



**76<sup>th</sup> Student Senate  
Judiciary Committee**

**January 23, 2023 at 6:30pm** | [<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/98713314914>]

**Call to Order:** 6:30pm

**Members Present:** Chair Velazquez, Vice Chair Anandjiwala, Senator(s) Chinn, Emokidi, Kerley, Lansdale, Mendez, Ramos, Souvenior, Smith, Srivastava, Teplin

**Members Absent:** Senator Bañez, Gandolfo, Randall

**Guests:** Delaney Lento, Ella Garcia

**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 pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and 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:**

- None

**Public Comments:**

- None

## **New Business:**

- **Senate Bill #08 – Garcia (P) Barresi, Burton, Garcia, Gorelick, Hine, McEnergy, Randall, Staveski (Co) Ahuja, Anandjiwala, Baresi, Castellanos, Carr, Chinn, Daey, Emokidi, Gomez, Gorelick, Hellmann, Hine, McEnergy, Meier, Olsen-Galvan, Ramos, Randall, Rodriguez, Smith, Valdes-Herrera, Vargheese, Windlan:** This bill adds the senate legislative agenda as part of the legislative information that must be posted on the SGA website and requires that it be made available to the public twenty-four hours in advanced.

## **Relinquish chair to Vice Chair Anandjiwala**

- **Senate Bill #08 – Garcia (P)**
- Opening Statement:
  - **Senator Garcia:** Yeah, so this bill, all it does, is that the agenda that we as senators receive, you know, every week before Senate, the one that includes the list of bills that we're going to discuss the resolutions, things like that ensures that the student body officer receives that list of agenda and advance. So it just ensures that the legislative agenda that we receive gets posted on the website, because not every student knows what's going on. With SGA one of the main questions I get is What are y'all doing? So this will just help ensure that you know, any bills we discuss any things that are on our plate that the public is aware of in advance. And so yeah, that just helps improve transparency allows people to plan time to get to meetings if they want to go so
  - **Yields with 2:10 remaining**
- Questions:
  - **Senator Velasquez:** So just going to start out. I completely misread this bill, because when I read legislative agenda, I met I thought you meant the OGA legislative agenda. That's why I took it down and that's why I originally had like an issue with it. So, would you be okay with amending agenda, just select the calendar some like that because legislative agenda. I completely read that as like OGA. But would you be friendly to a little bit of rewording?
  - **Senator Garcia:** Yeah. Sorry about the confusion.

## **Motion to amend by Senator Velasquez**

- **Senator Velasquez:** I'm going to strike the word agenda and add the word calendar.

## **Sponsor finds the amendment friendly**

- **Senator Srivastava:** But if that's not already in the statute, like putting the agenda out 24 hours before, is that there?
- **Senator Garcia:** I looked at the statutes, and I didn't see that in regards to the website. It was one of the required pieces of information that has to be published. I know that we have notice of our meeting 24 hours in advance and I was informed that by Senator Goldstein ever isn't currently in practice that they published the agenda that we receive.
- **Senator Mendez:** Yeah, I just wanted to ask um, so this is just going to be for like, I'm like, let's say what's going what we're going to go over Senate tomorrow of what we're going to be working on during the week before the next Senate session. That's what you want to be published on the website.
- **Senator Garcia:** What we receive before Senate that little document that has all the legislative items that we are going to go over for that particular Senate session. Um, I just thought you know, since we get in advance, it might be helpful for students to also get that in advance so that they're able to plan out you know, if they want to speak into public comment or things like that.
- **Senator Srivastava:** So this is like in the statutes, it's just not happening. So this is kind of like a push to make it happen, is what I'm understanding
- **Senator Garcia:** So the section of the statutes that I wrote this into does not currently have it in the Student Government Association statutes. However, within Sunshine Law itself, it says that the time place and agenda of such means shall be incorporated into notice, but it doesn't give a official way of posting it within the notice, such as on the website. So first, this clarifies that this should be published on the website. And this goes a little bit further than Sunshine Law itself. It reminds us of our Sunshine Law obligations, but also just make sure that that's posted in a place that central for all students.
- **Senator Mendez:** So it says that you would want it to be published 24 hours in advance
- **Senator Garcia:** I wrote 24 hours in advance or in accordance with when we as senators receive it. I know that sometimes we don't receive it at the agenda. I'm 24 hours prior to sit, that would be ideal. But when it comes to the clerk's workflow, I'm trying to also be respectful of that. So I feel as though I'm open to other interpretations of it. I would like to have at least a day in advance, but at least within the notice that we as senators get the agenda.
- **Senator Velazquez motions to enter roundtable, Senator Srivasta seconded.**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - **Senator Velazquez:** Yeah, completely my bad for once again, I thought I really thought this was an Oda related bill, which is why I was like concerned about in the beginning, and that's why it took away the gavel there. Um, the only issue I have I'm gonna vote yes in committee. The only issue I have with that we can address all the floors. I think this is already in statute for when people have been just texting me right now.

- **Senator Velasquez motions to call the question, Senator Srivastava seconded**
- Closing Statement:
  - **Senator Garcia:** Yeah. Well, thank you guys for hearing bill. It was obviously not my intention to write unnecessary legislation that already exist and the statutes, but I guess if it is in the statutes, it isn't currently being practiced. I know that we don't publish the agenda in advance on our website. So if anything, I could rephrase the bill to say that we have to follow this or just something like that. However, I do. Feel like this is important and that we follow that statue. And I think that this revision sort of makes that a little bit more explicit. So that's my thought process on that. But as far as the bill itself is concerned, I think this will improve SGA interaction and a will allow students to maybe work or aren't as connected in the SGA space to learn more about what we're doing, and plan to show up to speak in public testimony or just to sit in on meetings. So thank you.
- Vote:
  - Yes: **[8]** Chinn, Emokidi, Kerley, Ramos, Souvenior, Smith, Srivastava, Teplin, Velazquez
  - No: [0]
  - Abstain: [2] Mendez, Teplin
  - **RESULT: Motion to pass Bill 08 [PASSES]**
- Closing announcement
  - **Chair Velasquez:** So with no other business before the committee, I joined the grenouille at 8:46pm Thank you guys so much for showing up on Tuesday. See you guys tomorrow.

**Adjourned: 6:46pm**

**Signature of Chair Velazquez**