



**73rd Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
14 June 2021, 6:30pm | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/93313515302>**

Call to Order: 6:31pm

Members Present: Chair Nasworthy, Vice-Chair Murray, Senator(s) Suarez, Vanderley, Gabadage, West, Roy

Members Tardy: none

Members Absent: none

Guests: President Harmon, Clerk Connor, Senator Zittrauer, Candidate(s) Quentin England, Marcus Williams, Ryan Thorpe, Brianne Basdeo, Connor Grodi, Victoria Paul, Faith Jankowski, Johnathan Dorsey, Nolan Rudolph, Sofia Slimak

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements:

- none

Committee Business:

- none

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- Adoption of rules of procedure.
 - **Gabadage moves to adopt rules of procedure; Suarez seconds**

Candidate for Confirmation: Quentin England- Secretary of Appointments

- Opening Statement:
 - England introduces himself. States he has unique experience as a candidate noting that he was formerly chair of the Senate Internal Affairs Committee. He outlines experience that includes Senate Clerk and involvement with Garnet and Gold Key. England states that in this position he sets up interviews rather than conducting them.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - none
- General Round of Questioning:
 - Chair Nasworthy asks if the candidate has any concrete goals for this position.

- England answers that he wants to make sure that every application is “tracked and tagged”. “Not let any application drop through the system.”
 - Closing Statement:
 - none
 - **Gabadage moves to enter roundtable discussion; West seconds**
 - Roundtable Discussion:
 - Vice-Chair Murray notes the candidate’s tenure as chair of the Internal Affairs Committee and that his skill will surely carry over into this position.
 - **Suarez moves to call the question; Vanderley seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] [Suarez, Vanderley, Gabadage, West, Roy, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Quentin England [PASSES]**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Marcus Williams- Secretary of Inclusion**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Williams introduces himself and shares his story that emphasizes his desire to lead. Notes his leadership within the Pride Student Union and other campus organizations. Williams says he is the most qualified candidate for this position because he has “done the work.” He states that this position is of great importance to the university.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - none
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Chair Nasworthy asks for a description of the position and what the candidate’s goals are for the position if confirmed.
 - Williams states he wants to work with the executive branch to enact projects that enable inclusivity. He wants to make inclusivity something that is actively practiced every day. Williams wants to work with departments to ensure that inclusivity is fulfilled at the highest level possible.
 - Closing Statement:
 - Williams thanks the committee and the legislative branch and states his excitement to fill this position.
 - **Gabadage moves to enter roundtable discussion; Murray seconds**
 - Roundtable Discussion:
 - Suarez states that Williams is passionate about what he does and how he “steps up” to the roles he takes.
 - **Gabadage moves to call the question; Vanderley seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] [Suarez, Vanderley, Gabadage, West, Roy, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Marcus Williams [PASSES]**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Ryan Thorpe- Deputy Treasurer**
 - Opening Statement:

- Thorpe notes his experience in the Senate Budget Committee and experience handling university funding. He states that a goal is to make sure organizations' needs are heard and met.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Chair Nasworthy asks if the candidate is financially certified.
 - Thorpe answers that he has taken the test and has not yet received the results.
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Roy asks if candidate is familiar with PAC and RTAC.
 - Thorpe answers in the affirmative.
 - Chair Nasworthy asks the candidate about his goals for this position.
 - Thorpe notes that a goal is to help transition the student body back to COVID-less normalcy.
 - Thorpe further states his goals including to increase agency funding, foster greater dialogue between financial officers, and increase financial literacy among the student body.
 - Closing Statement:
 - Thorpe expresses his confidence in the slate of candidates being heard tonight.
 - **Suarez moves to enter round-table discussion; West seconds**
 - Roundtable Discussion:
 - none
 - **Suarez moves to call the question; Vanderley seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] [Suarez, Vanderley, Gabadage, West, Roy, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Ryan Thorpe [PASSES]**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Brianne Basdeo- Secretary of Diversity and Equity**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Basdeo notes her leadership experience involving diversity and equity. She states that she wants to help facilitate uncomfortable conversations. Basdeo expressed that she wants to relieve the burden of groups that feel their voices are being "drowned out".
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - none
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Chair Nasworthy asks if the candidate has any concrete goals.
 - Basdeo lists goals including translating orientation materials to Spanish and Creole, holding a cross-cultural seminar with student unions, creating a university wide definition of diversity and equity, and increasing dialogue with student unions and identity-based organizations.
 - Chair Nasworthy asks what diversity and equity mean to her.
 - Basdeo answers with recognizing that not everyone is at the same point and to have conversations to promote welcomeness and understanding noting that there is value within differences.
 - Closing Statement:

- The candidate reiterates her passion for diversity and equity and her excitement to take this position.
 - **Murray moves to enter roundtable discussion; West seconds**
 - Roundtable Discussion:
 - **Murray moves for a non-member to speak (Senator Zittrauer); Gabadage seconds**
 - Zittrauer notes his personal experience with the candidate noting the content of her character and expresses his support for her confirmation.
 - Chair Nasworthy notes candidate's passion and expresses his support for the candidate.
 - **Vanderley moves to call the question; Suarez seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] [Suarez, Vanderley, Gabadage, West, Roy, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Brianne Basdeo [PASSES]**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Connor Grodi- Press Secretary**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Grodi states that he is a transfer student from UCF noting his experience working in student government at UCF and in state politics. He states that it is imperative that student government uses its resources to connect to student body. Grodi states that student government has a special opportunity to make change, but students need to be cognizant of resources and information. He states that he wants to increase engagement and improve the student experience.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - none
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Chair Nasworthy asks the candidate about his goals.
 - Grodi lists his goals as use of the Instagram highlight bubble function and working closely with the senate to ensure communication of goals between branches.
 - Closing Statement:
 - none
 - **West moves to enter roundtable discussion; Murray seconds**
 - Roundtable Discussion:
 - Vice-Chair Murray states that he is impressed by the candidate and his experience.
 - Chair Nasworthy states that he is also impressed and notes Grodi's experience in UCF's student government.
 - **Suarez moves to call the question; Vanderley seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] [Suarez, Vanderley, Gabadage, West, Roy, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Connor Grodi [PASSES]**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Victoria Paul- Executive Assistant**

- Opening Statement:
 - Paul states that her goal is to improve the student experience. She states her experience working at the municipal and state level, and her involvement with The Center for Leadership and Social Change. She notes her goals to aid in execution of projects, noting “where there’s a will, there’s a way”, and to increase accessibility and transparency.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - none
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Vice-Chair Murray asks for the candidate’s concrete goals.
 - Paul states that her goal is to increase efficiency, accountability, and morale.
 - Chair Nasworthy asks what the Executive Assistant does within the branch.
 - Paul answers that the Executive Assistant serves as an “upgraded secretary” and works on the logistical aspects of the cabinet.
 - Closing Statement:
 - Paul states that we should reach out with any questions.
 - **Gabadage moves to enter roundtable discussion; Suarez seconds**
 - Roundtable Discussion:
 - Zittrauer recalls his times he has worked with the candidate and notes that she is a natural, competent leader.
 - **Gabadage moves call the question; Suarez seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] [Suarez, Vanderley, Gabadage, West, Roy, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Victoria Paul [PASSES]**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Faith Jankowski- Secretary of Student Life**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Jankowski notes that she served on the board of the Asian American Student Union and that she aspires to spread awareness, increase dialogue, and better assess the needs of the students. She states that she wants to collaborate with student leaders and leave FSU better than we found it.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - none
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Chair Nasworthy asks what experiences did Jankowski have at AASU that would help in this position.
 - Jankowski answers that she learned a lot about inclusivity and that she wants to use her position to elevate student voices.
 - Chair Nasworthy asks what the position means to the candidate and what goals she has.
 - She answers that the position caters toward all students to improve experiences. She notes her goal to work with Student Body Vice-President Thykadavil on Title IX related issues and expand the “Angel Drink” movement in Tallahassee spaces.
 - Closing Statement:

- Jankowski thanks the committee for their time and expresses her desire to collaborate with students and student leaders.
 - **Gabadage moves to enter roundtable discussion; Vanderley seconds**
 - Roundtable Discussion:
 - Chair Nasworthy notes the candidate's energy and commitment and supports confirmation.
 - **Murray moves to call the question; West seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [5] [Suarez, Vanderley, Gabadage, West, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
 - Did not vote: [1] [Roy]
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Faith Jankowski [PASSES]**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Johnathan Dorsey- Secretary of External Affairs**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Dorsey notes his involvement with CARE and the executive board of the Black Student Union. He notes his work on education within the Tallahassee Juvenile Detention Center and as an orientation leader. He states that he was on the FSU Student Conduct Board and is part of the World Affairs Program.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - none
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Chair Nasworthy asks what the position means to the candidate and to tell his concrete goals for the position.
 - Dorsey reiterates his experience and desire broaden networking with institutions and other top-ranked Universities to strengthen FSU. He states his wish to help shift FSU to a more research-based institution and to establish communications and relationships to cultivate and further the university.
 - Closing Statement:
 - none
 - **Roy moves to enter roundtable discussion; Gabadage seconds**
 - Roundtable Discussion:
 - Roy speaks about his experience working with the candidate and expresses his support.
 - Chair Nasworthy describes the candidate as extremely qualified, passionate, having a unique perspective.
 - **Gabadage moves to call the question; Vanderley seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] [Suarez, Vanderley, Gabadage, West, Roy, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Johnathan Dorsey [PASSES]**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Nolan Rudolph- Secretary of Internal Affairs**
 - Opening Statement:

- Rudolph states that he applied to help fix rifts between the branches in the Student Government Association and to make SGA a better place. He highlights his experience serving as a senator for nearly two years and in involvement with the Student Alumni Association.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - none
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Chair Nasworthy asks what is the candidate's understanding of the position and to list his concrete goals.
 - Rudolph answers that the main goals are to enhance the internal workings of SGA, serve as a reference, and increase visibility. He lists his personal goals as creating a survey for graduate students to increase their visibility and assist them, to increase and promote wellness resources at FSU, to grow the Food for Thought food pantry, and to further communication among student leadership organizations.
 - Closing Statement:
 - The candidate thanks the committee for their time and states that he will remain accessible.
 - **Suarez moves to enter roundtable discussion; Gabadage seconds**
 - Roundtable Discussion:
 - Roy notes his personal experience with Rudolph and that he shows his dedication. Roy expresses his support.
 - Chair Nasworthy speaks in support of the candidate noting his professionalism.
 - **Murray moves to call the question; Vanderley seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] [Suarez, Vanderley, Gabadage, West, Roy, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Nolan Rudolph [PASSES]**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Sofia Slimak- Chief of Staff**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Slimak tells her story as a student at FSU and the power of having a support system and community. She notes that this is where she can give back to the university and that she looks forward to working with student leaders.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - none
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Chair Nasworthy asks what previous experience the candidate has that will help her in this position.
 - Slimak lists her experience including serving in the Student Senate, being vice-chair of committees, creating the press secretary position, and serving as secretary of student life in the previous Student Body President's cabinet. She states that she has experience in advocacy for students.
 - Chair Nasworthy asks what the position means and of her goals.

- Slimak answers that the Chief of Staff is the right hand of the SBP, the support system for the executive branch leaders, and is the one to step into the role to represent the SBP when necessary. She states her goals as continuing efficiency of working with the executive leaders, advocating for veteran students, and ensuring an effective, efficient administration.
 - Closing Statement:
 - Slimak states that the mission of SGA is to serve the students
 - **Vanderley moves to enter roundtable discussion; West seconds**
 - Roundtable Discussion:
 - Vanderley states that the candidate is genuine and will excel in this role.
 - Vice-Chair Murray expresses his support and notes her strong leadership.
 - Chair Nasworthy notes the candidate's experience expresses support.
 - **Vanderley moves to call the question; Murray seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] [Suarez, Vanderley, Gabadage, West, Roy, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Sofia Slimak [PASSES]**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Nimna Gabadage- Deputy Chief of Staff**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Gabadage emphasizes that the position is built on communication.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - none
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Chair Nasworthy asks why the candidate wants this position, what it means, and what are his goals.
 - Gabadage states that the Deputy Chief of Staff position gives the opportunity to work together with a diverse array of people. He explains that it is a logistical role that aids the Chief of Staff and the Student Body President. Gabadage names his goals of transparency between Legislative and Executive branch, open channels of communication, and to work together to achieve goals that unite the branches.
 - Closing Statement:
 - Gabadage expresses his thanks to the committee.
 - **Suarez moves to enter roundtable discussion; Murray seconds**
 - Roundtable Discussion:
 - Chair expresses support and sees him doing well in this role.
 - **Suarez moves to call the question; Murray seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [5] [Suarez, Vanderley, West, Roy, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Nimna Gabadage [PASSES]**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Bruce Suarez- Director of Cabinet Affairs**
 - Opening Statement:

- Suarez states that this is where he will continue his passion for serving the student body. He notes his time as a student senator.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - none
- General Round of Questioning:
 - Chair Nasworthy asks what the position is and what are the candidate's goals.
 - Suarez states that the Director of Cabinet Affairs works alongside the cabinet to carry out executive projects. He states that his goals are to be there for the other members of the cabinet to be a resource for the team. He also notes that he wants guest passes for the Leach Student Recreation Center, to elevate resources for students, and to increase advocacy projects with other institutions.
- Closing Statement:
 - Suarez thanks the committee and notes that there could not be more qualified candidates for the other positions.
- **Gabadage moves to enter roundtable discussion; Vanderley seconds**
- Roundtable Discussion:
 - Vanderley expresses her support.
- **Gabadage moves to call the question; Murray seconds**
- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] [Vanderley, Gabadage, West, Roy, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Bruce Suarez [PASSES]**

Unfinished Business:

- none

Closing Announcements:

- Vice-Chair Murray thanks fellow members, guests, and candidates.
- Chair Nasworthy thanks the committee and notes to look out for meeting on Monday the 21st.

Next Meeting: TBA either 21 June, 6:30pm, or 28 June, 6:30pm

Adjourned: 8:20pm

Luke Nasworthy

Signature of Chair Luke Nasworthy