



76th Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
1.30.24 | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/94124739530>

Call to Order: 4:30pm

Members Present: Senator(s) Carr, Gomez, Grant, Kubiak, Nguyen, Pu, Hine, Waller, Chair Windlan

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Members Absent: Senator(s) Lalani (E), Pareja (E), Vice Chair Larancuent (E)

Guests: Jalisa McEntyre, Jonus Goldstein

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Announcements:

- We are having a special meeting on (1/31/24) at 6:30 p.m. Who can make it?
- We will hear candidate Isabella Lobianco: Student Senate, Chief of Staff at our next special meeting on (1/31/24) at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Business:

- Jalisa McEntyre: D&I Institute, Director
- Bill #13: Primary Sponsors Salazar & Meier
- Bill #11: Primary Sponsor Goldstein
- Resolution #13: Primary Sponsor Goldstein

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Jalisa McEntyre: D&I Institute, Director**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Candidate: Hi everyone my name is Jalisa McEntyre I am currently a Senator, if hopefully everything goes well I will resign tomorrow. I was selected to be director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Institute. I am a

previous exec board member and have also had previous experience with it in the past, so I feel best fit for the position. In addition to the fact that I kind of already know how the institute is ran and given that it is behind I am capable of getting it up and running. I already have powerpoints made, in the process of getting started, I am in communication with assistant director who was confirmed last week. I already have good relationships with agency leaders and I am ready to get it up and running. I already started getting our apps ready to post as soon as this is done and over with and I appreciate you all for my time!

○ Round of Questioning:

- Senator Gomez: What do you think is the biggest obstacle at FSU when it comes to preventing bigotry while promoting diversity and inclusion?
 - Candidate McEntyre: When it comes to preventing discrimination while also trying to promote diversity, the biggest thing is people not knowing how to respect each other's difference. Especially, if the situation is either left or right and people don't understand that you can agree to disagree at certain times. Sometimes there is a right side and there is a wrong side but because there's a level of respect that needs to be maintained and people don't know how to maintain that or establish a level of respect. That is probably the biggest problem that comes for it because when the line of respect is crossed that's when I believe violence starts to happen. That is something I know how to take measures against because I was previously in the institute. You kind of know how to set the standard and tone of the room before the discussion occurs.
- Senator Pu: What are some of the hurdles that you wish to tackle on your new positions that hinder on your principles of diversity and equality here at FSU.
 - Candidate McEntyre: Some hurdles that I am wishing to tackle would definitely be the stigma that DEI is bad. I know it is being brought down in legislation and that they're saying how they won't be using public funding at school. DEI is not affected because that's not the funding source. It is not just the liberal thing that they're pushing around it gives everyone a safe space to their environments. Allows people to see other cultures and learn respectful ways to communicate.
- Senator Gomez: So I see in your forwarding letter that you were an intern at the capitol, so if you could explain some of your takeaways from that and how you could use that experience to help your potential new position?
 - Candidate McEntyre: So I actually applied for this last year and was offered it not too long ago. So I'm not really sure what's in my forwarding letter but I do know what's in my resume. Yes, I was an intern at the capitol and at the capitol I definitely saw the red and the blue and it was such a drastic difference. The same way people have petty differences in real life they have it there as adults and they carry on and you see it in legislation and everywhere. To really get things done is that politics are a game. If you want to get things done you have to rally people behind the scenes, talk to them and get them on your side. Even if something is good and is great it cannot get passed because everything falls

alongside what the party wants. Something I can take away is that I did a lot of clerical work and research. I also learned how to effectively communicate my stance or get across as something that is needed and I do feel I can transfer those skills into the role of director.

Senator Gomez moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Kubiak seconds

- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Gomez: I just want to say this is a fantastic candidate. I think she seems very determined. I love that she's already getting to work and already has some ideas and I think she would be fantastic for this position.
 - Senator Kubiak: Yeah, echoing the last Senator. This candidate seems to know a lot, know the program well and has ideas that she can really make this happen. I fully support this candidate
 - Senator Nguyen: I just wanted to say that I think this candidate is very grounded I've seen in an interview. She is very confident in herself and what she wants from the institute.

Senator Kubiak moves to forward the candidate; Senator Gomez seconds

- Closing statement:
 - Candidate:
- Vote:
 - Yes: [8] **Carr, Gomez, Grant, Kubiak, Nguyen, Pu, Hine, Waller**
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE MCENTYRE PASSES**

● **Bill #13: Primary Sponsors Salazar & Meier**

- Opening Statement:
 - Senator Meier: Hey everyone, I am just going to explain Bill 13 really quickly. It was sponsored by Chair Salazar and I and basically all it does it moves budget week process to spring semester rather than fall because as many of you guys know. Budget week is happening in the spring which it normally doesn't, it happens in the fall. And in the fall there is also sweepings, we thought it wouldn't be a good idea to have both funding boards to have their biggest weeks during the fall semester. Seeing that it would overwhelm the Senate in general and we also just wanted to give the budgeted entities that are requesting money from us to gauge their needs so they are more accurate and if something happens we can accommodate for them.
- Round of Questioning:
 - Senator Gomez: Could you just elaborate why the budget couldn't be approved by the summer Senate because I thought we would just move it to Spring?
 - Senator Meier: Did you mean, why isn't budget approved by summer Senate? That was already in Statutes that the budget isn't approved by summer Senate because most budgeted entities aren't really active in the summer or don't have as many active members during the summer, so it wouldn't be appropriate to have them request or approve during the summer.

Senator Kubiak moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Gomez seconds

- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Kubiak: I will speak in pro of this bill. It seems to make a lot more sense to have one group handle sweepings in the fall and have more in spring.
 - Senator Pu: I would also like to add taht it seems like a pretty good use of our organization and time and trying not to overload the senate in the fall. However, if we do pass this I think there should be a sort of efforts to make it public. I know there were some issues with trnsparency and hwo we report to the student body. I think there should be. Aconcerned effort ot report this on the student body.

Senator Gomez moves to call the question; Senator Nguyen seconds

- Closing statement:
 - Senator Meier: Thanksn for having me guys, we will be doing our best to work tandem with Senate exec to informt he student body. I hope we will be able to communicate this very clearly.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] **Carr, Gomez, Grant, Kubiak, Nguyen, Pu**
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [2] **Hine, Waller**
 - **RESULT: BILL 13 PASSES**
- **Resolution #13: Primary Sponsor Goldstein**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Senator Goldstein: Campus Rec and Student Union board already serve on PAC, ARTAC, and Sweepings. So for my logic it would onnly make sense for them to have a voice in budget as well. After we amended it in budget committee we got rid of the fact taht voting memebers are non non-voting members. They are just there to share their opinion because they already deal with so much money and theyre our already Senate committees taht give out money. In regards to the Student Body Treasurer, he already serves on Sweepings as an advisor for budget week. So moving it to an ex-officio memeber allows more transparency and allows Senate to fulfill its responsibilities. Since overall, campus re cand union board already serve everywhere else and have student body treasurer fully integrated in the budget process it really only makes sense to have an official role as an ex-officio memebr. So people can have a right to say.

- Round of Questioning:

Senator Kubiak moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Gomez seconds

- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Gomez: Yeah, I think its a good bill to make sure everyones voice is heard and get more opinions as something as important as budget. So yeah Im in support.

Senator Nguyen moves to call the question; Senator Gomez seconds

- Closing statement:
 - Senator: yields
- Vote:
 - Yes: [6] **Carr, Gomez, Grant, Kubiak, Nguyen, Pu**
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 13 PASSES**

- **Resolution #13: Primary Sponsor Goldstein**

- Opening Statement:

- Senator Goldstein: Hey Guys, this was intended to take a quick change to the bottom of the subsection To make work clearer or PAC and RTAC and organizational fund. Just want to make sure its worded correctly because Marshall is attempting to pass legislation to have Senators on PAC and RTAC funding and i want his legislation to pull through.

- Round of Questioning:

Senator Gomez moves to amend; Senator Kubiak seconds; Sponsor adopts amendment

Senator Gomez: Remove the highlighted part under 807.4 Section A, Subsection 1a

Senator Kubiak moves to enter roundtable; Senator Gomez seconds

- Round-Table Discussion:

Senator Gomez moves to call the question; Senator Nguyen seconds

- Closing statement:

- Senator Goldstein: I yield

- Vote:

- Yes: [6] Carr, Gomez, Grant, Kubiak, Nguyen, Pu
- No: [0]
- Abstain: [0]

- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 13 PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- None.

Closing Announcements:

- We will not be able to reach a quorum for the special meeting on (1/31/24) at 6:30 p.m so it will be cancelled. We will most likely enter Internal Affairs as a whole on the Senate floor Wednesday.

Next Meeting: 02/06/24 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:15pm

Signature of Chair Windlan

Ella Windlan