



**73rd Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
19 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, Roy, Espinosa, Lynch, Hautrive

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: West, Condon

Guests: Brandon Delgado, Brandon Gabay, Brooke Cohen, Candidate(s) Corey Adamyk, Devin Dawson, Emily Boden, Nicole Alvarado, Kaitlynn Adams

Land Acknowledgement - Read

Announcements:

- none

Committee Business:

- none

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Corey Adamyk – Attorney General**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Graduated in the spring, majored in political science and history. Coming into the masters in applied American politics and policy program. Served in student senate for two years. Was vice chair then chair of finance committee in the 72nd senate. In that time, grew to love serving the student body, the connection to the students, and being voice for the students. Look forward to any questions.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - none
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Murray: Could you explain the role of the AG and why it's important?
Adamyk: The review of statutes, work with executive branch to defend them in the student supreme court, ensure compliance of election code during election season and ensure the compliance of the student body statutes. His job as AG would be more than that though. Platform going

into the AG position has three main pillars, first restructure Attorney General's office. Spoke with two previous AG's and universal problem was they did not know what they were getting into when they signed up for the job. Create a more structured office of AG to relieve stress and bring in more people to best themselves and the student body. Second bring back attention toward AG working with student legislature, work with senate, make sure bills are in line with statutes and constitution, help senators understand the bill process and what each bill might entail, help senators get the most out of their experience. Help exec. branch best serve the student body, make sure everyone giving their all to the student body, not distracted. Make sure people are aware of and are following rules.

- Lynch: Can you go over previous accomplishments while working on finance? Adamyk: Entire review finance code, conducted thorough review of the finance code, read it multiple times. Familiar with forts of laws that would be enforced as AG. Inclusion of mental health resources on syllabi. Worked last year with faculty senate, Student Body President Levin and student senate, so students exposed at least once to resources that are offered.
- Roy: What is your interpretation of executive privilege as it relates to the executive board of the Florida State student body and the extent to which you see that it applies, recently there was an issue with minutes and that was used by an AG? Adamyk: Follow the precedent laid by court, the court as it stands has stated that executive branch does not have to make minutes public but may do so on own accord. Hesitant to lay a blanket claim down as situations are different, one of the best things for everyone involved is transparency. So people can do their jobs properly and everyone is on the same page.
- Nasworthy: One of the big things the executive board is pushing is diversity and inclusion, making sure underrepresented communities are heard and represented, how have you maybe helped that and what does that look like to you as AG? Adamyk: Always make sure that every community is welcome at Florida State. Felt at home as an undergrad, met people similar and different from himself. Create a close-knit community. In 72nd senate, resolution 59, standing up against anti-Semitism, stand with them and give them a voice in the senate. Made sure everyone was comfortable as possible. Willing to do that to anyone at any time, can do that as AG. Wants to implement Qualtrics submission form, "climate review" gather instances that people are willing to share so there can be one document that faculty and staff can look through to see what needs to be done. Have it available to all students.
- Nasworthy: What are some goals you want to see, accomplish as AG? Adamyk: Campus climate report. Restructuring, worked on structural changes within the office of AG. Create divisions within the office of AG to better direct policy whether legislative affair or elections issues. Return to normalcy, heal the divide between executive branch and legislature, three years' experience working around student government can be beneficial to that.
- Nasworthy: There was a lot of hostility in 72nd senate and seeing how AG was in the middle of it during the impeachment process, what is strategy for conflict resolution and making sure every side is heard when it comes

to contentious subjects? Adamyk: Overall goal is to make sure a second impeachment trial doesn't happen. Number one source of conflict comes from miscommunication. As AG want to make sure that doesn't happen, work through that contention, more amicable relationship between branches, when two branches work together the most is able to get done for the student body. Contribute best to deescalate any tension there might be.

- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you for hearing me, hope was able to address all questions and give a good background. If confirmed, happy work with everyone on the committee, amicable relationship between branches.
- **Roy moves to enter round-table discussion; Espinosa seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Roy: candidate is someone who has a lot of experience, knows the statutes, likes campus climate report great way to ensure we are best serving students, will be voting yes
 - Lynch: agree, very knowledgeable, mental health resources added into syllabi is impressive, voting yes
 - VanderLey: impressed with candidate's experience, already spoken to the previous holders of this position, has very concrete goals, voting yes
 - Murray: agrees with everyone, voting yes
- **Lynch moves to call the question; VanderLey seconds**
- Vote:
 - Yes: [6] [VanderLey, Roy, Espinosa, Lynch, Hautrive, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Corey Adamyk PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Devin Dawson – TLI Director**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Fifth year senior transferred from TCC fall 2019, upon coming to FSU introduced to transfer student services, did work in social media and management, job was to inform transfer students on what is going on on campus, that's when was introduced to "transfer shock", transfer students are underrepresented on campus, helped found Transfer Student Union, currently their president. Goals are to create opportunities and guide transfer students, transfer students usually just go to class and go home, don't always have a friend group or use resources like students who start as freshman. Present opportunities to grow, network, gain skills and assets to help transfer student create their legacy on campus.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - none
 - General Round of Questioning:
 - Nasworthy: What can be improved for the transfer student experience and how do you plan to make those improvements? Dawson: Knowing where to go or what groups a transfer student should lean towards when coming to Florida State. There are currently three different transfer organizations, Transfer Leadership Institute, Transfer Student Union, and Transfers Helping Transfers, wish to implement more unity within the transfer community so more transfer students can benefit.

leadership cohort that involved discussion of mutual struggles and working together to overcome those struggles and coming together as a community. Will be taking a trip to Israel with Hillel to study. Ever since, gotten more involved with JSU leading to candidacy to be treasurer

- Murray: What is your plan for making the treasurer position more efficient? Boden: Organizational aspects, in short, use a lot of spread sheets to keep track of everything, each item line, how much things cost, have a weekly check in on funds, double checking, making sure everything is in order, looking at that the calendar of events and meetings and looking and pre planning on money needing to be spent. Keen on making sure everything is in a month before, get ball rolling asap, make sure there are no problems starting off the bat.
- Espinosa: Just to be safe, you are financially certified, correct? Boden: yes.
- Nasworthy: Being treasurer of a large sorority, how did you learn and grow that you can use that as the first treasurer of JSU as an agency? Boden: Given the position with zero help, learned the entire position on own, learned how important money is especially for putting on events. Everyone's voice deserves to be heard; sororities are very expensive. While making decisions on where money is going, making sure everyone's voice is heard. Listen to those who contribute, do something that benefits everyone. Learned how to time manage better than before. With covid and dance marathon, planner is best friend, balance academics and leadership positions. Money is the thing that makes everything work, what pushes forward and gets events going. Important that it is done correctly and makes everyone feel that it is working.

○ Closing Statement:

- Thank you again for your time. SGA is a great place to make a difference in the lives of the students. Thrilled to be here with the ability to represent the Jewish community and look forward to what the future might bring.

○ **Espinosa moves to enter round-table discussion; VanderLey seconds**

○ Round-Table Discussion:

- Espinosa: the candidate is more than qualified, not only knowledgeable but passionate, understands all facets of that come with managing a position like this, supporting
- Murray: supports the candidate, appreciates that they seem to have earned the position from qualifications and skills, glad to see that the JSU exec board is united on their goals and vision for JSU
- Lynch: agree, very qualified, experience with community and background with being a treasurer, supports

○ **Murray moves to call the question; Hautrive seconds**

○ Vote:

- Yes: [6] [VanderLey, Roy, Espinosa, Lynch, Hautrive, Murray]
- No: [0] [none]
- Abstain: [0] [none]

○ **RESULT: CANDIDATE Emily Boden PASSES**

● **Candidate for Confirmation: Nicole Alvarado – HLSU Secretary**

○ Opening Statement:

- Second year student majoring in accounting, 2021 orientation leader, proud of helping incoming students and families navigate their first year

coming into college and learn about resources offered at FSU. First year did not go as planned, stayed home and did everything virtually, a goal coming back was to become involved with an SGA agency. Became aware of HLSU and had no doubt but to join. Always been an advocate for the Hispanic community, will use voice to speak up on struggles faced on a daily basis and then make a change. Goals that are planned on being executed, have everything organized and easily accessible for exec, make sure an inclusive environment is in effect. Important to respect identities and make sure everyone feels safe.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - none
- General Round of Questioning:
 - Murray: Do you have any experience that would prepare you to for a secretary position? Alvarado: Don't really have specifically secretary experience, but as an orientation leader has had to be organized and keep information for students very accessible, take roster of students, take notes, and be a resource, send out emails to students and family. Stay organized on top of students, everything given to her given to students, give correct information. OL are responsible for about 35 students each.
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you to everyone for being here and listening. Hope to serve student body and uplift Hispanic community at FSU by being HLSU secretary.
- **Murray moves to enter round-table discussion; VanderLey seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Murray: I appreciate the honesty in answering that the candidate had not held a secretary position before, but being an OL and explaining that shows that she has what it takes, supports
 - Espinosa: agrees, likes the honesty and sees the connection, will vote yes
- **Murray moves to call the question; Hautrive seconds**
- Vote:
 - Yes: [6] [VanderLey, Roy, Espinosa, Lynch, Hautrive, Murray]
 - No: [0] [none]
 - Abstain: [0] [none]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Nicole Alvarado PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Kaitlynn Adams – D&I Facilitator of Outreach**
 - D&I alerted the candidate that they had changed the candidate's position from Facilitator of Outreach, as listed on the 16 July 2021 forwarding letter, to Director. However, a corrected forwarding letter was not received. Therefore, the candidate was not heard for confirmation.

Closing Announcements:

- Nasworthy: This is the last meeting of Internal Affairs for the summer session. We got through forty to fifty candidates this summer. This has been a learning experience. Thank you to Vice Chair Murray and the rest of the committee.
- VanderLey: Thanks for being a great Chair and Vice Chair.

- Hautrive: Thanks for everything. I thought this was a great experience. Look forward to doing more in the future.
- Murray: Thank you to everyone, to our wonderful Chair for being patient and being a great resource and leader for all of us. Thank you to all the other senators in here for being engaged and making this the best committee in the summer senate. Can't wait to see y'all in the fall
- Lynch: Agree with everybody. Definitely a learning experience. Thank you to the Chair and Vice Chair. Hope we can do it again in the fall
- Nasworthy: We definitely did the most work out of any of the committees this summer.

Next Meeting: Fall semester

Adjourned: 7:39pm

Luke Nasworthy

Signature of Chair Luke Nasworthy