



**73rd Student Senate
Student Life and Academic Affairs Committee
June 7th, 2021**

Call to Order: 5:30

Members Present: Chair Murray, Senators Rodriguez, Garcia, Remler, Botel, Moore

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Vice Chair Nemeth

Guests: Grunberger, Murray, Gabay, Chamides, Rawan, Ramirez, Harmon

Announcements:

- Chair Murray: None.
- Members: None.
- Public Comments:
 - Brandon Gabay: I appreciate the stance the sponsor of Resolution 17 and 18 is taking on her resolutions. If she would like to, I would love to talk to her about her legislation to make sure FSU is a safe place for all communities. I want to make sure I have these conversations so that we can all do our best to represent the student body.

Committee Business:

- **Bill 41 sponsored by Senator Randall** - Transferring \$1,967.89 from Senate Projects to Special Olympics at FSU for event costs.
- **Resolution 17 sponsored by Senator Gonzalez** - The 73rd Senate to implore the SGA Executive Branch, FSU Administration, and other FSU entities to rescind support of the IHRA Definition of Antisemitism and further support the Palestinian community in free-speech.

- **Resolution 18 sponsored by Senator Gonzalez** - Calling on the FSU Administration and Board of Trustees to review and withdraw investments from corporations deemed unethical by the FSU student community.
- **Resolution 37 sponsored by Senators Marcus and Tackett** - Encouraging the Florida Board of Governors to confirm Dr. McCullough as the 16th President of Florida State University.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- **Bill 41 sponsored by Senator Randall**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Bill 41 is about Special Olympics FSU. This team came to another senator who is not participating in summer senate, so he passed it off to me. This is a big event, it's the culmination of two months of teams of able-bodied and intellectually disabled individuals hitting different mileage scores and competing in a virtual contest to improve athleticism and raise awareness. The event we're hoping to fund is the celebration of the founder of the Special Olympics birthday and a congratulations for all of the teams, students, and FSU athletes that participated in unified groups. Some of the big fees we need to cover are campus rec facility fees, tables and chairs, lunches, t-shirts, and so on. We're going to do this through Senate Projects and the money will be transferred on July 1st, the start of the new fiscal year. It's a pretty cut and dry bill. Originally they came to me asking for \$4,000-\$5,000, and this is what we came up with to best benefit the student body, raise awareness, and reach the goals of the event. I'm looking forward to questions about this event.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
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 - Round Table Discussion:
 - Moore - This is a great bill. I looked over the budget earlier, I thought it was great, and I hope it passes.

- **Moore moves to call to question; Rodriguez seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you everyone for taking this bill into consideration. I think it's a really great event. However, I didn't mention that Special Olympics is also working with the Office of Accessibility Services to have FSU win an award for their Special Olympics program and how they're being inclusive, which is just another part of this whole effort. This RSO started 2 years ago, and they're already doing incredible events. This event is supposed to have more than 80 people, with COVID precautions of course, but I'm very impressed with what this RSO is doing. I'm hoping to have your support.
- Vote: Rodriguez, Garcia, Remler, Botel, Moore, Nemeth
 - **YES: 5 (Rodriguez, Garcia, Remler, Botel, Moore)**
 - **NO:**
 - **ABS:**
- RESULT: BILL 41 DOES PASS
- **Resolution 17 sponsored by Senator Gonzalez**
 - RESOLUTION 17 IS WITHDRAWN
- **Resolution 18 sponsored by Senator Gonzalez**
 - RESOLUTION 18 IS TABLED
- **Resolution 37 sponsored by Senators Marcus and Tackett**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Marcus: I feel like this is another very straight forward piece of legislation. This is specifically written to indicate our senate's support for the incoming president, Dr. McCullough. He is currently up for confirmation by the Florida Board of Governors, and I think it would be detrimental if they decided to hijack this appointment last minute and put in someone else. The response to this appointment has been overwhelmingly positive. I

even conducted a poll on my personal instagram and twitter about whether or not our next president should be an educator or a politician, and the response was to have an educator. He is currently the VP of research at Harvard, one of the top schools in the nation. He helped Harvard reach that level, and he wants to help our university to continue to rise in the rankings. It is important to express the student body's support via a senate resolution. I'm open to any questions, and I'm looking forward to hearing from the committee.

- Tackett:
- Technical Non-Debatable:
 - **Moore moves to enter round table discussion; Garcia seconds**
- Round Table Discussion:
 - Rodriguez - I read over this resolution, and I want to give it my full support. I loved it, and I'm definitely going to vote yes.
 - Moore - I second that. It was cut and dry, and I'm going to vote yes.
 - **Moore moves to call to question; Remler seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Once again, this is very straight forward. It's also time sensitive because President Thrasher wanted to retire a while ago, but has remained in his position for longer because he's waiting for a new president to be confirmed. If we as a student body express our support for him, it will make the Board of Governors more motivated to pass him, which is why the recipient list is essentially a list of people in charge of making this decision. I'm happy to see your support.
- Vote: Rodriguez, Garcia, Remler, Botel, Moore, Nemeth
 - **YES: 5 (Rodriguez, Garcia, Remler, Botel, Moore)**
 - **NO:**
 - **ABS:**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 37 DOES PASS**

Unfinished Business: None.

Closing Announcements:

- Chair Murray: You guys did amazing, and I'm excited for our next meeting.
- Members: None
- Guests:
 - Marcus: SLAA has been a very welcoming environment for senators, and I love to see your participation. However, remember to use "I move" instead of "I motion," just to follow parliamentary procedure. The positivity in this committee is always contagious, so keep up the good work SLAA!

Date and Time of Next Meeting: June 21st at 6:00

Adjourned: 5:48

Signature of Chair Murray

Brooke Murray