



**74th Student Senate
Judiciary Committee
[July 14th, 2022 | 5:30pm] | [996 927 9440]**

Call to Order: 5:30 PM

Members Present: Senators Tucker, Kariher, Casiple, Rivers, Boisvert

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Members Absent: Senator Lall

Guests: Chair Rowan, President Diaz

Land Acknowledgement read by Senator Casiple: 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 Tucker – The forwarding letter did not come out in time for us to confirm the last Associate Justice.

Committee Business:

- Formally Approve the Election Code Exam
- Bill 64: Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P); Kariher (Co)
 - A Bill to Enact a Standard Term Length to Ensure Accountability.
- Bill 65: Sponsored by Senator Rowan (P); Kariher (Co)
 - A Bill to Abolish the Mental Health Council, as it does not provide tangible outcomes for the Student Body and allowing the Executive Branch to set up Cabinet committees dedicated to a particular area of advocacy.
- Bill 66: Sponsored by Senator Rowan (P); Kariher (Co)

- A Bill to Abolish the Student Council for Accessibility Advocacy, as it does not provide tangible outcomes for the Student Body.
- Bill 67: Sponsored by Senator Rowan (P); Kariher (Co)
 - A Bill to Establish Regulations on the Formation and Operation of Bureaus in Order to Ensure Tangible Outcomes by Student Government Bureaus.
- Bill 68: Sponsored by Senator Rowan (P); Kariher (Co)
 - A Bill to Codify that Resolutions Amending the Senate’s Rules of Procedure Shall be Binding and Have Immediate Effect.
- Bill 69: Sponsored by Senator Rivers (P)
 - To make it so, the incoming Senior Class is the voting body for the incoming Senior Class Council.
- Bill 70: Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P)
 - This bill addresses several issues in Chapter 302, regarding the Class Councils. Among these issues includes references to incorrect statutes, general legislative vagueness, conflation of an “officer” of the Class Councils and a “member-at-large” of the Class Councils, the application process timeline not adequately reflecting how applications have been handled, forcing a President of a Class Council wishing to resign to hand in a resignation to themselves, and general typos.

New Business:

- **Election Code Exam**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Rivers adds two questions
 - Vice Chair Kariher adds one question
 - Chair Rowan adds one question
 - Question 19 is removed
 - **RESULT: ELECTION CODE EXAM PASSES**
- **Bill 64 - Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P); Kariher (Co)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Chair Rowan (P) – This ensures that the term lengths are standard across the board. There is a bit of a loophole in statutes, and this just closes those up.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
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 - **Kariher moves to enter round-table discussion; Casiple seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Casiple – Which offices would this effect?
 - Chair Rowan (P) – All non-elected offices
 - **Senator Rivers moves to amend; Kariher seconds**
 - Sponsor finds it friendly; amendment is adopted
 - Chair Folwell – How does this interact with 304.4 (G)(3) which says Student Body President Elect may appoint people to their cabinet upon

inauguration their inauguration, and then at the end of the inauguration would these offices be forced to be educated?

- Chair Rowan (P) – The wording has been awkward, so we can drop the “completion of”
- Senator Rivers – If someone is going to reference a statute, can you have the statute pulled up or put it in the chat.
- Senator Casiple moves to amend; Boisvert seconds
 - Sponsors find it friendly; amendment is adopted
- **Casiple moves to allow non-Senator Greenwood to speak; Boisvert seconds**
- Senator Casiple – How would this bill impact you?
 - Greenwood – I would be removed from office.
- Chair Tucker (P) – Can Greenwood speak generally now?
 - Chair Rowan (P) – No
- Senator Rivers – This bill makes sense because there are a lot of non-elected offices, and we need everything to be working smoothly.
- Chair Folwell – Do you intend for this to only effect non-elected major offices?
 - Chair Rowan (P) – Yes
- Chair Folwell – Why is this under 100.5 which is titled “Major Offices?”
 - Chair Rowan (P) – The material in 100.5 was related to the proposed bill.
- Senator Rivers – If we are to be a functioning SGA then we need a rotating system.
- Chair Folwell – I think this wording is vague and implies ex post facto.
- Senator Rivers – I am also not a fan of the
- Chair Folwell – Are there any other offices this would affect?
 - Greenwood – Attorney General, Homecoming Directors, and Supervisor of Elections which means there would be no elections office staff.
- Senator Casiple – What was the intent for the last sentence?
 - Chair Tucker (P) – Retroactively means that the previous violations would be resolved.
 - Chair Rowan (P) – If we put down a rule, it should be actively enforced.
- Senator Rivers – How many deputy supervisor elections are there?
 - Greenwood – I can have a maximum of three
- Vice Chair Kariher – Will this prevent reappointment of major offices?
 - Chair Rowan (P) – No it is not a term limit, but a term length.
 - Chair Tucker (P) – This just clarifies the term lengths
- Chair Rowan (P) – We have a deputy supervisor of elections up for appointment, so there shouldn’t be anything down the road inhibiting the function of our election’s office.
- Chair Tucker (P) – This doesn’t put us in a bad position. We have been doing our appointment process all summer, and this will continue in the Fall

confirmations, or title. There would only be those students who want to help a Cabinet member to get the work done. 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 Rivers - How much was the MHC budgeted this fiscal year?
 - Rowan (P) - \$3,000
- **Casiple moves to enter round-table discussion, Rivers seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Chair Folwell – The MHC was created on March 11, 2020. Many organizations continued operations, but this organization was starting from scratch. I don't think it's fair to penalize them for not doing enough. I don't think it is fair to do this now when Bureau Review exists. I cannot support this bill at all.
 - Senator Rivers – Not only did the MHC not do anything, but they barely managed to fill their board. They were budgeted \$3,000 and only spent \$500 of it. What did they do in the Fall? SGA bureau is not the best avenue for this work to be done. With Chapter 310, if the Executive Branch wants to have this
 - Senator Casiple – If the gripe about the Mental Health to establish tangible outcomes, then it is not fair to them since that was just added to our statutes. If it needs abolition, then it's IA's responsibility.
 - Vice Chair Kariher – There is nobody on the board right now and it is the perfect opportunity to abolish them. Why wait until the Spring when they have a board to tell them they can't do their job anymore? My main issue with the MHC is that the work they want to do is already being done and being done at a professional level. The Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness is staffed with professional health advocates, so even if you do agree with the purpose of the MHC, the work they would be doing would be a waste of time. The IA advice to MHC was to expand advertising and communication. Why do they need \$3,000 for advertising and communication? Is it fair the CHAW that this money is being taken away from them to support a student organization that does the same work, but worse.
 - Senator Rivers – One of the people on the Arts and Sciences Leadership Council reached out to MHC during the Spring and couldn't get a reply. I reached out to MHC and only got replies when I copied administration.
 - Senator Casiple – In Section 310, will the committees end after the Executive Branch's term is over?
 - Chair Rowan (P) – Yes because the Executive Branch is reorganized every year.

- Chair Tucker – What spurred Chapter 310?
 - Chair Rowan (P) – I don't believe in obstruction for the sake of obstruction. These organizations have good purposes, but they cannot implement these purposes through the Bureau, so this opens the door to a large and thriving Executive Branch.
 - Senator Rivers – We have the Center for Participant Education, Inter-Residency Hall Council, Office of Governmental Affairs, Student Council for Undergraduate Research and Creativity, Student Council for Accessibility Advocacy, and the Office of the Mental Health Council.
 - Senator Boisvert – What events did the MHC do?
 - Chair Rowan – There were two events that brought in people from CHAW and UCC, to inform the Student Body of their existence.
 - **Kariher moves to call the question; Boisvert seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Chair Rowan (P) – This bill removes the MHC and provides a more flexible option for the Executive Branch to start advocacy-based initiatives, that will ultimately result in greater involvement from the Student Body.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [3] Senators Kariher, Rivers, Boisvert
 - No: [1] Senator Casiple
 - Abstain: None
 - **RESULT: BILL 65 PASSES**
- **Bill 66 - Sponsored by Senator Rowan (P); Kariher (Co)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Chair Rowan (P) – The Student Council for Accessibility Advocacy was founded in 2020. It has not worked. The 2021-2022 board had one interest meeting. They did no programming or work on social media. They were not budgeted, but you do not need money to just have an organization. This is much better suited to be done through special projects on the Executive Board.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
 - **Kariher moves to enter round-table discussion; Casiple seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Casiple – What other RSO's are doing the Student Council for Accessibility Advocacy work.
 - Most of the work done is done outside of campus, like Best Buddies and Special Olympics. The Office of Accessibility Services is advertised and is in every course's syllabus. SCAA can't give anybody accommodations or anything tangible. Students do not have professional licensing.
 - Senator Rivers - What made you want to give the money to AASU and JSU?

- Chair Rowan (P) – The unions are the fourth and fifth least funded agencies. WSU and VSU doesn't need more funding even though they have smaller budgets. PAC money goes straight to RSOs.
 - Chair Folwell – You all know where I stand, and I ask you take it into account.
 - Senator Rivers – This Bureau has done no work.
 - Vice Chair Kariher – I am in the support of this bill, and the money is much better spent in PAC, AASU, and JSU.
 - **Senator Rivers moves to amend; Kariher seconds**
 - Sponsor finds it friendly; Amendment is adopted
 - **Rivers moves to call the question; Casiple seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Chair Rowan (P) – This Bureau asked IA to make a leap of faith last Spring, and I ask you to not be fooled again. Let OAS do their work.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [4] Senators Kariher, Rivers, Casiple, Boisvert
 - No: None
 - Abstain: None
 - **RESULT: BILL 66 PASSES**
- **Bill 67 - Sponsored by Senator Rowan (P); Kariher (Co)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - This is about dealing with Bureaus on the front end – how we make these bureaus. It adds IA to committees, puts forward the tangible definition. Requires IA Chair and VC have a report. Asking the Student Body if we should retain the Bureau a year after they were founded. Chair Folwell will amend in Rules to add the purpose of the Bureau on the ballot.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
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 - **Kariher moves to enter round-table discussion; Casiple seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Vice Chair Kariher – I support this bill.
 - Senator Rivers – I like the bill. The problem I have with tangible is that it is too vague. I don't think this will filter out the “do-nothing” Bureaus.
 - Senator Casiple – I am in support of this bill.
 - **Rivers moves to call the question; Casiple seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Chair Rowan (P) – Merriam Webster gives three definitions of tangible, all of which are quite vague.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [4] Senators Rivers, Kariher, Casiple, Boisvert
 - No: None
 - Abstain: None
 - **RESULT: BILL 67 PASSES**

- **Bill 68 - Sponsored by Senator Rowan (P); Kariher (Co)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Chair Rowan (P) – Senator Boisvert would like to be a primary sponsor. There was a tussle about what the rules of procedure are. Reality is that when we alter our rules of procedure, they take effect immediately. We only vote to accept the Rules of the Senate on the first meeting.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Senator Rivers – Is this a bypass of a signature of the VPSA?
 - Chair Rowan (P) – No
 - Senator Casiple – What is the resolution that caused the ruckus?
 - Chair Rowan (P) – It was a discussion on which rules we are under.
 - **Kariher moves to enter round-table discussion, Rivers seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - **Senator Boisvert moves to amend, Casiple seconds**
 - Amendment is adopted
 - Senator Casiple – Let’s pass it
 - **Kariher moves to call the question; Casiple seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Chair Rowan (P) – The tussle was annoying, but we will never be in the cul-de-sac ever again.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [3] Senators Rivers, Kariher, Casiple
 - No: None
 - Abstain: [1] Senator Boisvert
 - **RESULT: BILL 68 PASSES**

- **Bill 69 - Sponsored by Senator Rivers (P)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Senator Rivers (P) – This bill creates a rule that ensures the Senior Class Council is elected by incoming Seniors. Only current seniors can vote on Senior Class Council right now and this changes that so only incoming Seniors can vote on Senior Class Council.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
 - **Kariher moves to enter round-table discussion; Casiple seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Vice Chair Kariher – I think this is a great bill. I think if we are going to try and gage who will be incoming seniors it would be more efficient to prohibit students who are registered to graduate from voting.
 - Senator Casiple – Have you been in contact with the registrar’s office?
 - Senator Rivers – No. But we discussed adding credit hours.
 - Vice Chair Kariher – Would you be friendly to allowing a minimum credit hour threshold?

- Senator Rivers (P) – That is how it is right now. My goal is to only allow incoming Seniors to vote.
 - Chair Rowan – The registrar’s office controls the academic aspects. The issue is the Seniors who will remain Seniors the following semesters.
 - Senator Casiple – My concern with this bill is the technological side. Would the system be up in running?
 - Vice Chair Kariher – The only way this will work is by looking at who is enrolled in graduation. So, we need to contact the registrar’s office to see if this is a possibility.
 - Chair Folwell – As it stands you must have 72 credit hours to run for Council. If you can run for it, you can vote for it.
 - Vice Chair Kariher – I think this is worth passing and asking the registrar’s office between now and next Senate meeting.
 - **Casiple moves to call the question; Kariher seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Senator Rivers (P) – I am going to contact the registrar’s office.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [2] Senators Kariher, Boisvert
 - No: [1] Casiple
 - Abstain: [1] Rivers
 - **RESULT: BILL 69 PASSES**
- **Bill 70 - Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Chair Folwell (P) – There is one change not in the description, and it changes the term “Members at Large” to “Cabinet Members.” This fixes a lot of issues
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Senator Rivers who did you talk to
 - Chair Folwell (P) - Bruce Suarez
 - **Rivers moves to enter round-table discussion; Casiple seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Rivers – I was in class council last year, and I am not comfortable with many of the proposed changes. First there is no need for a name change, I was a “Member at Large” and did my job perfectly fine. There is no President of the Junior Class, it is President of the Junior Class Council.
 - Senator Casiple – Could you clarify the inauguration?
 - Senator Rivers – The applications must be released before inauguration, which could lead
 - Vice Chair Kariher – Is this a salvageable Bill?
 - Senator Rivers – No
 - Chair Folwell (P) – The previous senator spoke about the senior class council should officially be in power, which this Bill fixes by changing five (5) days to two (2) weeks.

- Senator Casiple – There is no need for a name change. All the applications are due before the class council which I do not support.
- Senator Rivers – Just because a related party supports legislation does not mean it is inherently good.
- Senator Casiple – This Bill needs a little bit more time before Senate.
- Chair Tucker – There are sections addressing bodies that do not exist.
- Chair Rowan – I am opposed to this Bill because it is unconstitutional. By changing the name to “Cabinet Members” then the Executive Branch is triggered, and the President must appoint them.
- Senator Rivers – There have been no Senior Class Council representatives that have come to Student Senate.
- Chair Folwell (P) – This does not violate the constitution; the names are similar but not the same. Do not pin the issues on the Class Council, all changes I made myself.
- **Rivers moves to call the question; Casiple seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Chair Folwell (P) -
- Vote:
 - Yes: [1] Senator Kariher
 - No: [3] Senators Rivers, Casiple, Boisvert
 - Abstain: None
- **RESULT: BILL 70 FAILS**

Unfinished Business:

Closing Announcements:

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Next Meeting: See you all in the Fall!

Adjourned: 8:36 PM

Signature of Chair Tucker



Signature of Vice Chair Kariher

