



76th Student Senate Internal Committee

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Call to Order: 5:00PM

Members Present: Chair Lalani, Vice Chair Pu, Senator(s) Grant, Carr, Randall, Leeman, Shaw, Quam, Suddeth

Members Tardy: Senator(s) Pareja, Dinh, Peace-Friedman, Mckenzie, Stuart

Members Absent: Senator(s) Salazar-Angeles

Guests: Senator(s) Goldstein, Malena Romero, Carson Dale, Sean Faletti, David Garner, Jacob Rampino, Emily Fisher, Olivia Leichter, Jessica De, Anoushka Ahouja, Kemar'I Kelly

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Announcements:

- Welcome back to IA, last meeting of the semester! Lot of candidates for important positions today, so let's finish out strong.

Committee Business:

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Old Business:

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New Business:

- **Candidates for Confirmation:** Malena Romero – Executive Branch, Chief of Staff. Carson Dale – Executive Branch, Deputy Chief of Staff. Sean Faletti – Executive Branch, Cabinet Director. David Garner – Executive Branch, Chief Administrative Officer. Jacob Rampino – Elections Office, Supervisor of Elections. Jacob Rampino – Civic Engagement Board – Director of Finance. Emily Fisher – IRHC, Director. Hope Banks – IRHC, Assistant Director. Olivia Leichter – IRHC, Associate Director of Finance. Jessica De – AASU, Director. Anoushka Ahuja – AASU Assistant Director. Kemar'I Kelly – TLI, Director.
- **Malen Romero – Executive Branch, Chief of Staff**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Candidate Romero: Hi guys, so happy Tuesday. I know you guys have a really long day, so I'll keep it short and sweet My name is Molina Romero. I'm currently a 3rd year student. I just finished my tenure in the exec branch as a cabinet member for a director of health and wellness and I had a lot of really great success in that role. Learned a lot about SGA and have really loved the executive branch and all that we can do as a candidate for chief of staff. And all that we can do. As a candidate for chief of staff, I'm really excited about strengthening interbranch relations, working with Senate more. That was something I did this past year and I loved it. You guys are awesome. Really furthering branch expectations, making sure that our branch is doing the most we can and supporting our students and whatever it is they find pertinent in that moment. Yeah, I'm really excited to continue working with an exact and doing all we can for our student body.
 - General Questioning:
 - Senator Randall: Yeah, so I like a lot of what you said about like doing like more Introduced communications, like is super important. Knowing that Chief of Staff deals with a lot of the more administrative things interviewing just kind of being an assistant to the office of the president in general. I guess like what, how has your experience in the executive branch do you think helped you for that or just any experience that you've had in general kind of in colored peria for that kind of role.
 - Candidate Romero: Yeah, so I wasn't a senator and I think that not being a senator and not coming from that Senate space has really allowed me to enter everything with very open arms. I don't feel any type of way about any particular side. I'm very open-minded about it all and seeing how much work can be done when we pursue and actively work for those relationships. I found a lot of great work happened there and We all, a lot of us have like the same ideas. So making sure that we are communicating to ensure that works out. Yeah, I think I, my perspective is just let's not constantly be making new things, but let's fill in the gaps where we need to.
 - Senator Carr: What are some of your goals for, the chief of staff position?
 - Candidate Romero: Yeah. So some of my goals are definitely to ensure that we are expecting being very clear with our expectations for members. The exact branch is kind of like an apex for a lot of a lot of complacency comes in that. So just working on setting those expectations, making sure that we are constantly having updates and making sure that there are actionable steps to complete all the plans we have for the future. Yep.

- Senator Randall: When you are interviewing candidates for various positions, what will you be looking for in terms of making decisions when you are forwarding people?
 - Candidate Romero: I want good perspectives. I want ideas. I want to know that you know what you're talking about and you research the position and you have a base of where you want the position to go. A lot of these roles, it's especially with cabinet, it's you make of it what you want and if I'm thinking that the candidate already has a plethora of things they want to start working on, that's perfect.
 - Vice Chair Pu: You know, given that this is a like a very important decision and the executive branch, I was wondering if you had reached out to the person who had held your position previous or. Previous to you in this case. And I was wondering if you were, if there were like any instances of continuity, the extent to which there was continuity and the previous administration and what might come into the next administration and whether or not that's helped you or not. I guess. Yeah, and like, I guess. If you maybe had been able to sit in and shadow on them and maybe to what extent you would like to maybe continue on was done in the previous administration or just I guess your exposure to the role.
 - Candidate Romero: Okay, yeah, so I did have conversations with Savannah Stewart, the previous chief of staff. I had conversations with Jackson Boyair and just kind of gauging what it is, what's the future looking like for the exact branch and just student government as a whole. I think that for me the parts of the ministry of the prior administration that I'm gonna keep moving forward or all the programming and all the efforts we made, all the initiatives that got started because to make, to ensure that things are sustainable, you have to keep. Revisiting what's been done. I had a lot of projects that started and I would love to continue and Yeah. Yeah. So your answer your question, yes, I did talk to the previous.
 - Senator Mckenzie: Hey, so how would you, promote productivity within the executive branch?
 - Candidate Romero: Yeah, so I believe in steps, so it's really great when people have ideas, but sometimes Those ideas might be too large. So breaking it down and ensuring that. The 1st step is usually a conversation with some type of administrator. So making sure that those meetings are set, then moving going from there, ensuring that people are following up because things get lost in communication. Just making sure that the steps are there and I can. See what they're doing and know exactly and what phase they are of their plan.
- **Senator Randall moves to enter round-table discussion; Vice Chair Pu seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Randall: Yeah, so I'm really excited to see this candidate coming through I. I think she did a phenomenal job in the executive branch last year. I think she was one of probably the most productive people in that group like she was constantly inside telling us about some new project that she was working on and I feel like she accomplished a lot of goals. Very tangibly. I think that's something that's really important in the executive branch. And I think that she's going to bring a really fresh energy to this position and kind of help bring that spirit of productivity to the rest of the branch and I think she's very well qualified to the rest of the

branch and I think she's very well qualified and I'm excited to see what she can do.

- **Pu moves to forward the candidate; Senator Randall seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Candidate Romero: Yeah, thank you guys so much. Thank you, Senator Randall for your words. I'm really excited to continue working in SGA, working with Senate. I'm looking, I'm very excited to promoting the platform points of this administration. Just excited to get to work.
- Vote:
 - Yes: Vice Chair Pu, Senator(s) Grant, Carr, Randall, Leeman, Shaw, Quam, Suddeth, Pareja, Dinh, Peace-Friedman
 - No:
 - Abstain:
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE ROMERO PASSES**
- **Carson Dale – Executive Branch, Deputy Chief of Staff**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Candidate Dale: Awesome. Thank you so much. So it's an honor to be here speaking with all of you today and it's nice to see somebody familiar and friendly faces out there. Since coming to FSU, student government has been an integral part of my collegiate journey and I cannot be more excited to be here with you guys in this space today. So for those of you who I haven't gotten the chance to meet, I'll tell you a little bit about myself. I'm a second year international affairs major. I'm originally from Columbia, Missouri. I'm really passionate about the outdoors and I try to be out in nature as much as possible. Camping, hiking, fishing, whatever it might be. I'm well involved across campus being in the Presidential Scholars Program, the Honors Legal Scholars Program, Delta Signify Fraternity, Social Science, Scholars, and of course, Student Government. In the past year I served under the Hitchcock Wells Bowling Administration as a deputy student body treasure. And in this role, I worked very closely with every member of the executive branch helping them to accomplish their projects and filling out purchase requests on their behalf. Or it's closely with student treasure bowling to negotiate a 5 year budget deal with administration that will help student government see a 4% increase in spending every year. I've sat on the last 2 budget cycles, sweepings, our tax, CLC funding boards, tech the committee. Honors Policy Committee, oncoming allocations committee and shared the organizational fund committee. I've represented former student body president Hitchcock and FSA meetings and filled in as the acting student body treasure during summer. 2023 when treasurer bowling took a leave of absence due to an internship on Capitol Hill. Before that, I served on the Student Senate where I was the vice chair of the sustainability committee. I sat on the budget committee. I filled in for my chair on rules and I passed several major pieces of including executive branch statute reworks and spending guideline initiatives. As I look towards the future, there's truly no place I'd rather be than under the Boisvert-King administration. These are 3 of the kindest hardest working and authentic leaders I've ever met and serving the student body alongside them and all of you will truly be an honor. And my role as Deputy Chief of Staff, I'll be working directly under Student Body President Bevoir to tackle special

projects and the system and his day to day needs, whether that be assisting with administration, the Board of Trustees, FSA, or internal student government affairs. I will also be working closely with the Chief of Staff candidate Millennium Marrow to manage the executive branch, track projects, and assist with interviews when there's a conflict of interest or high volume of applicants. In the past, this position is bind underneath the office of the VP. So I'm excited to reinvent this and really make it something unique. I'll be staying here over the summer and working to kick start our initiatives for the fall, as well as working towards some passion. Projects of my own, such as the Student Chamber of Commerce, the potential grant system for health and safety projects, and overall administrative projects such as figuring out the specifics of the executive internship program facilitating a student health services discount and exploring pathways towards assisting students with navigating off-campus housing. This is gonna be a busy year ahead, but this team is already full of superstars who I know are gonna be amazing change makers along with everyone else who comes aboard. My promise to send it and all of you is to work closely with all of you. Keep you in the loop on what's happening and work towards not 2, but one shared reality of a more supported and interconnected student body. Thank you so much.

○ General Questioning:

- Senator Randall: Yeah, so given that you moved into the executive branch, I would say pretty early on into your SGA career serving as a deputy as our deputy treasurer. What's 1 lesson that you kind of learned from that from being in the executive branch already for a year that you would kind of carry into this position?
- Candidate Dale: I'd say one of the biggest things is to always be curious. You know, asking questions to various stakeholders and trying to learn as much about different processes as possible has really helped me to. Better understand how student government as a whole operates, you know, there's areas that I never really thought would have worked closely together. Like when I was coming into the deputy student body treasure position, I wouldn't have really thought that I'd be working as closely with every other member of executives I was. But, you know, if you're asking questions and just being inquisitive and about whatever else was working on, we were really able to work towards a more like common goal of like. Tackling projects and helping student body

○ **Senator Suddeth moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Mckenzie seconds**

○ Round-Table Discussion:

- Senator Randall: Yeah, so I've known this candidate for quite a while. We came into the presidential scholars program at the same time and I always knew he was going to be a superstar like he talks about all these deeper stars that are already in this branch. He is by far one of them. He has put so much into student government. He I always see him up in these offices like working hard last year with our former student bodies treasurer. He was so inf in this budget deal that we were finally able to kind of create and solidify that's really going to make an impact on our student organizations and agencies bureaus and all of that. So I'm really

excited to see what is going to get the need to accomplish in the executive branch. I think there's nobody better for this job. And yeah.

- Vice Chair Pu: Yeah, buy a similar token. I mean, I have a little bit of a different experience. From, from Senator, the previous center who just spoke, but, I've definitely viewed the candidate as a sort of mentor and someone who's very knowledgeable on a lot of the intricacies and workings of SGA. Just you really having knocked it out of the park before I even arrived on campus, I think the candidate would make an excellent fit for this role and I really can't wait to see what he does. In a massive body of work he's done, I think he's just getting started and I can't wait, we can't wait to see what he gets done.
- Senator Suddeth: Yeah, I've also known this candidate for a while. And he's worked tirelessly within our chapter and I think he's just the perfect person for this job and as the previous senator said he is a superstar.

- Closing Statement:

- Candidate Dale: Thank you all for the kind of words. It means the world and all of you. Thank you.

- **Senator Suddeth moves to forward the candidate; Senator Randall seconds**

- Vote:

- Yes: Vice Chair Pu, Senator(s) Grant, Carr, Randall, Leeman, Shaw, Quam, Suddeth, Pareja, Dinh, Peace-Friedman
- No:
- Abstain:

- **RESULT: CANDIDATE DALE PASSES**

- **David Garner – Executive Branch, Chief Administrative Officer**

- Opening Statement:

- Candidate Garner: Thank you. So good afternoon. It's an honor to be here today. I'm a strong advocate for WHICH does and accomplishes. For those of you who don't know who I am, I'm a 3rd year double major in political science and international affairs. I'm heavily involved in the student perks at FSU organization as an external affairs director and also the hunger and homelessness campaign coordinator where I've gained numerous experience with administrative and management work. I'm involved in numerous organizations around campus such as File for Delta, the FSU honors program, the honors legal scholars program, the social science scholars and a graduate of the Global Scholars Program. And my role that I am. Applying for chief administrative officer to be confirmed, I will work forward directly to student body vice president Anthony Benn. I will manage and lead the executive office of the vice president staff represent the student body vice president to internal student government entities and coordinate and work on behalf of the student body vice president on executive projects. Furthermore, I will be responsible for ensuring that files, records, and documents are tracked and accounted for as well as ensuring the completion of initiatives led by the student body vice president. I look forward to working in my role in supporting the student body and also the vice president's initiatives such as health and safety, student life, campus resources, and DEI advocacy. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to speak. And I look forward to any questions.

- General Questioning

- Senator Randall: Yeah, so awesome to hear that you're kind of a big advocate for SGA, given that you don't necessarily have a lot of experience within student government. I guess like what is your plan or like how do you plan to step into a role that does deal with primarily with more internal affairs working more internally with agencies bureaus and things of that nature.
 - Candidate Garner: Yeah, absolutely. I would, wanna say that in my role as external affairs director with student PERS at FSU. I've had a lot of outreach and obviously external affairs work. As an RSO on campus, we work heavily with the SGA student government. So I have had the experience of working and passing numerous resolutions working on resolutions with Senate liaisons. So I do have that experience. In addition, Anthony Ben is very highly knowledgeable of SGA in his work. So serving under him, I will always have that guidance and mentorship from him. Knowing that he'll be there.
 - **Vice Chair Pu moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Leeman seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Vice Chair Pu: Yeah, I would like to speak in pro this candidate. Just off of his, Yeah, his opening statement, I think. I wouldn't given, his you know history of excellence in campus involvement that he that he's showcase to us with. With his appearance here today. I can't in good faith honestly count his lack of SGA experience against him. I think he's been excellent. Yes, and campus involvement in general. And I think that's what we should look for. It when it comes to involvement SGA, we shouldn't hold a lack of experience as a bar to interest people that want to get involved with SGA and being involved with campus I think is a good enough substitute for that as he's been, you know, very excellent in other spaces, especially as he stated a lot of pre law spaces on campus and I'd like to speak in pro this candidate for that for that reason
 - **Senator Randall moves to forward the candidate; Senator Suddeth seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Candidate Garner: I'll just briefly say a couple of words. Thank you so much for this opportunity and listening to my introduction. I look forward to working with SGA, and also getting to know all of you guys as well.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: Vice Chair Pu, Senator(s) Grant, Carr, Randall, Leeman, Shaw, Quam, Suddeth, Dinh, Peace-Friedman
 - No:
 - Abstain: Pareja
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE GARNER PASSES**
- **Jacob Rampino – Elections Office, Supervisor of Elections**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Candidate Rampino: Yes, so keeping with the theme, I'll keep it brief. So I've worked over the past semester as, over the past 2 semesters I apologize as deputy supervisor of elections. I apologize as deputy supervisor of elections with Spencer Greenwood. I've worked closely with him to help administer elections for the spring this semester. And I'm very excited to get into this role to help, hopefully increase voter turnout, make our elections events, make our debate a little more interesting, a little

more notable on campus, reach out a little more to RSOs just to make sure we're getting that turnout and just make sure that elections are administered, efficiently and impartially. I yield

○ General Questioning

- Senator Carr: Hi, I know you said you wanted to increase better turnout and reaching out to RSOs and whatnot, but how else do you plan to increase better turnout?
- Candidate Rampino: Other than just events and, Other than events and reaching out specifically to RSOs, I mean, I might want to reform social media, obviously. Some of the signs that we post around the union as the elections office, obviously I would probably want to update those. You know, generally just make things look a little more interesting, a little more exciting. I'm not exactly a public relations expert, but you know, I think those things along with better events and you know the better outreach I think that'll those those are my goals.
- Senator Randall: So I know the deputy supervisor election position can sometimes be something that's a little bit ambiguous kind of depends on someone who is in the office that you are up for kind of what that role looks like. Do you have any specific plans for what that might look like if you were to be a for a supervisor when you're kind of choosing and also like kind of executing that throughout the year.
- Candidate Rampino: Yes, so I would absolutely want all deputy supervisors who work under me to have a very clear understanding of the supervisor ship and what it entails and the processes behind it. What I would generally look for and what I would probably assign in terms of workload would probably look something like, I mean, working in tandem with me. I would probably view that person less as somebody who is sort of, under me and more as a co-worker. So I would definitely want their input. I would want them to have, you know, the same sort of skill set that I would expect of myself. So somebody who's willing to be dedicated. Yeah.
- Vice Chair Pu: Yeah, FSU's campus as you may be aware is like, you know, it's getting larger both figuratively and literally the student population is growing. It's become the campus is becoming physically larger. You know, with Addition to Innovation Park and you know the College of Business being relatively far off campus when asked built. How do you plan to reach out to these campuses and these students that maybe are not on the main campus and may feel somewhat isolated. How do you plan? What what would you think would be a good course of action? To encourage. Civic engagement from these campuses, from the students on the College of Engineering and College of Business campuses.
- Candidate Rampino: Absolutely, that's a really fantastic question. And I'm glad you asked it because if I'm being honest, I really hadn't thought about it. Too deeply, but if being honest, earnest about it, I mean, I've been to the College of Engineering campus recently, through FSU Perg, I hosted, I helped to host a food distribution at the College of Engineering. Honestly, I think that those campuses are just as important. As our main campus. And when you're talking about voter turnout, again, you have to prioritize every voter. You have to prioritize every person equally. You want to make sure that these people are included. I would absolutely look

to host probably physical events and probably would want to show up there that myself, possibly with deputy supervisors, possibly with other people on maybe even the civic engagement board, other aspects of SGA and just try and have a physical event to sort of promote SGA elections and and show that yes, you are a part of FSU as well and you get a say in where your tuition goes.

- **Senator Suddeth moves to enter round-table discussion; Vice Chair Pu seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Randall: Yeah, I've talked to this Canada a lot about this position and I think that he has a lot of really great ideas, wants to expand kind of the scope of what the SOE does, especially given that it's been the same person for quite a long time. So I think it's really exciting to see something you stepping into this role. And I know he has a lot of ideas for hours, so he's kind of been discussing in this meeting, is very passionate about this and just specific engagement as a whole. I'm excited to see what he does.
 - Vice Chair Pu: Yeah, I'd like to speak in pro this Canada. I think the answer he just gave out was, you know, even though he hadn't, I think the answer he just gave out was, you know, even though he hadn't necessarily considered it for, I think it was very well thought out and explain it display a, a large, flexibility and critical mess of thinking that I think. Would make, an excellent, addition to this position. I'm excited to see what he does in this position. He seems very passionate about it. Hmm. Is probably one of the most qualified candidates that could have approached this, that a kind of purchase committee about this position and I'm really excited to see what he does.
- **Vice Chair Pu moves to forward the candidate; Senator Suddeth seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Candidate Rampino: I just want to say thank you for your kind statements and for your questions. Thank you.
- Vote:
 - Yes: Vice Chair Pu, Senator(s) Grant, Carr, Randall, Leeman, Shaw, Quam, Suddeth, Dinh, Peace-Friedman
 - No:
 - Abstain:
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE RAMPINO PASSES**
- **Jacob Rampino – Civic Engagement Board, Director of Finance**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Candidate Rampino:Yes, so in terms of my qualifications for a director finance specific engagement board, 1st of all, in terms of civic engagement, this is something I'm extremely passionate about. I'm, I try to be as involved in possible as possible on campus. I'm part of FSU PIRG. So I am one of the coordinators along with David Garner as the hunger, as a coordinator with the Hungarian homelessness campaign. I've worked with the FSU political review, writing articles, trying to promote current events. I'm also involved in nulls engaged in politics. I've been involved in several, just several orgs in order to, to, oh, sorry, the College of Social Sciences, a student leadership council. That's the one I was missing. But yes, so I really looking to promote civic engagement in

this way. I think also in terms of the supervisor of elections position, these 2 things are very closely interconnected. And then finally in terms of the finance end of things, I've worked very closely in FSU perg with our finance chair, Arianna Khamenei, and I have worked, you know, to help get some sweepings for FSU Perg and different things like this. I really want to look to ensure that in civic engagement board, the actual budget is not only tracked but we're ensuring that each event that we host and everywhere we spend money is going to be spent efficiently. And is actually engaging the student body. So I yield my time. Thank you.

○ General Questioning

■ Vice Chair Pu: Yeah, how do you, If you, move on tomorrow and you get passed for both of the positions you've applied to, how do you plan to balance out that I've applied to how do you plan to balance out that all work and you know what will take precedence.

■ Candidate Rampino: Yes, so I would say that I wouldn't give one precedent, just because I would want to give my full effort towards, towards both, in, in terms of balancing those then, because obviously I value them both equally, I obviously foremost I have a schedule so I try and keep track of all of my time and you know I think that I certainly have the ability to dedicate myself fully to both of these positions. They're both issue areas I'm extremely passionate about. Government or the student body suffer because I tried to take on too much.

■ Senator McKenzie: So this past week we confirmed the, Civic, Civic Engagement Director and her biggest thing was to promote voter turnout for like elections. How do you see working-handed hand with her like on the finance side to get that done?

■ Candidate Rampino: Absolutely. So I believe, are you talking about deputy, Sara Larancuent, Okay, yes, I was gonna say the director is, Anyway, but no, certainly, I mean, I've worked very closely with Sarah before. I trust you very much and to be honest about the finance end of things I think really what I would look to do in terms of increasing voter turnout, would be to make sure that, again, so, if we're hosting an event, I want to be able to have a measure of engagement. So if there is a link that somebody is going to use to sign up for something if there is an event that we are trying to promote. Okay, can we see that this event we host actually got people to show up to this other event. If we are working on an event with other RSOs, say FSU votes or the new voters project with FSU perk, you know, are they getting the kind of turnout that they're wanting from civic engagement events on our end? And from there, if you if you have a good measure of engagement and you you are seeing the sorts of results that you want, you have a numerical sense of it, then I think you can balance that with the budget. And, and obviously with other necessities to determine whether or not you're actually spending efficiently in that sense.

○ Round-Table Discussion:

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○ **Senator Randall moves to forward the candidate; Vice Chair Pu seconds**

○ Closing Statement:

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○ Vote:

- Yes: Vice Chair Pu, Senator(s) Grant, Carr, Randall, Leeman, Shaw, Quam, Suddeth, Dinh, McKenzie
 - No:
 - Abstain: Senator(s) Peace-Friedman
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE RAMPINO PASSES**
- **Kemar'I Kelly – TLI, Director**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Candidate Kelly: Obviously my name is Kamari Kelly. I'm from Jacksonville, Florida. I'm a 3rd year student. I'm majoring in international affairs and I'm monitoring in general business and my goal with the TLI program is to really get more transfer students involved. And make sure they get the feel of sense of acceptance into the culture that FSU has brought me into as well. I yield the rest of my time.
 - General Questioning:
 - Senator Randall: Yeah, see, you mentioned that you did the LCP. This past semester, how do you think that has kind of helped you get prepared for, taking on this kind of director position within SGA?
 - Candidate Kelly: The position has helped me so much because I feel not as a senator but watching you guys work and seeing the leadership that you other senators take on i feel that in this position that you other senators take on i feel that in this position of me leading others i feel like in this position of me leading others i feel like seeing you guys take on. I feel that in this position of me leading others, I feel like seeing you guys, it's like a sense of watching you guys. I feel like I could also help these transfer students get involved in other programs. Okay.
 - Senator Carr: I was just wondering, I know you said you had like workshops they were planning to do, but was there any other events that you were thinking about?
 - Candidate Kelly: Not at the moment. No, ma'am. I haven't. I just was accepted. I want to say maybe a week ago. So I'm still trying to brainstorm what I could do to help the program grow and improve. But for right now, no ma'am, I have not thought of anything else.
 - **Vice Chair Pu moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Suddeth seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Randall: Yeah, so LCP was how I got involved with SDA too. I did that my 1st in year spring and I can attest that it is very, very, very helpful. I think I learned a lot from just sitting in the back of the chambers for a semester. So I definitely, I relate to this Canada a lot and you seem super excited about this and passionate about it. I think that's something that we really need in this kind of position. So excited to see what you guys.
 - Closing Statement:
 - Candidate Kelly: I just wanna say that I'm excited to be in this position and work as a part of SGA and I will not let you guys down. Thank you.
 - **Vice Chair Pu moves to forward the candidate; Senator Grant seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: Vice Chair Pu, Senator(s) Grant, Carr, Randall, Leeman, Shaw, Quam, Suddeth, Dinh, McKenzie, Peace-Friedman
 - No:

- Abstain:
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE KELLY PASSES**

- **Sean Faletti – Executive Branch, Cabinet Director**

- Opening Statement:

- Candidate Faletti: Alright, thank you so much. Hello everyone. I'm super excited to be here speaking to you today about my candidacy for the role of cabinet director as the outgoing executive director of the Asian American Student Union. I've had the unique opportunity this past year to interface directly with student body president, vice president and treasurer on a number of different causes and events. But I think what makes me most whipped and perhaps most passionate about this role is my philosophy towards team building and being a team leader specifically. Approach that doesn't really. Require calling what we do work but instead works on reinforcing the passion projects of my board and my peers as a whole. And I believe my philosophy can best be broken down into 3 distinct parts, one being coalition building, the next being transparency and the final one perhaps being the most important. Combating burnout and I have distinct plans for each of those. I'd like to increase transparency with a number of different organizations by setting up, what I'm now calling new agency consultations by setting up what I'm now calling new agency consultations or perhaps just, what I'm now calling new agency consultations or perhaps just agency consultations or perhaps just agency consultations or perhaps just agency consultations. Or perhaps just agency consultations. In my time as an agency director myself, I found that despite our best efforts, in my time as an agency director myself, I found that despite our best efforts towards transparency as student government. In my time as an agency director myself, I found that despite our best efforts towards transparency as student government, sometimes contacting people can be inaccessible and or difficult. So as an outgoing agency leader myself, I want to set up these agency consultations where I can be a resource and the leader in the executive branch where people can come and talk to me and I can either give them advice or direct them to others, which is something I've been doing for student leaders who are hoping to make their RSOs agencies and other agency leaders who really just don't know how to interface with SGA or how to go about that. The next thing I want to do to increase transparency and also cultivate the passions of my cabinet if I am lucky, lucky enough to serve in this role is to create a workshop series, which also reinforces the vision of the new administration. Creating an intern program within . To create a sort of shadows continuing a leadership program and cultivating new leaders. And so this workshop series would essentially be our cabinet, you know, secretary of sustainability diversity all these people prevent presenting a resource workshop for anyone that wants to come and hear about it for student leaders or just people looking to get involved. Learned a little bit about what they do in their role, what they're passionate about, and maybe resources to help them 1st get involved. And I think this could really, really help bridge the gaps between different organizations and just general population who really is curious about what it is that we do. And then as for combating burnout, I'll close out by saying that for everything that I did this year in my role as director, I'm most

proud of the board culture that we cultivated. And while that's not something that's tangible or measurable in and of itself, it can really be seen in just talking to the student population and the people.

○ General Questioning:

- Senator Randall: Yeah, so I guess I would love if you could expand a little bit upon that last thing. I know that's something that came up a little bit in the Chief of Staff interview, as well through IA that a lot of people that are involved in cabinet are very, involved student leaders on campus. They do a lot and cabinets, Not this. I don't know how to say this correctly, actually. I don't want to. Speak poorly, I suppose. But I guess just how would you make sure that you were holding members of your cabinet? And just like it's been a little more upon that culture. Sorry, that's kind of a long window.
- Candidate Faletti: Thank you, Senator. Yeah, I, I can target that. So I mentioned coalition building, which is something I didn't quite expand upon, cause I ran a little long. But I believe there's a difference between a community and a coalition. And the way I view a coalition is a community with a vision and a direction. And so I think really recentering the cabinet around our common goal and what it is that we're here for. What it is that we aspire to do, our passion projects, and that's something that I worked on in my capacity as AAC director as well, really helps people remember the intentionality behind how and why we work. And part of that involves, you know, cultivating people's passion projects. If there's something that needs to be getting done and objective that people are falling behind on because it's burnout that's something that I'm well equipped to take care of for them and then I'd like to delegate them something that they'd really like to work on, a passion project. Something that they can achieve and support them in that because ultimately the more passionate we are as student leaders and the more eager we are to actually create action will change. The more there is accountability for oneself and that's something I'm very comfortable in enforcing in direct conversation. I hope that answered your question.
- Vice Chair Pu: I was fascinated, by your particular, I guess effort you stated to reduce burnout and given that you had a very tact I imagine like taxing role as the ASU director. I wanted I guess I wanted you to expand on an instance when you felt maybe adversity with respect to that idea of burnout. What's your what's your experience with that?
- Candidate Faletti: Yeah, thank you for that question. So the thing that really brought this to light for me and it's something that I addressed in my interview for this role and something that I wanted to address with you all now is that I am not very good example of how to. Done out or at least I haven't been. Towards the end of my term I was feeling severely burnt out. Tend to take a lot of things upon myself. And that was just not something that I managed very well. And so while, you know, my organization and the people around me did not suffer, perhaps I did a little bit, you know, it was very mentally taxing. And so I've learned, I've grown, and I do take efforts to reduce burnout for myself because that's the responsible thing to do in order to you know I can't tell my board not to burn out if I'm doing so myself right and so I make efforts to kind of recenter myself around my passions not only for leadership but also just my personal passions right just finding music again just finding time to go

to the gym read eat just just things that we all should do because we're all humans we're human leaders and we're representing people and so yeah I take efforts to reduce burnout through my own personal self or all students and people before we are leaders or SGA people, you know, and that's something that I will consistently remind my cabinet if given the opportunity.

- Senator Dinh: Yeah, so, you spoke. Like the other senators, I'm kind of curious. About this burnout point. I think it's actually such a great initiative, but my question would be how, you know, I had the privilege of being able to watch you interact with the ASU board. I'm just curious when you said sorry, let me, this question. How did you, what efforts did you take specifically to create that culture? And community among the ASU board, cause you know, I can't help them notice that. It really did come to life.
- Candidate Faletti: Thank you, Senator. So, there's a couple, there's a couple things that I, did and I can't take full credit because I was also blessed with just an awesome board this year and I'm sure if I serve in this role, it'll be the same for for the cabinet. But, the structural efforts I took one, was creating an informal bonding early. And so that's like pivotal. I think if we have a bonding very early that mixes getting to know one another deeply and also just having fun. That's something that is really, really groundbreaking for setting the foundation for how we operate. And so an example I'll use was our ASU bonding which myself and our assistant director, Ca, developed together and ran. And it started with a trip to the Springs, very informal picnic, just something to bond and then from there we went back to my apartment and we did a PowerPoint night but the PowerPoint night was specifically based on just like very harmless perceptions of each other, whether it's through memes or just through like different just pictures or things like that, right? The ways that we perceive each other and the ways that, but then by extension the ways that we think we might function on this board and it gave myself and Kyle a better understanding of our board how we think and how we operate on a personal level, which in turn gave us a better example of how to support them. And then from there we would facilitate one-on-one check-ins very routinely. Where our board would feel comfortable to talk to us because we've shown them ourselves vulnerably and they've done the same with us. Within reason, obviously, we're not going to ask anybody to be unprofessional. But then you've created this culture of wanting to talk to one another wanting to do this work. The second step to that is that we took a very solution-oriented approach. And so in the cases where people were overwhelmed with work, I believe a good leader, especially one of the team is someone who knows how to do the jobs of every other leader on your team if necessary. And so I could come forably step into the role of treasure of programming on my board. I would expect it to be the same. Role of cabinet director and that happened a few times where okay you guys can't do the event plan this week can't do this we'll do it we'll book the rooms but then afterwards We'll go ahead and talk after the solution has been had. We'll talk about what happened. Maybe how we can better support you so it doesn't happen. I hope that answers your question.
- Round-Table Discussion:

- Senator Randall: So this candidate, he has probably been like the single most impactful mentor that I've had here at Florida State. I think he has somehow managed to know me better than I know myself in every respect. Journey here. He is a large part of the reason I'm a public relations major now or at least that got me thinking about it last year. He just has this really unique perspective on people. Like. I don't know how to explain it, but I think it would serve him so well in this capacity of cabinet director because I think that He is the single best person to foster the kind of environment that he's talking about it and I think we've all seen it be really successful at ASU and I just think he would do such a phenomenal job in this position. I would be so excited to see what he does. And yeah, I, I won't speak too much because I'll ramble a lot of those.
- Vice Chair Pu: Yeah, similar to the previous center who just spoke just for the brevity and for the committee's sake like when I'm speaking in pro this Canada I can't help myself but you know ramble on but you know I will say just having count through you know conversations with this candidate you know him really being a very impactful person for my time at Florida State. I think I couldn't speak more in pro this candidate. He has just a way of talking that I think makes him a great leader through also just being a great friend and mentor and Definitely, I mean I guess it's cliches it is definitely wise beyond his years. And I can't wait to see what he does. He did a great job as ASU director. He's really made, that organization just like kill it on campus. I mean, you, they're always made, that organization just like kill it on campus. I mean, you, there always is something going on. And I think as cabinet directory would do an excellent job.
- Senator Dinh: Yeah, so as I said earlier, you know, I guess I can, be an agree with the, previous senator just about how I could probably ramble about, you know, this candidate for a while because I got to work with him closely but also I got to watch and become close with the people that he leads. Truly like watching the ASU exec board come together as more than just the board, but come together as almost like family is incredible. You know, I got to just photograph and really see the connection in life that is in that I can't wait to see what the candidate does. You know, leading more people on a larger scale. So yeah.

- **Vice Chair Pu moves to forward the candidate; Senator Randall seconds**

- Closing Statement:

- Candidate Faletti: Yes, I will. Thank you, Samantha. Thank you, Blake. Thank you, Mina. Thank you all. I love you all. I

- Vote:

- Yes: Vice Chair Pu, Senator(s) Grant, Carr, Randall, Leeman, Shaw, Quam, Suddeth, Dinh, McKenzie, Peace-Friedman, Stuart

- No:

- Abstain:

- **RESULT: CANDIDATE FALETTI PASSES**

- **Jessica De – AASU, Director**

- Opening Statement:

- Candidate De: Hi, my name is Jessica Day and I am speaking to you all seeking forwarding for the position of incoming. Director for the Asian-

american Sydney Union. So just a little bit about me. I'm a second year accounting student and I'm from Pensacola, Florida. So not too far from here, but when I 1st got to Port of State, my 1st sense of responsibilities actually came from ASUs event planning committee. I've always loved student government, but on this campus I knew that I wanted to get involved in a really meaningful and personal way. So this past year I served as the ACU treasure and that has genuinely been the most rewarding experience. I receive the sense of community and warmth of being in an identity-based space, but also, the work in the technical experience that comes with being an agency treasurer. So that brings me to why I'm speaking, to you all today. I wouldn't have taken on this responsibility if I didn't. If I didn't have the experience with managing a team, managing a large budget. And also if I didn't have the connections to answer the questions that I might not have answers to just yet but more so than that beyond my technical abilities, I wouldn't have taken on a role like this without a passion to take care of and advance my community and a desire to spread awareness of Asian heritage, Asian traditions. and so I come into this meeting with goals of making the agency spaces run more efficiently, bring philanthropy, community service, and professional development to our union and represent the needs and wants of those who find themselves at home within the Asian-american Student Union. So I yield the rest of my time. Thank you.

○ General Questioning

- Senator Dinh: Yeah, so, I have a question for the candidate. You mentioned that, you want to bring in more aspects of philanthropy and professional development. I think those are great ideas, but what's more specifically how what issues are you take to do that?
- Candidate De: Yeah, so a big goal of mine being at Florida State has been to get off campus a lot more, I think as much as I love this campus, I think bringing our efforts away from. From this space would benefit not only the Tallahassee community but also our campus in, or sorry, yeah, our students in general on our same body. So I really have plant, I have big plans of connecting with the Asian coalition of Tallahassee. They need a lot of volunteers and I know that that's something that our our Greek life organizations within ASU have been really interested in. So taking advancement, or, but there and as far as professional development, I really want to connect with our affiliate safe, which is the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers. They have a really big convention that they go to. Last year they had only 12 members go 9 of them came back with internships. So if we can keep upping those numbers go, 9 of them came back with internships. So if we can keep upping those numbers, I think, of them came back with internships. So if we can keep upping those numbers, I think that says a lot about professional development. So yeah, those are some of the initiatives I want to take.

○ Round-Table Discussion:

- Senator Randall: Just for the sake of length of this meeting, I'm gonna try to keep this a little bit short, but I'm super excited to see this kind of stuffing into this role. seen her like every AASU event ever for the last 2 years. I know she cares about this so much and I think that she will do absolutely great things.

and I have a lot of ideas and a lot of goals I can't wait to implement. So yeah, I'll answer any questions you guys have and, thank you for listening to me.

○ General Questioning

- Senator Randall: Yeah, so how is your time kind of inside? As packed by sharing just generally as a senator, you think helped you, for this particular role.
- Candidate Ahuja: Yeah, absolutely. Such a good question. Thank you. Serving in the 76 to in Senate and then also impact vice chair. I met a lot of new people and I got the wonderful opportunity to work with so many people and getting so many connections with my fellow senators and to fellow PAC members and I've seen a lot of what like what affiliate needs are which is one of my main roles as assistant director would be to overlook the A and through affiliates and impact. I saw a lot of those affiliates come through, display their needs, and I personally worked a lot with affiliates, in like a pack space and helping them with stuff, since they knew that I was like backwise chair and stuff like that. So I've seen a lot of what affiliates need, and what they are interested in, what kind of events they want to hold. And as a system director, since I already have that connection with them, one being on ASU, but also being in the Senate spaces. I know a lot about what they need, what they what goals they strive for. And as a system director, I really hope to help them get those goals through. All of our flates are so wonderful and I want to see all of their goals and all their visions for this next upcoming year pop in. I want to see all of our affiliates expand and become bigger and grow.

○ Round-Table Discussion:

- Senator Randall: Once again, for the sake of everybody, I'll keep this short. This candidate was a phenomenal senator. I know she cares so much by ISU and I think she would just do it phenomenal job in this role.

○ **Vice Chair Pu moves to forward the candidate; Senator Randall seconds**

○ Closing Statement:

- Candidate Ahuja: Thank you guys so much for listening to me speak. And yeah, thank you, I yield.

○ Vote:

- Yes: Vice Chair Pu, Senator(s) Grant, Carr, Randall, Leeman, Shaw, Quam, Suddeth, Dinh, McKenzie, Peace-Friedman, Stuart
- No:
- Abstain:

● **RESULT: CANDIDATE AHUJA PASSES**

● **Emily Fisher – IRHC, Director**

○ Opening Statement:

- Candidate Fisher: Thank you so much. Hello everyone. My name is Emily Seshire and I am so honest to be talking with you all today. Just a few weeks ago now I was on a minute internally by myself IRC members to be the director of the Interrestrial Council. I'm so excited to be presented to you today for confirmations and I have been a part of and if he doesn't roll every year. This year was my 1st year on the executive board and I have participated in a lot of work as far as financial products, IVS, which was recently implemented into Google. And I'm really excited to continue

working on this next year in the director role. I'm also really excited to be in stepping into a bigger role for IRC and continue to support our entire student body through our 3 main missions that I are achieved in CHR. There's just development of community service and care advocacy. Again, I thank you all for your computers for AFIRE TREE and everything that you do as part of this committee.

- General Questioning:
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- Round-Table Discussion:
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- **Vice Chair Pu moves to forward the candidate; Senator Suddeth seconds**
- Closing Statement:
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- Vote:
 - Yes: Vice Chair Pu, Senator(s) Grant, Carr, Randall, Leeman, Shaw, Quam, Suddeth, Dinh, McKenzie, Peace-Friedman, Stuart
 - No:
 - Abstain:
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE FISHER PASSES**
- **Olivia Leichter – IRHC, Associate Director of Finance**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Candidate Leichter: Alright. Sorry. Hi everyone. I would like to start out by saying thank you to all of you for being here and for your time today. My name is Olivia Leichter and I'm a 1st year violent performance major in FSU College of Music here on campus. I've plans to complete a dual degree in business. Outside of my dedication to music and studies, I've prioritized getting involved as much as possible. On campus through numerous organizations throughout this year. One of the ways that I've had the privilege of being involved has been through my role as treasure of Coffin Hall. Through this position I've learned incredibly useful skills not only just in regards to treasure duties such as budgeting and managing expenses but also learning how to best work within a team and both plan and execute events that have helped to positively develop the culture and residential life within my dorm hall. Seeing the impact that I've helped contribute to just within my own community has inspired me to continue to be become more involved than IRHC, which is what led me to running for the position of Assistant Director Finance for the 2024, 2025, IHC executive board. Overall, I'm passionate about helping to further the meaningful connections, collaboration, and sense of community that IRC has worked hard to create this past year and reach more residents across our shared campus spaces. I look forward to answering any questions you may have for me, yield the rest of my time.
 - General Questioning:
 - Senator Randall: Yeah, so I imagine that finance is kinda within like Coffin Hall and dealing with more like housing versus. Being more with IRC and SGS, other things are probably a little bit different. Are you familiar with more kind of the SGA side of things like financial manual, and that kind of thing and your budget within here as well.

establishing a working group so we can start like deliberations and communication between our entities. It just so we have it in paper. So over Summer Senate, there's a paper that kind of says what we're going to be working on. The main changes that they're kind of advocating for is that when we pass a bill like a statute change in Senate that call it sent the cogs and calls can kind of get like either like a say in it so similar to like after it gets sent to after I get passed the Senate gets sent to the student body president similar to get sent to the speaker then they have a time that you look at it and see just any amendments they would like to see, especially if they kind of over encompasses the whole student body, like if there's resolutions that speak on behalf of the entire student body. COG just kinda wants a little bit of pieces with pie to be able to look at it prior to just getting past and then representing the entire student body without graduate students really having a say. And then with that. They also want to be able to confirm Supreme Court justice as well since they do have jurisdiction over the Congress of graduate students as well. And with them having confirmation power, they'll take over the financial responsibilities of paying for the Supreme Court. So there's going to be a lot of give and take that's further discussed, but this is kind of just the overall. Saying, hey, we're going to work on it. But yeah.

- **Vice Chair Pu moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Randall seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
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- **Vice Chair Pu moves to call the question; Senator Randall seconds**
- Closing Statement:
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- Vote:
 - Yes: Vice Chair Pu, Senator(s) Grant, Carr, Randall, Leeman, Shaw, Quam, Suddeth, Pareja
 - No:
 - Abstain:
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #54 PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

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Closing Announcements:

- Be on the lookout for summer senate announcements, still have Senate this week, and see you in the fall!

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourned: 6:32PM



Signature of Chair Lalani

