



**76th Student Senate
Judiciary Committee**

February 20, 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, Coll, Lansdale, Mendez, Souvenir, Smith, Srivastava, Randall, Ramos, Teplin

Members Absent: Senator(s) Gandolfo, Emokidi, Kerley, and Banez

Guests: Alexis Staveski

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 #22 – Staveski (P) Ahuja (Co): A revision to the PAC and RTAC funding guidelines that expands the membership of the boards to include two**

senators and afford the Chairs more flexibility with meeting time and the quote requirement to make the funding process easier for RSOs

- **Senate Bill #22– Staveski (P) Ahuja (Co)**
- Opening Statement:
 - **Senator Staveski:** So this bill kind of has a lot of things in the PAC and RTAC funding board statutes, but it has three main goals with the first one being to make the funding process a little bit easier on ourselves, two to streamline the statute as a whole and three, extend the membership expand the membership of the committee to include two senators. So to make the process a little bit easier in our RSOs we wanted to give the chairs more flexibility with meeting time and accepting quotes. So why don't we give the chair the power to your organization's and waive the 24 hour requirement to let ourselves know about the meeting. Because even if we send out notification like hey, we're missing this from the application and they don't get back to us until Monday morning. We can't hear them that Monday night because we didn't send out the email to them within 24 hours. So this will give us the power to waive that requirement with confirmation from the RSO just because in my experience when you tell him or so like hey, come back next week. A lot of times like they ghost you or they don't show up and then I just feel really bad that they don't get their funding because of a rule that I have to follow from statutes. So just wanted to give the chairs more flexibility for charities tonight to do that to get ourselves their money as best as we can to wanting to expand the board's membership to include senators to create more opportunities for senators to get involved with the RSO funding process if they want to and also on the Senate floor just have more perspective as to why the committee made the decision that they did and there are so it's process as a whole because right now we only have the chair and the vice chair who were one the chair was running the meeting and to the vice chair was taking minutes. So a lot of times having those additional perspectives of senators who were there can really just like shed some light on these requests, and I think that would be very beneficial. Obviously that's up to you guys. But that's something that I think we're very beneficial on the floor. Um, three, we want to give the chair more power to accept or give the chair the power to accept the three quotes at the meeting as posed with the application. There are so many little rules that they have to follow and if they submit two quotes, technically they have to resubmit their application and then come back to pack in a later week. And often that's two weeks later after their event has passed. Or they just get busy because they're students too and they don't want to come back. So I just think that giving us the power to accept those quotes at the meeting really get more hours those involved in this process and make it a little bit easier on them. Some other changes that were made here is that request should be submitted 21 school

days before an event as opposed 21 business days. Just when we have like long breaks, like winter break. For instance, if somebody submits a request the first week of winter break, we physically can't hear it 21 business days out because business days happen all up until Christmas, even though there aren't school days. So that's just to kind of align these statutes to better work with how PAC and RTAC have to function given the school calendar. Um, yeah, there are a lot of changes in here so please ask me questions. Thank you.

- **Yields with 1:27 remaining**
- **Senator Lansdale moves to call the question and Senator Teplin seconded**

- Closing Statement:
 - **Senator Staveski:** I yield. Thank you

- Vote:
 - **Yes: [11]** Vice Chair Anandjiwala, Senator(s) Chinn, Coll, Lansdale, Mendez, Souvenir, Smith, Srivastava, Randall, Ramos, Teplin
 - **No: [0]**
 - **Abstain: [0]**
 - **RESULT: Motion to pass Bill 22 [PASSES]**

- Closing announcement
 - **Chair Velasquez:** With that. I mean, my only closing announcement of this I hope we can ask more questions in the following weeks that bill wasn't like super controversial or like that big but it was still a pretty big statute change. So going forward. If we could ask more questions or debate. I would appreciate it. I'll pass it over to Vice chair for any other announcements.
 - **Vice Chair Anandjiwala:** I mean, yes, echoing that. Ask questions. I know the bill was on canvas and you guys probably read it beforehand. But we would love to hear conversations and questions about stuff like this. But ya I will see you guys tomorrow.
 - **Senator Teplin:** At what point are the bills posted to Canvas or does it just depend?
 - **Chair Velasquez:** It really just depends, I can ask President Cofer to maybe send us a list of bills that are sent to our committee or something like that to better see what bills are on the agenda. Alright, see everyone tomorrow!

Adjourned: 6:40pm

Signature of Chair Velazquez

Christian Velazquez