



76th Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
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Call to Order: 4:30

Members Present: Senator(s) [9] Carr, Gomez, Hine, Kubiak, Lalani, Nguyen, Pu, Waller, Vice Chair Larancuent, Chair Windlan

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Members Absent: Senator(s) Grant (E), Pareja (U)

Guests: Jose Collantes, Kelsey Stringler, Avery Cronin, Parker Bevis

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Announcements:

- Active participation in meetings is very important.

Committee Business:

- Kelsey Stringler: Legislative Branch, RTAC Member
- Avery Cronin: Legislative Branch, RTAC Member
- Jose Collantes: Legislative Branch, RTAC Member

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Kelsey Stringler: Legislative Branch, RTAC Member**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Candidate Stringler: Hey guys my name is Kelsey Stringler, I am applying to be in the RTAC meeting because I decided to apply to something bigger than myself and I thought through SGA would be a good way to do that just because I feel like it's super important to have then funds equally spread out throughout all kinds of RSOs and make sure the money is going to the right place. So th and one of my goals to help FSU students

make new experiences through these travel funds for the FSU environment. As for my qualifications, I have become the financial officer for Relay for Life just a few days ago, lots of experience dealing with sponsorships and communication dealing with finding financial communication and I am also the activity director and half treasurer of Dental Brigades on campus and I've dealt with a lot of physical movement of money and also financial communication.

- Round of Questioning:
 - Vice Chair Larancuent: Are you financially certified?
 - Candidate Stringler: Yeah
 - Senator Carr: With all your involvement, how do you plan to make time for RTAC?
 - Candidate Stringler: So I know RTAC meetings are on Mondays and Relay for Life is not really much of a time commitment it's on Tuesdays and Dental Brigades is spread out throughout the week on my own time so I definitely would be able to make time for RTAC whenever. My schedule is pretty flexible.

Vice Chair Larancuent moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Gomez seconds

- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Lalani: So I had the chance to sit in multiple RTAC meetings and I think the biggest thing with it is obviously understanding money, you are dealing with organizations and it's a big deal and the biggest thing is having that understanding of money, which the candidate clearly has with her various organizations on campus. So I think this candidate is highly qualified for this position.
 - Senator Gomez: Just by going through the candidate forwarding letter I think she's more than ready for this position and thinks she's more than ready for these financial roles that goes to show her experience in that she would be a fantastic candidate
 - Vice Chair Larancuent: Just echoing what the last two senators said with all the experience that I'm seeing especially with the financial and what I'm seeing. I think this candidate will make a great member of the RTAC committee.

Senator Nguyen moves to forward the candidate; Senator Gomez seconds

- Closing statement:
 - Candidate Stringler: I just wanted to say thank you for all the nice words. My biggest backing is that through all my roles at Florida State have been through financials. Which makes me a good candidate for this position especially with all the knowledge I've gained. I have begun reading through the meeting minutes of the last RTAC meeting so I just wanted to say thank you, guys!
- Vote:
 - Yes: [8] Carr, Gomez, Kubiak, Lalani, Nguyen, Pu, Waller, Vice Chair Larancuent
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [1] Hine
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE STRINGLER PASSES**

● **Candidate for Confirmation: Avery Cronin: Legislative Branch, RTAC Member**

- Opening Statement:

- Candidate Cronin: Hi guys I'm Avery I'm a freshman here at FSU. I'm double majoring in biology and Media, and similar to Kelsey I want to join SGA because I want to make a difference with my make and leave the community better than I found it. I think RTAC is a great starting avenue for that. I am financially certified and I don't have enough financial experience as she does. But I was the treasurer of my notary club my senior year of high school. I do have a lot of experience directly handling money and I was also my drama club president and since I was the oldest person there I was in charge of the money and that stuff. So when I got to FSU I got involved in the Freshman Leadership Insititute, I was on the student financial team, and I am looking to get involved in the Pre-Dental Society. I just want to join SGA to give everyone the same opportunities I had so far, so they can get their passions and their stuff done.
- Round of Questioning:
 - Senator Gomez: Being a freshman, especially in STEM which can be very demanding. Do you think you have enough time to take responsibility for this position?
 - Candidate Cronin: Yeah, I talked to Psrker the RTAC chair about it, he said the meetings are on Mondays. I dont ahve anything on Mondays besides studying and homework.
 - Senator Lalani: Yes, so I know you mentioned not having much financial experience and you are financially certified, how do you plan on making that non-experience in finance a non-factor when you are making decisions in orgs in terms of RTAC?
 - Candidate Cronin: I think it just comes with understanding how much the orgs are asking for and how much we are able to give out. I've attended a couple of meetings where I've seen these consent resolutions and stuff and I think I would definitely be able to help manage on what someone is trying to ask for. What do they need it for? Is this how much we should give them? Is this enough or is this too much? Could we give them more could we give them less? And I think I'm pretty level-headed, so I would be able to kind of just see through and see what I need to give or allow these people.
 - Senator Nguyen: Hi, I would just like to ask since you did want to be more involved in SGA, are there certain passions as to why you want to be RTAC? I know you want to help people but like what goals, and could you elaborate on that as well?
 - Candidate Cronin: Yeah, so I think it's pretty interesting. I have done a lot of leadership roles, but I haven't focused primarily on the financial aspect around it. I do think this is a really good idea for me. Through giving these organizations money we can do all of these things and go to these conventions to help them foster what they can do. Whether help builds on experiences whether it be professional or a passion I want to give people that opportunity.

Vice Chair Larancuent moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Lalani seconds

- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Vice Chair Larancuent: Yes, so I know this candidate and I think they're amazing. I can see how passionate and dedicated they are not even just learning the whole thing. I think it is very great how she wants to go into

the financial sector because that's not a part she's so educated on, so this is. A good way for her to be very well-rounded and know how to do all the things that need to be done in SGA. With that, I want to speak in Pro.

- Senator Lalani: Just echoing what the past senator said, I know this candidate personally and in a professional setting, and she's more than committed to the role, and it's great that we're having newer freshmen coming into PAC and RTAC and it's great that we were getting them early on.
- Senator Nguyen: Adding on senators said, I've met this candidate early on and seen her at the Senate meetings. So I'm pretty sure she is dedicated to getting involved in SGA. Which I definitely appreciate and I love her experience as well and her answers to all of our questions so yeah, I like this candidate.

Senator Gomez moves to forward the candidate; Senator Kubiak seconds

- Closing statement:
 - Candidate Cronin: I just want to say thank you guys for taking the time to listen to me. So yeah, thank you so much!
- Vote:
 - Yes: [9] Carr, Gomez, Hine, Kubiak, Lalani, Nguyen, Pu, Waller, Vice Chair Larancuent
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain [0]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE CRONIN PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Jose Collantes: Legislative Branch, RTAC Member**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Candidate: Hi, My name is Jose Collantes and I'm currently a freshman at Florida State I am pursuing a degree in Political Science and English major. As for qualifications go for RTAC there are none as of this moment. But the thing is I am very eager to be involved in SGA. I have made previous attempts to get involved in SGA, I applied to be the Parliamentarian I did the interview process and didn't get selected but I was glad that I was able to go for an opportunity. I think that is probably the most important quality I have, if I see somewhere that I want to improve at and I go towards it and I'm going to try. I'm going to learn. As for RTAC, I am fiscally responsible. I know how to manage my bank account. I'm well off. But, RTAC is different than that. I am aware it is a group, it is a system there multiple RSOs in FSU and I think the greatest thing about it is that even though it is RTAC and it is money you have to learn from it. Things that I like to tell you guys that I learned from it is the fact that not even all RSOs know they can even request funding. Especially the newbie ones. Like, for example. Sorry, that was just somebody. One of the main things I noticed is that RSOs, they had this. To gather RSOs that were created last semester, because I was doing the financial certification exam and I just like learning how RSOs can request funding. And I was telling them how they can do that, and they were like I didn't know I could do that and I was like yes you can? So at that moment, I was like, "Wow RSO's can really help people". You know see opportunities and that's it.
 - Round of Questioning:
 - Senator Gomez: Yes, I just wanted to know if you are financially certified?
 - Candidate Collantes: Yes, I am financially certified

- Senator Lalani: What do you think is going to be the biggest challenge of you learning how RTAC works and how do you plan on overcoming it?
 - Candidate Collantes: The biggest challenge for me is considering between 2 RSOs who are going for the same amount of funding and what I'm thinking, my thought process behind that is "Are both really helping the community at large or are they trying to help a specific niche sort of community and taht I think is the greatest difference in RSOs that I can think of which is most important. If an RSO is somewhere where anyone can get involved. I think FNL is the best example. Because I think everyone is funny, and if you get into FNL and the RSO travels and I have a friend in FNL and I'm like, yeah this is more open to the community and this can give you a lot more public opportunities, since they're an organization for a very specific interests like I wouldn't even know but yeah.
- Vice Chair Larancuent: Hi, I just wanted to know if you have contacted Chair Bevis about RTAC and what it entails and its responsibilities?
 - Candidate Collantes: RTAC is the Resource Travel Allocations Committee and deals with four categories: Expenses, Lodging, Milage, Reimbursement and the final one is registration. I know what it is, yeah.
- Senator Nguyen: I'm not sure but just to clarify I think the last Senator asked if you were talking to Chair Bevis who is the chair of RTAC and stuff?
 - Candidate Collantes: Oh yeah, have I sent him messages? Like email, yeah I've talked with him through email.

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

- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Lalani: Yes, As I said what the previous candidate and as I will say again. I think it good to have freshmen who are eager to get involved obviously if they don't have most experience of the back that's understandable they can definitely learn. I can tell he's passionate about RTAC and wants to get involved in the process and ultimately I think it's the most important thing when we're creating members on this ORG so yeah, I speak in pro for that candidate for that reason.
 - Vice Chair Larancuent: Hi, So yes as well as what I said about the last candidate I think it is very good taht this candidate wants to get involved, I can tell he is very passionate about it and I know once he gets in RTAC he will learn more about how this process works and I think he will do amazing things so yeah.

Senator Gomez moves to forward the candidate; Vice Chair Larancuent seconds

- Closing statement:
 - Candidate Collantes: I would also like to say like the previous two candidates. Thank you to the senator who has spoken on my behalf and yeah.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [9] Carr, Gomez, Hine, Kubiak, Lalani, Nguyen, Pu, Waller, Vice Chair Larancuent
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]

- **RESULT: CANDIDATE COLLANTES PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- None.

Closing Announcements:

- Vice Chair Larancuent: just want to say thank you all for being so active today. I love to see it, you all are doing amazing!

Next Meeting: 02/13/24 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 4:57

Signature of Chair Windlan