



76th Student Senate Student Life Committee

[2/09/24 at 4:30 pm] | [<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/4961896428?>]

Call to Order: 4:32PM

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

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Members Absent: Gutierrez

Guests: Salazar, Srivasta

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:

- None

Committee Business:

- Bill #17
- Resolution #21
- Resolution #22
- Resolution #24

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Bill #17
- Resolution #21
- Resolution #22
- Resolution #24

- **Bill #17 - Sponsored by Senator Salazar**

Bill is tabled to the end of the meeting.

RESULT:

- **Resolution #21 - Sponsored by Senator Khosh**

- Opening Statement:

Khosh: You should have received an email from Amy Hecht in the last week about the National College Health Assessment. And it's basically just collecting data from all the students on campus about what your health habits are, whether that's mental health or physical health, and how you're doing as a college student. And basically, this resolution is just supporting the need for everyone to fill it out. And I'm going to require that you all fill it out by our next meeting on Friday, and send me a screenshot of your submission. So I'm encouraging all students to obviously fill it out and the student body working with Amy Hecht to get more emails sent out about this and more social media coverage. And basically, the more involvement we have in the survey, the better because that will help one bring more resources to the university and to things like this will help us potentially increase our ranking and our university advancement.

Brown moves to enter general questioning; Castellanos seconds.

- General Questioning

Weston: When do we need to fill out the survey?

Khosh: By our next meeting.

Brown moves to enter round table; Castellanos seconds.

- Round-Table Discussion:

None

RESULT: RESOLUTION #21 PASSES BY ACCLIMATION

- **Resolution # 22 - Sponsored by Senator Srivasta**

- Opening Statement:

Srivasta: Hey everyone. The goal of this resolution was to acknowledge the 17 victims of the shooting that took place on February 14, 2018, almost six years ago. The university is next week on February 14. I'm from Parkland and I went to Marjory Stoneman Douglas and I have like firsthand seen the type of effect like this. Shootings have become so much more common in America. And I think I know a lot of people, they see shootings on the news, they say their thoughts and prayers, and then nothing happens. And I don't blame them for that. I don't think anybody wants to think about something as depressing as this unless they're forced to but me and my community, my friends, my family were all forced to think about this, especially in the month of February. And I wanted this resolution to just bring attention to the fact that shootings, especially school shootings, have an impact that is indescribable. I know friends who have lost people. I have lost people. And every year this day is just torture for me. Aside from the emotional aspect of this event, I wanted to bring light to the political aspect of it. The resolution also condemned the availability of military grade semi automatic weapons, much like the weapon used to kill the 17 people. And it also calls upon our lawmakers to address this issue of gun violence at its root cause the guns, each victim that died had a story. I know all their names, I know their families, I know their stories, everyone has a story. And things they wanted to do were just like us, they had their goals, they had their passions. And so I just want to take a

minute to honor them, and recognize the privilege that we all have to just be here and do the things that we love.

- General Questioning:

Blackwell: So you are calling to condemn military weapons in our society, do you think we should take further steps to resolve this issue like banning bump stocks? Or having more mental health checks?

Srivasta: Yes, I agree with that. However, I was actually planning on writing another resolution. But House Bill 1223, not sure if you know what that is, but that is lowering the age that you can buy a gun at 18. I was going to discuss that more here. But if you propose an amendment to add something, mental health related in here, I would find that friendly.

Brown moves to enter round table discussion; Syska seconds.

- Round-Table Discussion:

Brown: I think you do a wonderful job in writing this out. And I'm also from that area and I remember the school that I went to held a walkout and it was really amazing seeing a community come together over this. So I love this and I think you did an amazing job.

- Closing Statement:

None

RESULT: RESOLUTION #22 PASSES BY ACCLIMATION

- **Resolution #24 - Sponsored by Senator Brown, Larancuent**

- Opening Statement:

Brown: I wrote this resolution on American Heart Month, which is February. So basically, the aim of this is to kind of give a little bit of information on the statistics and the importance of it. So even though we might not think it affects our age group, I was doing a lot of research and it actually does. So I found a study and I don't want to bore you all with statistics, but 84% of the 180 study participants had at least one cardiovascular risk factor in our age group. And then 62% had at least two factors of a cardiovascular risk factor. So I found it was really like, not good information. And so also in this resolution, I kind of thank UHS just for keeping our students healthy. I've gone through UHS for heart related things, and they have been amazing. And as well as down at the bottom, also commending our Campus Rec for having their CPR training program, because it is a really useful program in helping students gain life saving knowledge.

- General Questioning

None

Daniely moves to enter round table discussion; Kleinmetz seconds.

- Round-Table Discussion:

Syska: I think that Senator Brown has done a great job with this bill. As someone who's in the Medical Response Unit myself, knows a lot about this issue. And as someone who has actually had a cardiac related issue in the past, I think she wrote this really, really well. And I think it is an important issue with our age group. And like our populations, especially those in college, it's not really talked about, and people don't really know how cardiovascular disease affects us. So I think he did a great job.

Blackwell: I think that this is something that people overlook especially in our age group, and just not taken seriously. But I also like how she talked about, you know, how a lot of affects racial and ethnic groups, a lot of minorities are affected. And also I think, you know, college students are stressed, I think it's a lot of the reason why. So I think this is great, just kind of calling awareness of the issue. So I really applaud the sponsor for writing this.

Stuart: I really agree with everything that everybody else has said. I've also personally taken one of my close friends to the hospital for a cardiovascular issue. So it's terrifying and it happens and people our age, especially with as much as nobody would like to say energy drinks, that was the issue. It caused a lot of issues for her and I am fully in support of this resolution.

- Closing Statement:

Brown: I really appreciate you guys saying that. And I have struggled with heart related things and it's just something that you wouldn't think about in our age group, but it happens and it's kind of scary, but yeah, so I just really wanted to bring light to that. So thank you guys for that. Really appreciate it.

- Vote:

- Yes: [(12)] [Blackwell, Brown, Castellanos, Daniely, Hair, Hellmann, Kleinmetz, Olsen Galvan, Simkins, Stuart, Syska, Weston]
- No: [(0)]
- Abstain: [(0)]

RESULT: RESOLUTION #24 PASSES

- **Bill #17 - Sponsored by Senator Salazar**

- Opening Statement:

Salazar: Hello, Student Life. So at the end of every academic year, the Hispanic Latinx Student Union, they put on this thing called Gala. HLSU Gala, how fitting. And what they do is just, it's like a celebration of that past year's accomplishments, and all those things. It's like a big, like, conclusive, like end of the year thing. And in order to do this in order to put this on, a big part of what they do is offer a ton of food, and specifically Latino foods that they get catered, and their Treasurer sat me down and told me that they just needed money. And they've already discussed this with Pro Tempore Gorelick and he's perfectly okay with, you know, this money being through Senate Projects. So there's just money to help HLSU cover food costs. And that's it. Thank you.

- General Questioning

Hair: What's the expected head count for the gala?

Salazar: I'm not too sure. But it's usually around 100-150. At least, that's what it was, last year.

Syska: I was just wondering if this was something that they tried to request PAC funding if possible, and not Senate Projects? Just wanted to clear that up.

Khosh: Point of information, because HLSU is an SGA budgeted entity, they can't go to PAC. So we need to do internal transfers for it.

Castellanos moves to enter round table discussion; Brown seconds.

- Round-Table Discussion:

Blackwell: I fully support this. HLSU has done a lot of cool events this year. So I'm excited to see what they continue to do and I think this is great.

- Vote:

- Yes: [(12)] [Blackwell, Brown, Castellanos, Daniely, Hair, Hellmann, Kleinmetz, Olsen Galvan, Simkins, Stuart, Syska, Weston]
- No: [(0)]
- Abstain: [(0)]

RESULT: BILL #17 PASSES

Unfinished Business:

- No unfinished business.

Closing Announcements:

Khosh: Everyone did great today, guys. Thanks for all your hard work and happy Friday.

Blackwell: I don't have much to say but good work today, appreciate y'all.

Next Meeting: 2/16/24

Adjourned: 4:56PM

Signature of Chair