



## 74<sup>th</sup> Student Senate Student Life Committee

Wednesday, 15 June 2022 at 12:00pm | Zoom ID: 989 5394 6222

**Call to Order:** 12:01

**Members Present:** Folwell, P. Rodriguez, Suarez, Pruum, Benn

**Members Tardy:** N/A

**Members Absent:** Alaimo (U), Masters (U)

**Guests:** Jack Hitchcock, Sam Diaz

**Land Acknowledgement:** 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 recognize this land remains scarred by the legacies of violence and removal, we recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land, and we 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:**

- Welcome to Student Life committee's first meeting.

### **Committee Business:**

- **Bill #53: Sponsored by Senator Suarez (P); Anand, Boisvert, Casiple, Hautrive, Hellman, Rivera (Co)**
  - Sending the remaining PAC funds to the Union Funds so the senate chambers can have better AV packages and to provide the senate chambers with conferencing and streaming capabilities.
- **Bill #54: Sponsored by Senator Suarez (P); Boisvert, Casiple, Hautrive, Rivera (Co)**
  - To send the remaining senate projects funds to the Union funds to cover the rest of the costs.
- **Resolution #41: Sponsored by Senator Tucker (P); Rowan, P. Rodriguez, Hellman, Rivers, Benn (Co)**
  - This resolution seeks to express the Senates condolences, admiration, and support to FSU Chabad who have recently lost their Chabad House to a fire, as well as the Jewish community at Florida State University.
- **Resolution #42: Sponsored by Senator Kariher (P)**
  - This piece of legislation outlines the history and current state of the LGBTQ+ community and the evolution of Pride Month and the Pride Student Union. The

legislation recognizes both the nationwide Pride Month in June and the Florida State University Pride Month in October. This legislation also urges the administration to address healthcare inequities present on campus and in the health insurance plans provided to students, faculty, and staff.

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- **Bill #53 – Sponsored by Senator Suarez (P); Anand, Boisvert, Casiple, Hellman, Rivera (Co)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Hello Student life committee, I have always loved the work that the Student Life Committee does. A little bit about my bill, it is an allocations bill. For the video walls display, I have decided to scrap that and instead would like to reallocate the money to 7 other entities on campus to help the student body. That is pretty much all for my bill but then again, I will be friendly and open to any amendments.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - None
  - **Senator Benn moves to enter round-table discussion; Prium seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - **Suarez POC:** When we go into voting, am I allowed to vote for my own bill?
    - **President Diaz:** Yes, because you are in the Student Life Committee
    - **Benn:** Motion to amend by line item
    - The Committee deliberated on and adopted amendments to the bill that would add line items for Purchasing of Terrace furniture for the second and third floor balconies in the Union from \$10,000.01 to \$6,181.20, One time donation to the NPHC park \$2,051.40, One time donation to continue funding for cultural graduation stoles \$2,051.40, One time donation to the FSU Clothing Closet \$2,051.40, One time donation to Library Resources for the purchasing of textbooks \$2,051.40, One time donation to the Unconquered Scholars Program \$2,051.40, One time donation to the FSU food pantry \$2,051.40, One time donation for the victim advocacy program \$2,051.40. It also removes the line Video Wall Display Upgrade for a Unite Price of \$21,800. Another amendment was made to change the total price from \$42,000 to \$40,741. Amendments were made to benefit more of the student body. No senators spoke against the amendments.
    - **President Diaz:** I move to allow non-senator Jack Hitchcock to speak
    - **Benn:** Second
    - **Hitchcock:** I appreciate everyone for being here, I just wanted to especially thank Senators Benn, Rodriguez, and Pruim for working hard on making these amendments. I just want to say how much I appreciate this bill and how it will help the student body. All of these line items are tangible benefits to the student. Now back when I was in Senate, the largest donation we made to the Clothing Closet was around \$1000 - \$1500. I don't think in the last year there has been a donation from

Senate to Unconquered Scholars, Library Resources, etc. There is a lot of change that is coming from this and just wanted to come and express how happy I am with. I really appreciate all of you and thank you.

- **Benn:** I can also echo full that I am full support for the bill. I was able to talk to Senator Suarez. I really do think that it helps a lot of different parts on Campus, and I think that is very important. Even with the TV screens, it could help other agencies because we aren't the only ones that will need those streaming services. Also just touching on the different things, by reading line to line, it helps so many people. So, I am in full support of this bill.
- **Suarez:** I would like to go back to Purposes and Description and change the underlines because it is not legislative text.
- **Senator Benn moves to call the question; Pruim seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - I just wanted to say thank you so much for all your amendments and for adopting my amendments. I have never written something like this, so it was a learning curve for me as much as it was for all of you. But I am so excited to not only enhance our senate chamber but to continue enhancing FSU and all our students.
- Vote:
  - Yes: **4** Voter Names: Suarez, Pruim, Benn, P. Rodriguez
  - No: **0**
  - Abstain: **0**
- **RESULT: BILL #53 PASSES with Amendments**
- **Bill #54: Sponsored by Senator Suarez (P); Boisvert, Casiple, Rivera (Co)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Continue Funding for the previous bill. Stated we already made the amendments for the last bill, if we do not pass this one, we must change the previous bill which is a big hiccup that I have never personally done. This is the same thing as the previous bill. We will need to make an amendment to add a line item to continue funding the terrace furniture. Other than that, this bill is similar to the previous bill, and I will be friendly and open to any suggestion.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - None
  - **Senator Benn moves to enter round-table discussion; Pruim seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - The Committee deliberated on and adopted amendments to the bill that include the proviso language and add a line item to include the funds from the previous description for Purchasing of Terrace furniture for the second and third floor balconies in the Union \$3,818.81. No senators spoke against the amendments.
  - **Senator Pruim moves to call the question; Benn seconds**
  - Closing Statement:
    - I just wanted to say thank you again for doing all of this, I know minutes can be very tedious, but this will be benefiting so many people on campus. Additionally, I wanted you guys to know that if this bill passes this committee and budget committee, Dr.Balan has agreed to take time out of his night to come and hear the bills because I have been working

with him on these bills and he is willing to answer any questions anyone has.

- Vote:
  - Yes: **4** Voter Names: Suarez, Pruum, Benn, P. Rodriguez
  - No: **0**
  - Abstain: **0**
- **RESULT: BILL #54 PASSES with Amendments**
  
- **Resolution #42: Sponsored by Senator Kariher (P)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Hello everyone, I am Senator Cole Kariher, and I wrote this resolution #42 to recognize pride month. Pretty much the same as last year's resolution with a couple added things. The resolution includes the history of Pride month as well as the history of the Pride Union. It then talks the current state of affairs with the LGBTQ+ in the state of Florida and the campus. We just cover some specific things that some LGBTQ+ students have been feeling as well as current issues they have been facing especially with Health Care Services. In the second half, I mostly focused on these Health Care Services which I find to be the most important. Then going on to the actual resolved statement, we are just recognizing pride month and making it an annual thing. Kind of going down, we are urging the administration to expand healthcare for the LGBTQ+ community. I did meet with the Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness to discuss the healthcare state and what they offer. It was alarming because they offer any gender-affirming care, they offer very limited HIV care and no HIV treatment. There are just a lot of issues. I am meeting with the University Health Services Administration, and we are going to be discussing this resolution. If you guys have any questions, I am open to any amendments.
  
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - None
  - **Senator Suarez moves to enter round-table discussion; Pruum seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - **Suarez:** I am in full support of this bill. I think that the addition of the annual language is rightfully so, and we need to continually support our student here on campus no matter their background especially since they aren't being represented in our health and wellness center. I don't see any issues with passing this.
    - **Rodriguez:** I also agree with Senator Suarez. I really like the resolution and I do not see any problems with it.
    - **Benn:** I am also in full support of this bill. I think it is very important for everyone to be represented.
    - **Pruum:** I am also in full support of this bill. I had no idea that the Wellness Center does not offer that many services for the LGBTQ+ community.
  - **Senator Benn moves to call the question; Suarez seconds**
  - Closing Statement:
    - I really appreciate the support and I really think this is a step in the right direction. It is obviously not going to fix all the issues, but I also think it will be too hard to implement. Healthcare is changing and so is the world, so

it is very easy to initiate HIV treatment and care. This resolution will open the doors to expanding healthcare. Thank you for supporting this.

- Vote:
  - Yes: **4** Voter Names: Suarez, Prui, Benn, P. Rodriguez
  - No: **0**
  - Abstain: **0**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #42 PASSES**
  
- **Resolution #41: Sponsored by Senator Tucker (P); Rowan, P. Rodriguez, Hellman, Rivers, Benn (Co)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Thank you for having me. This is a pretty straight forward type of deal, for those of those who don't know, in the beginning of this summer the FSU Chabad house burned down where the entire building is pretty much destroyed. All the materials and resources have been destroyed. FSU Chabad is an RSO here on campus. It gives students on campus opportunities to make friends as well as join in on religious events. It has been around for two decades and worked with the community at large. It has always been a really good ground for people from Jewish descent and allowed them to meet like-minded people. In Florida, we are a little bit more diverse but there are a lot of students coming from all over the country that this is not the case. This resolution expresses our condolences for the tragic events. They have not let this event hold them down as they continue with allotting their resources as well as holding religious services.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - None
  - **Pruim moves to enter round-table discussion; Benn seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - **Pruim:** I just want to say that I am in full support of this resolution. It is tragic what happened, and I think that anything that raises awareness if amazing. I hope in the future, we can get more hands-on with it but I definitely think this is the right step.
    - **Suarez:** I am also in full support of this resolution. We have previously passed a lot of bills and resolution for the Chabad in the Spring Semester. My own sorority did our own collab with the RSO and they made food to pass out to homeless people on the holidays. I am very appreciative for Senator Tucker for writing this.
    - **Suarez:** I move to strike former JSU president Gabay from the resolution
    - **Suarez:** I move to make another amendment to strike "Nominee" by Emily Boden's name
  - **Suarez moves to pass by unanimous consent; Benn seconds**
  - Closing Statement:
    - N/A
  - Vote:
    - Yes: **4** Voter Names: Suarez, Benn, P. Rodriguez, Prui
    - No: **0**
    - Abstain: **0**
  - **RESULT: RESOLUTION #41 PASSES by Unanimous consent**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Closing Announcements:**

- **Chair Folwell:** Thanks guys. I really do appreciate you guys bearing with me. As much as a I have done my homework, it is very different than doing it yourself. Hopefully next meeting will be smoother. With that being said, I think we did a lot of good things today by making the amendments that needed to be made and hopefully next meeting will be equally as productive.
- **President Diaz:** I am so proud of you guys for a great meeting. Usually, amendments are not as complicated, but you guys did it. I do really want to commend Senator Suarez for working so hard on these bills.
- **Senator Suarez:** I just also wanted to say thank you and for making all of those amendments for me.
- **Senator Pruim:** Before we all head out, I want to say thank you to everyone and I am so excited to be working with you all. I am excited to see what happens with your bill Senator Suarez.

**Next Meeting:** June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 12:00 pm

**Adjourned:** 1:10 pm

*Jack Folwell*

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**Signature of Chair Folwell**