



## 76<sup>th</sup> Student Senate Student Life Committee

[1/26/2024 at 4:30PM] | [<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/4961896428?>]

**Call to Order:** 4:40PM

**Members Present:** Blackwell, Brown, Castellanos, Kleinmetz, Hair, Hellmann, Khosh, Kleinmetz, Olsen Galvan, Stuart, Syska, Weston

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:** Daniely, Gutierrez

**Guests:** Mendez, Waller

### 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 recognize this land remains scarred by the legacies of violence and removal, we recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land, and we 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:

- **Khosh:** Hi, everybody. Welcome to this week's Student Life meeting. Happy Friday, we made it. Everyone did a really good job at last week's meeting. So let's keep the ball rolling. So, today we have only one piece of legislation to go through. So not a big deal going to be a short meeting.

### Committee Business:

- Resolution #16

### Old Business:

- None

### New Business:

- **Resolution #16 - Sponsored by Senator Mendez, Waller**
  - Opening Statement:
    - **Mendez:** Thank you all for having and listening to this resolution today. This is a pretty easy resolution. What we want to do is add water fountains and bottle fill stations on legacy walk and landis all the way to

the stadium. So with this resolution. I'm urging the university to add these water fountains along these high traffic areas and it would go on the university's 10 year capital improvement plan and annual capital budget. So it wouldn't get done within the next couple of years. So hopefully when we come back or maybe after we graduate or I don't know if any of you are going here for grad school, we will see the water fountains. Um, but yeah, so the point of this is to urge the university to add it on their 10 year Cabinet Improvement Plan, that's a plan that the university has to get done over the next 10 years. Some of the things on there are like I'm restructuring like the Sally and McCollum area and the Union used to be on that list. So they go on down that list getting things done as the money comes in and out. The funding that's used to get those things done are the ANS fees, which is tuition fees that the university uses. It's not just the resolution, I mentioned other ways to receive this on budget or to receive external funding is to request from the Inter Fraternal Council for funding to adopt the water fountains. Therefore the university somehow eats a little bit of those costs. And getting that funding from those other organizations. My main focus was the Inter Fraternal Council just because they're one of the biggest people who have budgets on campus. And it was something that I was talking to Senator Waller about. But obviously, in the resolution, I don't mention a specific council, I just mentioned other fraternities in general, just to help ease those costs. Just a fun fact, this is going to be a big budget, that's why I'm asking for it to go on the 10 year university plan. So from just a really rough budget that they were able to give me, the fountains alone would cost around \$500,000, depending on how many fountains and how many fountains we would have and where they would go. And that would only increase over the years just because the fountains would have to keep getting improvement throughout the years and keep getting water filters and stuff like that. So the budget right now is between 500,000 to a million dollars, which again, would go on the university's plan, it wouldn't come out of our money or anyone else's budget. Senator Waller if you have anything else to add.

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- **Waller:** I just want to add by saying I understand it's a lot of money. I completely get it. But as you mentioned earlier, this is a long term goal, you know, representing the school after all, and I have had a lot of students complain about this issue. It is a problem. And the current water fountains we have are outdated, they're gross. And this would be a great way to get other organizations involved. To help, you know, sponsor these water fountains to make it easier. This really would be so great for school. And once again, this isn't just like a quick thing to do, it would take time, we understand that. And at the end of the day, this is a great long term impact in my eyes.
- **Mendez:** We only have one current water fountain out in the open and it's in front of Montgomery building on Landis and it's gross. So we definitely want to get a couple more of those but updated versions of that.

### **Syska moves to enter technical non debatable questions.**

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- - **Syska:** It's three water fountains and it's predicted to be either a million or half a million dollars for the three water fountains?
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  - **Mendez:** We didn't get a specific amount of water fountains, we just said high traffic or high foot traffic areas that would be determined by the university whether they do three or they do fifteen.
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  - **Blackwell:** What is your favorite water fountain model?
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  - **Waller:** As of right now, I like the water fountain at Bellamy and I'm pretty sure it has that device where you can put your bottle underneath it and it has a nice sensor to protect it. That's probably one of my favorite water phones, that water just tastes different in my opinion.
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  - **Blackwell:** I think the water quality is very important in this case, but I have another question. So, if it's going under the university's budget, why do you encourage the university to collaborate with social fraternities? Why can't the university just fund this themselves?
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  - **Waller:** That's a great question. Vice Chair. Um, I would start by saying, you know, collaboration is great. I think you're in a fraternity, Vice Chair Blackwell, you know, they're more than willing to help the school and it's a great way to collaborate with Florida State and it would make maintaining these water fountains easier as well. I mean fraternities and sororities would have some type of pressure to put in money to maintain it just like FSU would. So the more the more the better.
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  - **Mendez:** I think it's just to get student involvement or organizations involved on campus. So it would no longer just be a water fountain, it would be sponsored by one of the chapters on campus. And I think that would be a good look, in order to not only tell the university to add these water fountains, but also get students and other organizations involved in these processes that they're usually not involved in.
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  - **Syska moves to enter round-table discussion; Brown seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - None
  - Vote:
    - Yes: [ (11) ] [Blackwell, Brown, Castellanos, Hair, Hellmann, Kleinmetz, Olsen Galvan, Simkins, Stuart, Syska, Weston]
    - No: [ (0) ]
    - Abstain: [ (0) ]
  - **RESULT: [BILL / RESOLUTION] [#] [PASSES / DOES NOT PASS / IS TABLED / ETC.]**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Closing Announcements:**

- **Khosh:** Everybody, please enjoy your weekend. Be safe. Don't do anything I wouldn't do.
- **Simkins:** I'm just gonna speak into the air pod like I'm recording a Tik Tok. Alright, so Saturday, we got some rain. Let's get more detail on that. We got 45% precipitation, 80% humidity, and mile an hour winds. It can be really humid. So hair might freeze up and now on to Sunday, Sunny and the humidity is lower. Monday will be beautiful, eleven miles an hour wind, a bit cool. Tuesday, pretty much no wind, zero precipitation humidity is low. So go out, enjoy the sun, get the tan on, have a good time. Then we got Wednesday, pretty much the same. Thursday, wind is even lower. So even better. And then Friday, the wind is even lower. It just keeps on getting better throughout the week. So it's gonna be a good week, y'all. Let's keep it going. Next week, I will actually have a detailed weather report with like the tide and all that cool stuff. I'll run the analytics on it. Okay. So be prepared. It's gonna be a good one.
- **Blackwell:** I know today was a little chaotic. It's been a crazy week. So I appreciate you all and have a good one. Thanks.

**Next Meeting:** 02/02/24 at 4:30PM

**Adjourned:** 4:58PM

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**Signature of Chair [Name]**