



**74<sup>th</sup> Student Senate  
Internal Affairs Committee  
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**Call to Order: 7:02PM**

**Members Present: Lois, Anand, Clermont, Vossler, Rowan**

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent: Fermin (excused)**

**Guests:**

**Land Acknowledgement read by Senator Anand**

- The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.

**Announcements:**

- Vice chair elections are

**Old Business:**

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**New Business:**

- **Vice Chair Elections**
  - **Senator Anand nominates Senator Vossler. Seconded by Lois**
  - Senator Vossler declines.
  - **Senator Vossler nominates Senator Lois. Seconded by Anand**
  - Senator Lois accepts
  - **Senator Clermont motions to close nominations, Senator Anand Seconds**
  - **Senator Lois is the new Vice Chair for Internal Affairs**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: [Samuel Younston , Director for Investment]**
  - Opening Statement:
    - I am Sam Youngston. I use he/him pronouns. I am currently a rising senior majoring in international affairs and political science with a concentration in religion. In my time at FSU, I have served as the Pride Student Union Secretary, the Pride Student Union Center Director, and the Outreach Chair for Surge FSU and now the External Vice Chair for Surge FSU, the Garnet and Gold Key Vice President of finance, as well as an internship with state Representative Brown. Some goals for this position is to make investments for the future of Student Government and to make sure things run smoothly not just for the Gabadage, Adams, and Louis Administration but also for future administrations. With new administrations there will be kinks and I think especially with this one now we have multiple new cabinet positions there's obviously going to be things to work out and things to make sure we are delegating in the right way. First and foremost is making sure we are hitting the ground running with organization of the florida press and making sure we don't stumble. Secondly I think a big thing for these next two goals that I have in the back of my mind big picture is the website I think is a major investment that needs to be made in terms of the longevity and ease of access for student government and also I have heard whispers here and there of an ad hoc committee of some sort for statutes and I think having and executive cabinet member on that would be beneficial because I think the statutes are contradictory and it is tough, especially for RSOs to know exactly what is expected of them and I think also to have better RSO Canvas modules and I can go into other goals if you need me to but that the gist.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - Chair Rowan moves to general questions.
  - Questions Regarding Position:
    - **Chair Rowan:** How do you define investment in SGA?  
**Younston:** I've had to figure this out when I was applying. Money is obviously not my thing, but I think in this regard it's about taking steps to make the process more efficient and accessible and easier to use in general. Ultimately I dont think students understand the money or power that SGA has to make investments in the students so by making investments in student government whether that be financially or otherwise I have take steps to make it more accessible or more RSO and student friendly. I think we can really propel power and the influence that SGA has and make it reach closer towards its potential.  
**Anand:** How do you believe your previous involvements prepare you for this role?  
**Younston:** First and foremost it's involvement with student government. I have spent two years now working with Pride Student Union both as the secretary and center director and seeing how RSOs have to work to operate in general is really important background information for this position. The position talks about being a reference for SGA operation and I think having a couple years of experience in SGA is an important part of that. Also working with Surge FSU and seeing the inner workings and how the elections process works and how the campaign finance and statutes. I lost my senate election but I've gotten to see how the senate

works through the friends I've made on the Surge board. Past that it's experience in clubs and seeing how they operate. In the grand scheme of things SGA is a really big club that has needs a lot of coordination. You need someone to help coordinate it in the best way possible.

**Kariher:** How do you plan to engage students with other time commitments in SGA?

**Youngston:** I think the biggest thing is education in terms of what SGA does. We see, especially during campaign season people don't know what SGA does and it doesn't take much time, all it takes is voting and knowing what you're voting for. If we're able to work with administration to put that at the forefront at orientation and let them know its not only a club but also an organization that gets \$13 per credit hour of your tuition. I think that is eye opening to a lot of students. So I think it is important to educate students on what we do with our funding and how we use that funding to invest in the students.

**Vossler:** Do you have any specific projects in mind that you want to invest in?

**Youngston:** I have a few ideas right now and I've been working on coming up with others as well. Generally speaking, working to overhaul the RSO canvas modules that you get as an RSO. They're fine now but there are plenty of improvements to be made. Another big thing I've been thinking about is working to, so if you're an RSO you need a staff advisor and I think right now it is difficult to find an advisor, so I want a way to find professors that are interested in giving up their time and being involved in student life can sign up in that way. Again, working with the senate and the executive branch to clean up some statutory contradictions. And the website. It's easier said than done but god the website needs help.

- Questions Regarding Character:
- Closing Statement:
  - I just want to say thanks for your time. I appreciate the work you all do.
- **Vossler moves to enter round-table discussion; Anand seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - **Clermont:** I would like to speak in favor of the candidate. I met him in Surge and after looking over his application and responses he seems to be very qualified for this position
  - **Kariher:** Sam is one of the first people I met at FSU. I couldn't think of a better person for this role. He really has an eye for finding issues whether big or small and getting them fixed. Finding these things, checking the boxes. I really think he's going to be able to help the executive branch run very smoothly and efficiently. I'm excited to see what he will do this year. I urge you all to vote yes.
- **Vossler moves to forward the candidate; Anand seconds**
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ 4 ] Lois, Vossler, Anand, Clermont
  - No: [0]
  - Abstain: [ 0 ]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Youngston PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Hendricks, Director of Outreach**
  - Opening Statement: Greetings everyone my name is Delicia Hendricks I am a senior here at the lovely Florida State University majoring in public health and

minoring in biological science. My involvements that make me qualified for this position would be serving as the outreach chair for ABW as well as serving for the BSU as the social events and master coordinator. I am also the mentor for the student minority leadership institute. A couple goals I have is making sure there is inclusivity and diversity and inclusion on campus with all the RSOs, I know we reach a lot of communities on campus and I want to make sure everyone is included and happy. With that building a mosaic of cohesiveness around campus and making sure there is a lot going on in the Union. I know that will be everyone's safe space when we all come back. I just want to influence the culture that is coming into FSU to be involved in SGA as well as to create and join clubs and organizations. Therefore we can keep our traditions but also grow with the times. That is all for my opening.

○ Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- Chair Rowan moves to general questions.

○ Questions Regarding Position:

**Anand:** What ideas do you have for this position?

**Hendricks:** I want to make use of the student union on campus and also be in connections on social media for the students coming in that are unsure about SGA. I want to be vocal and known on campus and not have people see SGA as strictly politics. Everyone has a place in SGA. I want the area to be inclusive. I also want to see more service done on behalf of SGA. I know a lot of RSOs are based on community service. AS director of outreach I want to make that accessible to all and not just have RSOs find things on their own. I want to have that projected on the website. Or if I can provide people with connection. I also want to connect with different schools. I understand as director of outreach its my job to cater to those on campus but also to go off campus and make those interpersonal connections with neighboring colleges.

**Rowan:** Is the intention for the director of outreach to have a big role in the social media field?

**Hendricks:** It was my assumption that I could have a possible presence in social media but that wasn't the main goal.

**Kariher:** What will your first three actions be if you are confirmed for this position?

**Hendricks:** I want to post a meet and greet type thing going on with SGA. Like I was mentioning, I want to use the union because it is my understanding that there will be a lot of offices for RSOs there. I also want to have more of a presence at Market Wednesday. A lot of students come out and will get a good chance at getting people to join SGA so we can be inclusive with all on campus. A third thing is just to be a presence on campus.

**Rowan:** One of the issues is that the first interaction people have in SGA is with the parties and I feel that sets a bad precedent. What is your plan to make people feel that SGA is all a family?

**Hendricks:** I want to use my experience with the Black Student Union and the first event I want to be a part of is having an involvement fair to have all of SGA together. It's not my job to be a party person. People need to see us in a happier and more fun setting. We need to treat it as an interpersonal thing with all of us.

**Vossler:** What was the previous org you were a director for outreach?

**Hendricks:** Alliance for Black Women

**Vossler:** What was your greatest accomplishment in this role?

**Hendricks:** My greatest accomplishment was during the Summer and Fall when we first came in my job as chair was one to make sure that we are very active in

the community. My greatest accomplishment was having community service done throughout the summer and partnering with Second Harvest while also partnering with other RSOs on campus like Sisterhood of Service.

**Rowan:** What was something you weren't able to do in ABW that you can cover in this position?

**Hendricks:** One thing I didn't get to cover completely was more events that weren't just catered to the people who are on the board. I wanted there to be more for the general body of the organization and I've brought that with me through BSU and making sure I do have internal events not just for the cabinet but also for the general body.

**Kariher:** I love that you have experience with RSOs and the agencies. What is something that SGA can do to better support the RSOs and the Agencies.

**Hendricks:** For the RSOs I feel like SGA should be more attentive. I know that you're aware with all the RSOs on campus that SGA isn't always at those events like there will be parts of RSOs that are not at SGA. I feel like there should be a big brother/big sister relationship and that's what's missing. I would be that as director of outreach.

- Questions Regarding Character:
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- Closing Statement:
  - I would like to thank you for welcoming me to this hearing. Thank you for listening to all my points and what I have to say for this position. I look forward to joining you guys on SGA as director of outreach and once again thank you very much.
- **Vossler moves to enter round-table discussion; Anand seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - **Clermont:** I would like to speak in favor of this candidate. I like her ideas that she mentioned for bridging the gap between students and their knowledge and relationship with SGA in general and I think that is something very important.
  - **Anand:** I would also like to speak in favor of this candidate. I think her involvements speak for themselves and her goals are clear. I also like that she wants to prioritize service which is something that I believe needs to take place on this campus so I think over that this is a phenomenal candidate for this position.
  - **Kariher:** I love that you talked about community service. That really excites me. I really enjoyed your responses and think that you're a great candidate for this position and I am so excited to see what you do.
- **Vossler moves to forward the candidate; Anand seconds**
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ 4 ] Lois, Vossler, Anand, Clermont
  - No: [0]
  - Abstain: [ 0 ]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE [Hendricks] [PASSES]**

**Vossler motions to table Candidates Stewart and laconis. Senator Clermont seconds.**

- Note from Chair Rowan: I have not received communication from either of the candidates saying they would not be able to attend the meeting. Candidate laconis asked me to move her up in the agenda so it is highly unfortunate that she was not able to attend. Furthermore, I have not received notice from candidate Stewart that she was

at work and had to hear that through another senator. As a note to future candidates reading these minutes let us know if you cannot make these meetings. It is very disrespectful to do otherwise.

**Point of information from Senator Anand:**

- Does this mean they will speak tomorrow in IA?

**Rowan:** Yes they will be picked up tomorrow under old business.

- **Chair Rowan steps down from the chair temporarily to present his bills. Vice Chair Lois takes the chair for this time.**

- **Bill 65 - Sponsored by Chair Rowan**

- Opening Statement:

- Chair Rowan (P) - So this is my first of three bills you'll be hearing from me tonight. All of which are dealing with our Bureaus and the processes around these Bureaus. This first one specifically deals with the Mental Health Council. We have several Bureaus right now at FSU including the Inter Hall Residence Council, Office Governmental Affairs, the Mental Health Council, the Student Accounts for Accessibility and Advocacy, the Office of Student Sustainability (which we voted to abolish at the last Senate meeting) and the Student Council for Undergraduate Research and Creativity. So these Bureaus are there to provide services to the Student Body that we couldn't otherwise have provided by RSOs. For example the IHRC is there to help coordinate between the different halls, and while we don't hear much about it in SGA they're actually one of the most active parts of SGA because they deal directly with each of these Halls, and they have their Hall Council Meetings and put on events regularly. SCURC does a lot of great work with connecting students with undergraduate research, and not UROP. OGA is our lobbying Bureau and they do a great job as our lobbyists. They've gotten a lot of great priorities through the legislature. Then we get to these Bureaus, starting with the Mental Health Council. The Mental Health Council was set up about two years ago. The sponsor of the bill discussed the idea of having this Bureau be a body of advocacy for mental health. And who wouldn't want to advocate about mental health and development? The problem comes with how this Bureau has been implemented, and by that I mean it hasn't. We have not really seen this Bureau really do anything despite being budgeted for years. They have not made use of that budget. They only barely got a board last year and that board didn't do anything. They had two events and it was to say, "Hey, guys, UCC (University Counseling Center) exists!" The UCC can say that themselves, and they have done that. UCC has extensive outreach and advocacy and I don't really think we need a Bureau with all of the bureaucracy that comes around it to do this. A Bureau is budgeted by the students which means they are budgeted by the Student Senate, so its executive board has to be confirmed by the Student Senate and appointed by Student Body President. This is a lot of red tape that isn't necessarily in order to get this type of work done. Therefore, in addition to repealing the entirety of Chapter 915, which is the Mental Health Council's statutes, I am including this Chapter 310, which would put forward a process by which the

Executive Cabinet could be tasked with some of these more general duties by the Student Body President. Student Body President Gabadage could look at his Cabinet and task the Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness to go and do some programming for mental health. Under that person because you know sometimes it can't be a one person job. The Student Vice President would be empowered to put people on a committee that is only them. There are no Senator confirmations, or title. There would only be those students who want to help out a Cabinet member to get the work done. If needed, we could make some allocations to the committee, but it's not something we need to regularly budget for. What I'm really trying to do here is eliminate this rigid structure and put forward a more flexible approach that allows the Executive Branch to be the real spearheads of this work, which is really what they're there to do. They're there to be advocates and get projects done on behalf of the Student Body, and it gives them flexibility to do this without going through the long processes of appointments or budgeting. This bill will also move all funding from the Mental Health Council into the budget that we have now.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - Senator Anand - Is the Mental Health Council aware that this bill is being passed or going through Senate?
    - Chair Rowan (P) - There is no board, which is partly why I am doing this now. Nobody is getting their toes stepped on, or getting their job taken away.
  - Chair Folwell - Does the previous board know about this?
    - Chair Rowan (P) - No, because they are no longer affiliated with this Bureau, so they're no longer a stakeholder.
  
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - Senator Anand - Instead of the Mental Health Council do you mind reiterating what you would prefer to happen with the President's cabinet and that whole aspect of this bill?
    - Chair Rowan (P) - The Bureau structure is very rigid: you have set positions that need to be filled through Student Body President appointments and Student Senate confirmation, and that can be really cumbersome. So instead this sets up a basic structure in which under a Cabinet member or several Cabinet members, the Student Body President appoints students that can be appointed to help. This work would especially be helpful for programming. I think it's a great opportunity for Students who want to get involved in Student Government to get involved without necessarily having to go through all the hassle of putting in a long application, coming through this committee, and going through Student Senate for confirmation. The executive branch could put a call out on social media and any Student interested in the advocacy or programming work can join the Executive Branch and take part.

They don't need to go through this long process. That's one of the great things about this Bill. This Bill is going to help build our accessibility to Student Government and make it easier for people to come in and get involved. Instead of throwing up these roadblocks and saying, you have to go through this whole long process before you can even think about being involved.

- President Diaz - The Mental Health Council put together in February. There were a lot of characterizations made about the Mental Health Council, and they did come to IA in the spring to talk about their operations. Do you think that it would be useful to look over the Bureau Review presentation?
  - Chair Rowan - Yes, it can be helpful. I am aware of the Bureau Review presentation, and it didn't dissuade me from the bill. If anything, it pushed me to want to push this bill forward even more because I don't think that they should have to go through that process. Mental Health Advocacy is not rocket science and we shouldn't treat it as rocket science. It's students reaching out to students to try and give them ways to help themselves, and we don't need a big process for that like going to Bureau review, giving a presentation. That's all a lot of red tape that they don't need to get this great work done, and so that's why I've been pushing this bill for it. I still want this great work to be accomplished. I just want it to be done in a way where they can actually go about getting the work done in peace so they don't have to worry about whether they're submitting a report on time or a budget request on time.
- Senator Folwell - How does the creation of the chapter create anything that can't already be effectively accomplished through the combination of Chapter 309 and Title 11?
  - Chair Rowan - Chapter 309 is the Affiliate Project portion of Statutes. Those are still laborious processes with a lot of red tape around them. Some of the great affiliate products we have here involve the radio station WFSU, the safe bus, the child care centers technically an affiliated project, the medical response unit. These programs need structure. They need to have a hierarchy to them. They need to have specific positions because they need to be able to get certain work done. Their work is work that requires a bit more bureaucracy. These organizations must have licensing, people who are responsible for the technology, people who are trained in life saving. With the daycare center people must be background checked. That's a lot of qualifications, and keep in mind the Mental Health Council can't serve as mental health professionals because they're students. They're not licensed so they cannot offer professional mental health assistance. That's why this bill is a great idea because it gives the Executive Branch

the flexibility for programming and outreach that doesn't need a big bureaucracy.

- Senator Kariher - When it comes to the Bureaus there's a very big gap. There are the Bureaus that are doing everything above and beyond, and it's a fully functioning organization that has daily operations. Then you have some that are empty and so I'm definitely in support of knocking out this Mental Health Council. And honestly, this special projects chapter for the Executive Branch. it's a little unnecessary, but I don't think it's harmful.
- Chair Folwell - I frankly wasn't entirely convinced by the Sponsors response to my previous question regarding the qualifications, or with his response being that students aren't therapists and counselors, and they don't have the proper qualifications to undertake those roles. that is a valid comment, however, I don't think that creating this Chapter, actually provides anything new that isn't explicitly allowed by currently existing statutes. Sure they might not currently be used in that way, at least by my reading they could be used in that way and I'm not entirely convinced that this will generate something that is novel. So while I appreciate what the sponsor is trying to do, I personally am opposed to this.
- Senator Rivers - Are you opposed to this special projects part of the bill, or the abolishment of the Mental Health Council?
  - Chair Folwell - I'm opposed to the creation of the special projects part of the bill. I think that if my understanding of that is correct I have to oppose both parts of the bill. I'm not the biggest fan of combining these into one bill, but I understand time constraints get us all wonky. That was a little bit cryptic, and a bit of a bad way to say that.
- Chair Rowan - Chair Folwell reminded me of the point that I should have brought up in my answer. Chapter 309 doesn't give the Student body president inherently any powers to make appointments outside the points that aren't students, and it confirmed. The only way the Student vice President can really staff The Executive Branch is through the Senate. So the only mechanism, the only part of the Executive Branch that is really there. That actually does things is the Executive office. The President and every member of the office and President is confirmed by the Senate because they're the Cabinet. This language provides basically a way to put to staff the Executive Branch with people who want to get involved without needing to go through senate confirmation. If the committee is interested, I am perfectly fine with severing Section 2 (Chapter, 310), letting this be a standalone bill, and seeing if some other senator would be interested in taking it up in the fall.
- Senator Rivers - I agree with the fact that this bill is doing two things at once, which is kinda crazy, but is okay. But I will say I, when I first glanced over it and saw the special project thing, I was like what is going on here.

So if this previous speaker who talked about the other statue that this is kind of similar to can like, put what's that to that is in the chat so I can go look at it. when I get a chance that'll be great. I will speak on the abolishment of the Mental Health Council. Personally, I think it's good. I spoke about this with the other bill abolishing the Office of Student Sustainability. I feel like if they're not doing a certain amount of work, and they're not doing certain things, and if they're not even available to do certain things, then they need to be removed, and that money needs to be moved elsewhere.

- Senator Kariher - This seems to be drastically expanding Executive Power, because before they did not have the power to create committees. That was the Legislative Branch's power. Do you think that this bypasses those checks and balances? If the Executive Branch wants a committee shouldn't they come to the Legislative Branch, and then we create an ad hoc committee if it falls out of our standing committees' jurisdiction?
  - Chair Rowan - No, they are here to Execute the laws. Our Constitution is very clear; the Legislative Branch is the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch is the Executive Branch, so no, this does not give any legislative power to the Executive Branch. I'd also say for ad hoc committees, there's no good definition, but the traditional means that we have used ad hoc for at least in the recent past, the last 5 - 10 years, based on the records that we have. Mainly these ad hoc committees have been to conduct investigations and do fact finding about certain issue areas. I know there was a sustainability ad hoc and there was an election code ad hoc. They were there to investigate or look for facts. And then, once we get the facts together, we discuss what legislation we want to introduce. And then there's committees like ROPA which went in there with the sole idea of being legislative and made changes to our Rules of Procedure. The committees proposed in the bill are very different. They're here to execute on what the Student Body President is asking them to execute.
- Senator Lois - What's to prevent the Executive Branch from not creating a committee related to Mental Health?
  - Chair Rowan - That danger exists even without this. It's the Student Body President who has to appoint the Mental Health Council. So if there was a Student Body President who said, "screw mental health I don't care about that," they could refuse to staff the Mental Health Council. But we are in a climate where mental health is a very big focus. All sides of the aisle agree that mental health should be a big focus of the University. I don't see a future where something like this would be neglected. Since we're going to have a Cabinet Secretary who is focused on Health, Safety and Wellness, they are the perfect person to lead this. In a

perfect world this could be a great thing for every Cabinet Secretary. Every Cabinet Secretary can have a group under them of students who want to get involved who can help out in this area. And that would help us have a really functioning and thriving Executive Branch. And so it's not people in a room doing a whole bunch of different things. It can be these groups of people dedicated to one job and making sure it's done, rather than leaving each of these Cabinet Secretaries out fending for themselves.

- Senator Rivers - Looking further into Chapter 309 and 1100, what the proposed Chapter 310, is bringing something that is not there, because Title 11 spoke on joint projects between the executive and the Legislative Branch and Chapter 310 is speaking on the Executive Branch. That's not a power of the Executive Branch yet.
- Senator Kariher - I like Chapter 310 and if you guys decide to cut this out because it doesn't fit the bill, I would definitely reintroduce this as a separate bill. This is a stellar way to get more student involvement in the Executive Branch.

- **Senator Vossler moves to call the question; Senator Anand seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - N/A
- Vote:
  - Yes: [3] [Clermont, Anand, Rowan]
  - No: [1] [Vossler]
  - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: BILL 65 PASSES**

- **Resolution or Bill #66 - Sponsored by Senator Rowan**

- Opening Statement:
  - Chair Rowan (P) - I gave you a lot of the foundation for this Bill so Student Accounts for Accessibility Advocacy was created during the Seventy-Second Senate. For those of you who don't know, the Seventy-Second Senate is one that lives in the nightmares of all of our minds, because that was the Summer Senate of Jack Denton, just a horrible time overall. The Student Council for Accessibility Advocacy was created with similar intentions of the Mental Health Council- advocates for students who are differently abled. When this Bureau was set up, the people who originally were appointed did nothing. Then the next board held one interest meeting the entire school year. This wasn't a case where they didn't have a chance to get the ball rolling. This was a case where the Bureau board had a year to work, and they didn't. They do not use their budget. They did not do anything. They held a single interest meeting and referred to themselves as a club. This Bureau right now does not provide any service, but even if it did, it would not provide the level of

service to the Student body that warrants all the bureaucracy and red tape. So therefore, I am proposing that we eliminate it and that, in congruence with the last bill, this to be something taken care of by the Executive Branch, or by an RSO. The Office of Accessibility Services provides services and accommodations to students with disabilities and there is not anything that necessitates a Bureau, so I am asking you to eliminate it. I am proposing moving the money to some of our Agencies that have been underfunded (Jewish Union and Asian American Student Union) and the Program Allocations Committee, because PAC money goes to RSOs.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - N/A
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - President Folwell - Do you have the Internal Affairs Bureau Review powerpoint document for this Bureau?
    - President Diaz - Yes, that information is in the chat.
  - Senator Rivers - This was the Bureau with the Senate Liaison who was always talking about it coming back, correct?
    - President Diaz - No. That was former Senator Murray, who was the liaison to the Center for Participant Education, who is no longer with us.
  - Senator Rivers - This is another good one and it makes it to the Judiciary. I will be happy to hear it.
  - President Diaz - We basically found that this Bureau didn't do that much, so we or chair Rowan (P) concurred with us in that they didn't do much. but we didn't feel as though it was necessary to abolish them entirely. So that's basically what the resolution says: it says the IA Committee recommends that they improve their relations with the Office of Accessibility Services. And we basically said that they should continue operating But talk to the Executive Branch and IA more. With respect to their operations, and making them more efficient. So yeah, we came to similar conclusions but we didn't go as far as introducing a bill to abolish them as we did with OSS.
  - Senator Rivers - Were you aware of this resolution?
    - Chair Rowan (P) - Yeah, I was up the I was still parliamentary.
  - Senator Rivers - What made you feel the need for abolishment of the Bureau? What was your interpretation of this resolution?
    - Chair Rowan (P) - I'd go through this resolution briefly. there's basically main recommendations that the Internal Affairs Committee makes to this Bureau. that the Bureau expands advertising about vacant executive board positions, that the

Bureau have conversations regarding the operation of the Bureau with executive sentences, and that they improve their relations with the office of accessibility service in order to facilitate administrative support. The committee at the time admitted to the fact that this is a Bureau that does nothing. They said, "oh, we promise this time we're actually gonna get our stuff together," after not doing it the time before, and not doing it the first time. The resolution asked them to do their job. We're at the point where we're having to ask a Bureau stocked in its upper level positions to do work. So if this Bureau wanted to they could. Let's look at the recommendations. (1) Advertise the vacant executive board positions. (2) We're asking them to figure out what the hell they're even around here to do. (3) Have a conversation with the University. Okay, conversation about what? What is there to have a conversation about? We already have channels through the University in which students who have Accessibility problems can go to the University and get them solved. If the University doesn't solve the problem, they open themselves to a lawsuit. So we have legally required processes through the ADA in order to help students with accessibility problems, so I don't think there is a reason for this Bureau to exist. This is a situation in which I agree with the previous IA Committee on the Facts of the situation, that being SCAA does nothing, SCAA has never done anything, and I am puzzled by their conclusion that it should continue when all the facts and evidence point to one sound conclusion, which is, they should be abolished, and we should seek less cumbersome ways of having this type of advocacy.

- President Diaz - I can answer a couple of those questions. I was looking through their Bureau Review presentation, and I remember why we made that recommendation. SCAA was not allocated any money in the last budget last year. Their defense to us for why they didn't have that much programming is that they weren't allocated any money. If you look at the budget breakdown for this new fiscal year that we started, they're allocated about \$3000, a little bit in excess of that. They told us "we're being allocated money now, we need some more E board members to join ship and at that point next year we might be able to do some more programming," and that's why we were okay with them existing for another year, and why we didn't feel it reached the point so that they had to be abolished. So I hope that gives a little bit more context as to the situation last spring.
- Senator Rivers - Looking at our Bureaus they are either hit or miss. They're either really really good, or they fall to the wayside. I see the Office of Governmental Affairs, Inner Hall Council, Office of Undergraduate Research, all amazing. And then you have the ones that

we were hearing today, like this one. I understand a budget is very important for any organization on campus, but I've seen organizations do a lot with no money.

- Senator Kariher - Senator Rivers really hit it right on the head. All we have to do is take a look at those top Bureaus, and then compare the rest of them, and that's your answer. These do nothing Bureaus are taking out of the pot of money that should be going to the Medical Response Unit. Should this really be taken away from the Medical Response Unit? For what, expanding their advertising and communicating with Administration?
  - Chair Folwell - I've sat in my chair you can't see me, but that's where I am pondering over why I haven't been the biggest fan of this bill or the last one. One of the reasons that I'm opposed is because these are such new Bureaus. This one was founded in February of 2020 which all was dandy then, and very quickly, about a month later went to crap. I really don't know the timeframe for the other bill, but it seems to me like these are Bureaus that are getting on their feet, and frankly, maybe they should have been a little faster getting on their feet. I don't deny that, but so long as they're still in the process of getting there I don't think we should penalize them quite yet. So it seems to me I am not super super opposed to like getting rid of these Bureaus if long term they really don't have stuff that affects the Student Body, but right now I don't think it's fair to say that because they're still getting going. I have a lot of faith in the posterity. I feel like it's too early. Of course, I'm not on the committee so I can't vote, but I'll probably say something else similar to that on the floor.
  - Senator Vossler - Yeah, I wanna say I agree with everything that Chair Folwell had to say. I would like to urge my fellow committee members to refer to the resolution that the committee passed in the Spring.
  - Senator Rivers - I have to follow up with what some previous Senator said. Yes, a lot of these Bureaus are coming off of Covid. However, the fact that the Bureau if we're not able to do work after Covid shows a lot like the coming off of Covid was crazy for everyone, however if there was a time to do something it was. It would have been then. And Covid did not stop organizations from doing work, and I know that because I know organizations who did work during Covid. From what I'm seeing from this Bureau is that they did not put in the effort. and that's upsetting when you are an entity and people are fighting over A&S fees to increase, because a lot of times we're running short and we don't have enough money. Our A&S fees are going to Bureaus that aren't doing work and aren't trying to do work. Another principle we have to look at though is are they able to do the work they want to do? And not only are they able to do the work they want to do, are they effective in that work that they can do?
- **Vossler moves to call the question; Anand seconds**

- Closing Statement:
  - Chair Rowan (P) - I heard all the points about funding. We have RSOs who don't work on any funding. They were able to do a lot of great programming. This Bureau should have still been able to get the work done last year, and they didn't get work done last year. That really shows an issue with the purpose of the Bureau rather than anything else. So I ask that you join with me and abolish this Bureau.
  
- Vote:
  - Yes: [3] [Clermont, Rowan, Anand ]
  - No: [1] [Vossler ]
  - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: BILL 66 PASSES**
  
- **Resolution or Bill #67 - Sponsored by Chair Rowan**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Chair Rowan (P) - One of my biggest pet peeves about Bureaus as we've talked about is that a Bureau should be there to provide real services to the Student Body. We have that in IHRS and OGA. It's important that from here on out we ask that these services and I call them tangible outcomes in this bill. We're having to look at these Bureau and go, what are you even here to do? We have Bureaus and we know what services they're supposed to provide. We have that measuring stick form and we know when they're not meeting it. When we talk about general advocacy, we can't necessarily measure that. We can measure how many events they have, but we can't measure the strength of their advocacy. It's not like the Office of Governmental Affairs, where their work gets translated into bills, and we see how the legislation responds to it. So this bill does some of these things. This provides my definition for tangible. I read that last Senate meeting it's on the screen. The original Bureau Statutes don't require Bureaus to go to IA, they require them to go to judiciary and finance. It's important that IA has a say in this, because IA is the one who reviews them, and it's important that IA has a say on the front end as well as periodically throughout. It also requires the Internal Affairs to put forward a report about new Bureaus. Basically, we want to make sure that there's somebody who's taking the time to break down these bills and analyze them and give a good digestible version for everyone. It is important that we have some form of popular involvement in them. That being said this includes a point which, much like Appeals Judges in Florida, once put into office, these Bureau would go on a basically a merit retention, or a ballot question asking the Student body, "Do you think that we should have this?" I accept the fact that in very rare cases will we ever

see the Student Body say no, but that's important to have as a bit of a popular check there.

○ Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- N/A

○ Round-Table Discussion:

- Chair Folwell - In your changes in Section 900.1 you describe what this bill will be referred to. And I have a slew of questions that I'm gonna ask in a row. Why do you feel the need to put that here? Are you aware that even though you say here, it's not referred to ever again? Does that language really make sense? How long did it take you to figure out that acronym?
  - Chair Rowan (P) - Great question. Why do I put that in there? Have you ever listened to Pharrell songs and at the start of the songs he likes to put a four (4) count? You'll hear that count of the beat before it goes into the actual song, and this has been my version of the four count. I don't think that there's anyone here who's much of a veteran, but there was a bill about the Public Records laws and Sunshine, and there is a title change on that one that was a little bit of fun. I thought it would be a nice little thing to add on, but if the committee doesn't like it, or the Senate doesn't like it, I'm not partial to it. I must admit I'm a recovering Model UN kid and one of the things I had to learn was how to come up with an acronym in less than twenty minutes. So it took a little bit of work, but I got there.
- Senator Rivers - Yeah, I have to say this is definitely an interesting looking bill to say the least. I hope the committee takes their time and looks over it. I will look over it and if it makes it to the Judiciary I will have questions for the sponsor.
- Chair Folwell - I know there's precedent for a referendum with Constitutional Amendments is the precedent for statutory amendments to undergo referendum?
  - Chair Rowan (P) - I'll start with referendums referendums are there, like either there's a provision for it, it is a provision in our Student body Statutes or assume my constitution about referendums which are in an odd little area, because people used to think that the provisions of that applied constitutional limits. But if it is about specific statutes- no. It's important that we have this because Bureaus fill an interesting role in Student Government in that Bureaus and agencies are really the parts of Student Government that had the most true impact, because a lot of other parts soon government, I will be completely honest, or all of us sitting here spinning our wheels and occasionally handing out

money and giving each other titles. So yeah with the fact that we're, we want these Bureaus to provide services. that, having this asking the public grass and the Student body is this something you think you need? Is important from here on out I don't the reason, I say , with like Bureaus and not agencies. I don't think we necessarily need that when we're talking about, students of a particular identity group, because that Agencies are different in the fact that we are asking them to take partake and advocacy and community building where we accept the fact that there might not be like a real service they're providing more so a sense of home and a place to a place to gather and learn about a community. So Bureaus occupy is weird little niche and SGA, and that having a ballot measure on them when they're created is recognizing that weird little niche and saying in this area because it's so special we need the Student body to put their put put a mark down on the box, and I don't like I said I don't think I'd ever see a situation where the Student body votes it down, but especially since it's only a straight majority.

- Senator Folwell - Would you be friendly should someone else make an amendment that has the purpose as defined in the statute of the Bureau attached? And because I figure there might be a question as to why that would be needed. For example, the center for participant education. If you see that, would you support the creation of this Bureau, the center for participant education. It's very easy to say what but then if you say okay, it has this. If I have to set you up right now it's a section purpose that basically describes what it would do if it would resolve any issues with the name being deceiving or vague.
  - Senator Rowan (P) - I wanna ask that if the amendment is being suggested that we hold that until either this hits Rules or the Senate floor. I want to talk about the wording of that amendment, because one thing that is important is well, there should be a purpose in every bill. I don't think we can necessarily say we want that on the ballot without also making a mandate that there is a purpose section, because of references to a mission statement in the Bureau Review statute. So it's a good idea we should figure out how that would technically work, and whether we would be pulling straight from the statute or say we would ask that of these we would ask that of the Senate. Provide a purpose statement in the same way that for Constitutional Amendments. There is a statement, an intent it is about the constitutional amendment, and back it's put on the ballot as well. I would love to have this conversation from now til Rules.
- **Vossler moves to call the question; Anand seconds**

- Closing Statement:
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- Vote:
  - Yes: [4] [Clermont, Vossler, Anand, Rowan]
  - No: [0]
  - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: BILL 67 PASSES**

**Unfinished Business:**

- Rowan: Candidate laconnis is back on the call. I have received an email after the fact about candidate laconnis.

**Closing Announcements:**

- Rowan: Thank you all. This is my last meeting as IA chair. I will be gone tomorrow as I have business back in Jacksonville.....I am extremely proud of this committee. I think the best part about this whole thing is that all of you are summer senators. All of you have been around for about 6 weeks and we have gone through an entire cabinet. This is the largest cabinet in history. .... Agencies... I know there are times where the debates can get a bit testy but we cast out votes... I couldn't have a better committee to be a chair of. If anyone is in Tallahassee and wants to go to Cancun's and wants to get dollar tacos lets go.
- Lois: Thank you for nominating me and letting me be your vice chair today and your chair tomorrow.
- Anand: Thank you for how you've run the committee....
- Vossler: Thank you to chair Rowan. I'm glad I nominated you to be chair....
- Folwell: I probably wont make the meeting but I might. The reason I came out to this committee tonight is to support candidate laconnis. I want to express how competent and passionate she is..... Please confirm her tomorrow.

**Next Meeting: 7/13/22 7PM**

**Adjourned: 9:11**

**JR**

**Signature of Chair Jack Rowan**