



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

Call to Order: 6:31pm

Members Present: Chair Nasworthy, Vice Chair Murray, Senator(s) VanderLey, West, Roy, Espinosa, Condon, Hautrive

Members Tardy: Lynch

Members Absent:

Guests: Senator(s) Barrett, Edouard, Candidate(s) Amanda Press, Caroline Martins, Daymee Sanchez, Brandon Ocasio, Simone Smith, Sam Youngston, Ireland Hadley, Zachary Krueger, Kelton Allen, Taylor Gibson, Jad Kabbani

Land Acknowledgement - Read

Announcements:

- None

Committee Business:

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Amanda Press, JSU Secretary**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Rising sophomore majoring in business management. Always been involved with Jewish life. BBYO in high school, involved in their exec board. Held leadership positions in other Jewish orgs. Started as VP of Outreach for JSU this past year, hopefully will be secretary. Goals: grow advisory council, take strong detailed notes. Passionate about spreading awareness of antisemitism create a workshop for students who feel they have experienced antisemitism and students who want to learn. Financially certified previously, but not for this new year.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Murray: Do you have experience taking notes or minutes such as a secretary would? Press: Filled in for secretary while serving as VP of

- Programming of JSU. Helped with notes and sat in meeting in sorority and previous orgs.
 - Nasworthy: What can you use from previous experience to ensure that JSU has a successful first year as an agency? Press: Focus as VP of Programming was membership, strengthening the way people know that JSU exists and can get involved with Jewish life, work on presence, with advisory council to get people outside involved with JSU.
 - Closing Statement:
 - Thank you for time, looking forward to working.
 - **Murray moves to enter round-table discussion; Espinosa seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Espinosa: qualified, reasonable, good fit
 - Hautrive: very motivated, would do a great job
 - VanderLey: encouraged by past experience and positivity
 - Murray: kind of wish there were some more secretary experience, but can overlook that
 - **West moves to call the question; Roy seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [7] [VanderLey, West, Roy, Espinosa, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Amanda Press PASSES**
- **Resolution or Bill #44 - Sponsored by Senator Barrett**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Statue revision of 1011.4 governing statute of VSU, reflect decision to add seventh exec board member, update to accurately reflect the current operations of the VSU
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - None
 - **Roy moves to enter pro-con debate; Espinosa seconds**
 - Pro 1:
 - Roy: straight forward, allows VSU to better represent themselves, should be passed
 - Con 1:
 - None
 - **Roy moves to call the question; VanderLey seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - None
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [7] [VanderLey, West, Roy, Espinosa, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
 - No: [0] [None]
 - Abstain: [0] [None]
 - **RESULT: BILL #44 PASSES**
 - **Candidate for Confirmation: Caroline Martins, HLSU Assistant Director**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Senior studying International Affairs, served as programming and pageant coordinator last year, passionate as HLSU gave a sense of identity at

FSU. First arrived at FSU felt isolated from culture, found others with identity through HLSU, it's a safe have and since of comfort, give back to org that gave so much, many feel same way, represent affiliates, serve students, make community's voice heard. Moment of silence for those suffering and losing lives in Cuba.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
- General Round of Questioning:
 - Murray: Do you have any experience that relates to being in a director position? Martins: Pageant coordinator was director of the whole pageant, many students from affiliate groups were contestants, went through purchase orders and sent emails, a lot of duties of pageant coordinator are similar to being a director but at a smaller capacity.
 - Hautrive: Do you have any goals for this position? Martins: more attention to smaller affiliate groups in HLSU, many have a smaller group size overshadows different culture in HLSU, membership to help affiliates have people come to events, get things running again and find middle ground between completely online and completely open.
- **Murray moves to enter round-table discussion; VanderLey seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you for your time, look forward to serving.
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Espinosa: more than qualified, passionate, great fit
 - VanderLey: a lot of passion, would excel
 - Lynch: agree, she is part of the community, very supportive
 - Hautrive: a lot of goals, will do great
- **Roy moves to call the question; Espinosa seconds**
- Vote:
 - Yes: [8] [VanderLey, West, Roy, Espinosa, Lynch, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Caroline Martins PASSES**
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- **Candidate for Confirmation: Daymee Sanchez, HLSU Director**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Junior, HLSU royalty 2020, this spring served as professional development coordinator, struggled to find place at FSU, HLSU helped find home to self and many other students, goals: continue past work, foster relationships with other agencies, hold events to educate, strong platform to advocate for justice and against discrimination faced, speak up when community is in need, encourage non-Hispanic Latinx students to attend events, educate themselves and others, wave flag harder to see a free Cuba, educate yourself and support any way you can.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Murray: Are you financially certified? Sanchez: was this past year, not yet this year, on to-do list
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Lynch: Can give example of past commitments you've provided for the Latinx community? Sanchez: past years served as President of Cuban American Student Association, helped reinstate that organization, served

as treasurer for 2 years and then pres., peace jam coach later joined staff team to teach, teacher in Miami.

- Espinosa: Describe goals you would have if confirmed. Sanchez: like to work with other agencies as there are a lot of intersectionalities, closer bonds with Hispanic Latinx alumni network, connect students with alums, work closer with Florida Latinx and Hispanic Union and have members join since that org is a bit absent.

West moves to enter round-table discussion; VanderLey seconds

○ Closing Statement:

- Thank you for time, means a lot after a long day, hope summer is amazing, look forward to serving

○ Round-Table Discussion:

- Murray: like, like passion, good goals, advocacy for community, experience with leadership
- Lynch: see passionate, experience, dedicated toward community
- Espinosa: agree, coming from a similar background, could not be a better candidate for this
- VanderLey: also impressed, full support

○ **West moves to call the question; Lynch seconds**

○ Vote:

- Yes: [8] [VanderLey, West, Roy, Espinosa, Lynch, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
- No: [0] [none]
- Abstain: [0] [none]

○ **RESULT: CANDIDATE Daymee Sanchez PASSES**

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● **Candidate for Confirmation: Brandon Ocasio, PSU Director**

○ Opening Statement:

- Happy to be here, rising third year, started as a CARE student, service leadership seminar, FLI, Pride U, Seminole Minority Leadership Institute, Noles Engaged in Politics, wanted to find a home for passions goals activism and leadership, found that within PSU, excited to take agency to reinvent Pride, with Ash Soto and Sam Youngston work will be monumental to their community.

○ Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- Murray: Are you financially certified? Ocasio: not this year but was last year, doing it tomorrow
- Murray: Point of clarification, I haven't taken the exam yet either, but I just think it's a good question.

○ General Round of Questioning:

Murray moves to allow a non-member to speak; VanderLey seconds

- Ireland Hadley: Can speak in round table, but Brandon is great has extensive leadership experience. What is one thing that makes you uniquely qualified for PSU Director? Ocasio: Areas of intersectionality experienced with, be specific with queer and trans identities, started that with working with Pride U, accepted to go to LGBTQ conference to meet with community leaders to learn how to lead. Served as Center director last year. Keep PSU alive and thriving.
- Lynch: Elaborate on goals for PSU? Ocasio: better relationship with Pride alum network, RSOs and identity nights, FSU gender inclusive housing to

be overseen by queer and trans folks, revitalize campus life, bring a safe space to grow and find family, involve more with Capital T.

Lynch moves to enter round-table discussion; VanderLey seconds

- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you looking forward to catering to the needs of her community as has been done before
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Lynch: motivate, passionate, and dedicated, voting yes
 - VanderLey: very clear experience to lead and advocate well, will do great things
 - West: very qualified, has good intentions
- **West moves to call the question; Roy seconds**
- Vote:
 - Yes: [7] [VanderLey, West, Roy, Espinosa, Lynch, Hautrive, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Brandon Ocasio PASSES**
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Candidate for Confirmation: Simone Smith, TLI Facilitator of Engagement

- Opening Statement:
 - Second year at FSU, know about the struggles of transferring and dealing with the transition, wants to help transfer student have a smooth transition into the university through various outlets, exec board of BSU, kept students engaged, worked with Transfer Student Union as Social Media Chair, enhance experience of transfer students.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
- General Round of Questioning:
 - VanderLey: Elaborate on goals? Smith: increase membership, keep students involved, help them adjust, encourage other students to be excited, enhance the experience, has a lot of leadership positions, make connections in all aspects of life, what they learn in college transferred into life, how to make a mark as a transfer student, transfer students are more on their own, important to have outlets they can go to.
- **West moves to enter round-table discussion; Hautrive seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you for opportunity, will make sure all goals spoke on are followed through
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - West: candidate will do well, voting yes
 - Murray: supports, great experience and great visions
 - VanderLey: agree, passion, positivity, voting yes
 - Espinosa: passionate and qualified, voting yes
- **VanderLey moves to call the question; Lynch seconds**
- Vote:
 - Yes: [8] [VanderLey, West, Roy, Espinosa, Lynch, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Simone Smith PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Sam Youngston, Center Director**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Rising second year, would be second year on PSU exec, previously secretary, reestablish union as a prominent org on campus, passionate about advocacy and equity, make sure FSU students feel safe on campus, focus on intersectionality through collaboration with other agencies and orgs, provide students with a safe space, will require communication and events and outreach, many responsibility require a dedicated student union space which we don't yet have, until then work would be focused on working with exec board to have an easy transition into this year and create a safe space, when there is a dedicated space many goals will shift to revive LGBTQ resource center, have a physical safe space for events and gathering
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
 - General Round of Questioning:
- **VanderLey moves to allow a non-member to speak; West seconds**
 - Ireland Hadley: Considered using other safe space method getting professors and departments to do safe space training? Youngston: had not considered that specific plan, thank you for the idea
 - Murray: Could you explain the difference between Director, Center Director, and Assistant Director? Youngston: exec director is the most in charge, the face of Pride, main person to reach out to, assistant director more focused on maintaining relationships with affiliates, center director focused on more physical spaces, events and safe spaces, plan and run retreats for exec board, much can't quite be done yet without a physical space
 - Nasworthy: Union is still not open, since there isn't a physical union, what is the plan to make sure there are safe spaces without a union building? Youngston: working to find a separate physical space similar to how BSU has their own house, going to be a learning curve, but having events that get people out and contribute to the conversation, education is important because a lot of what people know is based on stereotypes, expand reach and audience, creates a safer space at FSU as a whole.
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you for time and for opportunity looking forward to working with all in the future
- **VanderLey moves to enter round-table discussion; Espinosa seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - VanderLey: very qualified, will do great things, will vote yes
 - West: agrees
 - Lynch: Agree, Pride community is very important within FSU community, voting yes
 - Nasworthy: as a member of LGBTQ community, very excited for these three PSU candidates
- **Roy moves to call the question; Hautrive seconds**
- Vote:
 - Yes: [8] [VanderLey, West, Roy, Espinosa, Lynch, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]

- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Sam Youngston PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Ireland Hadley, AASU Assistant Director**

- Opening Statement:
 - Upcoming third year, last year served as outreach coordinator, have been heavily involved in Asian American community since high school, joined AASU upon entering FSU first as a standard member then up into outreach, focus on affiliate relationships look over the work in the standing committees, work a lot with Sneha, qualified because of intersectional identities, drive, activism. Been in the advocacy game for a while, gave a lot of experience in how to be a leader, develop a leadership institute for AASU, more relationships with other agencies and building AASU.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
- General Round of Questioning:
 - Murray: Can you elaborate on specific concrete goals? Hadley: rearrange exec board roles and positions for clarification to restructure to best fit post-covid world, start an Asian American center for leadership like Pride U and HLSU leadership institutes
- **Roy moves to enter round-table discussion; VanderLey seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you for time, excited to continue working.
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Murray: have gotten to know the candidate, one of the most generous resources I've encountered in my time in SGA, easy yes
 - VanderLey: seeing their work they have done on campus, will do amazing in this position, easy yes
- **Roy moves to call the question; Hautrive seconds**
- Vote:
 - Yes: [8] [VanderLey, West, Roy, Espinosa, Lynch, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Ireland Hadley PASSES**
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- **Candidate for Confirmation: Zachary Krueger, VSU Assistant Director**

- Opening Statement:
 - Upcoming junior, grew up with a military background/family, deep respect and love for those who serve the country, since coming to FSU wanted to get involved, involved with senate last summer, involved with fraternity as philanthropy chair, academic chair, and chief of staff, would be position where he can grow and advocate, make FSU one of the most veteran friendly campuses, make transition into civilian life easy, enjoy a normal college experience
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
- General Round of Questioning:

- Murray: What have you learned from past leadership experience that will help you here? Krueger: Philanthropy and academic chair, teamwork, open communication, how to adapt and overcome obstacles
 - Lynch: How do you think you could improve environment for veterans at FSU? Krueger: mental health services, create a program for vets for awareness of resources, transition back to normal student life and in person events, military appreciation month, reestablish the community with out being covid affected
- **West moves to enter round-table discussion; Espinosa seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thanks again for time, look forward to working in the future
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - West: knows Zach, very driven and hardworking, fulfil position to best of his ability, will bring all good intentions to VSU
 - Espinosa: agree very committed, very knowledgeable, voting yes
 - Hautrive: knows candidate very well, very committed to veterans and their future
- **VanderLey moves to call the question; Hautrive seconds**
- Vote:
 - Yes: [8] [VanderLey, West, Roy, Espinosa, Lynch, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Zachary Krueger PASSES**

Candidate for Confirmation: Kelton Allen, TLI Assistant Director

- Opening Statement:
 - Second year at FSU, been involved with BSU, served as Seminole Minority Leadership Institute VP, worked on programming and curriculum, collaborated with Black alumni to have a Black alumni panel, position with space to grow, time at FSU very different given the pandemic, looking forward to serving in this position
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Nasworthy: No minutes available for TLI, were you interviewed by exec, by who? Allen: yes, first with Devin Dawson, second with Sofia
- General Round of Questioning:
 - Murray: Can you tell some concrete goals you have for this position? Allen: create engagement program to get students involved and acquainted with student life, increase engagement and have ample participants and a mentorship program to match mentors with likeminded mentees.
- **Roy moves to enter round-table discussion; Hautrive seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you for hearing looking forward to serving FSU and expanding leadership skills for transfer students
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - West: candidate has very good intentions, will do well
 - VanderLey: agrees, has a lot of passion, will excel
- **Espinosa moves to call the question; Lynch seconds**
- Vote:

- Yes: [8] [VanderLey, West, Roy, Espinosa, Lynch, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
- No: [0] [none]
- Abstain: [0] [none]

○ **RESULT: CANDIDATE Kelton Allen PASSES**

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Candidate for Confirmation: Taylor Gibson, TLI Facilitator of Administration

○ Opening Statement:

- Upcoming second year junior, after high school graduation went to TCC for AA then transferred to FSU, what sets her aside, engaged as a transfer genius, involved with TSU, big sister little sister community service coordinator, Phi Sigma Beta honor society, only been her for a little while but what has gotten her though have been divine guidance, self-prophecy, meditation, and understanding oneself.

○ Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- Nasworthy: No minutes available for TLI, were you interviewed by exec, by who? Gibson: yes, Hannah.

○ General Round of Questioning:

- Murray: How do you plan on being a resource for transfer students?
Gibson: psych major, taking context of studies, big sis little sis, volunteered at schools, saw suicide levels have risen amid pandemic also dropout rates, being part of TLI forming one coalition to strive toward same goals and be there for transfer students

VanderLey moves to enter round-table discussion; Hautrive seconds

○ Closing Statement:

- Thank you for time and open minds, eager to get started more engaged look forward to serving with us.

○ Round-Table Discussion:

- Lynch: likes candidate, seems qualified, is voting yes

○ **Lynch moves to call the question; Espinosa seconds**

○ Vote:

- Yes: [8] [VanderLey, West, Roy, Espinosa, Lynch, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
- No: [0] [none]
- Abstain: [0] [none]

○ **RESULT: CANDIDATE Taylor Gibson PASSES**

Candidate for Confirmation: Jad Kabbani, D&I Assistant Director

○ Opening Statement:

- International student, amazed by level of tolerance at FSU, FSU has been home away from home, make sure open-mindedness remains for incoming students, recruit students for D&I gain knowledge and awareness of diversity, held leadership roles that taught to gain and maintain attention and build interpersonal relationships, use skills and knowledge to best serve as assistant director, wants students to feel the home that he felt, take opinions and ideas into account for implementation

○ Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- Nasworthy: No minutes available for your interview, were you interviewed by exec, by who? Kabbani: yes, but don't remember by who

○ General Round of Questioning:

- Nasworthy: What are some things you want to do to make sure students within the institute feel at home? Kabbani: show that he's not just doing it for the position but he is part of the community and genuinely cares about the community, hear members see that their feedback can be successful, build a family aspect, kind of go with the flow.
 - Murray: Have not heard about the institute before, do you have plans to make the institute more known on campus? Kabbani: utilize social media, engage through social media and tabling on Landis green, post member of the week sort of thing to inspire people to join, give out flyers, teamwork can make sure that its successful
- Espinosa moves to enter round-table discussion; Roy seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you for time and remaining engaged, "peace"
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Espinosa: great for this position, appreciated that he listed goals before being asked to, voting yes,
 - **Roy moves to call the question; VanderLey seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [8] [VanderLey, West, Roy, Espinosa, Lynch, Condon, Hautrive, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE Jad Kabbani PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- Candidate for Confirmation: Devin Dawson, TLI Director

Closing Announcements:

- Murray: great meeting, maybe our best, good work, see y'all next week
- Nasworthy: Thank you, this is our third or fourth straight week, heard about 40 candidates, could not have asked for a better committee, we should have some more candidates next week

Next Meeting: 19 July 2021

Adjourned: 8:21pm

Luke Nasworthy

Signature of Chair