



**73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate**  
**Rules and Calendar Committee**  
**06/30/2022 at 12:00PM | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/96572788677>**

**Call to Order:**

**Members Present:** Pro Tempore Drackley, Chair DeChick, Chair Folwell, Chair Tucker, Chair Rowan, Chair Marting

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:**

**Guests:** President Diaz, Senator Suarez, Connor McGlynn

**Land Acknowledgement**

- **Chair Tucker:** 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:**

- Judiciary:
  - Chair Tucker: We're meeting at 5:45 tonight. We have a huge meeting in front of us. We have about 6-7 pieces of legislation coming through. We'll be hearing them and hopefully sending them on to senate. After that we have a guest speaker, former supervisor of elections, Spencer Greenwood. He's coming to talk to us just a little bit about what he thinks the election code should look like. Then we're going to end up scheduling a meeting for next week to go ahead and formally approve an election code so we can send it to candidate Allen.
- Internal Affairs:
  - Chair Rowan: Internal Affairs met last night. We sent to the senate Katie Russell – Director of Appointments, Ninah Gibson – Director of Diversity and Inclusion Institute, Adam Bowling - Deputy Treasurer, Kaitlynn Adams - Director of

Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Rodney Wells – Director of External Affairs, Maggie Gahan for Executive Advisor, as well as Director of Sustainability. We also passed bills 48, 49, 55 and 57. And we have at least one meeting next week, possibly two because we have a lot of candidates we need to wrap up prior to the summer.

- Budget:
  - Chair DeChick: Budget is meeting tonight, and we are going over bill 58 sponsored by Chair Folwell moving money from Senate projects to fund t-shirts for NAACP, that's all we got.
- Finance:
  - Chair Marting: We didn't have any legislation to go through, we just had elections for chair and vice chair in Khamare's absence. I am now chair, and senator Riviera is now vice chair of the committee.
- Student Life:
  - Chair Folwell: We met yesterday at 11:30am, we passed with no amendments Bill 58 to budget.

#### **Committee Business:**

- Leave of Absence Hearing for Senator Suarez
- Confirmation Hearing for Connor McGlynn Summer Undergraduate Seat 22

#### **Old Business:**

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#### **New Business:**

- **Special Leave of Absence Hearing: Senator Suarez**
  - Opening Statement:
    - **Senator Suarez:** Yes, I am requesting a summer leave of absence, much to my own dismay. I am currently studying abroad in Spain; the time difference is about 6 hours ahead of time. I though I'd be fully capable doing summer senate on top of studying abroad as well as many of my other responsibilities. I quickly realized after the first senate meeting that I do need to take a step back. As much as I love senate and love participating, I talked to our advisor Jacalyn about how everyone needs to take a break and that does include myself. So that is why I am taking a leave of absence. I just cannot afford to constantly change my sleep schedule being nocturnal and trying to get my activities done during the day. Participating in committees, although Senator Folwell and President Diaz were very accommodating by moving me to another committee its not fair to the other senators. Especially when senate can go till 5am-7am with the time difference so with those reasons I am requesting a leave of absence until the fall semester begins.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - Chair Rowan: Have you taken any absences this summer yet and if so, how many?
    - Senator Suarez: I do believe I accrued half an absence for the first senate. And then potentially an absence for second senate. I already requested my leave of absence. I didn't know the accrual process once I already requested my leave of absence. I just didn't because I talked to

Jacalyn about the leave of absence and knowing I could not stay up till 7am. Yes, but also unaware.

**Chair Tucker moves to enter round-table discussion; Chair Folwell seconds**

- Round-Table Discussion:
    - Chair Folwell: Just to be clear Senator Suarez, you want this to go into effect immediately upon us granting it?
    - Senator Suarez: Yes.
    - Chair DeChick: When would you like to end your leave of absence? Would that just be the beginning of the Fall Semester?
    - Senators Suarez: Yes, I would like to resume my position effective the fall senate.
    - **Chair Marting moves to grant the special leave of absence effective immediately till August 1st; Chair Folwell seconds**
  - Vote:
    - Yes: (5) Chair DeChick, Chair Rowan, Chair Folwell, Chair Tucker, Chair Marting
    - No: (0)
    - Abstain: (0)
  - **RESULT: Leave of Absence effective immediately till August 1st for Senator Suarez has been approved**
  - Senator Suarez: I'm wondering about your bill with the money going to the NAACP. Like if you got the proper yeses? Because senate doesn't move money over the summer.
  - Chair Folwell: I've talked to Jacalyn about it and me and Sam have worked with the PAC chair, and this should be going by statues. He's okay with it because we're taking money out of Senate Projects and section 800 allows us to do that.
  - President Diaz: Statues lets us do it through the summer as long as it's in the new fiscal year. So that bill, as long as it does pass, it'll be passed on July 6<sup>th</sup>. E have talked to Jacalyn about that, and it does follow proper procedure. And we're doing the same thing with another RSO, and that does happen through RTAC. They are wanting to do a trip to Texas. AS far as I'm aware it does follow proper procedure, statute 806.7 lets us to do that.
  - Senator Suarez: RTAC is the \$40,000 you're taking from that. Like the money left in PAC then?
  - President Diaz: No, this is in the new fiscal year. So, when the budget resets. PAC is 90k and RTAC is 70k. The 40k is swept. This is the new budget.
- **Candidate for Confirmation: Connor McGlynn, Summer Undergraduate Seat 22**
    - Opening Statement:
      - **Candidate McGlynn:** Hope you're all doing well, I'm Connor McGlynn, and I'm currently perusing a degree in Sport Management at FSU. I want to keep this short and sweet. The main reason I'm wanting to become a Senator during the summer is because I've been wanting to get involved at FSU for a while and I think this is the perfect way to do that. I also think that being in Student Government is a prestigious thing, especially at a large school like FSU. And I'd love to be apart of it in anyway possible and I'd like to thank you for your time, and I hope I'm confirmed.
    - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
      - Chair Rowan: How many credit hours are you registered for the summer?
      - Candidate McGlynn: I'm taking three.
      - Chair Rowan: And how many credit hours do you have overall?

- Candidate McGlynn: I believe 34.
- Chair Folwell: Are you financially certified?
- Candidate McGlynn: No, I was planning on waiting till the new fiscal year.
- General Questioning:
  - Chair Folwell: I'm going through your application here; it says you were involved in a number of leadership positions in high school. Can you elaborate with what those positions were and with what organizations?
  - Candidate McGlynn: I was in a number of clubs, nationally honor society, I was an officer in Spanish honor society, historian, me and another person, we just documented stuff for the yearbook. I was one of the membership officers for DECA which is a marketing club. For the golf team I was a captain my senior year. That's about it.
  - Chair Folwell: We only have two senate meetings and one committee meeting left depending on the committee, are you comfortable with undergoing all of the confirmation procedures in order to get a limited timeframe of senator ship?
  - Chair Tucker: What are you looking and wanting to accomplish in the remainder of summer senate?
  - I just wanted to get a feel for senate and see if I wanted to pursue in the fall. From what I've noticed students in the college of education are more than often underrepresented. If it's something I'd be interested in doing in the fall I summer would be a good place to start.
  - Chair Rowan: What are the governing documents of student government?
  - Candidate McGlynn: Statues, governing documents and rules of procedure.
  - Chair Folwell: In the application it asks for an area or project you are passionate about and how you can use this role to help the student body through that. In your answer to the question, you didn't actually outline an area you are passionate about, and I was wondering if you could give us a more thorough answer to that.
  - Candidate McGlynn: I'm passionate about bipartisanship. Like nonbiased debate, and I think being a senator would be a good place to get that out there.
  - Chair Marting: Can you elaborate on what you've accomplished at Florida State?
  - Candidate McGlynn: I haven't done much; I joined a Greek organization in the fall semester and am on the executive board there. That's about it.
  - Chair Tucker: Is the Greek organization IFC affiliated?
  - Candidate McGlynn: Yes

**Chair Rowan moves to enter round-table discussion; Chair Marting seconds**

- Closing Statement:
  - **Candidate McGlynn:** Thank you for your time, I hope I'm confirmed.
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - Chair Rowan: I've watched a lot of these in my time and have seen things I didn't like and things I liked especially when the chairs are debating. Often there are chairs who set too high of a bar to let people into the senate. That being said, I think I'm going to have to be a no on this candidate because I was left wanting more. The thing that has pushed me to a no was that answer on the application and the answer given to Chair Folwell. This is one of my crusades is SGA being a place of general advocacy that doesn't go into anything real. I want to uphold that standard

and there was nothing tangible or concrete. I know I'm only here for a month, but I want to try and get something done. And there wasn't that there. I have to be a no at this point.

- Chair Folwell: I'm a little bit conflicted on this. In some ways I agree with Chair Rowan, and in some ways it's worthwhile for someone to have a trial run. From what I know there are no other applicants for this seat. It's not like we're taking this spot from someone else. And simply having another Senator for a few weeks, I don't think it's an inherently a bad thing. Especially when it might change their opinions on student government or further develop their opinion. The part that I think is a bigger shame is that this candidate was forwarded on June 6<sup>th</sup> and is just now getting confirmed 24 days later, and I understand things happened, but it is unfortunate to see you could've had more time in senate potentially. Is unfortunate to see you could've had longer. I don't know how much of a trial run two senates will be especially when it's confirmations. I think I'm inclined to say yes. Maybe you'll come back. That's where I stand.
  - Chair DeChick: I want to speak in support of this candidate. Hearing the experience in high school, DECA, for those who may not know is one of those leading business organizations. It develops those leadership skills and business acumen, communication skills, which are important to be in student government. I kind of see a little bit of myself in this candidate. Just last semester I was late to the punch because of some administrative issues just getting my application through. I only served I think three or four senate meetings and a couple of committee meetings. From that experience I gained more of an appreciation for SGA, and now I'm here. I'm very much inclined to pass along this candidate. It's a great opportunity to show where things can be changed and to represent the College of Education. I am in support.
  - Chair Rowan: I understand the argument being made about a quick three weeks and trial run and all that, but even with other candidates, we were asking what your plans were, and no everyone has executed, but some have. I think it's the fact I want to see the plan. I want to see a plan of something actually being put forward more than just talking. I understand conversation is important, but I need something, like some bill that could be put in the moment a candidate is sworn in. To be put on first reading, and in three weeks to be put through and to probably be one of the fastest people to but a bill through. I understand how the committee is going and I see how the vote is going to go, but I wanted more.
- **Chair Marting moves to forward the candidate; Chair Folwell seconds**
  - Vote:
    - Yes: (2) Chair DeChick, Chair Folwell
    - No: (1) Chair Rowan
    - Abstain: (2) Chair Tucker, Chair Marting
  - **RESULT: Candidate McGlynn Passes**

**Unfinished Business:**

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**Closing Announcements:**

- Pro Tempore Drackley: There are two pieces of legislation we have been waiting to do and I believe we would be able to do them if we can meet next week. My question is for all of you is in your closing announcement if you'd like to meet next week before senate to do these pieces of legislation. In my opinion they aren't too time sensitive. They are bill 59 that deals with the leave of absences by Chair Folwell, and there is also bill 48 which is by President Diaz.
- Chair Folwell: When you say before senate, do you mean the 5:30 time that rules have during the normal fall/spring semesters on Wednesday?
- Pro Tempore Drackley: We can do it at that time or earlier like a Monday/Tuesday.
- Chair Rowan: Preferably Tuesday or Wednesday. I'd prefer to keep them in the early evening just because this time was a bit cumbersome, just because I do have a job. We definitely should have the meeting because between the confirmations and legislation we have pending and the confirmations and bills we will have in three weeks we need to clear out our business. So, our final meeting of the summer isn't a 2am meeting. I can tell you right now, I will be sitting there trying to get every piece of legislation done on that final senate meeting.
- Pro Tempore Drackley: I do want to apologize for us meeting this yearly, I'm not a big fan either. The reason we did is for senator Suarez, I think she is seven hours ahead. We were adjusting for her time to get that out of the way. I do agree about meeting next week, so unless anyone has an objection to doing it, I think it'd be best of immediately after this meeting I would set up dates and time for what is best for everyone.
- Chair DeChick: I definitely second the opinion of I want to get every piece of legislation heard and seen and I'll take some time for one meeting next week extra just so we're spreading everything out, so we give every bill it's due time just so we're not trying to push it through at the last second. I'm in favor for it, and whatever time we decide to meet next week, I'm good with it. I was going to ask Chair Folwell about his bill, but Senator Suarez already did so I'll just keep that in mind for my meeting later tonight.
- Chair Tucker: I will not know what my upcoming work schedule is until the weekend because we had an issue with our online system so they're having to write it all out by hand so it's coming a little bit later so I do not know exactly what days I will be free yet, but in the event I am unable to make it I'll send vice chair Kariher on my behalf. But I should be able to make it regardless.
- Chair Marting: I can do whenever next week as long as it is after 5:30, I think it'd be a great idea to have a meeting just so we can get everything through like Chair DeChick said to give them their proper time. I just wanted to comment a little on the hearing today for the candidate. I thought it was interesting too, I thought Chair Rowan said it well and he needs a little bit more, but I think we did the right thing and at least gave him a second time to speak to the entire senate. I just thought it was important for me to say something because I am new as well and it can be a little bit of a nerve-wracking endeavor speaking to everyone. But I think that at least giving him the second opportunity and speaking to everyone and seeing what the full senate has to say about it is a great opportunity.

**Next Meeting: TBD**

**Adjourned: 12:41PM**

*Alden Drackley*

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Signature of Pro Tempore Drackley