



**73rd Student Senate
Rules & Calendar Committee
Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/96515886902>**

Call to Order: 7:30pm

Members Present: Pro Tempore Hunter, Chairs Linsky, Nasworthy, Marcus, Gonzalez, B. Murray

Members Tardy: none

Members Absent: none

Guests: Clerk Connor, Parliamentarian Rowan

Land Acknowledgement – was not read

Announcements:

- Rowan: Good luck to all candidates being heard tonight. Draft of Rules of Procedure has been created, feel free to ask either Pro Tempore Hunter or myself any questions.

Committee Business:

- **Adopting Rules of Procedure**
- **Resolution 40 – Sponsored by Senator Myers**
- **Candidates for Confirmation** – Jared Barrett for Arts & Sciences Senate Seat 9, John Lynch for Arts & Sciences Summer Senate Seat 12, Franceska Edouard for Arts & Sciences Senate Seat 1, Aleck Condon for Fine Arts Summer Senate Seat 2, Reece Windjack for Music Summer Senate Seat 2, Nicholas Mcfadden for Business Summer Senate Seat 3, Tyler Phillips for Business Summer Senate Seat 2, Cole Wissman for Business Summer Senate Seat 5, Deandre Stanley for Entrepreneurship Summer Senate Seat 1, Elias Espinosa for Communications & Information Summer Senate Seat 1, Kamilla Knyazeva for Communications & Information Summer Senate Seat 2, John Dion for Social Science Summer Senate Seat 4, Rotem Raz for Social Science Summer Senate Seat 6, Emma Berman for Criminology Summer Senate Seat 1, Serena Barker for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 15, Conner Blich for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 8, Cassidy Branch for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 25, Chase Freeman for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 11, Spencer Hautrive for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 3, James (Jimmy) Wood for Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 21, Britney Derilus for Social Work Summer Senate Seat 2, Ryan Wills for Human Sciences Summer Senate Seat 1

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- **Adopting Committee Rules of Procedure**
 - **Marcus moves to adopt Rules of Procedure; Nasworthy seconds**
 - Gonzalez: **POI**, the Committee Rules of Procedure state that quorum shall be defined as at least half of the total number of committee members are present, but in Senate Rules of Procedure it is half plus one, correct?
 - Hunter: I believe that is correct
 - Rowan: Yes. This committee has an odd number of members. You can make the change if you want to, but the effect would be the same. Senate Rules supersede committee rules. Needs to check if the quorum rule is for all Senate meetings or only floor meetings.
 - Marcus: There is no such thing as a half-person and it's a 5-person committee.
 - Rowan: correct, so it rounds up.
- **Resolution 40 - Sponsored by Senator Myers**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Myers: As you all know, the Senate passed the SGA Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Act in 2020, with the intention of recognizing the historical and current-day importance of indigenous people and their land throughout the FSU community and on campus. Since passing, the Land Acknowledgement has been read at the beginning of every Senate meeting following the Moment of Silence and before the Roll Call. This resolution adds the Land Acknowledgement to Rule 8.3D of the Rules of Procedure, which outlines the Senate Calendar. We have a responsibility as the Senate to follow rules as stated and keep our documents updated with our most current practices.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
 - **Marcus moves to enter round-table discussion; Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Gonzalez: This resolution keeps everything up to date. I believe Pro Tempore Hunter was asking for someone to write this, so I am glad that Senator Myers took it upon herself to propose this resolution, thank you.
 - Marcus: We really like when new senators get involved and start writing legislation, so thank you. Author did an excellent job and I am in full support.
 - **Gonzalez moves to call the question; B. Murray seconds; no objections**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Myers: Thank you all for your comments. I was very excited for this opportunity as a new senator to work with Pro Tempore Hunter and President Harmon, and to get a feel for writing legislation. It's very important, as I am on the Judiciary committee, to have updated Rules of Procedure. It's also important to add the Land Acknowledgement as a continuation of our promise to commit to this issue and pay attention.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: (5) Gonzalez, Marcus, Linsky, B. Murray, Nasworthy
 - No: (0)
 - Abstain: (0)
 - **RESULT: RESOLUTION 40 PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Rotem Raz, Social Science Summer Senate Seat 6**

- Opening Statement:

- Raz: Thank you for taking the time to hear me. I am a Junior studying International Affairs at FSU. I was in OGA or still am in OGA for the past year, doing research and logistics alongside the OGA Director. I transferred from UCF last year, coming into my sophomore year, and was a Student Senator for the College of Innovation and Communication, as well as the Vice Chair for the Governmental Affairs and Policy Committee (similar to OGA except within Senate). Want to join Senate this summer because realized through OGA how important Senate is; Senate business affects OGA every day. Wants to get a feel for the daily interaction with students in student government. Looking forward to working with you all this summer.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- Linsky: What do you see as the intersection between OGA and Senate?
 - Raz: OGA does not interact with students directly, only sees bigger picture and takes what is heard from leadership to form legislative agenda. Would like to personally interact with students, even if they are only coming for a resolution or to get funding.
- Hunter: asks for Technical Non-Debatable Questions
- Gonzalez, with reservation for 2 follow-ups: are you financially certified?
 - Raz: Yes
- Gonzalez: Do you currently serve in the OGA Board of Directors?
 - Raz: Yes, not sure when term is officially up, but believes that position is currently maintained.
- Gonzalez: are you involved in any political organizations?
 - Raz: A member of NolePAC, FSU's AIPAC
- **Gonzalez moves to enter round-table general questioning; Linsky seconds; no objections**

- General Questions:

- Linsky: It seems that it has become perfunctory for OGA to come to Senate at the very last minute, when the statutory deadline is up to ask for platform approval, or else OGA cannot function. Is that the best way for OGA and Senate to interact?
 - Raz: I wanted to come in to learn more about it. I do not believe I can effectively be a part of OGA without knowing more about Senate. I could do that by reading the Constitution, but I want the firsthand experience.
- Marcus: Can you elaborate on what policies and parts of the agenda you worked on in OGA?
 - Raz: For the Bright Futures bill, worked directly with the UCF GAP Chair to plan a course of action. We planned to go and speak the day the bill was amended, and advocated a lot for the change of that bill on behalf of OGA Director Rudd. At UCF, wrote legislation to continue the expansion of the Purple Heart Tuition Waiver and was excited to see the Veterans' Legacy Complex on the legislative agenda this year.
- Marcus: There were many bills that went through the Florida Legislature this past year that students spoke out against due to the ways it affected them personally, such as anti-trans legislation and anti-protesting

legislation. Did you attend any of the hearings for these bills or speak at them?

- Raz: No, schoolwork got in the way of attending committee hearings, but open to hearing more.
- Marcus: Were you aware of those bills?
 - Raz: No
- Gonzalez: In your role as the OGA Research and Logistics Director, did you ever conduct any research pertaining to the anti-trans bill that was passed?
 - Raz: No
- Linsky: Do you think you could be a force of communication between the Senate and OGA? I don't recall OGA ever coming to Senate unless they had business and needed the Senate to check a box. Are you going to be communicating to Senate what OGA is doing, communicating to OGA what Senate is doing, or both?
 - Raz: I would like to be the branch between OGA and Senate. This past year was very disorganized, but I hope being in-person will allow for more communication and interaction. Believes this communication is important and a main priority.
- Gonzalez, with reservation for a follow-up: Do you plan to continue to serve on the OGA Board of Directors?
 - Raz: Unsure. Hopes so, might conflict with academics.
- Gonzalez: Do you believe that a conflict of interest exists between serving on OGA and Senate?
 - Raz: No because OGA is not very active in the summer, and it could even be beneficial because I could serve as a liaison.
- Gonzalez: **POI** Does a liaison exist for OGA?
 - Marcus: J. Hitchcock is the liaison
- Marcus: **POPI** Is OGA considered a major office?
 - Rowan: Only the Director of OGA, not the Board of Directors.
- Gonzalez: **POI** there was a bill that sought to make the OGA Board of Directors a major office, is that still in play?
 - Rowan: Do you know the bill number and when it passed?
 - Linsky: I believe it was Bill 3, sponsored by Senator Villacorta, passed in early spring.
 - Rowan: does not see Bill 3 on the Senate Documents page.
 - Marcus: that has not been updated.
 - Rowan: will review the minutes.
- Linsky: if confirmed, if schoolwork becomes an issue, you will withdraw from OGA but not Senate?
 - Raz: Unsure what plans will look like for student government in the fall, but is not taking classes this summer so that should not be an issue for now.
- Linsky: if you are not taking classes this summer, how can you qualify to serve in the summer senate?
 - Raz: Is that a requirement?
 - Linsky: yes, the reason we have so many vacancies is because senators must be full time students to serve in the summer. Were you not asked that during the application process?

Student Union, and previously ran for Union Board. Works at the Student Veterans Center, processing benefits. Used to be the student who was not involved in anything, and did not do well in classes during first 2 years. Took a gap year and enlisted in the Air Force, which taught him a lot about himself and other people. Coming back and is working on getting involved, specifically in the Veteran community to help them find a place in the Veteran community.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Nasworthy: Are you currently taking at least 3 credit hours in Summer A, B, or C semesters?
 - Barrett: Will be taking 6 credit hours in Summer C.
 - Gonzalez, with reservation for a follow-up: Are you financially certified?
 - Barrett: No, saw it in the email but has been busy.
 - Gonzalez: Do you currently serve on Union Board?
 - Barrett: No
- **Marcus moves to enter general questioning; Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
- General Questions:
 - Marcus: In Senate we have liaisons between Senate and areas on the community, one of which is to the Veterans Student Union. Is this something you would be interested in or familiar with?
 - Barrett: I am familiar with that position and very interested in. The President of VSU, Sarah Johnson, asked if I would be willing to serve in that position and I know she spoke to the Senate President regarding it. Would love to serve in that position and it fits well into what I want to do.
 - Gonzalez, with reservation for 2 follow-ups: would you work with the previous VSU liaison to transition into that position?
 - Barrett: Absolutely, I think continuity is very important in these positions and that would give me the knowledge of how things have been done, how they should be done, and of any continuing ideas.
 - Gonzalez: Are you aware of who the prior liaison is?
 - Barrett: Received a name but cannot remember.
 - Gonzalez: You mentioned that you ran for Union Board but did not win your election, so why do you think we should overturn the decision of the student body and put you in a position within SGA?
 - Barrett: I unfortunately lost my election. I was inexperienced and did not know what I was getting into. I am more prepared to take on a position now and this position better suits me, as it is more aligned with what I want to do. If I had been able to get myself out there by talking to more people and campaigning better, my Union Board election may have gone differently.
 - B. Murray: What are some goals that you have for your role?
 - Barrett: Serve as VSU liaison and increase involvement, whether through resolutions or other means. Would like to see more veteran involvement whether through VSU or other groups.
 - Linsky: To your knowledge, is there an RSO that brings together veterans from multiple schools?
 - Barrett: Are you referring to one that would connect veterans from different universities?

- Linsky: No, I mean that the Law School has its own RSO for veterans, undergraduate veterans have their own space, Medical School has their own thing as well since this is a multifaceted institution. To your knowledge, what does participation look like across the different colleges look like for veterans?
 - Barrett: Was not aware of smaller facets of the community. Mainly works with Veterans Student Union (VSU), Collegiate Veterans Association (CVA), and Student Veterans of America (SVA). Hopes to bring more events for veterans to aid in success both while they are in school and after school, and to help veterans find a home here. I did not particularly struggle with this because I was here prior, but older veterans who come here might not know anyone here and struggle to find a family on campus.
- Gonzalez: can you explain the duties and responsibilities of a Senator?
 - Barrett: I cannot. I saw in the email that I should come prepared to answer any questions regarding the Senate. I know some about the Senate, and I tried to learn more online but had a hard time finding information. I will try my best to answer questions but might not be able answer a lot.
- Marcus: Would you commit to reading, or (at the bare-minimum) skimming over the Student Body Statutes, particularly those in regards to Senate, if you were forwarded before the next Senate meeting?
 - Barrett: Yes
- Linsky: What do you think a good senator should be?
 - Barrett: A good senator tries to make decision for the good of the campus at large, rather than in their own interest. It is impossible to negate all bias, but senators need to represent the campus community as best you can so that everybody feels that this is a place they want to be. Senators need to have dignity, not abuse their position of power and need to have integrity both in Senate and life outside of Senate.
- Gonzalez: What committee of Senate would you choose to serve in to best serve the veteran community?
 - Barrett: The Student Life & Academic Affairs committee would best be suited to my interests and where I could make the biggest impact, but would put forth effort to do anything I could no matter what committee I am placed on.
- **Gonzalez moves to call the question; Marcus seconds; no objections**
 - Rowan: You must move into Round-Table first.
 - **Gonzalez withdraws motion**
- **Gonzalez moves to go into round-table; Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
- Candidate Barrett chooses to stay in the room during Round-Table and voting.
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Gonzalez: the Senate has always been weary of giving someone a position that the student body denied for them in the first place. I believe that is an unspoken rule, and since we are elected officials, it feels weird to betray the student body and say yes when they said no. However, the

need for veteran representation is big in the Senate; I do not think we have representation besides the liaison. I was happy to serve as the liaison for year, and I tried to bridge the gap between the agencies, but did not have any personal experience with being a veteran. This candidate would fill the need well, but I do not commit to saying yes yet due to my reservations.

- Marcus: I have a similar reservation, but it is important to point out the differences between a Senate election and a Union Board election. Union Board elections are won by those who get the most votes, rather than Senatorial head-to-head elections. A lot of that goes into the party that rallies the most people, as opposed to a one-on-one election. It is also a different role. I am leaning more towards a yes vote. VSU gets significantly less representation and attention from the Senate. Chair Gonzalez did an excellent job trying for the past year, but having someone who understands the experience would be greatly important in the position. My biggest reservation is the lack of general knowledge about the Senate. However, the candidate did commit to at least skimming statutes before the next meeting. There are many senators who have gone in clueless and have quickly adapted, and this candidate's background would help enhance that adjustment. Currently in pro.
 - Nasworthy: My only reservation was the lack of experience and knowledge, but the candidate's passion and connection to why they want to serve will outweigh that inexperience and they will quickly adjust. Being able to serve in summer senate will be a good introduction. In pro and looking forward to veteran representation.
 - Gonzalez: I see Marcus's point about Union Board elections being different than Senate, but this past election was not like that. The Union Board was split in half, so clearly both parties rallied votes and it was about who they rallied votes for, so my point still stands. I am being convinced a little bit.
 - Marcus: Not necessarily the parties bringing in votes but it was a more competitive election, so the top of the top of each party made it.
 - Linsky: It is a great thing that he ran, as it shows interest. If we punish people for running and losing, people would realize that they do not have to run for anything, and it would be better if they didn't run and just apply to evade public scrutiny entirely. Running for an election is not fun, it takes a lot of energy out of a person and if someone is willing to do that, and still apply after a loss, I give a lot of respect to that.
 - Gonzalez: Agrees with Linsky's point, but we are not punishing him for losing. The student body that elected us made a choice.
 - Linsky: How in depth is the student body looking at this? We have less than 10% voter turnout for elections, and the closest we get to candidate profiles is put out by Torchlight. It is hard to say that anyone who did not vote for us was in opposition. Realistically, a lot of people vote with what their friends tell them to vote, because this is not on the forefront of their mind. We need engaged leaders, so it is good when someone runs for position and still comes back. In pro.
- **Marcus moves to call the question; Gonzalez seconds; no objections**
 - Rowan: Did the candidate receive a closing statement? That should have been before debate.
 - Closing Statement:

- Barrett: Thank you for this opportunity. I was not as prepared as I should have been, but I assure you I can catch up on that. Thank you for your time.
 - Vote:
 - Linsky: Yes
 - Nasworthy: Yes
 - Gonzalez: Abstain
 - Marcus: Yes
 - B. Murray: Yes
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE JARED BARRETT PASSES**
- Nasworthy: **POI**, Since this next candidate is a candidate for Summer Senate, they must be taking summer classes to be considered?
 - Hunter: Yes
 - Gonzalez: if that happens, do we need to make a point of order, or will you just stop the process?
 - Hunter: I will just stop it, as long as that is within procedure.
 - Rowan: Yes, you are good to just stop it and let them know their forwarding is illegal.
- Linsky: Would it be more efficient to bring in all the candidates and ask them if they are taking summer classes?
 - Marcus: Yes, but are all of the candidates in the waiting room, or are they still coming at their assigned time windows?
 - Hunter: they are still coming at their time windows, but there are 15 candidates in the waiting room now that we can notify.
- Hunter lets in all the candidates and makes an announcement that taking at least 3 credit hours during Summer A, B, or C is requirement for summer senate. Hunter asks them to disclose to her via private chat whether or not they are taking summer classes. Apologizes for anyone who is not taking summer classes and therefore cannot be heard.
- Linsky reiterates apology to anyone who will not be heard due to not taking summer classes. Hope it does not retract from candidates' interest in being a part of this body in the future. This is a simple thing that should have been brought to light much earlier in this process.
- Hunter apologizes that time slots are off as we are going in the order of the forwarding letter. We will be asking again if you are taking summer classes in your hearings. Everyone's patience is greatly appreciated.
- **Candidate for Confirmation: John Lynch for Arts & Sciences Summer Senate Seat 12**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Lynch: Junior taking summer classes, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Biology. Excited to be a part of the Senate and get out there with students. I want to be a part of the planning and participation of student life. I feel like this is a great way to meet others with similar interests and motivations as me. Wants to improve the College of Arts & Sciences, it is great now but should always aim to be better.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Nasworthy: Are you currently taking at least 3 credit hours in Summer A, B, or C semesters?
 - Lynch: Yes, taking 5 credits in Summer A.

- Gonzalez: Are you financially certified?
 - Lynch: No, understands that there is a 3-week grace period, so will be doing that soon.
- Gonzalez: Have you participated in any diversity trainings such as Allies and Safe Zones or NCBI?
 - Lynch: No
- Marcus: what organizations are you involved in on campus?
 - Hunter: that is not a technical non-debatable question.
- Nasworthy: **POI**, Technical Non-Debatable is a yes/no question, correct?
 - Hunter: yes
- **Gonzalez moves to enter general questioning; Marcus seconds; no objections**
- General Questions:
 - Marcus: what organizations are you involved in on campus?
 - Lynch: Joined the recording artists club during first year of college. Was also in volunteer organizations such as Relay for Life and Key Club in high school. Also was in debate team in high school.
 - Nasworthy, with reservation for a follow-up: What is your understanding of the duties of a senator?
 - Lynch: as discussed in my interview with the Executive Branch, the summer senators are responsible for a lot of the organization and planning of campus events that occur in the fall semester. They also help organizations and do other things that pertain to the student body.
 - Nasworthy: What are your goals if forwarded to be a senator?
 - Lynch: would like to improve the wellness of the student body. Many students have trouble accessing resources that might be helpful for their careers and academics. As a Senator, I could advocate for accessibility.
 - Gonzalez: do you know what the Senate's governing documents are?
 - Lynch: No
 - Marcus: The Senate has five standing committees: Student Life & Academic Affairs, Internal Affairs, Finance, Budget, and Judiciary. Which is the most interesting to you and why?
 - Lynch: Academic affairs because that is the most important part of the college experience and having more accessible academic affairs will go a long way.
 - Marcus: I am also a Senator for the College of Arts & Sciences, and a lot of what I do is represent the people within my major. Seeing that you are a life sciences major, are you involved in any clubs related to that?
 - Lynch: Not yet but transitioning into research studies under professors, so I am moving into that realm of study now.
 - Gonzalez: are you a second year going into your third year?
 - Lynch: Yes
 - Marcus: To clarify, have you been admitted into your major?
 - Lynch: Yes. I am a Psychology major and minoring in Biology.
 - Gonzalez: what interested you to apply for the Senate? Why did you apply for this on it and not another student government position?
 - Lynch: I have a lot of friends who were talking about joining the Senate and I am interested in networking with other people. Has

always been interested in a broader political spectrum, so this would be good experience and practice.

- Closing Statement:
 - Lynch: Thank you for this opportunity, very excited to be a part of this. You all seem like bright people that I would want to surround myself with, and I know I have a lot to learn within the Senate Committee, but that's why I want to join in the first place and this would be great experience. I am really interested in the ins and outs of campus. I would love to represent my major of psychology, I'm very passionate about it. I want to help the student body.
- **Nasworthy moves to go into round-table; Linsky seconds; no objections**
- Candidate Lynch chooses to stay in the room during Round-Table and voting.
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Gonzalez: He has a peaceful, humble and calm demeanor that I appreciate. My only reservation is the lack of knowledge about the Senate, but that can be acquired. He does not have much experience at FSU, nor the connections in his college that would lead to someone winning an election. As this is a summer senate seat, which is used to gain experience, I think he will do fine. I do not hold anything against him, but he is not my star candidate either.
 - Marcus: Agrees with Gonzalez. Nothing negative to say except a bit more experience would be helpful. He needs to skim over statutes or maybe watch a previous Senate meeting. I recognize his ambition and since this is a summer seat, his desire to get experience is in his favor.
 - Linsky: every other candidate that we see this evening, I am going to vote yes until I see a reason not to. I see no reason not to confirm this candidate as I am confident in his ability to learn the Senate quickly and contribute. It is difficult to tell who is going to be a great senator, but the most important thing is showing up. You never know who is going to stop showing up until they stop showing up.
 - Nasworthy: Lack of knowledge of Senate and legislation is something that can be learned. Wanting to help people and use their position for good is something that is more innate and something I look for. There is nothing to make me say no since he has the drive to do good.
 - Marcus: needs more than one personality type to function efficiently and I think his calm demeanor would be a beneficial addition.
- **Gonzalez moves to call the question; Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
- Vote:
 - Linsky: Yes
 - Nasworthy: Yes
 - Gonzalez: Yes
 - Marcus: Yes
 - B. Murray: Yes
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE JOHN LYNCH PASSES**
- Gonzalez: What is the cutoff time for this meeting?
 - Hunter: None listed in our Rules of Procedure for Rules & Calendar.
 - Marcus: the Senate rule supersedes
 - Hunter: So adjournment time is 11pm.
 - Marcus: with motion to extend.

- Linsky and Gonzalez do not believe that applies.
 - Marcus says he did not like that resolution (referring to Resolution 27).
 - Gonzalez asks if an adjournment time should be created.
 - Hunter allows the committee to decide on a time.
 - Gonzalez does not want the candidates to wait and not be heard.
 - Linsky would like to hear them all tonight. Has work in the morning but would like to get it done.
 - Marcus does not want to schedule another meeting next week.
 - Gonzalez disagrees because we have only heard 3 candidates before 9pm. It will not be possible to hear them all tonight.
 - B. Murray: Candidates do not want to stay up late to be heard. Has work in the morning also.
 - Rowan: Resolution 27 does not apply to the committees. The Rules of Procedure for committee allow Pro Tempore Hunter to schedule additional meetings, so another meeting can be scheduled before the next Senate floor meeting.
- Linsky: How many candidates answered no to the question regarding summer credits?
 - Hunter: None answered no, but not all of them answered.
- Hunter: The previous candidate only took 15 minutes, so I feel comfortable tell the last bunch of people to leave if that's necessary.
- Marcus: Our other meeting time is Tuesday at 6pm, and Finance needs to meet on Tuesday
 - Hunter: You can send a representative, or you can be absent, as it would not affect our quorum if everyone else is present.
 - Marcus: I want to be here, so Vice Chair Soto may take over Finance.
- Hunter: Is everyone comfortable staying until 11pm Eastern Time?
 - Gonzalez would prefer 10pm.
 - Linsky is fine with 11pm, but would like to get through at least half and does not think we can get through half by 10pm.
 - Majority vote result in the meeting resuming until 11pm, but Chairs B. Murray and Gonzalez will not affect quorum if they leave at 10pm. They would still receive an absence for a second roll call.
 - Rowan: you can excuse the absence.
 - Hunter: Excused absences still count as absences.
 - Gonzalez: Thought that Rules & Calendar absences did not count.
 - Hunter: Believes that the absence counts unless a proxy is sent.
- Marcus: If we are having issues hearing them all tonight, how are we going to get through all the candidates at Senate?
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Franceska Edouard for Arts & Sciences Senate Seat 1**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Edouard: Rising Junior at FSU. Wants to be a Senator to ensure that black women are equally represented on campus. We need a foundation of equality and black women serving on campus. We lack diversity in certain aspects and I know that with hard work. The Senate can work to fix this, not just for black women but for all minority communities. Being a black woman on campus is something that I respect because I get the opportunity to represent and advocate for my community. I want to help others reach their goals on campus and ensure that everyone is safe. If

given the opportunity, I will continue to represent all communities on campus.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- **Marcus moves to enter general questioning; Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
- General Questions:
 - Marcus: when looking over your applications and reviewing the notes from your interview, the need to check with Junior Class Council was noted. What is your involvement with the class councils?
 - Edouard: it has not been announced yet and I have not been confirmed, but I was forwarded for the Junior Class Council President position. I asked if I could serve both as Junior Class Council president and on the Senate, and they said they would check with you guys.
 - Hunter: **POC** President Harmon advised that only Senior Class Council would conflict.
 - Marcus: I know that you have previously run for Senate, and unfortunately did not join us in the Senate. Are there any particular lessons that you have learned about yourself or about involvement at FSU through those campaign seasons?
 - Edouard: Learned not to give up and remember by 'why.' Instead of letting my losses get me down, use them as motivation to keep trying.
 - Gonzalez: Since you ran for Senate in the past, why should we overturn the decision of the student body and appoint you to a student government position?
 - Edouard: I want to be in this position because of the extreme lack of diversity. If given the opportunity, I am positive that I will be able to prove myself to the student body.
 - Nasworthy, with reservation for a follow-up: What do you think makes a good and successful senator?
 - Edouard: a good and successful senator is one who never negotiates with the student body and continues to fight for the changes that are needed and does not give up. This is not an easy position and there will be times when senators have to push through. I am no stranger to perseverance.
 - Nasworthy: what are some concrete goals that you have for this position if you were forwarded?
 - Edouard: Ensure that more minorities and women of color get leadership positions by pushing an initiative for that, and help minority freshmen coming to FSU. I came in through the CARE program, if I had if I had certain guidance it would definitely help me in my time at FSU.
 - Marcus: The Senate has five standing committees: Student Life & Academic Affairs, Internal Affairs, Finance, Budget, and Judiciary. Which is the most interesting to you and why?
 - Edouard: Student Life because I am interested in programming for students and I want to ensure that students view campus as their home.

- Gonzalez: Can you explain your approach to conflict resolution and how your character plays into it?
 - Edouard: My approach to conflict resolution is communication. Often, people push things aside or bottle things up and then explode. I communicate as soon as I start to see a problem and try to find a happy medium.
 - Gonzalez: what is your leadership experience on campus?
 - Edouard: I was Mrs. Caribbean Student Association in which I represent Caribbean and Haitian culture. In my time with this organization I pushed initiatives to help the organization branch out more and educate. I was also in Impressions of Beauty; I joined this organization early on because it focused on beauty for minority women. In this organization I hosted events. Focusing on natural hair care, tips for minority women and for black women, and it has helped me with learning a lot about myself. I also served in Jewels Inc., which helps middle school and high school women through reading, tutoring and mentoring workshops.
 - Closing Statement:
 - Edouard: Thank you again for the opportunity to be here. I will continue to work hard to represent all students and specifically minorities.
 - **Linsky moves to go into round-table; Marcus seconds; no objections**
 - Candidate Edouard chooses to stay in the room during Round-Table and voting.
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Linsky: I have known this candidate for a little bit, I think very highly of her and I will be voting yes based on my experiences with her. She is thoughtful, engaged and hardworking, and the Senate would be lucky to have her.
 - Marcus: this candidate is one of the only people who was willing to work through one of the biggest conflicts of my life with me in a previous organization in the past year. She will be a wonderful addition to Senate, not only in regards to the communities she represents, but also in regards to her nature and natural ability to bring people together and get to the root of an issue instead of letting it fester. Yield in pro
 - Nasworthy: highly in pro of this candidate. This candidate has great passion and is not acting out of self-interest. Has concrete goals, issues they want to solve and people they want to represent. She will use this position for good.
 - **Gonzalez moves to call the question; Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
 - Vote:
 - Linsky: Yes
 - Nasworthy: Yes
 - Gonzalez: Abstain
 - Marcus: Yes
 - B. Murray: Yes
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE FRANCESKA EDOUARD PASSES**
- Hunter: Agrees with what Linsky said about getting through half of the candidates, so will dismiss the second half of the candidates from the waiting room to be heard Tuesday at 6pm. Notified candidates in waiting room via chat.
 - Marcus: **POC**, the last candidate we will be hearing tonight is Kamilla Knyazeva for Communications & Information Summer Senate Seat 2?

- Hunter: Yes, assuming it is before 11pm or that those who said they can stay past 11pm can stay.
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Aleck Condon for Fine Arts Summer Senate Seat 2**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Condon: Dance major in the College of Fine Arts. I see this opportunity as a good chance for me to make change at Florida State.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Nasworthy: Are you currently taking at least 3 credit hours in Summer A, B, or C semesters?
 - Condon: Yes
 - Marcus: have you ever applied to an SGA position before?
 - Condon: No
 - **Marcus moves to enter general questioning; Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
 - General Questions:
 - Nasworthy, with reservation for a follow-up: What is your understanding of the duties and responsibilities of a senator.
 - Condon: To take responsibility of that senate seat and help make change for students over the summer.
 - Nasworthy: What are some goals that you would work towards if confirmed for this position?
 - Condon: I want to make change on campus with all minority groups and advocate for equality.
 - Marcus: Unfortunately, the College of Fine Arts is a historically underrepresented college. What are your connections to other student organizations or groups within that college?
 - Condon: I am in the Student Advisory Council. I see this Council as the student government for dance itself. We make a lot of policies regarding dance and advise faculty on what is going on in the school of dance and how we can better the college. I am also involved in the College Leadership Council within the College of Fine Arts where we plan events, fundraisers, and create policies to make the college better for everyone.
 - B. Murray: how will your experiences as a Dance major go into your Senate seat?
 - Condon: Dance has taught me to be persistent; work until you get what you want, whether that be physically or emotionally. I feel like I can bring that to Senate.
 - Nasworthy: What is your strategy for conflict resolution?
 - Condon: I remove myself from the conflict and try to serve as a third party, hearing from both sides before forming an opinion because there are truths on both sides. I try to find a solution through listening because I find that often we have common goals and are going about them differently.
 - Marcus: The Senate has five standing committees: Student Life & Academic Affairs, Internal Affairs, Finance, Budget, and Judiciary. Which is the most interesting to you and why?
 - Condon: Student Life & Academic Affairs because I want to help more people get involved as well as improve our class engagement.

- Gonzalez: Can you talk about why you want to be in Senate rather than other parts of SGA?
 - Condon: Senate is a strong power on campus with all the social change and policies put in place, and I want to be a part of that.
 - Gonzalez: Do you know the government documents of the Senate?
 - Condon: Not off the top of my head.
 - Marcus: Would you commit to skimming over student body statutes or the Constitution or watching a previous Senate meeting before your first Senate meeting?
 - Condon: Yes
 - Closing Statement:
 - Condon: Wants to be a force for change within student government. Thank you for your time and all that you do for FSU.
 - Candidate Condon chooses to go back to the waiting room during Round-Table and voting.
 - **Marcus moves to go into round-table; no objections**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Marcus: There is nothing to be back from voting yes. Senate would be a fantastic opportunity for this candidate to grow and gain tangible experience towards achieving their goals.
 - Gonzalez: When we are reviewing candidates, it is important to review their application. This candidate's application was lackluster with 1-sentence answers for everything. It does not show that he really wants to be a part of this. His interview was fine but his application looks like he didn't even try.
 - Marcus: Agrees, and there are even more lackluster ones coming later.
 - **Gonzalez moves to call the question; Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
 - Vote:
 - Linsky: Yes
 - Nasworthy: Yes
 - Gonzalez: No
 - Marcus: Yes
 - B. Murray: Yes
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE ALECK CONDON PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Reece Windjack for Music Summer Senate Seat 2**
 - Candidate not present
 - **Nasworthy moves to table the candidate due to their absence, Marcus seconds; no objections**
 - **CANDIDATE IS TABLED**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Nicholas Mcfadden for Business Summer Senate Seat 3**
 - Candidate not present
 - Linsky: There are multiple applicants for this position; if Mcfadden is not going to show up, I would like to hear a different applicant who will.
 - Marcus: Do the application numbers represent applications for specific seats? It appears that they are for the number of applicants for the college.
 - Hunter: Spoke with Vice President Thykadavil on this. Since many people did not apply correctly, they had to be assigned seats. First, they looked at who applied correctly, and then filled in the seats with those who did

not apply correctly. Some of the numbers are the same, and others are different.

- Gonzalez: Since there are three positions within the business college and three applications, all are for those spots and everyone was forwarded?
 - Hunter: Yes I believe so.
- **Nasworthy moves to table the candidate due to their absence, Marcus seconds; no objections**
- **CANDIDATE IS TABLED**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Tyler Phillips for Business Summer Senate Seat 2**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Phillips: Double-majoring in Finance and Real Estate at FSU. I first came into FSU thinking I would be a Computer Science major and that did not pan out. Then I got into the Security Society at Florida State, and then this past spring I also did a one-day program with Wells Fargo and I learned about corporate investment banking with them. I'm trying to make an impact on FSU in some form of a leadership role and I hope this opportunity will provide that.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Nasworthy: Are you currently taking at least 3 credit hours in Summer A, B, or C semesters?
 - Phillips: Yes, taking 3 credit hours in Summer B.
 - **Nasworthy moves to enter general questioning; Marcus seconds; no objections**
 - General Questions:
 - Marcus, with reservation for a follow-up: In your application, you said that one of your goals is to be a voice for those in the FSU community. What communities do you think need to be heard more on campus and why?
 - Phillips: I look forward to representing those who have struggled mentally due to the COVID-19 pandemic and reach out to those in need of someone to talk to or looking for a change to be made. I have noticed in my remote classes that the connection between students and professors is less than it should be. By reinforcing mandatory Zooms for lectures in remote classes, that may help build community and avoid isolation.
 - Marcus: How would you take the steps to ensure that community is heard, within the powers of the Senate?
 - Phillips: I would propose legislation to address these goals. I would need to speak to my fellow legislators to brainstorm ideas. I have not thought of a concrete way to go about this, but I hope that once joining I can gather other thoughts and have help with my goals.
 - Gonzalez, with reservation for a follow-up: can you briefly describe the duties and responsibilities of a senator?
 - Phillips: Senators have the right to vote on any legislation, but I believe I saw that a certification is required before they can vote. They also represent their constituency and take accountability for actions that may have transpired.
 - Gonzalez: Why did you specifically choose to apply to the Senate, rather than another area of student government?

- Phillips: I was not familiar with student government before hearing about it through my friend, Spencer Hautrive. He heard about it because someone in his fraternity is in SGA and a Senator. I chose this because it is what I heard about, and after reading over what it takes to be a senator, I felt that I could make a difference in this community through legislation.
- Linsky: What positions of leadership have you held, on campus or otherwise?
 - Phillips: I have not held any positions on campus, but in high school I was the co-captain of my football team. Would you like me to go into more detail on that position?
 - Linsky: No, I also played football. What position did you play?
 - Phillips: Wide-receiver and corner. You?
 - Linsky: Full-back and middle-end-backer.
- Marcus: The Senate has five standing committees: Student Life & Academic Affairs, Internal Affairs, Finance, Budget, and Judiciary. Which is the most interesting to you and why?
 - Phillips: Finance interests me the most, being a Finance major. I am not sure what each committee does, but I think I would be able to make the most impact in the Finance Committee.
- Gonzalez: Can you unpack your character for me, how you would describe yourself and how that plays into conflict resolution?
 - Phillips: More laidback in conflict resolution, does not go into conflict head-on. Would rather listen and try to understand what the opposing side is arguing. Once I understand that, then hopefully I can come to a compromise. For my character, I would say I am understanding, respectful, comprehensive, and observant. Also taking into account any conditions that are within the situation I like to try and find the best possible solution for not only myself, but for the opposing party in the conflict.
- Marcus: What made you apply to Senate rather than something such as the Mental Health Council where you're working specifically on mental health? What made you apply to Senate, where there are way broader things?
 - Phillips: Just as you said, there are broader topics to go to covered within the Senate. I would not want to limit myself to one issue, I'd like to be adaptive to any sorts of issues that come up and help in any way.
- Marcus: Earlier, when I asked about communities you wanted to represent you only mentioned those struggling with their mental health. So circling back to more broad communities that SGA represents, what communities do you feel should be heard more in the scope of the Senate's duties?
 - Phillips: what do you mean by the scope of the Senate's duties?
 - Marcus: each week, Senate liaisons report what other communities around campus are doing and what issues they want addressed. You mentioned giving communities a voice, which communities were you speaking of?
 - Phillips: The Asian community has been receiving hate crimes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and

FSU did not do a great job giving them a voice and highlighting how detrimental that could be. There should be more diversity at FSU.

- Gonzalez: You mentioned in your application that you identify with Mores. Can you describe what drives your morals and how that translates to Senate?
 - Phillips: I believe in loyalty and trust. One of the most important duties for Senator would be to create a trusting bond between Senators and the student body, so I feel like to create that bond we would have to not only pass legislation, act on it and continue to seek whatever needs that any students may have and continue our action.
- Closing Statement:
 - Phillips: Thank you for hearing me tonight. As far as my availability for this position. I will make this position my number one priority. I don't have any prior commitments so I'm going to take on any work that I am given and I am really hoping that we can all make a change together if I am appointed to this. Thank you.
- Candidate Phillips chooses to stay in the room during Round-Table and voting.
- **Nasworthy moves to go into round-table; Linsky seconds; no objections**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Linsky: I will be voting yes. I was concerned that this would be a resume builder with the leadoff talking about experience with Wells Fargo. I thought someone told him he needed to build his resume and Senate would look good on it. Even if that's the case, after getting to know this candidate, even in this short period of time, I believe the Senate would benefit from his presence. We need more people are interested in the financial and budgetary aspects of the work that we do, and I also believe him when he says that he is guided by morals.
 - Marcus: Unsure of how to vote. As Chair of the Finance Committee, recognizes the need for more Senators interested in finance. However, not sure if Senate is the right place for this candidate. Depending on the results of this, I would strongly encourage him to look into the Mental Health Council. I also worry about campus involvement and thus commitment to the Senate. There would not be conflicts, but sometimes Senators who are less involved are less committed and I don't want more of that, especially for a summer Senate where we don't meet all the time. I would rather have someone who is definitely committed to the position. This candidate needs to be more aware of issues as they pertain to certain groups around our campus. I'm not really sure where I stand right now.
 - Gonzalez: I did not see any concrete goals or true knowledge of the Senate. I believe this is going to be a resume builder position for the candidate. He said his main objective in his application is to promote campus unity, increase funding and grow the Senate, which I am not sure how you can do, especially in the summer. I think I will be voting no.
 - Linsky: The application seems to tell us what we want to hear, but I will still try to persuade you to vote yes because we only received three applicants for this College. One of those applicants did not show up, and here this candidate is ready to learn and potentially contribute. And even if we confirm him and the suspicion that this is just a resume builder is

correct, so what? It does not take away from what we are trying to do, but on the other hand, if we're wrong with that assessment, then we take away an opportunity from somebody who has shown up when we need somebody in that seat. I hope that anyone who's on the fence or voting no would reconsider.

- Nasworthy: Unsure because of the lack on knowledge on what Senate does and how Senate works. Seems they do not know what they are getting into. I hope it is not just a resume builder, he did say that he wants to help people who were negatively affected mentally by the COVID-19 pandemic and I am one of those people. Maybe the mental health council is a better organization for what this candidate wants to accomplish.
- Gonzalez: We should be weary of confirming people just because a vacancy exists. Right now, the Senate works fine, and the Senate does not need people who take up space and do not participate.
- Linsky: agrees with the principle but it oversimplifies what we do in the Senate. We all got to know the Senate well, and I certainly did not start out that way. Even as a Law student, I did not know the statutes before my first meeting. I did not know Rules of Procedure until I saw it for the first time and I feel like we might be a little too harsh in saying that because somebody does not have a comprehensive knowledge or even awareness that we should exclude. I did not know that we had our own Rules of Procedure until my first Senate meeting. The primary purpose of Senate is educational and gives the opportunity to gain experience in a collaborative environment. I was planning to vote no until I asked what other campus leadership was he involved in and he said there was none. That was actually a big plus for me because then I realized he is not trying to pad his resume with titles. I know what it is to be the captain of the football team. It sounds silly but it means that when you're called upon, you rise to the occasion, you show up and you work hard. You're an example to others, and those are qualities that I admire and would translate well to the Senate. Even if a candidate does not have any prior expertise or interest. I will be voting yes, I hope you will join me in doing so.
- Marcus: there is a difference between not knowing the Rules of Procedure and intricacies in Senate, and not having goals. I certainly did not know Rules and I still mess up parliamentary stuff all the time. I did come in with concrete goals and communities that I knew needed to be represented. That is the biggest thing I feel is lacking in this candidate.

○ **Gonzalez moves to call the question; Marcus seconds; no objections**

○ Vote:

- Linsky: Yes
- Nasworthy: No
- Gonzalez: No
- Marcus: No
- B. Murray: Yes

○ **RESULT: CANDIDATE TYLER PHILLIPS DOES NOT PASS**

● **Candidate for Confirmation: Cole Wissman for Business Summer Senate Seat 5**

○ Opening Statement:

- Wissman: Senior majoring in Business Management and Marketing from Jupiter, Florida. 21 years old and has been involved in a lot of different

things on campus. Student athlete on FSU weightlifting team. Involved in a fraternity. Serves on the standards boards of Sigma Phi Epsilon and the Leadership Board for Phi Alpha Delta Law fraternity. Management Director of own startup, 30-person company that produces beverage devices for local companies and trying to expand to other states, growing very fast and proud to be heading it. Has experience in a lot of different fields, from working as a maintenance technician at a gym to working as a director of an aquarium. Random experiences, but make me who I am today. Currently the Director of Rush Mentors, spearheading all of fall and spring IFC rush for the incoming students. Leads the onboarding and training for 70 Rush mentors who will then go in introduce all the thousand potential new members to the current Florida State IFC chapters. In doing so, I build the Canvas course, utilize Qualtrics surveys, GroupMe, Flipgrid to build a 12-week course for these gentlemen, and do everything from hazing prevention, DEI, communication, leadership, and to be spearheading it is one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had. I will be done with that position in the fall, so I am sad about that, but it's been a great run. Graduating soon with 2 degrees and graduating early, so spending that time to work at a courthouse and try to get a law internship, preferably in West Palm Beach. Hopes to attend FSU again for Law School. In the long term, wants teach here or become a professor. Loves this school so much and bleeds garnet and gold. Interested in the Senate position because a friend mentioned Senate seats were open. I'm an old man, and I'm getting to the end of my involvement here, but this school has done so many great things for me, and I am most likely coming back here. I've been involved in every single aspect of campus life that I can think of and with this, I am doing this for me, but mainly for the school to give back and to give my opinion. I'm an old head, I've seen a lot of different communities on campus. It is good to have you know a Senior's input on different organizations from the intense Greek life side, and some of the more passive clubs like pre-law society. I think having such a well-rounded background makes me a great candidate. Thank you.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Nasworthy: Are you currently taking at least 3 credit hours in Summer A, B, or C semesters?
 - Wissman: Yes I am taking 3 classes.
- **Marcus moves to enter general questioning; Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
- General Questions:
 - Marcus: What are your specific goals for this position?
 - Wissman: Want to build a more cohesive environment around FSU. With IFC, I united Panhellenic, non-Panhellenic, and multi-cultural Greek fraternities. Would like to do that on a wider scale through kick-back style events. Would also like to increase on-campus knowledge of resources. We have all been through tough times, and even though I knew where to reach out, I have had friends who did not know where to reach out. Make options more accessible and known. Wants more involvement activities, especially as fall comes to get freshmen involved.

- Linsky: I go to FSU Law; if you want to know more about it I will give you my number and feel free to reach out. What do you look at as the primary role of Senate in the cohesion of the university? How does Senate intersect with the other organizations that you have been speaking of, and systemically, what is the best thing that the Senate can do?
 - Wissman: Senate is the eyes and ears of the community. They hold other RSOs accountable and ensure everyone is adhering to policy, but also display concern for each other, acting as a big brother figure to the other organizations. You act as ears in the sense that you look out for and search for issues with our community and try to bring them up to the Senate and SGA as a whole to find the solution. Also, Senate's role is to hold each other accountable, along with other branches and other major RSOs. A major goal of a Senator is to be an active listener in that sense.
- Gonzalez: unpack your character for me and tell me how that plays into conflict resolution.
 - Wissman: I am level-headed, drama-free. I avoid conflict myself but I find myself assisting most of my friends with their conflicts. I have had training in conflict resolution from FSU because we do that for IFC. I use active listening and take one thing at a time. There's (usually) no rush to force everything and get everything out all at once. Things take time to heal and a lot of the conflicts that I have seen need to have every side heard. Everyone needs to slowly build their opinions and all the facts need to be laid out on the table before a decision can be made. The most important thing about conflict resolution is making sure everyone leaves the table having felt that their opinion was voiced, they were respected and treated professionally.
- Marcus: One of the things that you wrote about in the goals portion of your application is how you wanted to make everyone feel included and reach out to those that aren't, and so my question is, what concrete steps are you willing to take to ensure that historically disenfranchised and historically discriminated against communities are heard within our Senate and that their issues are addressed?
 - Wissman: Not even just in the Senate, but overall. This is quite the aggressive approach, but bringing all of our groups together in a community style event brings everything to a front in public and I think that is a great way to start. I am very outgoing and I have no problem speaking up and calling people out. There does not always need to be concrete steps in how to do so, it may become a spur of the moment thing. If someone is trying to get their voice heard on the Senate floor and no one's giving him any attention, I will definitely be the one to point them out and make sure their voice is heard, even if it means them talking over me.
- Gonzalez, with reservation for a follow-up: Do you know what the governing documents of the Senate are?
 - Wissman: No
- Gonzalez: You talked about DEI training, and Boys State. Can you elaborate more on what that was like?
 - Wissman: DEI is still being built, are doing so by going around to other organizations who feel underrepresented or misrepresented

to get their feedback and implement it into collections of videos, slideshows, voice memos and other media to put into a module. The rush mentors are required to go through it all for their training. Attended Boys State in 2017 and had an awesome time. Made several close friends, experienced FSU for the first time and learned a lot. I was a Senator at Boys State and it was a great experience.

- Marcus: The Senate has five standing committees: Student Life & Academic Affairs, Internal Affairs, Finance, Budget, and Judiciary. Which would you be most interested in serving on and why?
 - Wissman: Student Life & Academic Affairs would be the best fit for me with my background in IFC.
- Closing Statement:
 - Wissman: Thank you all for your time, you all had some tough questions for me and hopefully I represented myself well.
- Candidate Wissman chooses to stay in the room during Round-Table and voting.
- **Gonzalez moves to go into round-table; Linsky seconds; no objections**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Gonzalez: He has been by far the most knowledgeable and the most experienced candidate tonight. His experience and goals compliment this role very well, and I think because of that I am willing to overlook the lack of knowledge for government documents. If he is interested in court, he will adapt quickly. Let's pass him and move forward.
 - Marcus: This candidate has far exceeded the expectations and precedent set by earlier candidates. He will thrive in Senate and I am in full support.
 - Linsky: This is a clear yes.
- **Gonzalez moves to call the question; Linsky seconds; no objections**
- Vote:
 - Linsky: Yes
 - Nasworthy: Yes
 - Gonzalez: Yes
 - Marcus: Yes
 - B. Murray: Yes
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE COLE WISSMAN PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Deandre Stanley for Entrepreneurship Summer Senate Seat 1**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Stanley: Goes by Dre. Rising Sophomore. Has never been involved in SGA but would like to start now. Was in DECA in high school and was on the leadership board for 2 years, so familiar with business organizations. I am an entrepreneurship major. Played football for 4 years in high school. Looking to get involved and make a difference. Need to start somewhere.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Nasworthy: Are you currently taking at least 3 credit hours in Summer A, B, or C semesters?
 - Stanley: Yes taking 6 credit hours.
 - Gonzalez: Are you financially certified?
 - Stanley: No
 - **Marcus moves to enter general questioning; Nasworthy seconds; no objections**

- General Questions:
 - Marcus: On your application, you wrote that your goal for this role is to have a positive impact in as many ways as possible. In your time in Senate, are there any concrete things you wish to get done?
 - Stanley: As a rising sophomore, my freshman year was derailed by the pandemic and nothing was as it should have been. Coming back into normalcy, the main focus should be to introduce the new freshmen but also the sophomores who lost their freshman year.
 - Nasworthy: What are the duties and responsibilities of a Senator?
 - Stanley: Voting on laws and motions going forward, working in the best interest of the student body, and representing the student body
 - Gonzalez: why did you want to apply to Senate, as opposed to any other SGA entity?
 - Stanley: I was only aware of the Senate.
 - Marcus: How were you made aware of the vacancy to which you applied?
 - Stanley: Nimna Gabadage told me about it and suggested that I would be good for it, and I agreed because I wanted to get involved, so I applied.
 - Gonzalez: The entire point of being a Senator is to represent your constituents. Sometimes your constituents span way beyond the college you represent. What constituents would you best represent, what are your passions and what drives you to serve in this position?
 - Stanley: My passions are entrepreneurship and business in general, as well as athletics.
 - Marcus, with reservation for 2 follow-ups: In the comment from your Executive Branch interview, it was noted that you were easy to work with. Do you have any existing relationship with anyone currently in SGA?
 - Stanley: Nimna Gabadage and Brooke Deering.
 - Marcus: Given that the comment says you are easy to work with, what is your approach to conflict resolution?
 - Stanley: In conflict, sometimes it is hard to separate yourself and your self interest from the problem at hand. I believe it is important for people to step away before finding common ground.
 - Nasworthy: Being in the College of Entrepreneurship, what connections do you have in your college to speak for your constituents?
 - Stanley: I just got into my college as a rising sophomore so I cannot speak to that.
 - Marcus: The Senate has five standing committees: Student Life & Academic Affairs, Internal Affairs, Finance, Budget, and Judiciary. Which would you be most interested in serving on and why?
 - Stanley: Student Life & Academic Affairs.
 - Gonzalez: Can you explain what the duties and responsibilities of a Senator are?
 - Stanley: As mentioned earlier, voting on motions and laws passing through Senate.
 - Marcus: do you know what the governing documents of the student Senate are?
 - Stanley: no
- Closing Statement:

represents a lot of different students and I would like to help give not only my college, but my fellow students, an opportunity to be represented on our campus, especially my friends, peers, and those in my college. I want to give students a say in what happens on our campus.

○ Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- Nasworthy: Are you currently taking at least 3 credit hours in Summer A, B, or C semesters?
 - Espinosa: Yes I am taking 2 classes, 6 credit hours, during Summer C.
- Marcus: Are you financially certified?
 - Espinosa: No but I am in the process of doing that.

○ **Marcus moves to enter general questioning; Nasworthy seconds; no objections**

○ General Questions:

- Marcus: On your application, you wrote about the Medical Response Unit. Are you involved with them or have you advocated for them? Tell me more about your interest with MRU.
 - Espinosa: I am not involved in the Medical Response Unit, but would like to be this upcoming year. My fraternity lost 2 brothers in the past 2 years, so a fast medical response is very important to me. My father was a firefighter paramedic, so I understand the importance of a quick medical response. Funding and getting to know an organization like that means a lot to me and I would like to advocate for.
- Gonzalez: Can you explain the duties and responsibilities of a Senator?
 - Espinosa: To vote on propositions, and represent students and be able to make decisions on their behalf to an extent.
- Nasworthy, with reservation for a follow-up: What are your concrete goals for your position if you were forwarded?
 - Espinosa: Getting involved with MRU and representing students, as well as getting more involved with my college in general. I want to put my foot forward in getting to know my college and putting myself in new experiences.
- Nasworthy: In your application, you mentioned being president of your class in high school, and mentioned that some decisions you made did not make you the most popular but had positive outcomes. Can you give an example?
 - Espinosa: A big part of being president was organizing fundraising opportunities for my school and different clubs on campus. All of the fundraising opportunities would go through student government to get approved. Being in that position, I have denied fundraising, so that made me unpopular to certain groups. Similar situations with Homecoming and Prom -related decisions. Making those decisions on their behalf, and having people who were thrilled with that or not very happy, was stressful but not unaccomplishable. I think I did a very good job as president, but it is situations like that that I think I have handled well in the past.
- Gonzalez: Why did you choose to get involved in the Senate, rather than MRU or another organization?
 - Espinosa: I had people in my fraternity reach out to me and say that they think would be good for this role specifically, so after

researching, I noticed that Senate is more about having a broad understanding about what goes on at FSU.

- Marcus: How did you learn about the vacancy you applied to?
 - Espinosa: Ryan Thorpe reached out to me and told me about the vacancy and recommended me, and Andres Salas reached out to me to suggest it to me as well.
- Marcus: The Senate has five standing committees: Student Life & Academic Affairs, Internal Affairs, Finance, Budget, and Judiciary. Which would you be most interested in serving on and why?
 - Espinosa: Student Life & Academic Affairs. Student life and academics are a very important facet of any campus and a campus is made by the students and the activities that they participate in. The overall quality of life is greatly impacted by programs like that.

○ Closing Statement:

- Espinosa: I am thankful for the opportunity to get this far in the program and for the possibility of serving in this role. I think you guys are doing a very good job, especially with everything going on in our campus currently and in our current political climate, I think it's essential that we have people with a good head on their shoulders, especially when it comes to on campus and off campus politics. Thank you for the opportunity.

○ Candidate Espinosa chooses to stay in the room during Round-Table and voting.

○ **Marcus moves to go into round-table; Nasworthy seconds; no objections**

○ Round-Table Discussion:

- Marcus: I think his interest in MRU is particularly interesting, but much of that interest is outside of the bounds of this chamber as we can only do so much for that particular organization. Notes from his interview said that he was a breath of fresh air; I do think he would fit into the climate of Senate very well. Has a few reservations about his 'why.' Neutral but leaning towards yes.
- Nasworthy: Agrees with Marcus, and with interview notes. His personality would be a good fit. Good that he has an organization of interest to advocate for in Senate, I think we all had that coming into Senate.
- Linsky: I will vote yes, I see no reason to be cautious or nervous. Seems to be in it for the right reasons. Looking through his application, he seems to have spent more time on the questions than others did. If there is a reason not to support, we will not know until he reaches the Senate floor.

○ **Gonzalez moves to call the question; Marcus seconds; no objections**

○ Vote:

- Linsky: Yes
- Nasworthy: Yes
- Gonzalez: Yes
- Marcus: Yes
- B. Murray: Yes

○ **RESULT: CANDIDATE ELIAS ESPINOSA PASSES**

● **Candidate for Confirmation: Kamilla Knyazeva for Communications & Information Summer Senate Seat 2**

○ Opening Statement:

- Knyazeva: From Russia. Born in North Russia and moved to St. Petersburg, Russia at the age of 2. Spent elementary school in St.

Petersburg and moved to Florida at the age of 11. Started fifth grade in America and graduated high school from Plantation, Florida. Majoring in Media Communications and Political Science, minoring in Chinese. Has studied Chinese language for almost 6 years, aspiring to speak fluently and travel to China. Hoping to become a lawyer and looking towards politics as well. Currently a manager at a Russian restaurant in Miami, had to run off for work emergency but Wednesdays will always be reserved for Senate as this is a valuable opportunity. Looking forward to meeting you all and speaking more with people who will share their different perspectives.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Nasworthy: Are you currently taking at least 3 credit hours in Summer A, B, or C semesters?
 - Knyazeva: Yes, taking 3 classes right now and 2 more in Summer C.
 - Marcus: Are you financially certified?
 - Knyazeva: Recently saw the notice of that requirement and will be doing that within a couple days.
- **Marcus moves to enter general questioning; Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
- General Questions:
 - Nasworthy, with reservation for a follow-up: What is your understanding of the responsibilities and duties of a senator?
 - Knyazeva: Allocating money to areas of the university, sitting on committees etc.
 - Nasworthy: What are your concrete goals for your position if you were confirmed?
 - Knyazeva: Strives to represent womens' issues, academic and personal growth. Wants to advocate for international students and ensure they have equal opportunities as FSU students.
 - Gonzalez: It is my understanding that you lost an election, so why should we overturn the decision of the student body to appoint you to this seat?
 - Knyazeva: I most likely lost because I was new to FSU, to SGA, and how this works. Running in two elections has given me the opportunity to learn how SGA works and I am still interested in being involved in Senate. People probably did not know me and I come from a different background, but I still got out there. Summer is a great opportunity for me to get to know me and what I am capable of.
 - Marcus: The Senate has five standing committees: Student Life & Academic Affairs, Internal Affairs, Finance, Budget, and Judiciary. Which would you be most interested in serving on and why?
 - Knyazeva: I am willing to serve on any committee, but Student Life grabs my attention with the opportunity to hear from several communities and discuss several topics.
 - Marcus: You mentioned wanting to advocate for women. We have a Women's Student Union on campus, and while disorganized, it struggles to have their voice heard in Senate. Would you be willing to work with such an organization to help their voice be heard?
 - Knyazeva: Absolutely, that interests me, and I think I am good at organization and planning.

- Closing Statement:
 - Knyazeva: Had an amazing first year at FSU and was pleased to see the increase in diversity. I applied to Senate for summer to be engaged and learn about people: their backgrounds, their perspectives, their opinions. My Senate connections will be beneficial for my career and personally for my growth. Being in the Senate will allow me to help FSU and give back, while also helping me progress as a human being. I look forward to being in the Senate and getting to know you all. Thank you for your time.
- Candidate Espinosa chooses to stay in the room during Round-Table and voting.
- **Nasworthy moves to go into round-table; Gonzalez seconds; no objections**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Marcus: this application is the most thorough I have seen tonight. Her response about growing up in a patriarchal society was thorough and I believe it is one of her motivators. Her personal experience would help us connect to international students, as that is a hole that exists in our Senate. In full support.
 - Nasworthy: In full pro. I feel the passion, even through Zoom, and feels the motivation to represent the communities she mentioned. It is good to see that she was not discouraged by her election loss, it shows that she is here for the right reasons. She has already had interactions through her minor with international students as well.
- **Gonzalez moves to call the question; Linsky seconds; no objections**
- Vote:
 - Linsky: Yes
 - Nasworthy: Yes
 - Gonzalez: Abstain
 - Marcus: Yes
 - B. Murray: Yes
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE KAMILLA KNYAZEVA PASSES**

- **Gonzalez moves to table the remaining candidates until Tuesday at 6pm; Marcus seconds; no objections**

Unfinished Business:

- **Candidates for Confirmation** – Reece Windjack for Music Summer Senate Seat 2, Nicholas Mcfadden for Business Summer Senate Seat 3, John Dion for Social Science Summer Senate Seat 4, Rotem Raz for Social Science Summer Senate Seat 6, Emma Berman for Criminology Summer Senate Seat 1, Serena Barker for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 15, Conner Blich for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 8, Cassidy Branch for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 25, Chase Freeman for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 11, Spencer Hautrive for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 3, James (Jimmy) Wood for Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 21, Britney Derilus for Social Work Summer Senate Seat 2, Ryan Wills for Human Sciences Summer Senate Seat 1

Closing Announcements:

- Hunter: So sorry for poor planning on hearing these candidates. This meeting took about 3 hours, so hopefully you can all commit to staying until 9pm on Tuesday or a bit past. If not, please let me know in advance. You can send someone in your place. Thank you for being so flexible.

- Rowan: Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc meets tomorrow night. It is currently a 4-man show, and we have fun, but having members of the Rules committee involved would make it easier down the line.
- Linsky: Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc is myself, Senator Randall and Parliamentarian Rowan hashing it out while Senator Tackett struggles to take notes in real time. We could use more viewpoints. We do not wish to come to these conclusions, present them to Rules committee, and then go back to the drawing board. We meet Thursdays at 6pm. I would like to talk to President Harmon about making new official members.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 22nd at 6pm

Adjourned: 11:14pm

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Signature of Pro Tempore Hunter