



**75<sup>th</sup> Student Senate  
Judiciary Committee  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/99918927976>**

**Call to Order:** 6:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** Vice Chair Maglin, Senator(s)

**Members Tardy:** None

**Members Absent:** Chair Kariher (Excused), Senator(s) Newsome, Garrison, Rivers (Unexcused)

**Guests:** Senator Dale, President 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 pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.

**Announcements:**

- Chair Maglin: Thank you all for coming to today's meeting. I'm very excited to be presiding as Chair, as Chair Kariher cannot be here this evening. And I'm just excited for a great meeting.

**Committee Business:**

- **Bill 20 – Senator Dale (P) Senator(s) Folwell, Salazar, Jones, Bettley, Chehaitli, Humberg (Co):** A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes 802.9. To ban the purchase and use of plastic straws with A&S Monies
- **Bill 22 – Senator Folwell (P) Senator(s) Kariher, St. Hilaire, White, Widmann (Co):** This bill codifies the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission as a biannual affiliated project of the Florida State University Student Government Association.
- **Bill 23 – Senator Folwell (P) Senator(s) Bettley, Crusey, Dale, Diaz, DuChêne, Kariher, Maglin, McEntyre, St. Hilaire (Co):** This bill designates the Diversity &

Inclusion Institute as an official Executive Institute of the Student Government Association.

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- **Bill 20 - Sponsored by Senator Dale (P) Folwell, Salazar, Jones, Bettley, Chehaitli, Humberg (Co)**

- Opening Statement:

- Senator Dale (P): Awesome. Hey, guys. Um, this is something that the Sustainability Committee came up with. During one of our meetings, we were talking with Mario from PIRG if any of you guys haven't know him, and this was a bill that he really wanted to see us pass and something he actually helped me work on a lot. And basically, it just would remove the ability for RSOs who are getting A&S money to be able to use that money to buy straws. Similar to what Abril did a couple of sessions ago, in banning the purchases of disposable plastic water bottles. And then I know that sometimes straws are needed for students who have, like, disability accommodation needs. And so, this would have also a clause that would accommodate those students and say that if there's ever a need for that just reach out to the Office of Disability Services for guidance, but that accommodations can definitely be made for that. Yeah, that's all. **Yields with 2:04**

- General Questioning:

- Senator Folwell: Have you spoken to the Office of Disability Services about their advisement in this process?
  - Senator Dale (P): Yeah, so I reached out to the Office of Disability Services. I haven't heard anything back. I can send a follow up email to them. But again, I didn't get anything back from them. If they would ever have an issue with it, I'd be willing to withdraw it or amended accordingly. I definitely don't want create the issues and make their jobs harder.
- Senator Folwell: I'm just in the interest of reducing ambiguity because it does occur to me-- would you be friendly to an amendment that says, or that adds the word "plastic" before straws? It that seems like that's what you're targeting.
  - Senator Dale (P): Oh, yeah, I'd be I'd be friendly to that.
- **Senator Folwell moves to amend; Senator Brewer seconds; No objections**
  - Senator Dale (P) – **POC**: I would particularly be friendly to an amendment that says disposable plastic straws.
  - **Sponsor finds the amendment friendly.**
- Senator Brewer: The only problem I potentially foresee is with the word "purchased". I'm aware that several other universities throughout the US and several other states, in fact, have policies where straws aren't given out freely, but they can be given out at the request of a patron. Would you be friendly to an amendment that reflects that, as opposed to plastic straws being purchased?

- Senator Dale (P): I'm not entirely familiar with the process you're talking about. Would you like explain that a little bit more? Because I mean, I think I'd be friendly to that.
- **Senator Brewer moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Casiple seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - Senator Brewer: So, just going off the question I asked during the questioning period. What I was referencing was—I would have to look it up to give you specifics, but I'm aware that certain universities throughout the US and certain states, especially coastal states, like the state of Florida—not that Florida is doing it—but I think California does this and I think some states up in New England do this. What they do is: you aren't allowed to just receive a plastic straw from a restaurant or from any kind of place without asking for one. But if you do have the preference where you would specifically like a plastic straw, you're allowed to ask for that and receive it free of charge. So, the amendment I would propose to the sponsor is to simply change this bill to reflect a policy more similar to that. So specifically, the amendment I would propose if the sponsor would find it friendly is just to change plastic straws may be given at the request of the patron or something along those lines.
  - Senator Folwell – **POC**: This would only affect A&S monies that doesn't actually affect like the restaurants on campus nor like anything the university does. This will not affect University restaurants on campus it will only affect like PAC requests or things along those lines I think that we personally fund.
  - Senator Casiple: So, I feel like the overall goal of this is so that, you know, RSOs can't purchase straws. But then the first amendment, or the first added clause is saying that, plastic straws can be purchased for any students' needs. So, I think it's like, an inconsistency in the sense that we're trying to target RSOs. But then, let's say one student may need the accommodation, then how do we go about saying like, this RSO is only catering towards one student versus their whole body.
  - Senator Casiple – **POI**: Do you understand what I'm getting at?
    - Senator Dale (P): Yeah, I understand what you're saying. For sure. I guess what I'm trying to do is just make it to where RSOs aren't purchasing straws for these events and having a stockpile of it. But I guess if they had a student who they know is consistently going to need this, allowing a purchase request for a small amount of that to be there. If ambiguity is a concern, I would be more favorable towards an amendment that would get rid of that section A because I do think that it would also kind of be a non-problem with students being able to access straws if they need to, from the union that these RSO events or just various locations nearby. But I guess the idea is just to kind of reduce the purchasing of disposable plastic goods and reduce the likelihood that it's going to happen. I definitely see what you're saying.
  - Senator Casiple – **POI**: Would you be friendly to striking out Clause A?
    - Senator Dale (P): Yeah, I think I understand what you're saying about ambiguity. And I think that's a good point. I'd be open to removing that.

- **Senator Casiple moves to amend; Senator Brewer seconds; No objections**
    - **Sponsor finds the amendment friendly.**
  - **Senator Brewer moves to call the question; Senator Crusey seconds**
  - Closing Statement:
    - Dale (P): **ZOOM RECORDING STOPPED WORKING**
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 5, Senator(s) Casiple, Crusey, Brewer, Alvarez, Folwell
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - **RESULT: BILL #20 PASSES**
- **Bill 22 - Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P) Senator(s) Kariher, St. Hilaire, White, Widmann (Co)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Senator Folwell (P): **ZOOM RECORDING STOPPED WORKING** Yields with 1:23
  - General Questioning:
    - None
  - **Senator Alvarez moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Brewer seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - Senator Brewer: **ZOOM RECORDING STOPPED WORKING**
  - **Senator Brewer moves to call the question; Senator Crusey seconds**
  - Closing Statement:
    - Senator Folwell (P): **ZOOM RECORDING STOPPED WORKING**
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 4, Senator(s) Casiple, Crusey, Brewer, Alvarez
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 1, Senator Folwell
  - **RESULT: BILL #22 PASSES**
- **Bill 23 - Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P) Senator(s) Bettley, Crusey, Dale, Diaz, DuChêne, Kariher, Maglin, McEntyre, St. Hilaire, Widmann (Co)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Senator Folwell (P): **ZOOM RECORDING STOPPED WORKING** Yields with 1:48
  - General Questioning:
    - Senator Brewer: **ZOOM RECORDING STOPPED WORKING**
      - Folwell (P): **ZOOM RECORDING STOPPED WORKING**
  - **Senator Brewer moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Alvarez seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - None
  - **Senator Brewer moves pass by unanimous consent ; No objections**
  - Closing Statement:
    - **WAIVED**
  - Vote:
    - Yes: All
    - No: 0

- Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: BILL #23 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Closing Announcements:**

- Vice Chair Maglin: **ZOOM RECORDING STOPPED WORKING**
- Senator Alvarez: **ZOOM RECORDING STOPPED WORKING**

**Next Meeting:** February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 6:35 p.m.



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**Signature of Chair Kariher**