



74th Student Senate Student Life Committee

Wednesday, 13 July 2022 at 2:00pm | Zoom ID: 946 3631 2533

Call to Order: 2:01 pm

Members Present: Benn, McGlynn, Pruum, P. Rodriguez

Members Tardy: N/A

Members Absent: Alaimo (U), Master (U)

Guests: Ashlie Green, Senator Kariher, President Sam Diaz, Senator Rivers

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Announcements:

- **Chair Folwell:** Thanks guys for showing up to the last committee meeting of the semester. You guys have been super chill, we have gotten stuff done, and that is what is nice in being in this committee.

Committee Business:

- **Bill #62: Sponsored by Senator Kariher (P); Diaz (Co)**
 - Pursuant to Statute 807.6(B), this bill reflects a request to fund a Registered Student Organization out of Senate Projects due to RTAC's inability to meet during the summer semesters. This transfer is to fund the Horn Studio of FSU's travel to the International Horn Symposium in Kingsville, Texas. RSO members will perform at the symposium and have the opportunity to network with prominent musicians from around the world.
- **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.

Old Business:

- N/A

New Business:

- **Bill #62 – Sponsored by Senator Kariher (P); Diaz (Co)**

- Opening Statement:

- **Senator Kariher:** This bill allocates money to the FSU horn choir to go perform at the International Horn Society Annual Conference. This is the organization for the French horn and meets 1 week every year, but it is out of the country most of the time. It is a once in a lifetime college experience.
- **President Diaz:** Typically, when we go to PAC and RTAC we allow the RSO to represent but because it is summer, the procedure is different. We do expect some amendments to lower the cost. For some procedural stuff, this is a Senate Projects bill. Budget will be hearing a bill to reimburse from RTAC. I do encourage you all to ask questions to the representative Ashlie Greene who is on the call.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- N/A

- Round-Table Discussion:

- **Senator Pruim:** I move to allow RSO representative Ashlie Greene to speak; Senator Benn seconds
- **Senator Kariher:** POI to Ashlie can you tell me how you heard about this conference.
- **Ashlie Greene:** Essentially in the horn studio, we always talk about the workshops throughout the year that our professor goes to. She presents it as an opportunity for networking and making connections. They are scattered across the country and globally. This is a way for these horn manufacturers to allow us to try the different horns as well as a learning experience through student presentations. We will also be performing for an international audience.
- **President Diaz:** In order to for RSOs to receive PAC funding, we need to have proof of postings on social media, do you have that to share?
- **Ashlie Greene:** I have the Instagram name, @FSUhornstudio. We made a flyer advertising that has the registration and what to expect, as well as more information about the event.
- **President Diaz:** That was the only statutory concern that I had. Other than that, everything looks good. Have you or the director or treasurer been financially certified?
- **Ashlie Greene:** I recently got financially certified in the last week of June.
- **Chair Folwell:** POI how many people are intending to go on this trip?
- **Ashlie Greene:** There is going to be 18 of us but the extra seating is for the French horn's storage.
- **President Diaz:** For the record, what is the minimum amount of money you think you could survive on to allow this bill to happen?
- **Ashlie Greene:** Part of the bill that can be completely wiped off is the registration fee. We can live without it.
- **President Diaz:** For the record, we can half fund items.

- **Senator Kariher:** POI How much do trips like this usually get in RTAC?
 - **President Diaz:** Most RTAC resolutions are around US \$1000 - \$3000
 - **Chair Folwell:** POI how much does RTAC have for the fiscal year?
 - **President Diaz:** US \$70,000
 - **Senator Pruim:** I don't have any issues with it but if we are trying to minimize the amount then we can look closer to the registration fee. But I still think we can cover that considering the budget of RTAC.
 - **VC P. Rodriguez:** POI President Diaz, did you say that US \$2000 would be reimbursed by RTAC?
 - **President Diaz:** Yes, if you look at Bill #63 that will be discussed about in budget committee tomorrow. If this bill goes above US \$2000, then the Senate Projects will have to split a little bit of the bill.
 - **Chair Folwell:** POI have you guys talked to the current RTAC chair?
 - **President Diaz:** The RTAC chair is aware of this bill and did not have anything negative to say about the bill.
 - **Benn moves to call the question; Pruim seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - **Senator Kariher:** Thank you.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 4 Voter Names: Benn, McGlynn, Pruim, P. Rodriguez
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **RESULT: BILL #62 PASSES WITH NO AMENDMENTS**
- **Bill #69 – Sponsored by Senator Rivers (P)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - **Senator Rivers:** What this bill is trying to do is changing the identification of the students that can vote for the Senior Class council in the spring. I had the same bill go through Senate during the spring and I originally added the juniors but what I have now is what my intentions were during the spring. I do not want juniors and seniors to vote for senior class council but instead the people that will be seniors during that year are able to vote on their senior class council. I think this bill fixes.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - **Chair Folwell:** Is academic year defined in statues?
 - **Senator Rivers:** I don't know
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - **President Diaz:** I do remember this bill coming in the spring and I also remember a question a former senator asked. He was a senator from the College of Engineering, and he noted that a lot of the students were 5th and 6th years. Do you know if those students would be eligible to vote?
 - **Senator Rivers:** Yes, if they are current seniors and they will still be seniors in the upcoming year, there should be no problem.
 - **President Diaz:** POI Is a 6th year student classified as a senior?
 - **Senator Rivers:** I don't know
 - **President Diaz:** Somewhere in election code, would you be open in defining that in a later bill through credit hour?
 - **Senator Rivers:** I have exchanged some words with others about the election process concerning this question. I think when it comes to the definition of academic year, I don't necessarily see that needing to be defined in statues because it is defined at a university level.

- **Senator Pruim:** I am a junior right now, but I am recognized as a senior right now. I am going to graduate next year but academically I am a senior. Maybe change it to the graduating class to narrow it down.
- **VC P. Rodriguez:** I also agree with Senator Pruim because I feel like the wording is a little vague. I am currently a junior but academically I am a senior and I will be graduating this year. There should be a specific thing that classifies who is a senior for clarity.
- **Chair Folwell:** POI have you spoken to someone to discuss the feasibility of figuring out who is and will be a senior?
- **Senator Rivers:** When it comes to clarifying the academic year, a lot of people come into the university classified as a different academic year then the number of years you have spent at the university. How I see it, if you are a freshman because you just graduated high school, but you are academically a junior because of the credits you have on a university level, then you are a junior.
- **President Diaz:** POI to Chair Folwell. I know that you have put in a lot of work on another bill concerning the statutes of the class council. In those statutes, does it define a credit range of what the people running for class council must have in order to be able to run? If yes, we can amend this bill to follow those same rules.
- **Chair Folwell:** Yes, it says under the Senior Class Council statutes that a person running must have at least 72 credit hours by the semester they run for office.
- **President Diaz:** My logic is that if you are eligible to run for Senior Class Council then you should be able to vote for that Senior Class Council.
- **Senator Rivers:** I believe that at the university level you must have 80 credit hours to be considered a Senior.
- **Chair Folwell:** POC it is 90.
- **Senator Rivers:** I do not want this bill to be the exact same thing that it is now and changing that would allow it to be the exact bill it was previously.
- **Senator Benn:** POI if someone has 90 credits, that means they are currently a senior. So, if you say over the 90 credits, a current senior would be able to vote.
- **President Diaz:** POI What is your intent with the bill?
- **Senator Rivers:** I think the best students to vote for the Senior Class Council should be the students that share the graduation with that class. Whatever that may mean.
- **Senator Pruim:** I move to amend Bill #69 to say, "who will be graduating in the upcoming academic year".
- **Chair Folwell:** With no seconds, the amendment did not pass
- **Senator Pruim:** I was in the Sophomore Class Council, and I saw how much work the Senior Class Council does for it and I think it's only fair that the people graduating that year should vote for the people in charge of their council.
- **President Diaz:** I think it is important to note that we are working on computer systems and the only way to figure out who should be able to vote, the easiest and simplest way is by credit hour. There needs to be a concrete way of measuring this because things change and how many credit hours you have cannot be changed.
- **Senator Pruim:** I agree but what I think Senator Rivers is trying to get at is that not everyone that is classified as a senior will be graduating.

- **VC P. Rodriguez moves to call the question; Pruim seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you, student life. For the sanity of the committee, I want to read off something: “Who will be enrolled in the Senior Class after the Spring Election, and students may only vote if they are registered for classes the following year”. Anyways, I proposed this in the Spring, and I am reintroducing it because I did not like the outcome. I see the problem with the whole idea of people who are academically a senior but won’t graduate that academic year. Thank you, Student Life.
- Vote:
 - Yes: 4 Voter Names: Benn, Pruim, McGlynn, P. Rodriguez
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: BILL #69 PASSES WITH NO AMENDMENTS**

Chair Folwell recuses his presiding role to Vice Chair P. Rodriguez

- **Bill #70 – Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Essentially what this does is fix the issues that the student council statutes have. There are cases where other statutes are referred to are not the right ones. I hope everyone got a chance to read it because a lot of these things need to be fixed. The biggest change is that it changes the terminology of the Members at Large to Cabinet Members of that Class. I talked to Senior Class Council President Bruce Suarez, and he is receptive to these changes. He says that speaking on behalf of all the class councils that it has their full-hearted support. There are changes on the process of officer selection because what is laid out in statutes is completely infeasible. This should encompass all the changes needed and with that, I welcome any questions.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Pruim: I don’t have any issues with this bill. I was a Member at Large for the Sophomore Class Council and would have preferred to be called Cabinet Members.
 - Senator Benn: I am also in full support of this bill as it clears up a lot of things and I think that is good.
 - **Pruim moves to call the question; Benn seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Thanks for the support guys.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 3 Voter Names: Benn, McGlynn, Pruim
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 1 Voter Names: Chair Folwell
 - **RESULT: BILL #70 PASSES WITH NO AMENDMENTS**

Vice Chair P. Rodriguez recuses her presiding role back to Chair Folwell

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- **Chair Folwell:** Thank you guys. I think this was a really good session and we had many great conversations. It is kind of sad that this will be the last committee with this group of people. Senator McGlynn, I am glad you could join us for this meeting, and I am sure if you were here for longer you would have a lot more fun. I know it has not been as eventful as other committees, but it has been a good semester.
- **VC P. Rodriguez:** Thank you. This has been a great committee to work with. Everyone is really nice and not a lot of work on the minutes, but I guess this one will be a little bit longer than the other ones. It's fine, I had a great time.
- **Senator Benn:** Piggy backing off what everyone said, I had a really good session with you guys and hope to see you guys in person this upcoming semester. Thanks for a great semester.
- **Senator Pruim:** I was just going to say the same thing. This has been awesome. I will say I went into this not knowing about Senate whatsoever, and I still don't know much but I have learned a lot. It was a lot of fun. Thank you.
- **President Diaz:** Y'all have been great. Great questions and I know it was a complicated bill we had up today. You guys did great and were acting a little bit like judiciary and I was so proud. I am sad that all our committees are leaving but I hope you guys can say you left Student Life learning something and that you had a great time. If you guys want to run in the future and come back, that would be great.

Next Meeting: None

Senator Pruim moves to adjourn the meeting; McGlynn seconds

Adjourned: 3:16 pm

Jack Folwell

Signature of Chair Folwell