



**73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate**  
**Student Life and Academic Affairs Committee**  
**July 5th, 2021 at 6:00pm | Zoom Meeting ID: 999 774 3849**

**Call to Order:** 6:01

**Members Present:** Chair Murray, Vice Chair Nemeth, Senators Garcia, Remler, Moore, Branch, Knyazeva

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:** Senators Rodriguez, Botel, Barrett

**Guests:** Brandon Gabay, Shayna Cohen, Margaret Ramirez, Francesca Edouard

**Announcements:**

- Chair Murray: None.
- Vice Chair Nemeth: None.
- Brandon Gabay: I first want to congratulate all of the newly confirmed senators. Pending confirmation, I'm going to be the new Director of the Jewish Student Union. I wanted to take this time to talk about Resolution 18. Resolution 18 essentially asks the university to look into our financial investments through BDS which stands for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanction of all Israeli goods. This movement has led to a big increase in antisemitic hate crimes. It models campaigns from Germany in 1933 that targeted Jewish businesses and institutions leading up to the Holocaust. Resolution 18 has been in SLAA since February and has already failed once. The previous sponsor has not shown up and neither has the current sponsor. This has been a very long, drawn out situation for us, and we would appreciate it if you continue to stand with us. Please vote no on Resolution 18.
- Brooke Cohen: Pending confirmation, I will be the Assistant Director of the Jewish Student Union. I am here tonight as I am also concerned about Resolution 18 regarding BDS on campus. We have seen a rapid increase in antisemitism over the past several

months globally and locally. I worry that the passage of this resolution would further ignite an increase of attacks on our Jewish students. Please reject Resolution 18.

### **Committee Business:**

- 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 41 sponsored by Senators Marcus, Nasworthy (P), Soto (Co) - Encouraging Florida State University to formally acknowledge Pride Month and apologize for its past actions towards the LGBTQ+ community.

### **Old Business:**

- Resolution 18 sponsored by Senator Gonzalez
  - **RESOLUTION 18 IS TABLED**

### **New Business:**

- Resolution 41 sponsored by Senators Marcus and Nasworthy
  - Opening Statement:
    - Nasworthy: Good evening! This resolution explains what was known as the Johns Committee back in August of 1956. It was a committee put together by the Florida legislature that sought to investigate and criminalize members of the LGBTQIA+ community by either removing them from their university or making them go through conversion therapy. This resolution recognizes the wrongs of FSU and the Florida legislature. Two state representatives have already tried writing a bill asking the Florida legislature to apologize for the harm they have done to the LGBTQ community. This resolution was supposed to go through at the end of Pride Month, but it was not able to be heard. It still holds the same value. We need to repair our relationship with the LGBTQ community.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - **Moore moves to enter round-table discussion; Nemeth seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:

- **Nemeth moves to call the question; Garcia seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - Nasworthy: Thanks again for coming tonight to hear this resolution. As a member of the LGBTQ community myself, it would mean a lot for me if we were able to pass this resolution and recognize the wrongs of FSU.
- Vote:
  - Yes: 6 (Garcia, Remler, Branch, Knyzeva, Moore, Nemeth)
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 41 DOES PASS**

**Unfinished Business:**

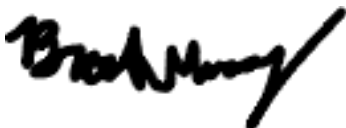
- Resolution 18 sponsored by Senator Gonzalez

**Closing Announcements:**

- Chair Murray: Thank you all for coming tonight! It was nice to see all of the new SLAA members.
- Vice Chair Nemeth: It was so nice to see you all tonight! Please reach out to myself or Chair Murray if you have any Senate questions, we'd be more than happy to help.

**Next Meeting:** July 19th at 6:00pm

**Adjourned:** 6:12



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**Signature of Chair Murray**