



75th Student Senate

Student Life Committee

Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 at 10:00 am | Zoom ID: 662 691 0906
Meeting Recording Link: /Users/lukemeunier/Documents/Zoom/2023-04-19 10.11.13 Luke Meunier's Personal Meeting Room/

Call to Order: 10:01

Members Present: Staveski, Pruim, Cahttelier, Meunier, Syska, Khosh

Members Tardy: Dos Santos

Members Absent: Walerio, Barrett, Ptak, Newsome, Garrison

Guests: Widmann, DuChêne

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 recognize this land remains scarred by the legacies of violence and removal, we recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land, and we 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: Meunier: Welcome to Student Life! I am very excited for this semester, so let's get started!

Committee Business:

- Bill #51, Bill #54, Resolution #38, Resolution #42

New Business: Adopting and Amending the Rules of Procedure, Bill #51, Bill #54, Resolution #38, Resolution #42

- **Pruim moves to adopt the Rules of Procedure, Staveski seconds, no objections**

- **Meunier moves to amend Rules of Procedure to keep the meeting time at 10 am on Wednesdays, Staveski seconds, no objections**

BILL #51 : Sponsored by Senator Widmann (P)

A transfer of \$3,420 from Senate Projects to Facilities to purchase and install one water station with bottle filler in the Bellamy Building on FSU's Campus.

- Opening Statement (5 mins): Just before I get started really quick, this is a letter from Dean Chapin in support of this bill. He made a pledge while we discussed this, that if SGA was able to fund one, they would match it and place another one in the building as well.

Yields with 3 minutes and 52 seconds

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

Pruim: Is this just going to be on the first floor or every floor?

Widmann: One will go on the first floor, right across from the auditorium, and the dean will have discretion to place the other one where he feels is best.

Meunier: Is this for the installation and plumbing, as well as for the unit?

Widmann: I have the quote from faculties I can pull up, not exactly sure. Yes here is the letter from facilities, it would include all plumbing, all fixtures, all power tools, actually hanging it on the wall, labor, freight delivery and handling, and the actual purchase.

DuChêne moves to enter round-table discussion; Pruim seconds; no objections

- Round-Table Discussion:

Pruim: I think this is a really good idea, I know that one of our big things was beautifying the bellamy building, and I havent been in there forever but I am definetly in support of this.

Meuiner: How many water fountains are in the Bellamy building, and why exactly do they need another one?

Widmann: There are water fountains, but they are really old ones. There is a water filling station but it is next to the door of the deans office, so you woud have to go to the other side of the building, so it is not very acessible to students. So this one would some closer to the classrooms.

Pruim: Is this going to be installed this semester, over the summer, or next semester?

Widmann: It will most likely happen this summer.

Pruim moves to call the question; Staveski seconds; no objections

- Closing Statement: Yeah thank you everyone for hearing bill 51 today, I am really excited and I think it will be great addition to Bellamy building and extend sustainability on campus.

Yields 3 minutes and 37 seconds

- Vote:
 - Yes: 6 Staveski,Pruim,Cahttelier,Syska,Khosh,Dos Santos
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: BILL #51 PASSED**

BILL #54: Sponsored by Senator DuChêne (P) Anandjiwala, Humberg (Co)

To add the option of an abbreviated version of the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Statement, to be used where deemed appropriate in lieu of the longer statement. This abbreviated version should not be used as standard practice at high-profile events, but rather as an option to make the statement more accessible for programming.

- Opening Statement (5 mins):

Good morning, Student Life. This bill essentially adds an abbreviated version of the indigenous land Acknowledgment and a shorter version of the one we do every day. The 72nd senate passed bill 93 in July of 2020, and that was the indigenous act of 2020, that added to an SGA land acknowledgment, so we never did one before then. That bill was vetoed by then Student Body President Jonathan Levin, and I think that was outrageous. He vetoed it because he said it would constitute compelled speech, and he didn't want to make anyone say anything. It was in the middle of the summer of 2020, there were racial justice protests happening, the student body president had a picture of him at Mt.Rushmore in his Instagram handle, so it was kind of all-around ridiculous. So that bill got vetoed and the second this happened, the senate passed an identical bill so that we could have the land acknowledgment that we have now, except it excluded the shorter version. As far as I can tell, I have reached out to the original sponsors of the bill, and there seems to be no reason why it was excluded. In the rules committee we do an abbreviated version, and it is just because the land acknowledgment can be long and I think it does what it needs to do, even with the shorter version. The shorter version was also written by the same team of professors that specialize indigenous history as well as with indigenous students. So, the shorter version was still made with the input of ingenious people.

Yields with 2 minutes and 5 seconds

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

Dos Santos: How much shorter is the abbreviated one?

Duchene: It's about a third shorter. It is really just a little more concrete. If you are at something quick it would be more appealing for people to use the land acknowledgment, even if their event is not super big and fancy and I want to make it more common.

Pruim moves to enter round-table discussion; Syska seconds; no objections

- Round-Table Discussion:

Meunier: Would this be accessible for the whole student body or just for SGA?

Duchene: The land acknowledgment act of 2020 does state it was meant for all the SGA organizations, but it does say it can be accessible to anyone on campus who wants to use it. At the time, there was also no university wide land acknowledgement. I would like it to be for anyone to be able to use it. It is helpful to have a shorter version so it is not as intimidating as the long version. Maybe if an RSO that does not traditionally do this, wants to start they could use the shorter version.

Pruim: Do you think this could lead to the longer version going away?

Duchene: I did put in the description that it is not the intent of the bill. In the act of 2020 there is language that the longer one has to be used at some specific events such as fall and spring inauguration, student senate, state of the student body address, and the clause that specifically mentions this is addressing the longer one. But there is a clause that mentions there is a abbreviated version. In the actual statute they included the clause, but not the abbreviated clause as well. I do not want the smaller one to replace the larger one, but I am open to amendments. I can hope that the description will display that the larger one will be standard practice.

Pruim calls the question; Staveski seconds; no objections

- Closing Statement:

Sponsor yields closing time.

- Vote:
 - Yes: 6 Staveski, Pruim, Syska, Dos Santos, Chatellier, Khosh
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0#

- **RESULT: BILL #54 PASSED**

RESOLUTION #38 : Sponsored by Senators Dale and Folwell (P) Barrett, Bettley, St. Hilaire (Co)

This resolution opposes the practice of "sugarcane burning".

- Opening Statement (5 mins):

N/A

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

N/A

_____ moves to enter round-table discussion; _____ seconds; no objections

- Round-Table Discussion:

N/A

_____ moves to call the question; _____ seconds; no objections

- Closing Statement:

N/A

- Vote:
 - Yes: # **Voter Names:**
 - No: #
 - Abstain: #

- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #38 TABLED**

Resolution #42: Sponsored by Senator Dale (P)

Resolution praising Florida State University's recent advancements and commending the current administration's dedication towards furthering these gains.

- Opening Statement (5 mins):

N/A

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

N/A

_____ moves to enter round-table discussion; _____ seconds; no objections

- Round-Table Discussion:

N/A

_____ moves to call the question; _____ seconds; no objections

N/A

- Closing Statement:

- Vote:
 - Yes: # **Voter Names:**

- No: #
- Abstain: #

○ **RESULT: RESOLUTION #42 TABLED**

Announcements:

Thank you for a great first meeting and I hope to have a amazing rest of my term with you all. We will pick a new meeting time when we start up for next semester.

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 26th at 10:00 am

Adjourned: 10:29 am

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Meunier', is written on a light-colored background. The signature is positioned to the left of a vertical line that extends downwards.

Signature of Chair, Luke M. Meunier