



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

**March 19, 2024 at 6:30pm** | [<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/98713314914>]

**Call to Order:** 6:32pm

**Members Present:** Chair Velazquez, Senator(s) Bañez, Chinn, Emokidi, Gandolfo, Lansdale, Mendez, Souvenir, Smith, Srivastava, Randall, Teplin

**Members Absent:** Senator(s) Anandjiwala, Coll, Ramos

**Guests:**

**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 #27 – Gorelick, (P):** This bill established “policies”, a more formal procedure to have SGA entities establish and maintain rules of procedures and internal governing documents, which shall allow them to maintain internal flexibility while creating consistency from a Senatorial view.
  
- **Senate Bill #27 – Gorelick (P):**
  
- Opening Statement:
  - **Pro Temp Gorelick:** So basically, this bill, Jack follow payments the Senate a few weeks ago to talk about it. But basically, just as a refresher, this is just allowing some SGA entities to like it says in under our 421.1. That it's allows them to adopt policies that shall be treated as their rules, basically. So we kind of did this in the summer as well, where we allowed agencies to kind of have their own set of rules and like their own governing document, basically allowing them a little bit more freedom in how they run things. internally. This will, you know, give entities that opportunity, but we'll also go through Senate, so Senate will be able to, you know, be like, Okay, this is okay, we'll pass it or if they see something needs to be fixed. And, you know, Senate doesn't feel that it would work, they can fail it. What else? It's adding a lot of wording that says, you know, see if I can find it here. Any policies adopted pursuant to chapter 421. But including the Constitution and statutes that's something else I wanted to say this does not you know, go above the FSU constitution and FSU statutes. This is just, you know, another layer or another level of internal governing for entities, but they still have to follow the Constitution and statutes.
  - **Yields with 1:11 remaining**
  
- General Questions:
  - **Senator Chinn:** How was it like brought up in Senate?
  - **Pro Temp Gorelick:** So when or if this bill passes, there will be a whole slew of other, you know, bills that come into play as well. But we're looking at when the fall comes around, there will be people or not people, entities who come into it and present like their policies, and then that's when Senate will say or Senate will hear them out and vote on whether or not they've feel as though this policy that these entities are starting to take on or, you know, create our fair not fair or you know, if they're good policy or bad policy.
  - **Senator Srivastava:** Can you give an example of what the entities will be able to do? If that's if this gets passed that they are not able to do right now?
  - **Pro Temp Gorelick:** Yeah. So I mean, I think it's just
  - a thing of more of less people looking over them, if that makes sense. You know, like,

- they will have to go through like executive, the executive branch, the judicial branch legislative branch, even though it will have to go through Senate, but it will allow them to do more, while still following you know, statutes FSU constitution, and this new chapter of statutes for agenda 21. What it'll do differently, or what they can do differently. I personally am not sure 100%. So I don't want to lie to you. But all I know is that it'll, you know, give them a little bit more freedom to do what they want to do within their own entity. Okay, thank you
- **Senator Teplin:** I think this is a great idea, and allows people
- genuinely, I do think it's a good idea. I know JSU was able to like alter a few things with like over the summer and stuff like that. And I think it's great that we're gonna be able to check up on that as Senate just to make sure everything's in check. But it also gives a lot of like student organizations who might think they don't have the power and or it's like change things. It could give a little power back to them. So I think it's great idea.

**Senator Lansdale moves to call the question and Senator Teplin seconded**

- Closing Statement:
  - Pro Temp Gorelick: Happy Tuesday. Love yall!
- Vote:
  - **Yes: [12]** Senator(s) Bañez, Chinn, Emokidi, Gandolfo, Lansdale, Mnedez, Souvenir, Smith, Srivastava, Randall, Teplin
  - **No: [0]**
  - **Abstain: [1]** Pro Temp Gorelick
  - **RESULT: Motion to pass Bill 27 [PASSES]**
- Closing announcement
  - **Chair Velasquez:** Thank you, guys see, you tomorrow!

**Adjourned: 6:41pm**

**Signature of Chair Velazquez**

**Christian Velazquez**