



## **72nd Student Senate**

### **Internal Affairs Committee**

**Date: July 14, 2020, via zoom**

**Call to Order:** 4:08pm

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

**Members Absent:**

**Members Late:** Senator Murcia

**Members Left Early:** Senator Murcia

**Guests:** Senator(s) A. Alvarez, Dean, Martin, Sam, Stinson, & Kristian Diaz,

#### **Announcements:**

- Chair Adams: We will be interviewing everyone today, built in time to go over applications.
- Vice Chair Gonzalez: Rehear minutes for 06/29/20 meeting mistake

#### **Committee Business:**

- Rehearing 06/29/20 Minutes, Interviewing 8 Candidates for Veterans Student Union, Pride Student Union, and Hispanic Latinx Student Union, and Bill 86 sponsored by Senator Stinson

#### **New Business:**

- **Rehearing IA Minutes for 06/29/20**
  - **Motion to approve minutes**

- Vice Chair Gonzalez
  - Senator Gabadage seconds
- **Bill 92:**
  - **Motion to Table Bill 92**
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez
    - Senator Waters seconds
- **Interview #1: Melanie Green for Veterans Student Union Secretary**
  - **Opening:** As part of being a part of VSU, I've enjoyed the transition of in person to online. We did a series of polls on our Instagram for a movie night. I was a part of that. Being a part of military has been a big part of my life. When I came to FSU I missed being a part of that community and in Spring I realized there was a community here at FSU so I was excited to be a part.
  - **Technical, non-debatable:**
    - Senator Waters: Are you financially certified?
      - I am not.
  - **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
    - Senator Gabadage: In your application, you mentioned planning events for VSU. Can you elaborate?
      - Every year in November we celebrate Veterans month. I'm planning on taking over the closing ceremony. I'm interested to see how important events translate over to online.
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Is there any other experience you have besides publishing in high school, specifically at FSU?
      - I'm a recently inducted member of lady spirithunters and a part of the Catholic Student Union in their social events committee.
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Can you elaborate on your publishing experience in high school?
      - I dealt with a lot of behind the scenes, assigning photographers and writers. I went to HS in Germany. Had to deal with traveling 3hrs and navigate how to multitask with pictures even with people on sports teams. I also assigned pages and other things for the yearbook.
    - Senator Waters: What are the duties and responsibilities of VSU Secretary?
      - They have to record everything that happens in meetings and collect those in one place to organize it. I plan on organizing it in a booklet.
    - Senator Waters: You mentioned a booklet, can you explain how you plan on organizing that?
      - I currently have a book with notes and I plan on scanning that and converting them to pdf to have them all stored together.
  - **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez: How does the way you grew up shape you and qualify you as a leader?
      - I try to emulate my dads style of leadership when it comes to serving. Army is about being a team and that's really

important to emulate into this position. Working as a team is really important.

- Senator Waters: How do you evaluate success?
  - It's objective but I think success is when you accomplish what you set out to do. For Veterans Month, we set out to accomplish something and success is completing that.
- **Closing:** I'm excited to get to the Fall and put on events that represent the Veterans Student Union. I really want to work on adapting in person events to online forms of delivery.
- **Deliberations**
  - Roundtable
- **Motion to Call the Question**
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez
  - Senator Waters seconds
- **Voting Results**
  - Yes- (5) Gabadage, Medley-Neyra, Palacio, Rudd, Waters
  - No- (1) Gonzalez
  - Abstention- (0)
  - **Candidate passes**
- **Interview #2:** John Wallace for Veterans Student Union External Coordinator
  - **Opening:** As a brother of Beta Theta Pi, I currently serve on the exec board as VP of member development where I help with engagement and events. I also served as an intern for the FLHOR. I also currently serve on a board overseeing a district with 20k people.
  - **Technical, non-debatable:**
    - Senator Waters: Have you ever completed Green Dot Training, Allies and Safe Zones, or NCBI?
      - I have not but I'd be willing to complete them.
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Are you financially certified?
      - No but I don't believe my role requires me to be so.
  - **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
    - Senator Gabadage: Based on your role as a legislative intern, how do you think that translates to this position?
      - A big part in this position is organizing our relations as a group to others on campus and I did that with my role as an intern.
    - Senator Waters: You mentioned your experience with digital media. Can you expand on how that will look like in Fall?
      - Speaking with the other candidates and Director, we're working on having a committee that will emphasize social media and organizing that to be better and more effective way of functioning and communicating with members in a purely online form.
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez: What are the duties and responsibilities of your position?
      - As described in the constitution, my job is to serve as a liaison for other orgs like the Collegiate Veterans Associations. I'm

supposed to coordinate with members and working with them to become full fledged members in the Union. Also, working to find more leadership positions on campus for members and so I can organize better.

- Senator Waters: You mentioned different organizations, this past year, have you done anything at all with those orgs?
  - Before applying to this position, as my position in Beta Theta Pi, we organized to fund and organize events. I'm also a Presidents Ambassador at FSU.
- Vice Chair Gonzalez: How do you plan on reaching other orgs and agencies you may not be familiar with?
  - A lot of people think because we're VSU we only advocate for Veterans. We advocate for them but don't exclude other groups. I would want to outreach to other agencies that we don't work with a lot. I think a unique thing is that there are Veterans that involve all the other agencies. We're all encapsulating and have a lot of representation through that.
- Vice Chair Gonzalez: Do you have any idea what you want to advocate for and reach out for in terms of other agencies or implement in your own agency?
  - I want to foster a greater sense of inclusivity amongst the members of the agency and have them understand we're advocating for many groups on campus. I also want to host joint events and campaigns, specifically with the recent injustices locally and in the world, and we've put out statements to back up those stances.
- **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: What is one of the toughest challenges you've had in a leadership position? How did you overcome?
    - A lot of challenges as a legislative intern. It's tough to understand you're not making the decisions and you might not share the same political beliefs. There might be things you don't necessarily agree with because of the difference in beliefs but having to understand your position through it. It was tough to understand that and accept that.
  - Senator Waters: What have you found to be the most difficult part of being a member of a team? How did you overcome it?
    - Motion to table the candidate
      - Waters
      - Gabadage seconds
    - Waters rescinds question
- **Closing:** I just want to thank all of you for hearing me out and dealing with the technical issues I've been having. I'm looking forward to this next year and initiating positive change. I've spoken with Senator Sam with working with the caucus on a personal note and with my position, so I'm looking forward to that.
- **Deliberations**

- Roundtable
  - **Motion to Call the Question**
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez
    - Senator Murcia seconds
  - **Voting Results**
    - Yes- (7) Gonzalez, Gabadage, Medley-Neyra, Murcia, Palacio, Rudd, Waters
    - No- (0)
    - Abstention- (0)
    - **Candidate passes**
- **Interview #3: Cam Bickley for Veterans Student Union Internal Coordinator**
  - **Opening:** My name is Cameron Bickley, I served 6 years in Air Force. I was actually in the career field that's now the Space Force. After I finished, I came to FSU and heard about VSU. I met Billy Francis and he introduced me to the Veteran community here. As soon as I met him I knew I wanted to be involved with VSU or CVA. And I'm now here for this position.
  - **Technical, non-debatable:**
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Have you done any of the following, green dot, allies and safe zones, or NCBI?
      - Not on campus but we did them a lot in the military. More times than I can count.
    - Senator Waters: Are you financially certified?
      - No, I am not.
  - **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
    - Senator Gabadage: You mentioned your experience in video production, how do you integrate that?
      - With any events in VSU, I would want to make sure we capture that. With my major, I'm working on digital production and for Veterans to come I would want to make sure we capture the community and events we foster for them to see.
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Can you elaborate on your leadership positions within the Air Force?
      - I was a supervisor the last two years. They were kind of like my kids and I was responsible for their development and growth within the Air Force. It was kind of like a mentor and if they had any issues personal or otherwise, it was just making sure they were taken care of.
    - Senator Waters: Why is it important to have consistent communication within SGA as a whole?
      - Communication is very important. If your left hand isn't talking to your right hand, it makes it difficult to work. Communication contributes to efficiency and the morale of the group. If someone doesn't know what's going on, it affects their thoughts. For me, it's a morale thing.
  - **Questions related to character or any other questions:**

- Vice Chair Gonzalez: What is the toughest challenge you have faced and how did you overcome it?
      - I knew what I wanted to do and as my time went on I realized it wasn't Air Force but I signed a contract so I had to stay. I dealt with bits of depression and I reached out to resources available. But I would say not being happy everyday was very tough, it was a dark time. Overcoming that and being better was definitely something difficult I would mention.
    - Senator Waters: You mentioned morale, how does that translate to your position?
      - If you don't have any morale or cohesiveness, it hurts the organization as a whole. Building morale as best I can and that I'm allowed to. Whatever team I'm a part of I want to be close knit. From what I've seen if the moral is high between everyone, it builds up the team around you.
    - Senator Martin: What are you looking forward to most?
      - Getting to know everyone. With COVID we haven't been able to meet face to face and hang out so that's one of the biggest things I'm looking forward to. Second is also seeing how we work as a team and bringing more awareness to the Veteran community on campus.
  - **Closing:** I just want to thank you all for going through this whole process. Thank you for the speedy communication, Kenley on your part. I was kind of confused.
  - **Deliberations**
    - Roundtable
  - **Motion to Call the Question**
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez
    - Senator Murcia seconds
  - **Voting Results**
    - Yes- (7) Gonzalez, Gabadage, Medley-Neyra, Murcia, Palacio, Rudd, Waters
    - No- (0)
    - Abstention- (0)
    - **Candidate passes**
- **Interview #4:** Jordan Brown for Veterans Student Union Chief Financial Officer
  - **Opening:** My name is Jordan Brown, from Tallahassee, born and raised a Nole. I'm looking forward to serving the Veterans community, a lot of my family have served and currently serve. I'm in Army ROTC and that is a career field I plan to take. I am the President of Army ROTC's Cadet Activity Fund.
  - **Technical, non-debatable:**
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Are you financially certified?
      - Yes, I did it last week.
    - Waters: Have you participated in any of the following trainings: Green Dot, NCBI, Allies and Safe Zones?

- I have not, I did a hazing video. I will do those if they are required.
  - **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Besides being the President of the Cadet Fund, do you have any other experiences that can help you in this position?
      - Besides being President, I also am the treasurer for ROTC RSO they just made. Hoping that will help me out.
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez: What are the duties and responsibilities of your position?
      - Do what Harrison wants me to do. Do purchase requests and better the Veterans community on campus.
    - Senator Waters: What was the budget of last year and did you take any part in that?
      - I did not take part. Harrison said he would go over the budget with me next month.
  - **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez: What is the toughest challenge you have had in a leadership position and how did you overcome it?
      - I was the squad leader for a competition and I was the only one that could communicate. It was difficult to communicate between everyone when no one could talk but we succeeded.
    - Senator Waters: What is the toughest thing about being on a team, not as a leader but as a member?
      - I would say following the exact directions that the leader has told you to do and doing it as the leader wants to.
    - Senator Sam: Have you thought of how you want to allocate and structure the budget VSU is given?
      - I know we want to use most of it for Veterans month but besides that is just making sure we allocate it and use it wisely.
  - **Closing:** Thank you all for meeting with me and taking part. I'm excited to be in this position.
  - **Motion to enter Roundtable**
    - Gonzalez
    - Waters seconds
  - **Deliberations**
    - Roundtable
  - **Motion to Call the Question**
    - Senator Gonzalez
    - Senator Waters seconds
  - **Voting Results**
    - Yes- (2) Medley-Neyra, Rudd
    - No- (4) Gonzalez, Gabadage, Palacio, Waters
    - Abstention- (0)
    - **Candidate fails**
- **Interview #5:** Isabella Hernandez for Pride Student Union Treasurer

- **Opening:** I've been involved with FSU since freshmen year and I've been trying to get more involved. I'm excited to be working with my college after I was accepted into my major. I thought this opening was perfect because I've been wanting to get involved and it was the best way to showcase my skills. In the exec meetings everyone has been nice and helpful and I've been going over with the former treasurer about everything and the tests and requirements. I know the current funding situation is up in the air and I don't know the current parameters but once I am aware I look forward to following the correct procedures.
- **Technical, non-debatable:**
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Are you financially certified?
    - No but I plan on taking it tonight or first thing in the morning tomorrow.
  - Senator Waters: Have you done any of the following:
    - No but I want to do it, especially Allies and Safe Zones.
- **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
  - Senator Waters: Can you elaborate on what you and the old exec went over?
    - Yeah, we had a meeting with previous executive board. We discussed the google document and showed me the ropes about the budget, the money we have to allocate beforehand. I made sure to take notes and they let me know I can come to them with any questions. I pretty much got the idea of how it was done
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Can you tell me what the budget for last year was?
    - Budget was 20,000 but because part of it wasn't used for Spring they have to reconfigure it. I do understand things have to be reworked and reassigned. I'm totally down to bear with the process in case it gets hectic.
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Do you have any prior experience handling money or with leadership in general?
    - I've been working in CARE as a mentor. I'm also the lead facilitator for the food pantry and dealing with allocating resources. I've also worked with the individual who deals with monetary donations. I volunteer with Second Harvest as well and I also have two lines of credit established. I've managed to save my refund checks with CARE and get the right foot financially.
  - Senator Waters: Can you elaborate your food pantry experience?
    - It started off as a small room and as people began to know and donate, we grew into two rooms. We got to meet with a Congressman in Tallahassee and meet the mayor. It's great to see students making an effort for other students. It's an amazing thing to be a part of.
- **Questions related to character or any other questions:**



- Vice Chair Gonzalez: What is the toughest challenge you've had as a leader and how did you overcome that?
      - In high school I saw myself as a follower and not a leader. I grew out of that shell at FSU and I understood leadership isn't just about you but doing things with the position you have and being confident. Wanting to do more and do it better. Every opportunity I've had, I am grateful for because it has allowed me to grow.
    - Senator Sam: Can you provide an example of a setback you've experienced in involvement and how you overcame?
      - It's more of a personal thing. I've experienced financial setbacks with COVID and it's very easy to drown in a glass of water. I've learned how to reach out and get resources from campus. I've also seen how to communicate and grow those lines of communication. But a recent setback is with my finances but I've been able to get back on my feet. When things happen there's always a way to continue forward.
    - Senator Martin: Within your role how will you create an inclusive role?
      - I think an inclusive environment is like the conversations we've been having. I also want to hold financial events where people learn how to manage financials since a lot of people don't have that experience and knowledge. I think it's very important to pass that onto people. Distinguishing from wants and needs and spreading that information will help people not feel so overwhelmed. I would love to share that within PSU.
  - **Closing:** I want to thank you for interviewing me and being here. I am appreciative of having made it this far, especially with my major and career path, since it does deal with finances. I do want to develop my skills with this position. The semester hasn't started but I am so ready to get started.
  - **Motion to enter Roundtable**
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez
    - Senator Waters seconds
  - **Deliberations**
    - Roundtable
  - **Motion to Call the Question**
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez
    - Senator Waters seconds
  - **Voting Results**
    - Yes- (5) Gonzalez, Gabadage, Palacio, Rudd, Waters
    - No- (0)
    - Abstention- (1) Medley-Neyra
    - **Candidate passes**
- **Interview #6:** Erick Tapia for Hispanic Latinx Student Union Treasurer
  - **Opening:** I'm Erick Tapia, born and raised in West Palm. It was a struggle to get used to FSU after West Palm. But I found the HLSU community and I've been wanting to get involved. I also have experience in Student Boosters and

my fraternity. I also have experience as treasurer starting an organization that deal with business and finances. It was eye opening to see while I worked with the treasurer who was mentoring me, and understanding how that worked. I have two main goals for this position. My favorite color is red, it shows determination, and my hobbies are trading stocks, running, watching soccer, and reading when I have time.

- **Technical, non-debatable:**
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Are you financially certified?
    - No but I plan on doing it tomorrow at 12pm.
  - Senator Waters: Have you done any of the following trainings: NCBI, Green Dot, Allies and Safe Zones?
    - I'm planning on doing Allies and Safe Zones later tonight.
- **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
  - Senator Gabadage: Can you elaborate on your plans for HHM and advocating for voices as showed in your application?
    - Last week we had a We Need to Talk event and it was about opening a space. I plan on bringing in affiliates for financial literacy events and use my role to advocate for the Hispanic Latinx community to the best of my ability.
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: What role did you play in the We Need to Talk event?
    - I was there more of as a facilitator. It was eye opening to see the different individuals and thoughts. I plan on hosting similar events for financial literacy.
  - Senator Waters: Can you elaborate on your experience with your high school Financial club in application?
    - My sophomore year it was about budgeting, junior year was about banking, and senior year was more about creating businesses, forecasting, and budgeting for college.
  - Senator Waters: Do you know what the prior budget was for HLSU?
    - The organization had 20,000 last year, unsure about this year, but we have worked through various scenarios in case we do get less money.
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Do you have any ideas for the structure of the budget?
    - I plan on creating 3 budgets. One would be if we get the same as last year, that we would plan and allocate for the whole fiscal year. The second one is if we get no money for Fall and minimal for spring, learning how to navigate virtually. The third would be if we get some money for Fall and the same for Spring, and working through the events we put on.
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Take one of your budget scenarios, let's say you get the full amount, how would you go about allocating money?
    - HHM, Gala, Socials. I plan on reserving more money for the big events but I'm planning on working with the food and the money that is required to have those for the smaller, more consecutive events.

- **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez: What is one of the toughest challenges you've faced in a leadership position?
      - The business I was making with my friends and being in charge of financials was a big toll. I specifically had two people in my group and it was difficult to work with them because they weren't confident or as knowledgeable about handling money and finances. I hung out with them and tried to explain that. It's about communication and respect and it all worked out in the end.
    - Senator Waters: How have you gone about setting short and long term goals for yourself and the org?
      - For short, I would say the budget. Not because it's small but because it's pretty straightforward to plan out, referencing prior budgets and how those were allocated. Financial literacy is kind of long term in terms of who we work with and planning those for the entire year.
    - Senator Martin: How will you create an inclusive environment in HLSU?
      - Inclusive language is very important and having respect and creating an environment that is friendly for all is important. Personally, I'm very calm and relaxed so I would want to bring that into HLSU.
    - Senator Sam: What is a PO and how do you submit one?
      - They're purchase orders and the money is brought through SGA A&S fees. They're supposed to be submitted 15 days prior when it comes to food and clothing and contractual services are services that have a contract like DJs and those have to be 30 days prior
  - **Closing:** Thank you for this interview, I'm eager to get started. I hope to give back to the Hispanic and FSU body. I know the people around me will help and support me along the way.
  - **Motion to enter roundtable:**
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez
    - Senator Waters seconds
  - **Deliberations**
    - Roundtable
  - **Motion to Call the Question**
    - Senator Waters
    - Senator Gonzalez seconds
  - **Voting Results**
    - Yes- (6) Gonzalez, Gabadage, Medley-Neyra, Palacio, Rudd, Waters
    - No- (0)
    - Abstention- (0)
    - **Candidate passes**
- **Interview #7:** Deborah Maldonado for Hispanic Latinx Student Union Secretary

- **Opening:** My name is Deborah Maldonado, I identify with the Hispanic Latinx community. The name change was under Kristian Diaz and witnessing that was very empowering and inspiring. Knowing that students were passionate about that and seeing that through was powerful. I do
- **Technical, non-debatable:**
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Are you financially certified?
    - I took the test yesterday and am awaiting the results.
  - Waters: Have you done the following trainings:
    - I am signed up for Allies and Safe Zones tomorrow, and I will look into the rest.
- **Questions related to position, experience, or future goals:**
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: What did you learn already serving this position last year and plan on bringing into 2<sup>nd</sup> year?
    - Going into VEMS, reserving a room, purchase orders and vendors were things I learned and understood in the position. Those are things we can take into our career fields. But also just understanding that Secretaries are not just behind the scenes but getting to know you in a personal level and having that community within HLSU
  - Senator Waters: Can you go over your position as Facilitator of Public Relations and Activities?
    - The leadership aspect in terms of the new leadership institute was something the new Director brought and my role was documenting, taking pictures, helping with curriculum, and overall helping the institute be successful. It was something I took on in addition to my Secretary position.
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Why apply for the same position?
    - Being this is my last year and understanding what the new administration wants to do was important in deciding. I really want to be a part of what the new admin has in store because it's pretty incredible. Continuously advocating and striving to maintain that HLSU community is a passion of mine and something I would like to do.
  - Senator Waters: Did you prepare any continuity documents?
    - Yes so I kind of wrote myself transition documents regarding past experiences, specifically with feedback survey, and learning from past experiences and fixing that for this year.
- **Questions related to character or any other questions:**
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez: Toughest challenge
    - One of the most difficult things was realizing not everyone is fit for their roles and working through that. It was kind of understanding we have to separate work and friendships in terms of the success. One of my friends had to step down because of this but working through that and understanding the need to separate things and work for the betterment of HLSU.

- **Closing:** For this term I plan on gathering and compiling the knowledge I learned from the past administration and bringing that to this new year and fixing mistakes. Bringing continuity and having town halls that bridge HLSU and the student body as it relates to our community. Today when ICE's policies were rescinded was really special. Bringing that to light and understanding community within FSU as we are all students and working towards a goal.
- **Motion to enter roundtable**
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez
  - Senator Palacio seconds
- **Deliberations**
  - Roundtable
- **Motion to Call the Question**
  - Vice Chair Gonzalez
  - Senator Waters seconds
- **Voting Results**
  - Yes- (6) Gonzalez, Gabadage, Medley-Neyra, Palacio, Rudd, Waters
  - No- (0)
  - Abstention- (0)
  - **Candidate passes**
- **Bill 86:**
  - **Opening:** The purpose of this bill is to restructure the major offices in statue to legitimize it for day to day operations.
  - **Motion to enter Roundtable:**
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez
    - Senator Waters seconds
  - **Roundtable:**
    - **Motion to amend: Strikeout cabinet officers and add Director of Cabinet Affairs and Executive Cabinet Secretaries**
      - Vice Chair Gonzalez
      - Senator Gabadage seconds
  - **Motion to exit Roundtable:**
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez
    - Senator Gabadage seconds
  - **Closing:** The bill is pretty straightforward. I appreciate you looking over it after all the interviews you guys had. I hope this passes.
  - **Motion to Call the Question:**
    - Vice Chair Gonzalez
    - Senator Gabadage seconds
  - Voting Results:
    - Yes- (6) Gonzalez, Gabadage, Medley-Neyra, Palacio, Rudd, Waters
    - No- (0)
    - Abstention- (0)
    - **Bill 86 passes**

**Unfinished Business:**

**Final Announcements:**

- Chair Adams: We have to draft the emails for Candidate Jordan, preferably by tomorrow night. Thank you to all the guests that came, it really shows your devotion. I also want to thank Vice Chair for taking over after the technical difficulties. Also, this is the last meeting of the Summer and through all the emotions and issues, we took the high route and pushed through the issues. The results are evident in this beautiful space that was made. This has always been some of my favorite spaces in Senate. Thank you for entrusting me with this position.
- Vice Chair Gonzalez: I want to reiterate what Chair Adams said and thank all of you for entrusting me with this position. We have built an amazing community within this committee and I cannot be more thankful for it. Through everything that has happened, it really speaks volumes of us. For the summer senators, I really hope this didn't discourage you from being a part of SGA in the future. I want you all to look at how much we have grown and bettered ourselves above it all, every time you reflect on this experience. You all have been amazing and I thank you all.
- Senator Waters: As I aforementioned before, what an absolutely outstanding committee. Every member that sits here has such a unique perspective. To me, this is the door to our student democracy. We have a power here that is unmatched. Thank you Chair Adams and Vice Chair Gonzalez for everything. For the summer senators, I hope you're not discouraged but I won't hold it against you.
- Senator Gabadage: I just want to thank you all for welcoming me into this space with open arms and showing me what it means to be a Senator. I definitely did not expect any of this but I am thankful for this experience.
- Senator Rudd: Being a Spring Senator has been quite a ride but thank you for creating a space and climate where we could openly speak and whatever committee I end up with I hope we can emulate what we have here. Everyone is heard and comfortable and free to speak their mind and that is very special. I am thankful for this committee and experience.
- Senator Sam: Thank you for welcoming everyone who isn't in the committee and the bills and candidates that come. I want to thank Chair Adams and Vice Chair Gonzalez for all the work they do and how you handle everything. I hope you all have a good few weeks of rest and are ready to create tangible change come Fall.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** This is the end of Summer Senate.

**Adjourned:** 8:12pm