



75th Student Senate Judiciary Committee

April 20th, 2023 | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/99182693504>

Call to Order: 8:05 pm

Members Present: Chair Alvarez, Vice Chair Brewer, Senator(s) Ramos, Crusey, McKinney, Walerio, Hine, Chinn, Brewer, Mendez

Members Tardy: None

Members Absent: Vice Chair Velasquez (excused), Senator(s) Anandjiwala (excused), Widmann (excused), Spangler (unexcused), Robinson (excused)

Guests: None

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:

- Pres. Diaz: It is great to be in one of the most prestigious committees there is. I notice there aren't a lot of cameras on and engagement right now. I just want to encourage active participation if you are able.

Committee Business:

- **Bill #52 (Amended) - Dale (P)**
- **Bill #56 - Humberg (P)**
- **Bill #57 - Diaz (P)**
- **Resolution #44 - White (P)**

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Bill #52 - Sponsored by Senator Dale (P)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Dale(P): My cosponsor cannot be here, but he has a message for you: Thank you for hearing out my Bill today, I want to stay that I would not be where I am now without my position in AASU. It is not at all a major conflict to be a secretary of an agency to that it should be barred from other SGA positions. Its workload is no bigger than other positions in agencies which are not classified as major positions. **Yields with 1:29**
 - **Brewer moves to pass by unanimous consent, Hine seconds**
 - **No objections**
 - **RESULT: BILL PASSES**

- **Bill #56 - Sponsored by Senator Humberg (P)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Humberg (P): This would allow students on the Panama City campus to match the way it is done at FSU. The Panama city student council has been contacted and they like these changes. **Yields with 2.17**
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Ramos: How was voting done at the Panama City campus prior to this?
 - Humberg: At some point it was done using absentee ballots, this is what statutes currently reflect, but they have begun to use online voting. This bill is merely a formality to ensure that statutes match what is currently being practiced.
 - **Brewer moves to pass by unanimous consent, Walerio seconds**
 - **No objections**
 - **RESULT: BILL PASSES**

- **Bill #57 - Sponsored by President Diaz (P)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Diaz (P): The golden torch lecture series was established by SGA to show that we can bring in high-dollar speakers to the university. I am able to appoint someone to the committee for that. But the statutes are weird on how that selection works, so this language simplifies it. **Yields with 1.39**
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Brewer: Did someone prompt you to make this change?
 - Diaz: President Hunter completely created these statutes, President Hitchcock told me the language in them was weird and requested for it to be cleaned up.
 - McKinney: Can you elaborate on how this would fit into the larger SGA picture?
 - Diaz: This committee collaborates with Club Downunder to put on these events. We put on three a year. The committee includes a person chosen by the senate president and four people chosen by the SGA president.
 - Alvarez: How many people total will be on the subcommittee described?
 - Diaz: Realistically however many people want to be involved.
 - Alvarez: What's the difference between the committee and the subcommittee?
 - Diaz: The subcommittee is just focused on public relations.

- Ramos: Is this subcommittee something that existed prior or something this bill would create?
 - Diaz: In my time, I have not heard about it before this, there's a chance it may have existed before though.
 - Ramos: What is the most substantial change in this bill?
 - Diaz: The forwarding procedure. I encourage you to read into the specifics of it. It doesn't work well with the SGA timeline and would be better placed at the end of the spring semester than in early spring where they are now.
 - **Brewer moves to enter round-table discussion; Hine seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion: None
 - **Hine moves to enter pro/con, Chinn seconds**
 - Pro
 - Hine: I go to a lot of the golden torch lectures and really like them, anything being done to make them better we ought to support.
 - **Brewer moves to call the question; Hine seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - None
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 8 (Senators Ramos, Crusey, McKinney, Walerio, Hine, Chinn, Brewer, Mendez)
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **RESULT: BILL PASSES**
- **RESOLUTION #44 - Sponsored by Chair White (P)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - White (P): This moves the confirmations of financial offices to the finance committee. This balances senate responsibilities and make senate more efficient overall. **Yields with 2.20**
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - McKinney: If this doesn't get passes what are other ways we can include efficiency in senate?
 - White: Without this passing it would not be in our rules and procedures so we would not be able to do it.
 - Ramos: How many confirmations would be alleviated from the internal affairs committee with this change?
 - White: I'm not sure of the exact number, it would not be substantial but would help somewhat.
 - Alvarez: Confirmations are still internal affairs regardless of if they went to finance or no, correct?
 - White: Not with this resolution, but the finance committee has experience in handling confirmations and would be well equip to take on these responsibilities.
 - **Chinn moves to enter pro/con, Brewer seconds**
 - **Brewer moves to call the question; Chinn seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - White: Thank you for hearing me out and for your time.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 8 (Senators Ramos, Crusey, McKinney, Walerio, Hine, Chinn, Brewer, Mendez)
 - No: 0

- Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- Chair Alvarez: We are still figuring out certain issues but thank you all for your participation. I will be reaching out you all individually to provide helpful resources.
- Senator Brewer: Make sure you are strictly sticking to Rules and Procedures even though we are on zoom. Everyone makes mistakes, including myself, but if you mess up find out why so that you can improve upon it next time.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 27th, 2023

Adjourned: 8:46pm



Signature of Chair Alvarez