



72nd Student Senate

Student Life and Academic Affairs

July 10th, 2020

Call to Order: 7:02pm

Members Present: Alexandre, Gipalo, Martin, Murray, Selva, Tillman, Wilkinson, Hinks, Quililan

Members Tardy: Tookes

Members Absent: MacMillan, Lowry, Wilkinson, Eazer

Guests: John Alvarez, Ahmad Daraldik, Ashley Gonzalez, Mageda Nader, Griffin Leckie, Elizabeth Chabot, Kendal McDowell, Kundhavi Gnanam, Sarai Palacio, Christian Sam, Kristian Diaz, Jonathan Marcus, Brendan Gerdts, Renee Wang, Dani Murcia, Adela Larramendi, and Laura Medina.

Announcements:

- **Chair Martin:** Thanks everyone for coming, lists resolutions, amendments, and bills committee is hearing
- **Vice-Chair Murray:** Thanking everyone for coming
- **Members:**
- **Guests:**
 - Senator Alvarez speaking about his statement of dissent. Was accused of filibustering last senate meeting and wanted to address those claims.
 - Mageda Nader discusses her support of Bill 93 and thinks that it gives recognition to indigenous land.
 - Kendal McDowell stated her support of Bill 93 stating that she was a part of the creation of the Land Acknowledgment Act. We have to acknowledge land and occupying. It might be controversial but it's important to recognize this.

Committee Business:

- Bills 93,95,97
- Amendments 1,2,3,4
- Resolution 45,48,49, 60, 61, 62, 63

Old Business:

- Resolution 45 (Brought back to SLAA by Senator Porter)

New Business:

- Bills 93, 95, 97
- Amendments 1,2,3
- Resolutions 48 and 49

Resolution 49 (Gnanam)

- Opening: This is a resolution commending the 5 years of service green dot has provided to Florida State. Green dot is bystander intervention training. It talks about sexual violence and verbal violence as well. Overall, this resolution commends their 5 years of service and asks for leaders to be apart of green dot
- Technical, Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- Hinks moves to enter Roundtable, Gipalo seconds, no objections, enter **Roundtable**
- Roundtable:
 - Senator Murray states that she is in full support of this resolution and commending green dot's service
 - Senator Hinks moves to change "Jack Denton, Student Senate President, to Ahmad Daraldik as Student-Senate President
 - Senator Hinks supports this bill, green dot needs to be recognized
 - Senator Alexandre supports bill and green dot
 - Senator Murray calls the question, Gipalo seconds
- Closing: Green dot is a great program, has gone twice in her time at Florida State. Learned a lot by coming to a SLAA meeting. Thanked for the support on the floor.

Final Vote:

Yea: 7(Gipalo, Alexandre, Murray, Tillman, Selva, Hinks, Quilian)

No:0

Abstain:0

Resolution does: **Pass**

Bill 93 (Alvarez)

- Opening: FSU recognizes the bare minimum of indigineous communities. This resolution takes the first step in doing so. This land acknowledgement will play a key role in Florida State's SGA. Yields 1 minute and 24 seconds
- Technical/ Non Debatable:
 - Hinks: What tribes were consulted when creating this resolution
 - Alvarez: Reached out to FSU admin and gave alvarez an article
- Gipalo moves to enter roundtable, Hinks seconds, no objection, enter **Roundtable**
- Roundtable:
 - Gipaolo stated that this was beneficial as students and acknowledging what kind of land we are on. It reads incredibly well and can't see amending it.
 - Senator Selva stated that language was great and that there is a lot of lack of talk about indiginous land and this resolution will help.
 - Senator Murray stated that it's important to know as student leaders that we know our history and supports the bill.
 - Senator Hinks believes that creating this bill will increase representation
 - Closing: Bill will increase representation on campus and needs to be implemented

Final Vote:

Yes: 8 (Alexandre, Gipalo, Murray, Selva, Tillman, Hinks, Quilan, Tookes)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Vote does pass: **Pass**

Bill 95: Alvarez

- **Opening:** Thanking SLAA. Student government is open for the public and student comments are important. Minutes or recording are stated in statutes that do not specifically clarify when these need to be posted and or at all. I wanted this bill to hold us accountable.
- **Technical Non-Debatable Question:** N/A
- **Roundtable questions:**
 - Senator Murray: Transparency needs to be within SGA and this bill gives us this transparency and accountability.
 - Senator Gipalo stated that there needs to be a timeline to submit minutes in a timely manner. SGA has been under scrutiny and minutes are essential in transparency and accountability within student government. Surprised this hasn't been put in place before .
 - Senator Hinks states she is in full support
 - Senator Alexandre questions how long we have to post meetings. Senator Alvarez states that SGA is two days however other organizations is not stated.
 - Ashley G. is wondering are we requiring all student organizations to require minutes and posted to the student government website? She does not agree with the bill because it's not practical. Senator again questions how we can keep this up with a lot of senate business.
 - Senator Alvarez says it's up to the vice chair but he does not believe it places a burden or work load on Ben Young's part.
 - Senator Sam questions Alvarez if he has ever served on the executive board on an agency? He has not, and Senator Sam states that executive members have a huge work load. There's a lot to take into consideration during this digitized world were in.
 - Senator Chabot stated that from the investigative board that the executive council did not have minutes posted and it was crucial to have these minutes posted. These minutes are essential to creating transparency.
 - Senator Murray questioned when this would be put into effect and senator Alvarez stated that it would need to be put into signature.
 - **Closing:** This is not creating a new mandate, as sga officers we take an oath and know the responsibility of creating transparency. Minutes are necessary.

Final Vote:

Yes: 7 (Hinks, Gipalo, Murray, Selva, Tillman, Quililan, Tookes)

No: 1(Alexandre)

Abstain: 0

Bill does: **Pass**

Bill 97: Leckie and Alvarez

- **Opening:** Looked to the U.S government for inspiration for this bill. Delegates are meant to represent student voices. Senator Leckie stated that it's based on a real policy in the US government. Was able to get in touch with different agencies. This will allow agencies to have representation.
- **Technical and Non debatable questions:**N/A
- **Roundtable:**
 - Senator Murray believes that this increases representation and creates a voice for agencies.
 - Senator Hinks that this believes it increases transparency and advocacy.
 - Senator Giplao believes that this is helpful when passing bill and fostering different viewpoints.
 - Senator Gonzalez believes we need to take a step back and evaluate the bill. These people will essentially take on a senator role without voting positions. Put's a burden on agencies to get them trained and the workload. Making these agencies come to the senate is a big time commitment and burden as a whole.
 - Kristian Diaz states that he is a former agency director and agrees that it's a burden on the agencies. We already have a senate liaison. It's a system that's worked for years and changing it would be a complete time burden.
 - Chair Leckie said that liaisons are effective but represent a lot of viewpoints. Delegates can help with that. Leckie has reached out to different agencies and are in support. Make this delegate position optional?
 - Senator Alvarez stated that the bill already said that this position was optional. It's a major position that requires a lot of work. It can be anyone from the organization, it does not have to be just the head of the organization.
 - Senator Selva stated that we as senators have the job of representing these students, we don't need delegates for that.
 - Amended 421.3 moved by senator Hinks
- **Closing:** Does not want to pass an additional burden on these organizations. Thanks committee for asking these questions. Did not want this to be a quick process and wanted it to be scrutinized.

Final Vote:

Yes:2 (Hinks and Gipalo)

No: 5(Alexandre, Murray, Selva,, Qilian, tookes)

Abstain: 1(Tillman)

Bill Does: **Fail**

Amendment 1: Leckie

- **Opening:** Creates a constitutional commission. The Constitution is outdated and only the executive has the power to change.
- **Technical/ Non-Debatable Questions:** N/A
- **Roundtable:**
 - Daraldik wonders why this isn't written in statutes instead of the constitution.
 - Kristian Diaz thinks that this is a great idea because the constitution is outdated and not beneficial to the student body.
 - Senator Gonzalez thinks there is no purpose to this. Putting more weight on the appointed positions considering they're in a position of power. Senators should be reviewing the constitution anyways, there's no need for a commission
 - Senator Leckie stated that we need this to ensure that everyone affected by this document has a say in it. Every branch of document coming together every 2 years is necessary.

- Senator Hinks stated that bringing these branches together is beneficial. It does not harm anyone or put a burden on load work.
 - Senator Murcia: Thinks that this commission is a good idea and brings in different voices. If the only problem senators have is work load, why did you join senate?
 - President Daraldik states that this document is our oldest document that helps SGA. Believes that this bill should be in statues not in constitution
 - Senator Murray believes that these students appointed to commission should be going through senate confirmation
- **Closing:** Appreciates the question, if it does not pass, wants it to be an advisory committee. Wanted to base it off of what the state of Florida does. Thought it was a good idea for the executive branch to get involved and have a say in the constitution.

Final vote:
Yes: 1 (Selva)

No: 7 (Murray, Alexandre, Gipalo, Tillman, Hinks, Qilan, Tookes)

Abstain:

Amendment does: **Fail**

Amendment 2: Alvarez and Murcia

- **Opening:** The cap of students in senate is equivalent to US senate. Our senator number is 80 at the moment and includes a clause that the panama center still has a senator. We currently have 81 senators when the cap is 80. It's overall a more comfortable number for senate and faculty. Yields time at 2 min
- **Technical/non debatable:** N/A
- **Roundtable:**
 - Senator Hinks said that the amendment makes sense to amend the upper limit. Not forcing to make more senate seats but having the option
 - Senator Gonzalez gives a point of information asking to repeat the number of senate seats of 81. Not understanding why we need 100 seats when we don't even meet 80.
 - Senator Hinks stated that we currently don't have 80 now, but not in the future.
 - Gonzalez asks Alvarez if senate has ever reached 80 senators? It has only been like that in the 80's.
- **Closing:** It's been a long standing tradition of trying to make our SGA match that of the US government. It gives more representation to students in the future that want to run. Amendment needs to pass.

Final vote:

Yes:4 (Murray, Gipalo, Hinks, Qilan)

No: 3(Selva, Tillman, Tookes)

Abstain:1(Alexandre)

Bill does: **Pass**

Amendment 3: Murcia and Alvarez

- **Opening:** Add a percentage threshold and correct the recall election petitions.

- **Technical/Non-debatable questions:** N/A
- Roundtable:
 - Senator Gonzalez does not understand why there's a lower threshold for senators and make the threshold higher for senate presidents. Lowering thresholds is not how we should be acting in the senate.
 - Senator Hinks states that this is a bill that needs to be passed because there's more people at FSU now and the threshold needs to be higher.
- Closing: Needs to pass to correct recall election petitions.

Final vote:

Yes: 6 (Gipalo, Murray, Selva, Hinks, Quilian)

no:1(Alexandre)

abstain:1(Tillman)

Amendment does:**Pass**

Resolution 49: Chabot

- **Opening:** For students who have rent in Tallahassee that already moved back home are not receiving relief. It's wrong to pay during a time when we're not living in these apartments.
- **Technical/Non-debatable questions:**
 - President Daraldik asks did Chabot reach out to administration?
- Senator Chabot believes she contacted someone in student affairs
- **Roundtable:**
 - Senator Hinks asks if chabot can pull up email to the administrators and correspondents
 - Senator Leckie said that this resolution needs to pass. Appalled if this does not pass committee
 - Senator Hinks believes that admin has had time to focus on campus students but not off campus. We need to advocate for these off campus students.
 - Senator Selva states theirs a monopoly on the apartment complexes and take advantage of students
- **Closing:** Appreciates passion for this resolution. It's important that we pass this in solidarity of our students.

Final vote:

Yes:7 (Alexandre, Gipalo, Murray, Selva, Tillman, Hinks, Quilian)

No:1(Tookes)

Abstain:0

Resolution does: **Pass**

Unfinished Business:

Resolution 45, 60, 61, 62 and 63

Final Announcements:

- Chair Martin: Thanking everyone for coming

- Vice Chair Murray: Thanking everyone for coming
- Chair Leckie: Thanking everyone for coming and apologizing for not keeping decorum
- President Daraldik: Support for SLAA and thanking committee members for being here.
- Vice Chair Chabot: Thanking everyone for passing resolution and announced investigating board meeting

Next meeting: 7/13 @7pm

Meeting adjourned at: 10:21pm