



75th Student Senate
Internal Affairs Committee
June 26, at 5:30 pm | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/98419540608>

Call to Order: 5:31 pm

Members Present: Chair Randall, Vice Chair Waller, Senator Gomez, Senator Richards, Senator Gorelick, Senator Butrum

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Senator Edenfield

Guests: Sam Diaz

Land Acknowledgement – Senator Butrum

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Announcements:

- **Chair Randall:** Welcome everyone, each candidate will have three minutes for their opening statement. Any time that you do not use in your opening statement will then be yielded in your closing. We will then move into a round of general questions where any senator can ask you more about the position. We will then do a round table discussion where senators will discuss why they do or do not think you will be good for this role. You are allowed to go to waiting room but most candidates prefer to stay here, it is totally up to you. You will then do a closing statement and then we will do a vote on your candidacy. Are there any questions about the process?

Committee Business:

- 1. Emily Schwartz– Junior Class Council, President (5 Applicants)
- 2. Lily Confusione– Junior Class Council, Vice President (7 Applicants)
- 3. Melanie Mitchell– Sophomore Class Council, President (3 Applicants)
- 4. Kelly Kennedy– Sophomore Class Council, Vice President (4 Applicants)
- 5. Malena Romero– Executive Branch, Director of Health and Wellness (4 Applicants)
- 6. Trevor Murray– Executive Branch, Policy Director (3 Applicants)
- 7. Josie St. Hillaire– Executive Branch, Director of Student Life (5 Applicants)

- 8. Kolby Gawlik– Executive Branch, Director of Sustainability (3 Applicants)
- 9. Gustavo Ayala– Executive Branch, Director of Community Engagement (3 Applicants)
- 10. Roger “Javier” Puebla– HLSU, Treasurer (4 Applicants)
- 11. Jennifer Martinez– HLSU, Secretary (8 Applicants)
- 12. Jessica De– AASU, Treasurer (2 Applicants)
- 13. Daniel Muniz– OGA, Director (3 Applicants)
- 14. Zorian Tullock– OGA, Assistant Director (2 Applicants)
- 15. Samantha Strickland– IRHC, Director (1 Applicant)
- 16. Gabriel Ferraz– IRHC, Assistant Director of Finance (1 Applicant)
- 17. Daniel Ferraro– Jewish Student Union Assistant Director (1 Applicant)
- 18. Remi Ventura– Jewish Student Union Secretary (0 Applicants)

New Business:

- **Candidate for Confirmation:** [Emily Schwartz– Junior Class Council, President]
 - Opening Statement:

I hope you're all having a great night. Happy Monday. I'm excited to be able to speak with you all tonight and just kind of answer any questions you have. My name is Emily Schwartz, I'm a rising junior. I'm from Tampa, Florida and I'm majoring in athletic training here. This past year I got to serve as the sophomore class council president. I am very excited to be given the opportunity to continue in this organization. But aside from class councils, I am also involved in a couple other organizations on campus. So I've been involved with the Student Foundation for the past two years. I currently serve as their vice chair. I really love that organization and I'm excited to finish out my term this fall. And then I've also been involved with FSURelay for Life and then also my sorority Kappa Kappa Gamma. But out of all of my involvements, I would have to say that Class Councils is probably the one I hold closest to my heart. I really love that organization, I am just super excited to have the opportunity to continue with it. I think we have a great platform to continue with that and we did a lot of great things this past year, so I would really love to see that continued in all the work that we did. I do understand that like coming from sophomore class council to junior class council, it's kind of like a different audience. You know, the class of 2025 is like a year older, so our mindset's a little bit switched to more career oriented. Goals with going into that would be to have a more professional development kind of mindset with our programming. And then also kind of focusing on like transfer students because that's like a big year for transfer students to come to FSU, whether that's coming from like a community college or transferring from a different university. So keeping that in mind. And then also just keeping the objective of like targeting high traffic times on campus like during finals week or midterms week. And then also like when there's like big holidays that you can kind of piggyback off of just to ensure like a high turnout for events. But that's just kind of like my main like overview goals.

- Round of Questioning:
 - **Senator Gorelick:** Do you have any ideas for events for the future with your role?
 - **Response:** I do not want to spoil, but I want to have free professional headshots or a linkedin workshop. I want to target junior specific requirements. I also want to work closer with the transfer portal. A movie night would be really cool too.
- **Vice Chair Waller moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Gorelick seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:

- Vice Chair Waller:** I worked with this candidate while campaigning and I know she is very hardworking and will fit this position well.
- **Vice Chair Waller moves to forward the candidate; Senator Gorelick seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you
- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE EMILY SCHWARTZ PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: [Lily Confusione– Junior Class Council, Vice President]**

- Opening Statement:

My name is Lily Caponi, I'm from Orlando, Florida. I am a rising junior. I'm a double major in history and women's studies and my campus involvements include a little variety of things. I last year served on class councils as logistics chairman. I also am a peer instructor for two first year freshman courses here at the university. I also am part of a Panhellenic chapter and I'm currently serving as a recruitment counselor for this year's recruitment. I am on the programming committee for my chapter as well. So I have experience in planning events there as well as class councils and I'm the Panhellenic delegate for Best Buddies. But more specifically talking with class counsel, I feel like I was just really dedicated and committed to the organization last year and it really just was so fulfilling back to me and I learned so much under Emily and everything that she taught me, I kind of took on a mentor type role with her and we just honestly from the jump bounced with great ideas, always being able to kind of like bounce off of each other and just continue growing and like how great we can make these events be. And I just really enjoyed working with her. I definitely learned what the class council's mission of community and pride really met and how we can best implement that. So I feel like my goals include more implementing like community and pride through things, like doing something that's exciting while also making students feel, you know, relieved and happy that they chose FSU. The more professional things she was talking about like LinkedIn workshops that will make a student feel prepared for the future and happy that they chose to be here at FSU. So thank you.

- Round of Questioning:
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- **Vice Chair Waller moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Butrum seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - None
- **Vice Chair Waller moves to forward the candidate; Senator Gorelick seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you for your time.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum
 - No: 0

Abstain: 0

- **RESULT: CANDIDATE LILY CONFUSIONE PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation:** [Melanie Mitchell– Sophomore Class Council, President]
 - Opening Statement:

I am Melanie Mitchell. Really excited to be here before you today. I'm from Cincinnati, Ohio. I'm a rising sophomore and a behavioral neuroscience major on a pre-medical track. A little over a year ago when I was picking a college I overanalyzed a ton and so I was like pros and cons, lists, excel sheets, move-in, vlogs, all of that. But it all came down to one priority for me, which was the opportunity for leadership and advocacy. And clearly I chose the best school. And so since then I've really intentionally and altruistically engaged, you know, with different aspects on campus. So I was a participant in the UROP program. I even danced on the Seminole Tap troop. I became the 2023 programming director for FSU Homecoming. I joined a pre-medical fraternity, PHI Delta Epsilon. I joined a community service org called sistas. And I was also a member of the service board for Presidential Scholars program within the honors program. And additionally, I had the honor of receiving a distinct honor, the InstantImpact Student Leader of the Year award. And so these titles are important and cool, but they're rooted in passion for leading and advocacy and growing. And so I'm just really excited about class councils. I went to a lot of the events and you know, just being a minority and out-of-state, it was definitely difficult coming in. So these events meant a lot to me. These pro types of programming was really, really important. So I'm excited to bring just a unique perspective and manifested into the missions and the programming that we have. And I'm also just excited to grow in this position as a sophomore. So feel free to ask any questions more specific about the programming, but I'm just really excited to start this journey.

- Round of Questioning:

- **Vice Chair Waller moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Gorelick seconds**

- Round-Table Discussion:

- **Vice Chair Waller:** I know her from the medical fraternity and have heard nothing but great things. I know she is hard working.

- **Senator Gorelick moves to forward the candidate; Senator Butrum seconds**

- Closing Statement:

Thank you for giving me the time, I am excited to get to know you all.

- Vote:

- Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum

- No: 0

- Abstain: 0

- **RESULT: CANDIDATE MELANIE MITCHELL PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation:** [Kelly Kennedy– Sophomore Class Council, Vice President]

- Opening Statement:

I am a Rising sophomore from Leesburg, Georgia. I'm double majoring in bio mathematics and computational biology. I am on our homecoming council right now as a creative chair. So I had experience in programming and I am also working with the brand exercise initiative. And from UROP last year, I am now continuing my work with the Wilbur Lab in Neuroscience. So for class

counsel, it's really a big idea of what I can do, what I can do to help my class, not what my class can do to help me. And the first thing that I noticed about when I toured FSU and the reason I knew why I wanted to go here is because there was this huge sense of community that I loved and that's something I want to promote and continue, especially since I felt loved as a freshman and I felt like everyone embraced me. I want all sophomores to feel like that. Whether they're continued students or transferred students, I want everyone to feel like they have a place at FSU specifically, I want to target this by facilitating events that are interesting for all people as well as targeting mental health. I think that's an important thing on campus and I know everyone struggles with mental health from time to time and people deserve to know about opportunities. I also want to target food insecurity in this position and let people know that they have opportunities to address this on campus. I just want Florida State to be an inclusive place for everyone.

- Round of Questioning:
 - NONE
- **Senator Gorelick moves to enter round-table discussion; Vice Chair Waller seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - **Senator Gorelick:** I am very appreciative of her dedication for helping those with mental health and food insecurity issues.
- **Vice Chair Waller moves to forward the candidate; Senator Gorelick seconds**
- Closing Statement:

I am excited to get to know you all. I want every student to feel like they have a home here.

- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE KELLY KENNEDY PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation:** [Malena Romero– Executive Branch, Director of Health and Wellness]

- Opening Statement:

Thank you. First and foremost, hi everyone. Happy Monday. To those of you who started classes, I hope they went really well. Very exciting for everyone. My name is Milena Romero. I'm a third year student originally from Miami, Florida, pursuing a dual degree in human development and family sciences and communication sciences and disorders. I'm really passionate about Florida State, our student body's wellbeing. I want everyone to be able to achieve their fullest potentials and maximize their nine dimensions of wellness. And during my time here at Florida State, I've served as a resident assistant helping dozens of first year students live in that greatness. On a more personal level, I'm always proud to share that I'm a first generation student with a Hispanic background. These identities come with a lot of baggage and stigma surrounding these topics. Topics of health and wellness. I personally have had to unlearn behaviors and stigmas regarding topics like healthy substance use and educating myself on things like mental health and it not to be an issue, issue to be demonized. I am really interested in the betterment of the community, but the stigmas that I have helped to deal with are not just limited to one culture. From my major courses to my involvement with University Housing Engage 100 the HispanicLatinx Student Union and to lift the Collegiate Recovery Program to serve in their Recovery Ally program. I understand the importance of taking time to better oneself and am knowledgeable of the resources here on campus. My goal in this position is to enhance the student body sign dimensions of wellness. As I said earlier, expand on projects like the free menstrual products in the restrooms. Create new events and initiatives to

further conversations on topics like men's mental health, creating women's only hours at the Fitness and movement clinic to ensure that everyone feels comfortable here on campus.

- Round of Questioning:
 - **Senator Gorelick:** Do you plan on working with the mental health council?
 - Response: Yes, I want students to know that there is support for them.
- **Senator Gorelick moves to enter round-table discussion; Vice Chair Waller seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - **Senator Butrum:** She has amazing goals and I would love to get in contact with her to make sure her goals reach the senate floor.
- **Senator Gorelick moves to forward the candidate; Vice Chair Waller seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you so much for the comments. Excited to work with everyone and ensure FSU is as healthy as it can be.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE MALENA ROMERO PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation:** [Trevor Murray– Executive Branch, Policy Director]
 - Opening Statement:

I was actually an IA in the 73rd and 74th student Senate, so I know just how hard you all are working and it's really great and I appreciate your time and thoughtful consideration. So just to introduce myself, I'm Trevor Murray. I'm from sunny Jacksonville, Florida. I'm a rising senior, feel so old majoring in political science, science and a minor in psychology. And so I'm sure you all are semi-familiar at least with the description of the policy director given that I'm the fourth candidate to come through IA for policy director. But just as a brief reminder, the policy directors serve in the office of the student body president and work to achieve the passion projects of the president and vice president rather than working toward any of their personal goals. So I'm excited to be working in this position cuz I've worked with President Hitchcock since our freshman year, so it'll be really fun to keep doing that. So a little bit about my experience is I started in the student senate as an undergraduate senator my freshman year. I served as the senate liaison to the EX executive branch as the IA vice chair and then later the IA chair. So hats off to Chair Randall for doing a really great job, number one. And I also served as the director of University relations for the Office of Governmental Affairs, the director of Administration for the Student Foundation and as the president of the new Delta chapter of the Chi Phi fraternity, so to speak, on a little bit of the president's passion projects that I'm passionate about. The first one would be raising A&S fees. So they haven't been raised in a lot of years since 2013 and 2014 and we were actually ranked seventh in the state university system for A&S fees per credit hour. The amount that we charge yet we give the highest percentage in the state to our union to campus recreation about 14.5% more than the next highest university, which is UF. And their budget is almost 8 million more than us. So it's really important that we raise it and we want to do that to be able to give our campus organizations more buying power and keep the Senate from having to underfund organizations out of fear of spending all of their money. And I'm quickly running out of time. So real quick, my second goal is to increase tradition. There's a lot of room for FSU to grow, grow in terms of tradition. A lot of our traditions are built around our football program, which is amazing and iconic. But there's room to grow and expand tradition across our campus both for students and for alumni. And if

we made Tallahassee and our campus is more of a destination for alumni, we will increase the number of alumni that come back to our campus and therefore we're increasing their connection that they have to the school and therefore they're more likely to donate to the university.

- Round of Questioning:
 - **Senator Gorelick:** If you do not agree with a plan from the administration, how would you combat this situation?
 - Response: I doubt I will be given any projects that I am not a fan of. I want to make it clear that I am here to serve the President, Vice President, and Treasurer and I know they have this university's best interest.
- **Senator Waller moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Butrum seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Vice Chair Waller: It sounds like he really wants to better this school I like that he is a people's leader.
- **Senator Gorelick moves to forward the candidate; Vice Chair Waller seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you all, I look forward to seeing you all at senate meetings.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE TREVOR MURRAY PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation:** [Josie St. Hillaire– Executive Branch, Director of Student Life]

- Opening Statement:

My name is Josephine St. Aire. I'm from Orlando, Florida and I'm a rising third year senior here at Florida State University. I am majoring in information technology with minor in communications and I would consider myself to be a student leader throughout my time here at FSU. I've served in Senate 74th student Senate as a black student union Senate liaison and also on the Student Lack Committee, which is one of my big pushes to go ahead for this position. I was a student representative on the Academic Honor Policy Committee as well as the technology fee committee, student foundation, and even the NAACP just to name a few of my involvements. But each of these opportunities have allowed me the unique opportunity to positively impact my community through advocacy. So today it is my hope to share a little bit about why I am the best candidate for the director of student life. So throughout my time leading, I've had the unique opportunity to hear and learn about different on-campus experiences from all students from various walks of life. And it made me really passionate about being someone that creates a safe space for all students here at Florida State. And one of my passions also happens to be mental health like one of the candidates said earlier. So it's going to be a really big focus for me to ensure that mental health is really supported as I work with the programming directors to create events and opportunities for students to kind of feel at home at FSU because that's the goal throughout this role. And yeah, it's my biggest goal to create safe spaces for everyone. And if granted the opportunity, it is my hope to continue to support our student body. And yeah, with that I yield my time and I look forward to any questions that you may have.

- Round of Questioning:

- NONE
- **Senator Gorelick moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Butrum seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Butrum:** This candidate is very welcoming and a warm person. She is highly dedicated to what she does. She helped co-sponsor menstrual product bill.
 - Senator Gorelick:** The candidate is very skilled in what she can do and I believe she will be a great fit.
- **Vice Chair Waller moves to forward the candidate; Senator Butrum seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - I miss everyone in senate and am looking forward to seeing you all on the floor.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE JOSIE ST. HILLAIRE PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation:** [Kolby Gawlik– Executive Branch, Director of Sustainability]
 - Opening Statement:

I was taught the importance of sustainability as it related to the household through composting and other home initiatives. But beyond the doing, I quickly came to know the why and it I had a sense of environmental stewardship that became central to my being. So that background led me to pursue an environmental degree here at Florida State. And this past semester I graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Environment Society and Public Health. And in the fall I will be a student in the joint urban planning and public health masters programs. My more niche interests are in waste reduction and sustainable transportation, but I look forward to having impacts on various aspects of community and campus life while studying. I'm excited to have the opportunity to work as the director of sustainability and the role I hope to utilize my network to connect various members of the Tallahassee area, both on and off campus to promote our university's green initiatives. I was recently a sustainability fellow with the sustainable campus where I researched the feasibility of centralized waste systems for Leon County offices. And that experience exposed me to the interconnected components of green initiatives and local government, which is transferable to this role within student government. It also allowed me to establish a working professional relationship with sustainable campus Leon County offices as well as the director of sustainability over at UCLA and in various local governments across the country. So I'm happy to answer any questions about my time as a fellow, but I'm confident those relationships will be key to moving FSU forward with its sustainability goals and willing to answer any questions about any specific initiatives that I'm interested in.

- Round of Questioning:
 - Senator Gorelick:** What is a goal you have for the future of this position?
 - Response: I want our university to get a platinum star rating. I would like to increase both employee and student education and work on initiatives that are under Hitchcock's organization.
- **Vice Chair Waller moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Gorelick seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:

- NONE
 - **Senator Gorelick moves to forward the candidate; Vice Chair Waller seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Thank you for hearing me speak today.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **RESULT: CANDIDATE KOLBY GAWLIK PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: [Gustavo Ayala– Executive Branch, Director of Community Engagement]**
 - Opening Statement:

Hope you guys have a good summer so far. It's been really great to see the new kids and the care kids getting on at summer. And it made me remind like the reason why I applied to this position is the engagement from being a on Concord scholar and you know, coming back on campus and seeing how many orgs joined together to helping first generation students move in. And that engagement right there made me passionate enough to actually want to devote my time into this position. I'm the IFC Vice President of membership and for that I have to deal with 16 other chapters for our rush and also for our new members. So you have to talk to different, different people around the like community and stuff like that. Which you, it's sometimes a challenge and sometimes it's, it's enjoyable, right? And I also had to do that for our Conquer Scholars program for Line Dance to actually, you know, get associated with the Greek community, also non-Greek people to get more money and funding for us. So that engagement right there showed me that hey, not alone with that the my own community I have to deal with that had to deal with the fraternity sorority life, other councils that I've had to talk to get joint programs and also like joint fundraising programs and that itself, you dealt with different communities and people from all different walks of life. So that that right there, it just goes to show me like that's why I wanted to sought out a position like this because you have to deal with different organizations and also people from other student government or organizations from other universities. So I'll go back to my roles internally, our people across the railroad. I don't know if we've ever done anything with them, I'm not sure. But I wanna increase that relationship with the student government over there. That's been an aspiration of mine because I come from a city that we all are from Atlanta, we all take the name of Atlanta. So at the end of the day we're all Seminoles and we have to embody that friendship and at the end of the day we're under one city, it's Tallahassee. So why not do something? Why not keep the engagement together? Why not have a community that we're all in Tallahassee? Why not do something? I don't see that we have to be so divided by railroad, we should be together as one. We need to have unity. So that's an internal aspect. And as well as that, as I talk about friendship, I want to embody that across to other student government organizations to show that hey, we're Florida State Seminoles, but we're friends. There's nothing that I want from you, I just wanna be your friend. I wanna have a organization. I mean generally, you know, I want to have an event together, I want to do stuff together. It shouldn't be, you know, oh for this recognition or that no, just generally wanna have a coexistence. I don't see why there should be no bad blood between each other. We are academic institutions. So that's why I want to be a part of this position. I wanna be a part of this executive branch.

- Round of Questioning:
 - NONE
- **Senator Gorelick moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Butrum seconds**

- Round-Table Discussion:
 - **Senator Gorelick:** I like his vision for unity.
- **Senator Gorelick moves to forward the candidate; Senator Butrum seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you for your time.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE GUSTAVO AYALA PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: [Roger "Javier" Puebla– HLSU, Treasurer]**

- Opening Statement:

I am a computer programming applications major and I was selected as a candidate for the position of treasurer for HLSU. I'm a first generation student and I came to FSU under the CARE program, which is first, first generational kids who have, who are Pell Pell Grant eligible. When I came to F S U it was a very bittersweet moment, leaving my hometown and everything and leaving my culture behind. And coming here was a very big like culture shock. But I'm very happy that the CARE program and the ambassadors were able to help me find all the diverse avenues that FSU has regarding all the organizations on campus, which finally gave me a sense of belonging here. HLSU has taught me that regardless of my surroundings, I will always be Latino. And FSU offered a space where I could truly exist as treasurer. My main priority would be going beyond the financial responsibilities for the organization. I aim to create a welcoming atmosphere for other students who feel they may not have, they might have to sacrifice their own cultural identity. HLSU has shown me that no matter how far away from home we are, there are plenty of identity based communities on campus that help us feel at home and true to ourselves. HLSU is not solely for Hispanic and Latinx students, but for all who are eager to learn and appreciate the diverse cultures and communities, communities werepresent as a whole. I want to be very clear that I want the agency that I'm about to go into to be very inclusive and exclusive due to how many identities we have within our union. I am my executive board of community fostering inclusivity for all students seeking a community as treasurer. I will continue to ensure that H L s u nurtures a welcoming and educational atmosphere by promoting programming that is representative. Educational and insightful community is crucial for our members to know that they have a home within our community. And with my previous experiences as a back office lead at Best Buy and my current role as a residential assistant, I possess the necessary skills to support LGS financial finances and foster a thriving community. I take this position seriously and my love for HLSU is very big because it has given me a college experience that I can never forget. Thank you.

- Round of Questioning:
 - **Vice Chair Waller:** Are you financially certified or familiar with the financial code?
 - Response: Yes, I scored a 90% on the exam and am familiar with the manual.
- **Vice Chair Waller moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Butrum seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - **Senator Gorelick:** I will always support another Hispanic.
- **Vice Chair Waller moves to forward the candidate; Senator Butrum seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak and represent.

- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0

- **RESULT: CANDIDATE [NAME] [PASSES / DOES NOT PASS]**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: [Jennifer Martinez– HLSU, Secretary]**

- Opening Statement:

Good afternoon. My name is Jennifer Martinez and my pronouns are she her Aya. I have been selected as a candidate for secretary for the Hispanic Latinx Student Union under the Alvarado Valdez administration. As a first generation student, my family had never had the opportunity to receive an education. So my brother and I were both thrown into university life on our own with no one to guide us on challenges we would never be faced with. I am from Miami. I have always been surrounded with those with similar cultures as me. Something I had never taken for granted until I came to FSU. It Was quite a shock to not be surrounded with those with similar cultures or backgrounds. This was something I was notprepared for until I decided to join an HLSU mentorship program. I learned a lot through this program. Most importantly, I am not the only person going through these experiences and HLSU had a support system and was a safe space for me to be able to embrace my culture, my language, and share experiences with others. AsSecretary for HLSU, I would do anything and everything to continue fostering a safe and welcoming environment. For others in this position, I would like to implement committees and oversee them in order to have more involvement from students looking to become more involved in their community. Aside from creating more avenues for involvement, Iwould also like to implement more communication between our community, especially for those who may be the first time on campus. I believe it is vital to receive feedback on how our agency, agency events are going and what they would like to see in the future as our aim is to serve our community and hearing from the community is the best way to keepmoving in the right direction. Aside from being a part of HSU's mentorship program, I was heavily involved with one of their affiliates, the Cuban-American Student Association, in which I began as a professional development coordinator and created a mentorship program. Aside from working on the mentorship program, I worked on programming, which gave me an abundance of experience and administrative work at the collegiate level. After serving as professional development, I was given the opportunity to move up as vice president of external affairs, where many of, not all of my responsibilities surround itself on administrative work. I have also held a position of secretary multiple times since I was in high school. If granted this opportunity, this would not be something I would take lightly. HSU's affiliate to make FSU a more welcoming environment for many. I would make sure to encourage intersection of identities, different cultures, and an evolving growing space for all agencies. I am grateful to have an opportunity to make a direct impact on my community. HLSU had a tremendous impact on me and I intend on making that impact on students at FSU. Thank you.

- Round of Questioning:
 - NONE
- **Senator Gorelick moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Butrum seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Gorelick:** HLSU does a lot for our community and I support this candidate.
- **Senator Gorelick moves to forward the candidate; Vice Chair Waller seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you all for the opportunity.

- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0

- **RESULT: CANDIDATE JENNIFER MARTINEZ PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: [Jessica De– AASU, Treasurer]**

- Opening Statement:

Hello. I just wanna start by introducing myself a little bit. I'm starting, I'm Jessica d, I'm starting my second year at Florida State University. I'm from Pensacola, Florida and I'm currently majoring in accounting. In my first year at Florida State, I was involved with women Accounting Sasa and the event planning committee at AASU. So it's safe to say that the College of Business and AASU have been my home away from home this past year. I didn't have an official position in these organizations, but I didn't need one to feel called to serve the members of AASU and its affiliates. But being in that unofficial position, I got to hear about the strengths and weaknesses of AASU from inside and out and from the lenses of the exec members and the general body. And that was kind of my call to action because I saw the limits of the organization again, and also how to improve AASU to better serve an often overlooked part of our campus and also to make Florida State a much more culturally rich environment. And so some of my goals include creating a better recordkeeping system and an inventory for AASU. I knew that was kind of a struggle from the previous administrations and it's gotten better every single year so far. So I just wanna extend that to our affiliates because our affiliates are what makes AASU strong just as the branches and agencies of SGA Enriches, SGA as a whole. And so I'd also like to note that growing up I was super, super involved in just really any leadership responsibilities, or excuse me, roles in leadership because they gave me a sense of responsibility. And so that included roles in presidencies being a reporter and also treasurer of course. And so I think that combination of hard and soft skills are kinda what set me up to make a s u and s G A and F S U a much more efficient organization and campus. And so I hope that gives you all a little bit more clarity on what kind of leader, but more importantly, team member that I am. And so I just wanna end by saying thank you.

- Round of Questioning:

- NONE
- **Vice Chair Waller moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Gorelick seconds**

- Round-Table Discussion:

- NONE
- **Senator Gorelick moves to forward the candidate; Vice Chair Waller seconds**

- Closing Statement:

- Thank you for everyone's time.

- Vote:

- Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

- **RESULT: CANDIDATE JESSICA DE PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation: [Daniel Muniz– OGA, Director]**

- Opening Statement:

So to reiterate, from my last confirmation as cabinet director, I have invaluable experience working in student government. I'm reliable and my ability to carry out projects until the very end, like my textbook accessibility drive, and I work well with people and prioritize building

meaningful relationships. So this point is especially important as an OGA director needs to have that innate ability to work with everyone, not just people that agree with the mission. So as director, I'll make it a priority to reform, represent and advocate for all F SSU students without partisan politics affecting decision outcomes or the relationship with the student body. Lastly, the reason I applied to be director was because I saw a gap that needed to be filled as excited as I was to work as cabinet director. I visualized the concerns that many students in S G A had about O G A and I felt like I was the best person to address those concerns. With my experience working in the Florida legislature, working with a lobbying firm and grassroots student advocacy, I believe that I have the ability to lead OJ to success. I want o OJ to be an organization that advocates for real issues like bright futures, free speech, public funding and mental health, and fight for issues that reflect the needs of every student at fsu. I truly believe that if I sat down with all 40,000 students at fsu, I'll be able to have a meaningful connection with each and every one. That is why this job is so important to me and that is why I'll responsibly fulfill the obligation of OGA director. So thank you. I'll waive the rest of my time. If you guys have any questions,

- Round of Questioning:
 - **Senator Gorelick:** Was there a reason for your position switch?
 - Response: I saw there was a gap. I wanted to fill it and felt my ability to work in that position worked better.
 - **Senator Gorelick:** Would this be your first time working in OGA? The last person in OGA caused big issues, do you see yourself having these same issues?
 - Response: I do not see myself as having an issue with this as well. I have experience in noles politics but not in any board. I have a very strong work ethic and learn very quickly. It is a priority to remain non-partisan.
 - **Senator Gorelick:** Will your previous internship help you?
 - Response: Absolutely, this role does deal with a lot of bills and policy and I am thankful I have that experience.
- **Senator Butrum moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Gorelick seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - **Senator Gorelick:** I was hesitant but I want to see a change and difference in what the last OGA director went through.
 - **Senator Butrum:** You very elegantly answered your questions.
- **Vice Chair Waller moves to forward the candidate; Senator Gorelick seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you all.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE DANIEL MUNIZ PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation: [Zorian Tullock– OGA, Assistant Director]**
 - Opening Statement:

I am a current third year rising senior majoring in political science with a minor in business and communications. I'm just gonna start, start off by telling you guys a little bit more information about me and my involvement on campus up until this point. So the past two previous years I've been involved with OGA. I started out my freshman year spring as a Nole Engage in politics participant. And then this past year I've served on the board of directors with O G A and also off campus. I have many involvements in the sense of working with, I was a past legislative intern in the past session of 2023. I've worked for a nonprofit organization located in Tallahassee that service small businesses, located in helping them out as an incubation system, co-working space. And then on campus. I've also been a part of many different organizations. I am an ambassador for the Student Alumni Association. I have done work with, excuse me, I've done work with care. I'm a first gen student. So I've done a lot of work working inside of care and just being, I'm very proud to be a first gen student and to show that off. And I've also done work with many different organizations and spaces that work with, worked many different organizations in space that work with campaigning. So I've helped with the past campaign in the previous year in fall 2022 campaigns, one local campaign in Tallahassee and then also a congressional campaign. So I've had a lot of experience working with many different political backgrounds and learning how to navigate myself in the political world and learning how to advocate for myself and others on campus.

- Round of Questioning:
 - NONE
- **Senator Butrum moves to enter round-table discussion; Vice Chair Waller seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Richards:** This candidate is very intelligent and hard working. I encourage everyone else to be in pro.
- **Senator Butrum moves to forward the candidate; Vice Chair Waller seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you. I am also a part of forward and want to commit to having a great relationship with SGA.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0

○ **RESULT: CANDIDATE ZORIAN TULLOCK PASSES**

- **Candidate for Confirmation:** [Samantha Strickland– IRHC, Director]

- Opening Statement:

I'm a rising senior major in psychology with a minor in long philosophy and I'm currently enrolled in the Global citizenship certificate program. In addition to this, I'm in the Global Scholars program and I'm heavily involved in research and I'm currently conducting my honors thesis. Today I'm running to be reconfirmed as the inner residence hall Council Director. If you don't know much of what IRHC is, essentially we're the governing body within the residence halls that allows students to engage in leadership and put on events for their community. Our mission is to create on-campus leadership experiences for those living in residence halls, foster peer advocacy, and engage students within their FSU community. This mission resonated with me my freshman year and is why I've been involved with IRHC for the past four years. In terms of my qualifications. Freshman year I was president of dormant and Devinney. Sophomore year I

transitioned to a role in the executive board, the assistant director of operations, which is basically the secretary. And then my junior year I served as a confirmed director. So now I'm hoping to close out my senior year as the confirmed director of IRHC. And That being said, I understand IRHC both at the hall council level and at the executive board level and through these different lenses, what it takes to operate the organization and to ensure that operates that that organization is run smoothly. As a confirmed director last year, I won three awards pertaining to my leadership. Two at regional levels at conferences, and one internally within my org. I'm seeking to be confirmed as it makes our organization stand out and shows that we respect S G A by making the effort to maintain good standing with you guys and ensure that we're more established on campus. My goals this year's director are to try to pass legislation within housing so that dorms give out free menstrual products as well as protection for safe sex. I wanna partner with more orgs and have events that celebrate diversity as part of our mission is to ensure that our community is represented, is represented and our students feel safe. I think that we made great progress as an org this previous spring collaborating with more organizations, but I think that we could take that even further. Further. I also want the executive board to put on two events per month, one active and one passive. So as an executive board we typically only do one event per month, but since hall councils are required to do two, I only feel that it's fair that we're asking that we're doing the same, that we ask them on an internal level. I wanna make sure that our hall councils feel accurately supported and make sure that our board of director meetings are fun and inclusive because these are meetings that they're having at 8:30 PM on a Monday and I totally get how that's a strain and I just wanna make that as fun and informative as possible and provide them more networking opportunities. So I have a plan to completely restructure our B O D meetings this year and I'm excited to implement new ideas based on my previous experience last year. I'm also planning on restructuring team building for our executive board to ensure that we're cohesive and that everyone enjoys their roles. I love being a source of leadership and networking opportunities for freshmen within Hall Council, putting on events in our community. Absolutely love this organization. I'm extremely passionate about it and that's why I'm going through this process of thinking for second interrupt.

- Round of Questioning:
 - NONE
- **Senator Butrum moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Gorelick seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - NONE
- **Senator Butrum moves to forward the candidate; Vice Chair Waller seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you so much.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE SAMANTHA STRICKLAND PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation:** [Gabriel Ferraz– IRHC, Assistant Director of Finance]
 - Opening Statement:

I'm from Orlando, Florida and I plan to major in business management, sport management. I'm involved in the SportManagement Student Association on campus and had the privilege of being the treasurer for an IRHC for Sally Hall last year as a freshman and I had the opportunity and being in the role was a pleasure. So being numbers oriented, I am intrigued by the idea of not, of not only being surrounded by potential future leaders presiding over several I across

campus, but also the opportunity to help establish togetherness within the executive board and all hall council. I've learned that to be a member of a board, all members, including the roles that are less important, need to be in regular communication and harmony so that everyone is able to do the best job that they can. This position entails both the benefit and responsibility to establish multiple connections, not just within IRHC but also through several student organizations throughout campus. And with that being said, a strong relationship with the aforementioned groups brings us about the possibility of more funds being allocated to our budget and also better collaboration ideas with these groups to ultimately establish a better brand for our school. And as assistant director of finance, that would help push with the establishment of a philanthropy committee where we could address issues on campus and organize events that combat challenges for students like food insecurity. And through this we could host events all over campus, raise funding and partner with other organizations like the Food for Thought that contains the food pantry and is conquered by debt so that students can fully understand how to balance financial choices and set up better lifestyles. I would also help make sure that our fin, our merchandise is on par with how we want to be received as an organization. And I would also help push from more supportive local businesses like black owned businesses, Latino owned businesses. Whether that means, whether that means having our merchandise purchased and or created from them, or hosting events in which we promote these businesses. And to maintain consistency as a group, we could find ways to ensure that the board feels connected and transparent. Transparent within every position in no isolation. And I feel like these ideas would help improve the efficiency of, again, not only IRHC but all over campus and improving relations with SGA.

- Round of Questioning:
 - NONE
- **Senator Gorelick moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Butrum seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - NONE
- **Senator Butrum moves to forward the candidate; Senator Gorelick seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - It is a privilege to be able to share my ideas. Thank you.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Vice Chair Waller, Senators Gomez, Richards, Gorelick, Butrum
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE GABRIEL FERRAZ PASSES**

Old Business:

- NONE

Unfinished Business:

- NONE

Closing Announcements:

- Chair Randall: Good job everyone. Please go to involvement fair if you can from 4-6, any support is appreciated just text me or senate president.

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Next Meeting: July 3 at 5:30 PM

Adjourned: 7:03 PM

Signature of Chair *Samantha Randall*