



**76th Student Senate
Judiciary Committee
Monday, April 22nd**

Call to Order: 4:32 PM

Members Present: Chair Srivastava, Vice Chair Lansdale, Senator(s) Atwood, Mendoza, Connell, Mani, Foy, Smith, Holliday

Members Absent: Bañez, Anandjwala, Cruz, Emokidi, Souvenir

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

Committee Business:

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Senate Bill #56 – Sponsored by Senator(s): Goldstein (P)**
- **Senate Bill #66 – Sponsored by Senator(s): Goldstein, Lalani (P), Gorelick (Co)**

- **Senate Resolution #54 – Sponsored by Senator(s): Goldstein (P), Cofer, Gutierrez, Lalani, Lento, Srivastava, Vandermeulen (Co)**
- **Senate Bill #56 - Sponsored by Senator Goldstein (Lalani presenting)**
 - Opening Statement (3 minutes):
 - **Senator Lalani:** Hey everyone, I am not the primary sponsor of this bill, but Chair Goldstein could not make it here today so I will be presenting. This bill repeals and replaces the University Defender and the Office of the University Defender. With its repeal, the Chief Justice will be given the ability to appoint law school students to the University defender program pursuant to the University Regulations FSU-3.006 to help students who are accused of violations. This will also give the Supreme Court the ability to create Judicial policy similar to class councils and the executive branch, so they can further govern the University Defender Program. If you have any questions, I will try to answer them to the best of my ability, but this bill isn't originally mine so if I can't answer Senator Goldstein can on the floor or you can contact him.
 - **Yields with 2:04 remaining.**
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - **Senator Atwood:** Yeah, so who uses the defender's office?
 - **Senator Lalani:** So the defender's office is for anyone that has a violation against the university and needs representation within the Supreme Court.
 - **Senator Foy:** Can you explain this more in depth?
 - **Senator Lalani:** Yeah, so this bill gets rid of the University Defender and its office, it replaces the system where with this bill the chief Justice can pick law school students to join the University defender program.
 - **Senator Smith moves to enter roundtable discussion; Senator Holliday seconds.**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
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 - **Vice-Chair Lansdale moves to call the question, Senator Mendoza seconds.**
 - Closing Statement:
 - **Senator Lalani:** I yield.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [8] [Vice Chair Lansdale, Senator(s) Smith, Atwood, Foy, Connell, Holliday, Mendoza, Mani]
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - **RESULT: Motion to pass BILL #56 [PASSES]**
- **Bill #66 - Sponsored by Senator Goldstein, Lalani**
 - Opening Statement (3 minutes):
 - Yeah, so this bill removes the requirement of being enrolled in classes during the summer semester in order to participate in summer senate. So right now, in order to be in summer senate, you have to be enrolled in

classes. With this, if you were enrolled in classes the spring semester before summer, you can serve the summer senate term regardless of if you take classes during summer.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - **Senator Mendoza:** Yeah, so when will this be implemented?
 - **Senator Lalani:** If this bill passes it will go into effect this coming summer.
 - **Senator Foy:** Can you explain this more in depth?
 - **Senator Lalani:** Yeah, so this bill just allows senators who are enrolled in classes the spring before the summer term to be a part of summer senate without having to necessarily enroll in Summer Classes.
 - **Senator Mani:** How will this be different for senators who are already elected and who aren't?
 - **Senator Lalani:** So senators who are already elected going into summer will be able to hold their seat as long as they were enrolled in classes during the Spring semester before summer.
- **Senator Foy moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Holliday seconds.**
- Round-Table Discussion:
- **Senator Lansdale moves to pass bill by unanimous consent.**
- **Senator Foy objects.**
- **Senator Foy:** I think it is not fair to implement this change at such last minute circumstances, there are senators who have already given up internships and summer plans to stay during Summer Senate and it is not fair to them to have to give up opportunities and not other senators.
- **Vice Chair Lansdale moves to call the question, Senator Smith seconds.**
- Closing Statement:
 - **Senator Lalani:** I yield.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [6] [Vice Chair Lansdale, Senator(s) Smith, Atwood, Connell, Holliday, Mendoza]
 - No: [1] [Foy]
 - Abstain: [1] [Mani]
- **RESULT: Motion to pass Bill #66 [PASSES]**
- **Resolution #54 - Sponsored by Senator Goldstein (Lalani presenting)**
 - Opening Statement (3 minutes):
 - **Senator Lalani:** Hey everyone, so I didn't write this Bill, Senator Goldstein did, and as I said, he couldn't be here. COGS Speaker Rowen is here to answer any questions if you have any, so direct them towards him. I yield.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - **Senator Connell moves to let a non-senator, COGS Speaker Rowen speak; Vice-Chair Lansdale seconds.**
 - **Senator Connell:** Could you please explain this bill in depth.

- **Speaker Rowen:** Yeah of course, thank you chair, thank you senator, this resolution considers some changes to the relationship between COGS and SGA, it pushes for a more collaborative relationship. The resolution states that the student government should change into a two-part system. Undergraduate would maintain matters regarding legislation, confirmations, and funding allocation. COGS will be a graduate chamber, holding the ability to participate in the legislative process with the ability to disagree Student Body Statutes revisions and Constitutional Amendments that affect COGS. Each chamber, Senate and COGS, would still have independent authority over their officers, have independent Rules of Procedure, and transfer funds within their own discretions, and have resolutions that would state the opinion of one particular chamber, all to say, the chambers would still have distinctive jurisdictions.
- **Vice Chair Lansdale moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Smith seconds.**
- Round-Table Discussion:
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- **Vice Chair Lansdale moves to call the question; Senator Mendoza seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - **Senator Lalani:** I yield, thanks guys.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [8] [Vice Chair Lansdale, Senator(s) Smith, Atwood, Foy, Connell, Holliday, Mendoza, Mani]
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: Motion to pass RESOLUTION #54 [PASSES]**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- **Chair Srivastava:** This is the last meeting of the semester, I really loved the participation today, and how efficient yet diligent we were today. See you all Wednesday, have a great rest of your week.
- **Vice-Chair Lansdale:** Yes! I really loved the participation today, you all did a great job, great meeting, see you Wednesday.

Next Meeting:

- Next fall, TBD.

Adjourned: 5:03 PM

Geetanjali Srivastava

Signature of Chair [Name]

