



## **72nd Student Senate**

### **Internal Affairs Committee**

**Date:** 06/29/2020, via zoom

**Call to Order:** 6:01pm

**Members Present:** Chair Adams, Vice Chair Gonzalez, Senator(s) Gabadage, Medley-Neyra, Palacio, Rudd, Waters

**Members Absent:** Senator Murcia

**Guests:** President Daraldik, Senator Martin

#### **Announcements:**

- Chair Adams: We are interviewing a couple of candidates today. We're going to try and stay on schedule but if we don't, that's alright.

#### **Committee Business:**

- Updates to Forwarding Interview Questions on SGA website for Candidates
- Interviews for Junior Class Council President and Vice President, Sophomore Class Council President and Vice President, Mental Health Council Director, and Office of Governmental Affairs Director

#### **New Business:**

- **Updates to Forwarding Interview Questions on SGA Website for Candidates**
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: With new additions to the executive branch positions and noticeably absent position questions on the SGA website, updates to the forwarding Interview questions need to happen and that's up to the IA committee and me to update the questions that are publicized. I've made a

google doc that has added the new positions and some sample questions. Feel free to add/remove questions and update, we'll be actively working on these in committee as well.

- **Interview #1:** Brooke Deering for Junior Class Council President
  - **Opening:** Nice to meet you all, I'm Brooke Deering, 3<sup>rd</sup> yr at FSU hoping to be JCC President. I formerly served as SoCC Treasurer. We had a lot of changes and challenges being new to the organization but we were able to grow and I found a love in Class councils. This isn't the only entity within SGA im involved in, I also serve on Homecoming Council. I have background communicating with staff, faculty, and students and know what it takes to put out successful events.
  - **Technical, non-debatable:**
    - Senator Waters: Are you financially certified?
      - Yes, I took it last summer and plan to get recertified for the next fiscal year.
  - **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
    - Senator Rudd: How do you plan on serving in this role in such an unprecedented time and the possibility of a virtual semester?
      - I've definitely had to adjust some of the goals I have planned. I plan on working with the other class councils to help engage with the junior class. It's my job to make connections with the class and myself and I have thought of social media campaigns to help do that.
    - Senator Gabadage: What is one tangible goal you have for your position as President?
      - Intentional events. I want to hit a certain goal with every event that we put on and I want to focus on professional development for my class through events and organizational connections.
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez: With the challenges you faced as SoCC treasurer, how do you plan on taking those and applying that to this position? Also how do you plan on guiding the class through the current state of our country?
      - As SoCC Treasurer, the challenges I had allow me to realize that I want to set a solid foundation for this class currently as it relates to communication. As it relates to communication about the current state of our country, I would want to make people aware of the resources that exist and allow people to feel heard within the JCC.
    - Senator Waters: I know you elaborated about how your President and Vice President stepped down, how did that affect how the team worked? What initiatives were you able to carry out?
      - It was an adjustment but we still held successful events. We had coffee on landis on finals week and halfway there fair to have sophomores celebrate there journey toward graduation so hopefully I plan on bringing that back in Spring.
  - **Questions related to character or any other questions:**

- Senator Medley-Neyra: How excited are you for this position?
      - I didn't know about class councils in the beginning and when I got involved I absolutely loved it. There's a lot of things we can do and change in the future and I'm excited to see that develop and grow from last year.
    - Senator Rudd: How have your external and internal identities influenced you wanting to apply for this position?
      - I come from a black and white family and seeing those cultures and the diversity has impacted me a lot. Being from that diverse background, I want to provide professional development opportunities to my class and be that voice for them as well.
    - Senator Martin: How are you going to create an inclusive environment for everybody in the Junior class?
      - I think developing that environment is understanding the diversity of all on campus so I want to make sure we do diverse programming and social media campaigning. I know everyone comes from different backgrounds and I want to cater to those backgrounds.
  - **Closing:** Thank you for taking time out of your day to ask questions and hear me out. I think Class Council has so much room to improve, we did a lot of things great but we can do so much better. I hope to work toward the goals I mentioned
  - **Deliberations**
    - Roundtable
  - **Motion to Call the Question**
    - Senator Waters
    - Senator Gabadage seconds
  - **Voting Results**
    - Yes- 6
      - Gonzalez
      - Gabadage
      - Medley-Neyra
      - Palacio
      - Rudd
      - Waters
    - No- 0
    - Abstention- 0
    - Candidate passes
- **Interview #2:** Kamden Nelson for Junior Class Council Vice President
  - **Opening:** I'm Kamden Nelson but everyone calls me Bubba. Im a second year but a junior by credits, study Public Health and Nursing. I attended SLS and I served on SoCC last year and was a Summer Senator last year.
  - **Technical, non-debatable:**
    - Senator Waters: Are you financially certified?

- I am not, I looked into it during my time as a Senator but they told me not to worry about it.
- **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: How do you think your experience with the SoCC will help you with this position?
    - Experience was eye-opening for me. I was just a member at large and got to watch and observe the leadership. It made me more aware of campus and the council and will help me better function here
  - Senator Waters: How do you think SLS affected you and will affect you in this position?
    - SLS was the best thing I've experienced at FSU just far. My friend recommended it to me and it opened my eyes/ Hearing from facilitators and my peers impacted my life through their stories. It gave me an open-mindedness and I plan on using that to make everyone closer together.
  - Senator Palacio: What are some goals you have for your position?
    - Observing everything in the world and with my experience, I plan on creating programming that the whole class can enjoy
  - Senator Rudd: Describe a time where a project you were a part of was successful
    - In SoCC we had a halfway there fair and I think it was successful because it was last minute but we made it work.
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: You mentioned the current state of our country, how do you plan on addressing that in this role?
    - Ive met a lot of people at FSU and I plan on talking to other orgs on campus to see how they're doing virtually and navigating things.
- **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: What is the most difficult decision you've ever had to make during your last leadership position? How did you arrive at your decision? What was the result?
    - Halfway there fair was a challenge and we assigned different roles and communicated with all to ensure it was successful.
  - Senator Martin: Have you attended any other similar events to SLS to continue developing what you learned?
    - I have not attended any events besides SLS but that was because I overloaded myself in the Fall. My roommate was very shy so I invited him to events and all but SLS was great for me because they showed me not everyone thinks the same way I do and you don't have to agree just respect.
- **Closing:** Thank you for taking time out and listening. I enjoyed this and hope to continue working with the Class Councils. I won't be offended regardless of how you all vote. Thank you again for this!
- **Deliberations**
  - Roundtable
- **Motion to Call the Question**

- Senator Gabadage
  - Senator Waters seconds
- **Voting Results**
  - Yes- 3
    - Gabadage
    - Palacio
    - Rudd
  - No- 0
  - Abstention- 3
    - Gonzalez
    - Medley-Neyra
    - Waters
  - Candidate passes
- **Interview #3: Fabian Sojos for Sophomore Class Council President**
  - **Opening:** Thank you for being here. I applied for this because I think every class should have a complete year every year and considering what happened to my class, I think I can help us come back from that and have them more involved on campus as I think they will be willing to after being locked up.
  - **Technical, non-debatable:**
    - Senator Rudd: If selected for this position, will you leave your position in Senate?
      - SoCC is not a major position so I won't have to but I will consider it if I can't fully commit to either one.
  - **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
    - Senator Waters: What sort of tangible projects will you seek to work on if you are granted the position?
      - I have 4 projects, one is fundraising, specifically for the senior class gift. I want to create a gofundme to have people donate for the gift. I also want townhalls but not regular but going to agencies and organizations and present what we do and take questions to have people involved. I'd also work with OGA to secure internships for my class to help ppl have a future after FSU. I would also want to simply engage with the class.
    - Senator Waters: Do you think you can work with freshmen to involve them since there is no FCC?
      - I would engage with FLI and other freshmen majority orgs to try and engage them
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez: How do you plan on addressing the state of our country with this position?
      - Reach out to unions and RSOs that can represent the sophomore class and bring them in, meet with them, have them become members-at-large and have them come to the townhalls and engage as well.
  - **Questions related to character or any other questions:**

- Senator Gabadage: What is the most difficult decision you've ever had to make during your last leadership position?
      - As RTAC liaison, I had to step up as people weren't showing up to create resolutions that allocated money to groups around campus to be able to go on trips.
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez: What identities that you hold do you think will help you in this position?
      - Im not from US I was born in Ecuador and I moved here at 10 and had to learn English so I think I can relate to bilingual individuals in the sophomore class.
  - **Closing:** Thank you for having me today. I hope you can all put me in this position.
  - **Deliberations**
    - Roundtable
  - **Motion to Call the Question**
    - Senator Waters
    - Senator Medley-Neyra seconds
  - **Voting Results**
    - Yes- 6
      - Gonzalez
      - Gabadage
      - Medley-Neyra
      - Palacio
      - Rudd
      - Waters
    - No- 0
    - Abstention- 0
    - Candidate passes
- **Interview #4:** Diamond Scrivens for Sophomore Class Council Vice President
  - **Opening:** Good evening, I'm Diamond Scrivens, a rising sophomore majoring in IT and a first-generation student. I'm one of 8 children so I never had a lot of follow-up from my parents. I had to instill work and determination in myself when it came to school and I had to be a good role model for the rest of my siblings so I had to be a leader early on. I fell in love with FSU because of its diversity & inclusion and how it dedicated itself to it and when wanting to be involved I found class councils, loved it, and thought it was a good way to serve FSU.
  - **Technical, non-debatable:**
    - Senator Waters: Are you financially certified?
      - No, I am not.
  - **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
    - Senator Gabadage: What specific goals do you hope to achieve through this position?
      - I want to make sure we have community outreach. That is something I will say all the time and being a mentor and

watching students grow and achieve is very satisfying and makes me want to grow and continue. I also want cultural awareness to be a goal because of the state of our country.

- Vice Chair Gonzalez: How do you plan on addressing the state of our country in your role?
  - Promoting a cultural awareness event and getting other orgs involved so everyone can come together as a whole and address these issues as a whole. It will also allow people to be on one accord and learn together.
- Senator Waters: Describe a time that you took a lead and describe the outcome
  - I was in SGA in high school and I'm really big on giving back to the community so we organized a back to school bash for elementary school where we collected school supplies and gave to the Boys and Girls Club. It promoted school and academics in a low-income community and it turned out amazing.
- Senator Rudd: Do you see any prevalent issues within the sophomore class and how do you want to address that?
  - Involvement may be a big one. We're still rather new to the school and I want to have an involvement fair so people know everything FSU has to offer.
- **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Experiences at FSU that will help in this role?
    - Office assistant at CARE office will help me work with the diff employees within and help abide by everyday demands. Learning about student life on campus will definitely help me in this role.
  - Senator Martin: If you get forwarded, what are you most excited to accomplish?
    - Helping students experience traditions at FSU will be really exciting. I am also excited to be the voice of our class so they can speak through me and advocate for their demands and needs.
- **Closing:** Thank you for taking the time out to interview me. I actually have a powerpoint I want to show you. (Reading from powerpoint) I'm Diamond, a sophomore from Tampa, I'm interested because it is positive leadership experience. I want to create a shared space project where I can help everyone have a safe space. Thank you for having me!
- **Deliberations**
  - Roundtable
- **Motion to Call the Question**
  - Senator Waters
  - Senator Medley-Neyra seconds
- **Voting Results**
  - Yes- 5
    - Gabadage

- Medley-Neyra
- Palacio
- Rudd
- Waters
- No- 0
- Abstention- 1
  - Gonzalez
- Candidate passes

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Final Announcements:**

- Senator Martin: Come to SLAA if we do meet. You all have an amazing community in this committee, I can feel it through zoom. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of it.
- Chair Adams: Make sure to review the common questions document before the next IA meeting. I am very proud of you all for your work today. Love you all.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

**Adjourned:** 9:21pm