



75th Student Senate Judiciary Committee

June 7, 2023 at 7:30 | [<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/95186378372>]

Call to Order: 7:32

Members Present: Chair Alvarez, Vice Chair Fitzsimmons, Senator(s) Hiriji, Waldie, Novotney, Hine, Varnon, Mendez, Baez.

Members Tardy: None

Members Absent: None

Guests: Senator White

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:

- None

Committee Business:

- **Senate Bill #64 - White (P):** This bill specifies that RSOs who are given A&S monies must have a Senate transfer bill passed if they want to transfer funds that originate from A&S fees between budget categories.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Resolution or Bill #64 - Sponsored by Senator White (P)**

- Opening Statement:
 - **Senator White:** OK, So this bill is pretty simple. It just clarifies that if an RSO receives A&S funding that they would have to submit a request to a senator to transfer the funds between categories, which is something that they're already supposed to do. So this clarifies it in statutes. We had a registered student organization come through and follow this process in the spring semester and this bill brings us in line with the customs. Because right now if you wanna spend money, once you're allocated the funds to the category you are supposed to spend those in that category. And if you want to transfer the funds between categories, you need a bill because you're only allowed to spend what your allocated for according to the financial manual and each RSO has two members that are required to take the financial certification course for the RSO to be recognized student organization. So this bill clarifies rules in the financial manual, rules that are already in statutes, and just makes it clear. **Yields with 4:01 remaining.**
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Senator Hine- OK, so basically does that just mean that they no longer need a new bill, and they can just do whatever they want with the money?
 - Senator White- No, it clarifies that they would need to make a new bill Because technically, they are not allowed to do what they want. You have to transfer between categories through Senate. This just clarifies that. This clarifies that the RSO, similar to how budgeted entities would have to submit a transcript bill request that the RSO would have to follow it to switch between categories. So on a consent resolution, you have PAC for example there's clothing, there is contractual service and then there is programs and flyers cost for those. They would have to submit a request if they were allocated funds for contractual services and wanted to transfer it to something else.
 - Chair Alvarez - So I have a question just to clarify. In current practice, we have to present the bill to transfer over. This is eliminating the need to write a bill for those transfers.
 - Senator White (P)- No, this is just putting current practice into statutes.
- **Senator Varnon moves to enter round-table discussion; Vice Chair Fitzsimmons seconds.**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - None
- **Senator Hine moves to call the question; Senator Varnon seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Senator White (P)- I thank you for the questions. **Sponsor yields.**
- Vote:
 - Yes: [7] **Vice Chair Fitzsimmons, Senator(s) Hiriji, Waldie, Novotney, Hine, Varnon, Mendez, Baez.**
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - **RESULT: Bill 64 [PASSES]**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- Thank you for a great first summer judiciary meeting. Very short, but hopefully this gets your toes wet. See kind of how things go in the coming weeks. They're gonna get a little bit longer, meetings because we're gonna have confirmations for Supreme Court, I think we get those. So depending on how quickly those are going through the executive cabinet and then getting referred to us, then we will have more things to do. If you guys are interested in writing any legislation, definitely reach out to people who have already been in Senate, because we can help you guys write some things up and, you could even be presenting here. Encourage the rest of your fellow summer senators to write legislation, because then we can review it in the judiciary. But that's really all that we do. Does anybody have any questions or want to make any closing announcements?
- None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Adjourned: at 7:43

Senator Varnon motions to adjourn. Chair Alvarez Seconds

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chair Alvarez', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Signature of Chair Alvarez