



76th Student Senate
Student Life Committee
[2/02/2024 at 4:30pm] | [<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/4961896428?>]

Call to Order: 4:32PM

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

Members Tardy: Simkins

Members Absent:

Guests: McEnery, Rodriguez, Garcia,

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Announcements:

- None

Committee Business:

- Bill #15
- Resolution #18
- Resolution #19
- Resolution #20

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Bill #15
- Resolution #18
- Resolution #19
- Resolution #20

- **Bill 15 - Sponsored by Senator Garcia**
 - Opening Statement:
 - **Garcia:** Hi, everyone, hope you're having a good day. Bill 15 is basically just a bill to fund nightcaps scrunchie drink covers. If you don't know what those are, they're basically scrunchies that you can wear on your wrist. But when you're at a party, they turn into drink covers for beverages. And so what this would do is it would transfer 8500 from student projects to the FSU Police Department to help fund those products so that students can feel a little bit safer on campus with the increase of spiking. And for those of you that don't know, this is actually an FSU company. So I'm really excited about the idea of bringing this to our campus, and I feel like it will help improve student safety.
- - **Khosh moves to enter into a period of general questioning.**
 - General Questioning
 - **Syska:** I was just wondering where students would be able to pick these up. Are they going to be at the police department? Are you planning on having the FSUPD distribute them to organizations? If you could just elaborate on that?
 - **Garcia:** I spoke with the police department, and I've been in talks with them for the past several months. And we wanted to do a joint strategy of distribution where the police department would take the lead and distribution, but we were also planning on reaching out to CHAW to help distribute these items. And also, as they're funded through Senate projects to distribute them during FSU tabling. And then another idea that was suggested was to reach out to Panhellenic to bring them into that process. So I'm currently working on doing that. And I think that'd be a great idea as well, but primarily through the Police Department, as well as through CHAW.
 - **Olsen Galvan:** I was just wondering where the 2000 number came from, because we have so many students on campus. I'm just worried that might not be enough.
 - **Garcia:** Basically, the nightcap company allows you to do bulk orders. And as far as economical goes, you can do up to 2000 for \$4.25 a unit. So we decided to do that number initially. That was something that I was concerned with. So I actually reached out to Andy Johnson. And basically what he said is that the university is trying to gouge demand for these products. So if I can help show demand through this one time purchase order that the university would be interested in funding recurring orders at a larger scale. So I think that what this would be doing is just to start getting the ball rolling, because nightcap works directly with the university system. So hopefully this will encourage the university to make this like a recurring order.
 - **Brown:** Is this the cheapest option for the scrunchies? Or was this like the only company that was providing the scrunchies?

- **Garcia:** So as far as bulk orders go, this is the only company that I'm aware of that has a specific patent on the scrunchie design. Um, there were cheaper options that went up to 500 units. But I figured that 2000 units would be a good start number for the student body. And also, being that this company is an FSU founded company, they're willing to work through bulk with us. And it would just be a good look for the university to partner with them.
- **Blackwell:** Have these drink covers been used at any other universities? And do you have any idea of the effectiveness of these?
- **Garcia:** Nightcap scrunchie drink cover, the corporation, was a Shark Tank company, they got to deal with Laurie Greiner. And they're currently in over 150 universities, including that other school in Gainesville, as well as several Ivy's nationwide and also internationally. So the demand for the products, I know that that's been demonstrated as far as efficacy. They have had several studies within the corporation. I looked through the reviews on the order forms, as well as on Amazon and several other sites that said that this helped them feel safer and that the product was effective on their end. And also, I know that the university is working on completing an independent study in the next couple of months to judge the efficacy. I guess my concern on the more immediate funding is with this being such an issue to try to get this order and as soon as possible, so that students can have access to it in order to prevent future incidents.
- **Khosh:** I know a lot of the recent spiking on Florida State's campus has come from a lot of instances where people may have been holding cans and not cups. Or I know, if you go out anywhere, cup sizes vary, spiking instances differ, like there's no one generic size or anything like that. Or like, there have been instances where the spiking has been around the rim of a can or something like that. So can you just tell me how this large transfer of money, do you see that really mending some of these larger issues? Or how do you see these scrunchies kind of playing a role in something that's just a little bit more complex than just cups sometimes?
- **Garcia:** I completely agree with you that this is definitely a larger and more complex issue. I can speak a little bit about the cup size, where I know that this product can be used for beer cans, as well as red solo cup or other types of glasses. Obviously, it can't be used for shot prevention or other types of beverages. I think that what this would do, first of all, it would empower a large number of students who feel as though the university hasn't really taken any tangible steps to address this issue. Make them feel a little bit safer when they're going out. I know that a lot of the reviews that I was reading were primarily focused on the perception of safety, the elevated sense of self security in these spaces. And in regards to the efficacy, like I was saying, the website itself has several efficacy studies and I know that the university is performing an independent one. So I can definitely make sure to get you numbers on that. But I would like to see in the future, greater steps beyond drink cover prevention, you know, holding people who do this accountable. However, I think it would be a good first step for the university.

- **Gutierrez:** Why are you doing it through the police department, rather than just like, Senate in general?
- **Garcia:** Actually FSUPD reached out after I filed a resolution back in December, I believe, condemning drink spiking. And we had some really good conversations where they mentioned that this was one of their priorities, and something that they're really passionate about addressing. And then having a bit more knowledge about student safety than say the average student might have was one of the key factors there. They were able to really walk me through this process. And they have expressed interest in being a part of it. But I did also want to keep it within the Senate. Because I feel like this is important for us to be able to say like we did this.
- **Gutierrez:** I know you said, you mentioned reaching out to Panhellenic. Did you maybe want to reach out to IFC as well, just because I know, a lot of the concerns were like, just for like tailgate, stuff like that, maybe to have that, like in their house or something.
- **Garcia:** I would be reaching out to Panhellenic, IFC, Multicultural Greek Council, just all the organizations within that Greek Life Spectrum to see if they were interested because I know that there is a disproportionate impact. I would say specifically within IFC, I actually met with IFC VP Jackson Boisvert to speak about this issue. And he's very in support of further addressing this through drink spike covers and also through further executive projects.
- **Syska moves to enter round-table discussion; Gutierrez seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - **Syska:** Senator Garcia has definitely shown that she's done her homework. I think this is a great thing that could add to our campus and ensure safety within the student body. I get that \$8,500 is pretty generous and a big amount of money. But I think it's essential, like our senator Garcia was saying. So I will be voting pro this evening.
 - **Blackwell:** I think this is great. As you guys know, drink spiking has been on the rise at FSU for a while now. And there's just too many cases to really not take this seriously. And, you know, going back to like, what Senator Syska was talking about the 8500. Right? Yeah, that's a lot of money. But this is a really serious issue. People are literally, like, dozens of people are going to the hospital over this. And if we could save one, two, three people from making trips to the hospital, I see that as a win for the University. And I'm sure it's going to do great things. So I really appreciate Senator Garcia for doing our homework and just coming out here and I'm definitely voting and supportive. So thank you.
- **Brown moves to call the question; Kleinmetz seconds**
- Vote:
 - Yes: [13] [Blackwell, Brown, Daniely, Hellmann, Castellanos, Syska, Gutierrez, Stuart, Kleinmetz, Hair, Olsen Galvan, Simkins, Weston]

- No: 0
 - **RESULT: BILL #15 PASSES**
- **Resolution 19 - Sponsored by Senator Olsen Galvan**
 - Opening Statement:
 - **Olsen Galvan:** Originally I wanted to expand the circulation desk hours, because as we all know, a lot of us have final exams that start at 7:30 in the morning, but the circulation desk doesn't open until 8 in the morning. I have a few friends who sometimes have to check out laptops from the circulation desk. And if they're taking a 7:30AM exam, then they literally can't check it out. So basically, I spoke with the library to see how feasible it would be to expand the circulation desk hours, at least for finals week. And instead of that, we're going to be expanding the loan period, just so that way people can have the technology they need to do the final exams.
 - General Questioning:
 - **Brown:** How long exactly are you going to be planning to extend it back? Like timeframe wise?
 - **Olsen Galvan:** I've spoken to the head librarian, but they're currently in the process of I believe it would just be because it's no longer expanding the hours of the circulation desk, it's expanding the loan period of the technology. So I didn't get a specific period of time, I just heard that students can borrow them before the test at their convenience and keep them long enough to be able to use them for intended purposes and also be able to return them easily. And so I'm still in contact with Deborah and Gail, the head librarians.
 - **Brown:** You said to use them before 7:30am. But the desk isn't open until eight, so they'd have to get it the night before. So does that mean like extending it? Meaning like, the student gets it the night before can have it the entire night? And then when the Circulation Desk opens at eight, they can return it then or after their exam is like that what it means?
 - **Blackwell:** Just a clarification, would this apply to both Strozier and Dirac Libraries?
 - **Weston:** When does the circulation desk close?
 - **Olsen Galvan:** It actually depends on which day, I believe on Monday through Thursday, it closes at 12 Because I always hear it when I'm there. Fridays, I want to say 9pm. And then Saturday and Sunday is midnight, it varies in the hours.
 - **Weston:** If you were to rent out a calculator the night before because you have a 7:30 exam, that would be like almost an eight hour period where your loan is being extended. And I'm not sure what the loan period is right now. But would that also apply to all hours of the day?
 - **Olsen Galvan:** I believe so. Because I wanted to specify that it wasn't just laptops, because oftentimes, we don't need to check out laptops, it may

be a graphing calculator, like you said, so I want to say that it's going to be I'm speaking, because you're not going to check something out, just like two hours before it's going to be included for the final exam.

- **Syska:** Have you talked to the librarian about how this is going to kind of limit resources for other students? If, say, a student checks it out for like, whatever, the eight hour nine hour period, you said? Are they going to have enough calculators to go around to most of the students that they would have originally? Or are they planning on maybe buying more something?
- **Olsen Galvan:** I'm a little bit confused by your question. Because the same people that would have been checking it out, they always come first come first serve. So if you're not, if you weren't able to get it, at the time period, you were gonna get it, you were never gonna get it at all. Because if the Circulation Desk wasn't open, you were never able to get it.
- **Syska:** You're saying that instead of extending this circulation desk, you're going to extend the loan period, correct? And if you extend the loan period, that means you can't rotate the calculators or technology faster for other students.
- **Olsen Galvan:** I don't think the loan period is going to be two weeks so that you have the calculator for the entire finals week. I'm hoping that it's going to be something along the lines of if you have it overnight for that morning exam. And then if you say you needed it for an afternoon exam, you can return it and then check out a new one, just, you know, to be mindful of other students who may also need to check out technology, but that's a concern that I actually didn't consider. So thank you.
- **Brown:** let's say like, you have, like 10 students who come in at like, 3pm, and say that they want to have a laptop for the rest of the day, and also until 9am, the other day, like, would that be allowed? Like, is there like, I guess what I'm trying to ask is like, is there a timeframe? I guess, kind of going back to the original question, like, is there a timeframe where you have like 20 laptops that are out from 3pm? All the way to 9am the next day?
- **Olsen Galvan:** I'm currently in communication with the head librarian right now. And they're having meetings that they're trying to do for the community. It's specifically for the intended purposes. So I'm not entirely sure what specific instances like that would be. My assumption is that the way that it is currently, where it's first come, first serve, you come for a laptop, and you get what's there would still essentially be what's happening. The only, like, the main thing that I'm just trying to initiate is just that you can check something out the night before, and you wouldn't, you wouldn't want to get it too far in advance. Because you're taking it for a specific purpose. You're getting it for that exam. So you're not going to get it two days before you're not going to get it like 20 hours before you have to be mindful of when your exam is and go and get it the night before.
- **Kleinmetz:** So let's say their exam was on a Wednesday, and they went in on Monday, how would it be regulated to know that their exam was not on Tuesday? Like would they have to show proof of schedule or how would that work? Because what if they went on Monday, took it overnight till Tuesday, and then got a new one Tuesday night and took it overnight till Wednesday?

- **Olsen Galvan:** That's a very specific question. And then I'm not entirely sure, honestly, I was, I was thinking that these were going to be more under maybe the Honor Code where you go in and you don't check something out because you know that other students most likely need it and you're not checking something out to take the resource away from other people. I want to believe that that's what people will do. But you can only create the solution and people will do with it, what they have I that's what I believe.
- **Daniely moves to enter round-table discussion; Syska seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - **Khosh:** I say this all the time. This is just a resolution, so what happens in this resolution is not guaranteed by any means. My thoughts are that this resolution needs to be more fleshed out. I think this questioning period has allowed for different holes in this resolution and ways that we can fill and amend that. I think it's a very pressing issue, it just needs more detail to come to fruition.
 - **Brown:** I also think this is a great idea. I just think there were a lot of unanswered questions. Another concern was the time limit and how long someone would have it, as well as just the resources in general.
- **Brown moves to call the question; Syska seconds**
- Vote:
 - Yes: [6] [Daniely, Hellmann, Castellanos, Syska, Gutierrez, Kleinmetz,]
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [6] [Brown, Stuart, Hair, Simkins, Weston, Blackwell]
 - Chair tie-breaking vote: Yes
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 19 PASSES**
- **RESULT: BILL 20 PASSES**
- **Resolution 18 - Sponsored by Senator McEnery, Rodriguez**
 - Opening Statement:
 - **McEnery:** This resolution is basically expressing the Student Senates disappointment in the decisions made by the Board of Governors a few weeks ago. This is a very simple resolution and not super detailed, as I am aware that our Student Body President serves on BOG and I wouldn't want to do anything to put him in an uncomfortable position.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
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 - **Syska moves to enter round-table discussion; Brown seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - **Khosh:** I think this is a great and simple resolution, and I appreciate the sponsors efforts to keep President Hitchcock out of an uncomfortable situation, while also making efforts to condemn the BOG's choices.
 - **Brown moves to call the question; Kleinmetz seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Yields.
 - Vote: 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
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- ○ **RESULT: RES 20 PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- Khosh: Have a good weekend everyone and thank you all for your participation and involvement in today's meeting! See you in Senate on Wednesday and in committee on Friday!

Next Meeting: Feb 9th at 4:30 pm

Adjourned: 5:25PM

Signature of Chair [Name]