

Meunier moves to enter round-table discussion; Barrett seconds; no objections

- Round-Table Discussion:

St. Hilaire: I am in full support of this, I think this is a great way to support our students and we say this all the time, but this is a way that our actions can line up with what we say, and with that being said, I would like to pass by unanimous consent.

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

- **RESULT: BILL #46 PASSES**

**RESOLUTION #31- Sponsored by Senators Brewer and Birdsong (P) Jones, Pedraja, Roogow, Tevlin, White (Co)
To explain and condemn the proposed amendments to the City of Tallahassee Code of General Ordinances based on noise.**

- Opening Statement (5 mins):

Brewer: Thank you very much, I will put it pretty simply. There have been proposed amendments to the Tallahassee City Ordinance which is laid out and described in the verbiage of our resolution. This would really limit the business that goes on in Tallahassee as a whole and limit the activity of several aspects of Greek life here at FSU. This will also affect a large part of our students in general. Senator Birdsong and I have nothing but negative feedback from students about these proposed changes and with these changes being debated and put through in the city commission, we feel it's very important that the student body makes a definitive statement on it through this resolution. Thank you.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

St. Hilaire: Did this bill fail through the town hall public hearing already?

Brewer: So, what you may be thinking of is the hearing, where the community can come together and talk about this proposed ordinance. Nothing was decided and this was an opportunity for many Florida State Students to voice their opinion, including some people that I personally know.

Dos Santos: So, does this get added to the OGA agenda if we condemn it, like the HB 999 bill or is this just a statement?

Brewer: No, Senator Birdsong and I have no intention of adding this to the OGA agenda, and it's important to note, this is purely a local legislation and not a state legislation.

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

○ Round-Table Discussion:

Meunier : I think that this can affect a lot of aspects of student life right now especially in within things that go on around Tallahassee and some extracurriculars that happen around campus. I think a lot of students work in the night life seen and that this can have a risk, to their job security.

Dos Santos_ I agree, I think this can affect a lot of our students negatively, and people from FSU have already gone and spoken against it.

Meunier moves to pass by unanimous consent; no objections

○ **RESULT: RESOLUTION #31 PASSES**

RESOLUTION #33 - Sponsored by Senators Lewis and Pedraja (P) Anderson, Crusey, Patel (Co)

To encourage the university administration to prioritize the expansion and advocate for continued support and investment in the College of Health and Human Sciences, recognizing its importance to the academic and professional success of the institution and the community.

Opening Statement (5 mins):

Pedraja: This resolution basically highlights the College of Health and Human Sciences, which I am in, and this resolution is to highlight the programs that we have in the college. We want to emphasize our research, academics, and our professors. It has just been really tough not having a main building. Sandels has been closed down for multitude of reasons throughout the past year and a half, and I think that this would make a great opportunity to kind of mend and support the college.

○ Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

Meunier: What happened to the building you guys were in?

Pedraja: Sophomore year it was closed due to COVID, and junior year, it was closed due to some black mold that grew and made it hazardous to use that building. Now, my senior year, the top and bottom floors are being redone for construction, so there are no classes going on.

Meunier moves to enter round-table discussion; Severy seconds; no objections

○ Round-Table Discussion:

Meunier: Is this just showing FSU that this is an important matter?

Pedraja: This is just showing the university that the College of Health and Human Sciences is still strong and that our research programs are still alive and well.

Meunier calls the question; Barrett seconds; no objections

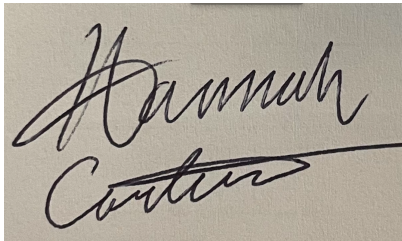
○ Closing Statement:

- Pedraja: I just want to thank you guys again for looking at my bill and resolution. I appreciate you guys.
- Vote:
 - Yes: 6 Meunier, Walerio, St. Hilaire, Barrett, Dos Santos, Barrett
 - No:
 - Abstain:
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #33 PASSES**

Announcements: N/A

Next Meeting: Friday, April 7th at 3:00pm

Adjourned: 3:37 PM

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored, textured surface. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Hannah Carter".

Signature of Chair, Hannah A. Carter