



**74<sup>th</sup> Student Senate**  
**Internal Affairs Committee**  
**July 13, 2022 | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/97988799755>**

**Call to Order: 7:00PM**

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

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent: Rowan (excused), Fermin**

**Guests: Folwell, Ben, Drackley, Kariher**

**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:**

- Chair Lois: Alright welcome to the last IA meeting for the Summer, today we have three candidates to hear as Candidate Stewart could not make it. I don't think this should be a super lengthy meeting. I just ask everyone to bear with me as this is my first meeting spent entirely as chair. I will probably make some mistakes but we'll get through it.

**Old Business:**

- **Candidate Confirmation Hearings**
- **Liz Iaconis, Director of Academic Engagement,**

## New Business:

- **Informing Candidates of Confirmation Hearing Structure**
- **Cabinet Confirmation Hearings**
- **Larissa Pontes, WSU Director of Administration,**
- **Michael Delcin, Director of Communications.**
  
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Liz Iaconis, Director of Academic Engagement**
  - **Opening Statement:**
    - First of all, I wanted to apologize for missing yesterday's meeting. Stressful week and truly an honest mistake. Just finished my bachelors degree, coming in as a masters student in poly sci. I'm qualified because I just finished my undergrad degree, and this gives me the perspective to understand diversity of student needs is what we need to embrace moving forward
    - I hope to be able to create experience for students thru orgs like career center, etc
    - I have experience working with 3rd graders all the way up to 11th grade in academic departments
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  - **Technical Non-Debatable Questions:**
    - none
  - **Questions Regarding Position: Clermont moves, Anand seconds**
    - **Senator Kariher: how do you plan on building programs outside of the classroom that educate.** | I gained a lot of value this year and attended lecture programs offered through fsu. I have talked to staff SU through exp about increasing lecture series, the Golden Torch, helping increase funding for identity based lectures. understanding social issues and understanding others identities and how their experiences shaped their activities and careers.
    - **Senator Kariher: What is your experience with engaging students on a personal level?** | Served on progress and surge exec board, then moved to be an independent candidate. 1st sga, tabling and being a part of progress, started engaging with students on a grassroots basis. Pursuing education as a career after school. Sometimes we aren't getting what we deserve as students and I want to advocate towards making change, Talking to other people in all dif departments. We have to look at every indiv as to having different academic needs - to Adams Vice President of the Student Body. Engage with inner circle and opening those circles to engage with the rest student body
    - Hoping to bring in a lot of adjunct lecturers within the department

- Senator Anand: In your application, you brought up how you wanted to engage with identity based agencies and that you wanted to create more academic engagement. What are your plans to combine those 2 aspects from your application to benefit the student body | The identity based agencies put on amazing events bringing professors to our University all the time. There's only 10 or 1 people in the room and not only do I think that's not representative of our identity based communities, But I don't think that's representative of our spirit. We're not engaging in those identity based social spaces so I think especially as a white student at a primarily white institution, it's important for me and other students in my position to engage with identities that we don't necessarily identify with. Increasing the publicity of these identity based spaces that we're creating already and increasing the funding that we offer to bring really amazing professionals to talk about their experience .
    - Lois: You mentioned that you finished your bachelors, as someone who's done with their bachelors degree how do you plan to stay connected to undergrad students?  
Iaconis: I completed my degree in 3. Still involved with presidential scholars, I think that is going to be my base to connect me back to the undergraduate experience and the undergrad experience that my peers are still having. I want to make sure that, reflecting on my experience, and how different my experience was from the typical student, I wasn't to use those differences to remind myself that everyone's experience is different. I want to represent what every student needs .
- Questions Regarding Character:
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- Closing Statement:
  - Thank you for this opportunity. Thank you for your dedication this summer as summer senators.
- **Clermont moves to enter round-table discussion; Anand seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - Kariher: So in favor for this candidate, I know she missed the meeting yesterday, but her qualifications speak for themselves. I'm so blown away. Heard great things about this candidate. Different agencies reached out too. She is engaged. I hope you guys vote yes.
  - Anand: I would like to speak in favor. Everyone makes mistakes, it's understandable. She is very apologetic. Her experiences speak for themselves, her qualifications speak for themselves. She has plans to really do the most with this position so I think she would be an amazing candidate
  - Clermont: I would also like to speak in favor. Very kind, and her background shows she is compassionate about education. I think this is a great position for her.
  - Drackley: I don't know them personally but I have heard and seen the great things she's done and looks like she'll continue that work.
- **Anand moves to forward the candidate; Clermont seconds**
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ (3) ] [Vossler, Anand, Clermont]
  - No: [ (0) ]
  - Abstain: [ (0) ]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Iaconis PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Larissa Pontes, WSU Director of Administration**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Good evening, thank you for considering me for this position for women's student union. I will fulfill this position diligently. My previous experience in highschool gave me the practical skills needed for this position. I was Vice president for the Portuguese club and student ambassador for local schools. I hold the position of public relations coordinator in the Brazilian student union. My approach to leadership is the strongest asset to consider for this position. I furthered awareness with the struggles of women and non binary transgender people who face these struggles both in and outside of the bounds of fsu, and with such mindset I believe im strong candidate. I guarantee that i'm passionate to my community. I consider wsu a safe space and I want to further that sentiment
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - Anand: in the position description it states that this candidate has a duty to confirm room reservations for events, programs, workshops and meetings. Have you had experience doing this before? | I have not had a specific exp, planned a large event for these students at my highschool. Had to plan a venue and allocate resources for that event. Order T-Shirts and set up arts and crafts for the kids. Food booths and other different things of the sort. to add on to that, was vp of portuguese club hosted tutoring sessions, new language offered in hs, coordinated with teacher to reserve that classroom and recruit students to attend those tutoring sessions
    - Clermont: What year are you entering | Sophomore.
  - Questions Regarding Position: Anand moves, clermont
    - Kaheerir: 1st question is, relating to expected increase in pregnant people, what do you plan to do to increase services or work with sga to increase services for pregnant people on campus | I definitely plan to collaborate with the generation action club because they offer a lot of resources.
    - Anand: Another part of the description is to be working with the current student body vice president. Do you experience working with her? What are you plans on strengthening relations with her | I have not worked with her yet, WSU made me feel confident in myself and to make the extra mile, will reach out to her if I am confirmed for this position and meet up with her to discuss events and what I hope to pursue with the Women's Student Union
    - clermont: 1st eboard position are fsu, what are your plans to handle the situation if you're facing a challenge. What are you plans to combat that | I currently hold a position on the Brazilian student union eboard, starting

this summer. We've had communication problems, effectively communicated with my board to overcome those problems

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- Questions Regarding Character:
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- Closing Statement:
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- **Clermont moves to enter round-table discussion; Vossler seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - candidate stays
  - Clermont: Speak in favor to this candidate, really good understanding of this role and her background experiences will aid her, she is a good fit for this position
  - Anad; I think even though she is new to WSU, it speaks a lot of her character to get involved, everyone needs a place to start and to grow.
  - Kariher: After hearing from our two women senators, I also support this candidate
- **Anand moves to forward the candidate; Clermont seconds**
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ (3) ] [ Vossler, Anand, Clermont ]
  - No: [ (0) ]
  - Abstain: [ (0) ]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Pontes PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: Michael Delcin, Director of Communications.**
  - Opening Statement:
    - I am a highly motivated student in 3rd year business finance, I always put maximum effort in my academic and extracurricular activities. My high energy approach has allowed me to adapt to fast moving environments and excel in most of the things that I do
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - none
  - Questions Regarding Position: anand moves, clermont seconds
    - anand: What experience do you have in media, visual material that you believe have prepared you for this position | I served as pr marketing for bsu and also pr marketing in my highschool class. To further elaborate i'm skilled in photoshop and adobe illustrator
    - Karheer: what's going to be your primary mode of communication to the student body? | I feel like ig and tiktok our biggest sources in getting people's attention. We should add more pizzazz to our posts, to increase retention rate. Add pizzazz to posts, to get more interaction with our page
    - Anad: Do you have an idea that hasn't been implemented for this position | Not yet, but I would try my best to
    - Ben: Reading over the application, you talk about areas of the student body to improve upon, talked about mental and physical wellness to work

on events or post infographics. I would like to hear if you plan to work with other rsos or sga departments to help you with that goal | FSU has a lot of resources to offer, but many students are unaware of it. I feel like reaching out and connecting to political parties and many rsos to get that out there

- **Anand: Have | BSU** fliers are mine on ig, all graphics for my political party are mine.
- Have you been financially recertified for this new fiscal year, what's your timeline on that | Not financially certified yet.
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- Questions Regarding Character:
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- Closing Statement:
  - I'm excited to apply for this position , serving as communications director. I will be able to apply my current skills. I've been developing my skills as a graphic designer and I wish to continue to develop that.
- **Clermont moves to enter round-table discussion; Anand seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - Clermont: Very hard working, work speaks for itself, I encourage you all to support him too.
  - Ben: I saw the candidate's portfolio, full support
  - Anad: I was a little bit hesitant at first, but after seeing the portfolio, this work has been work that I've admired for a while. His work speaks for itself. I think this is a great candidate.
  - Kariher: Very technical role, the best thing you did was sending us your portfolio, your work is incredible.
  - Folwell: I think the experience speaks for itself, awesome job at navigating my questions, I think he would be great for this role
- **Anand moves to forward the candidate; Clermont seconds**
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ (3) ] [ Vossler, Anad, Clermont ]
  - No: [ (0) ]
  - Abstain: [ (0) ]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE Delcin PASSES**

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- none

#### **Closing Announcements:**

- **Thank you guys for bearing with me, heart-felt thank you to Senator Vossler and Senator Kariher for helping me with minutes. Thank you so much, I couldn't have done it without you guys.**
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- Anand: I just wanted to say I think we did a good job, we got the experience we were looking for and we did a good job in working together in this committee, we had a good Summer.
- Clermont: I just wanted to commend you guys for doing a good job and to you (Lois) for doing good as chair.
- Kariher: I think I've come to every IA committee, I've had the best time being here, thank you for letting me talk and asking questions.

- Folwell: Thank you guys for putting in the work, it's been rough, fairly late meetings, big cabinet to confirm, lots of agency candidates to confirm. You guys did a fine job, just wanted to say congratulations.

**Next Meeting:**

**Vossler moves adjourn, Anand seconds**

**Adjourned: 8:01PM**

**JR**

**Signature of Chair Jack Rowan**