



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

Call to Order: 6:34pm

Members Present: Chair Nasworthy, Vice Chair Murray, Senator(s) VanderLey, Roy

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Senator West

Guests: Parliamentarian Rowan, Candidate(s), Franceska Edouard, Julianna Strong, Modesto Mazaeda, Sofia Gonzalez

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Announcements:

- None

Committee Business:

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Franceska Edouard, Junior Class Council President**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Edouard: Applied to ensure that the Junior class is united and that it maintains a strong, on-campus foundation. Want to ensure that students are included and heard.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Vice Chair Murray: Will this position conflict with your position in senate?
Edouard: No. Parliamentarian Rowan: Confirms.
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Chair Nasworthy: Why did you apply to this position and what concrete goals do you have? Edouard: This position is a good opportunity to give back. Wants to hold educational events about diversity and inclusion. Hold a monthly “table talk” to foster open discussions with constituents on needs and concerns.
 - VanderLey: What are some events you want to hold? Edouard: The aforementioned “table talk”, a “Junior class field day” that includes games such as tug of war and unites people through nostalgia.

- Yes: [3] [VanderLey, Roy, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Julianna Strong PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Sofia Gonzalez, Sophomore Class Council Vice President**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Gonzalez: Excited for this opportunity. This is a very diverse class. Hopes to help convert the class from being used to Zoom classes to in-person campus life. Previously involved with the HLSU. Make sure everyone feels included. Hopes to learn from others and then teach that. Take surveys to see what students want and create more awareness.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Chair Nasworthy: What concrete goals do you have for this position?
Gonzalez: Create and sell class shirts and other merchandise and hold events to learn more about the desires of the class.
 - Chair Nasworthy: How did you find out about this position and what inspired you to apply?
Gonzalez: Heard about it through Instagram and others involved in HLSU. Was involved with SGA in high school and wanted to continue that at FSU.
 - Closing Statement:
 - Gonzalez: Thanks the committee, looks forward to getting to work.
 - **Roy moves to enter round-table discussion; VanderLey seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Vice Chair Murray: Candidate has a clear vision for the class.
 - VanderLey: Shows a lot of enthusiasm.
 - Chair Nasworthy: Likes the passion for SGA, the class council, and for what the class wants from SGA. Supports.
 - **Murray moves to call the question; VanderLey seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [3] [VanderLey, Roy, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Sofia Gonzalez PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Modesto Mazaeda, Sophomore Class Council President**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Mazaeda: Applied because the class of 2024 is going to face hardships and culture shock upon switching to in-personal classes and events. Wants to be a voice and a figure that will help ease the transition. Has held many leadership positions in the past. Wants to collaborate with other class councils. Notes ability to separate personal wants from the wants of the group.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
 - General Round of Questioning:

- VanderLey: What are your concrete goals? Mazaeda: Work with the Freshman Class Council. Hold events to increase class involvement and better the social experience of the class.
 - Vice Chair Murray: What are some of the leadership positions you have held and what did you learn from them that you can bring into this position? Mazaeda: Was very involved in high school student government. Work on a team to advance a goal. Was elected Treasurer that was left with a debt from the previous administration. Held events and fundraisers to raise money to pay the debt. Ended with leaving a 2000 surplus for the next administration. Was involved with Teen Court which taught the value of patience and resilience.
 - Vice Chair Murray: Conflict is almost certain to rise in any team, as SoCC President and head of the SoCC team, what is your approach to handling conflict resolution? Mazaeda: Create an environment of open discussion that is welcoming. A strategy is to help the involved parties calm down and then talk about the issue. Having a space of open communication will allow for “no conflict to being with”.
- Closing Statement:
 - Mazaeda: Is thankful and excited to represent the class the way the class wants.
- **Roy moves to enter round-table discussion; Murray seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - VanderLey: Supports.
 - Murray: Sees a lot of enthusiasm in the candidate. Would be president of my class, I fully support and would be glad to have the candidate as my president.
 - Roy: The candidate is passionate. Has faith in the candidate.
 - Chair Nasworthy: A great candidate.
- **VanderLey moves to call the question; Murray seconds**
- Vote:
 - Yes: [3] [VanderLey, Roy, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Modesto Mazaeda PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- Vice Chair Murray: Thinks there should be a discussion on giving the option to candidates of moving to a waiting room during roundtable vs staying in the meeting for roundtable. Notes it discourages members to speak their mind on criticisms of the candidate by having them in the meeting. Inquires when new committee members will be assigned, as “we are running low”.
- Parliamentarian Rowan: Doesn’t believe committee preference form has been sent out yet by President Harmon. Asks Chair Nasworthy when the forwarding letter regarding agency directors will be tended to.
- Chair Nasworthy: There was an issue with the original forwarding letter and the committee has not received any updates.

- VanderLey: Why did candidates have the option to stay in vs just leaving? Why was it different this meeting as opposed to the way it was done last time?
- Parliamentarian Rowan: For transparency reasons. It is illegal for the candidate to just be removed from the meeting as the candidate must agree to go into waiting room.
- Roy: PAC has similar issue where their remaining in the meeting might impede honest discussion.
- Chair Nasworthy: The adjustment was made at my discretion based on what the Rules and Calendar Committee has been doing.
- Roy: In in-person senate candidates had the option to stay or leave, but the door was always open. Also, good meeting.
- Chair Nasworthy: "Y'all were amazing," "good questions," "smooth meeting."

Next Meeting: 12 July 2021, 6:30pm

Adjourned: 7:21pm

Luke Nasworthy

Signature of Chair Luke Nasworthy