

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH STUDENT SENATE  
Calendar: February 8th, 2023  
Location: Senate Chambers, Student Union  
Time: 7:30pm

Call to Order:

- President Diaz calls the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Led by LoBianco.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

- Conducted.

Land Acknowledgement:

King: 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.

Roll Call:

- Conducted

Verification of Quorum:

- Verified.

Corrections and Approval of the Journal 11.02.2022, 11.09.2022, 11.16.2022, 11.30.2022, 01.18.2023, 01.25.2023. 02.01.2023

- None

Student and RSO Comments:

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- Brayden Harrel: Thank you all. Tonight I speak to you as a politically involved student at Florida State University, not as a member of SGA. As such, my thoughts do not represent the beliefs of any agency, branch, or Bureau. I am concerned about the legislative agenda SGA will pass tonight. I seek to provide advice and counsel to the Senate as a whole. I support Amendment 5 by Dale to add SB100. In the age of sustainability and conservation efforts, we as a student body can stand united to improve and protect our state's natural beauty. I urge you to vote in favor of the amendment. On HB543, I would urge the Senate to uphold a neutral stance, this bill has been supported vocally by the Speaker of the House. Leadership is a foundational piece of the House,

and they control the ability to move legislation through the House. To be the most equitable, I encourage the Senate to remain neutral and to play politics, and to not upset the powers that be in Republican supermajority. Join in placing personal politics aside, and not jeopardize an entire slate of legislation for one bill. Thank you.

- Omer Turkomer: Hey everyone, I'm here tonight representing the Turkish Student Association. As you all may have known, Syria and Turkey have suffered two massive earthquakes. As of now, the death toll is around 11,000 and expected to climb. There are still folks stuck, so I'm here to announce that TSU just launched a fundraising effort to raise money for NGOs in the area who are trying to help them out. The Turkish community here at Florida State isn't that big, but we ask for you to share our posts and we could use all the support we could get. Because of these exchange rates between the U.S. and Turkey, even a donation of \$1 can make a huge difference there. I thank you all for hearing me out.
- Raine Bellamy: I serve as the social media coordinator for the Presidential Scholars Program and your sophomore class council secretary. Among these titles, I am a proud recipient of the Randolph McCoy Scholarship Program, which is in remembrance of the single bloodiest day in modern American history. The McCoy massacres were the result of black people defending their right to vote after an unjust poll tax. It resulted with the lynching of July Perry and the mass murder of several others. The Randolph McCoy scholarship program was created by Florida State to provide scholarships to direct descendents of the massacre and citizens in the area. Despite not being a direct descendent, I have had the pleasure of working with people who were. I know that without this scholarship, I would not be able to participate at Florida State in my current capacity without it. When I found out that it was deemed an unfriendly amendment by our Office of Governmental Affairs, I was appalled. Senator Duchêne proposed an amendment lowering cost and increasing affordability for prospective students, which included House Bill 231. This bill was deemed unfriendly by our OGA board with only 2 votes in favor of it. To me, it is distressing that our own student leaders would vote against the interests of their own student body. Many of us in this room have only been able to pursue higher education due to scholarships and financial aid. Does the means by which we afford our education make us less deserving? I don't think so. Another bill deemed unfriendly by OGA was HB463, which includes more scholarship programs. As students, I encourage you to think about how students in and out of this room will be affected. I am merely one of many students who will be affected by this legislation. I encourage everybody to vote on the amendments that will make education affordable and accessible to all students. Thank you.

Special Introductions: None

Report of Senate Officers:

- DuChêne: We have a couple candidates up for confirmation this evening. If they do pass, there might be a delay to get them into the i-Clicker, things like that.
- President Diaz: Next Wednesday, we will be having a lovey-dovey Senate in honor of Valentine's Day. On a more important note, tonight we will be hearing OGA's legislation, and I hope that our conversations surrounding that debate will remain respectful and we remain true to represent the student body as its elected officials. Some of our debate may get a little heated as we discuss bills that will affect over 40 million Floridians, and of course, all members of our student body, so I just ask we maintain decorum and remain respectful. In addition, during our break, I have some 74th Senate tshirts that we need to distribute, so any member of the student body is welcome to take one.

## Messages from the Executive Branch: None

### Messages from Agencies, Bureaus, Affiliated Projects, and SGA Organizations:

- Jasen Louis, President of the Black Student Union: As President of the Black Student Union, I wanted to express my disappointment on the lack of transparency and consideration that was given to the agencies on creating the OGA agenda. This legislative agenda affects all students, not just students that look and think a certain way, and it is concerning that this legislation did not have my, or my fellow peers' knowledge. We were reluctantly given a seat at the table, when every voice on this campus should have a seat at this table. Today, I stand up here imploring you to take a look at this campus and what it means to you. Look at its history. To me, it is 55 years of advocating for the black community. To you, it might mean something different. Today, HB 231 represents the bloody stain of racism and hatred that our country deals with. The second bill, HB 463 brings us face to face with the same hatred. I'm here because my community elected me to advocate for their interests. FSU Senate, we look at you as these bills should not be optional. We will not be silenced. Why does this office exist if OGA fails to live up to their purpose, as outlined by FSU Statutes? This is the question that we are all here for today. Thank you and happy Black History Month.
- Jason Puwalski, Director of OGA: Thank you Mr. President. Obviously today, we are here to hear the legislative agenda so that's what my comments will be regarding. We have sent our recommendations for the amendments to President Diaz, so I'm not sure if they have all been passed along. I believed we voted yes on three of them and the other six we recommended no. This is something I have not been able to communicate with the entire Senate because we only had our meeting 2 days ago. My commitment has been when the agenda comes back to us, because if you look at the statutes, y'all take care of it today, this is your role and your part, it comes back to OGA for recommendation. My commitment to the sponsor of that amendment is that when it comes back to us, we will recommend that those three bills are added back on to there. When we first recommended no, it was a formatting issue, not a substance issue. We all agreed we liked the substance of the bills, and we wanted them to be on the agenda. Whether these bills are passed or not, our rationale is that we send to the governor an agenda that reflects what the Senate thinks, what OGA thinks, and what the students surrounding us think. I feel like that's important to address, first and foremost. In addition to that, that's all we dealt with in our Monday meeting. Give our instagram a follow and pass that along to your constituents, there is a survey where our constituents can let us know what they think. We are going to leave the survey open for a week so we can see what the student body thinks about the agenda you all will be hearing tonight. Good luck voting tonight and we look forward to seeing the resolution that you guys send back to us.
- Zorian Tullock, Officer of OGA: Upon further research, I will be in favor of Amendment 1 and Bills 231, 463, and 565. My commitment to FSU will always be in favor of the students, and thank you for allowing me to speak here today. Thank you for allowing me to speak today.
- Adam Latiff, Deputy Supervisor of Elections: The candidacy declaration window closed today at 4 p.m. The sample ballot will be released next week, February 15th, at 4 p.m. The candidate seminars will be held on February 21st at the Globe and the 22nd here, in the Senate Chambers, both at 11 a.m. These seminars are mandatory, and anyone unable to attend these meetings should send an email to the Supervisor of Elections within 24 hours of the event. Anyone who does not send a valid excuse will be removed from the ballot. Campaigning begins February 22nd at 12 a.m. Campaign contribution statements will be due February 22nd at 4 p.m. as well. I'm also here to voice my

support for the confirmation of Sydney Peters, hopefully our next deputy supervisor of elections. I've heard the most fantastic things about her and her commitment to share the power of the vote. You guys have a great rest of your meeting.

Messages from the Class Councils: None

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students:

- Nelle Delva, Deputy Speaker of COGS: I have a few updates, we deliberated on the budget recently and we were able to decide to fund a few RSO's so we're excited about that. We funded recently (**Recording Inaudible 27:12**) Additionally, I am working with my committee to help more students on campus know about us. So I'm hoping that I can keep y'all updated on what we're doing, and that's all I have for today but feel free to come up and get to know me. Thanks everyone.

Messages from the Judicial Branch: None

Messages from the Union Board and Campus Recreation Board: None

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: Remaining Balances: Senate Projects \$16,914, PAC \$30,899.89, RTAC \$1,441.04, and ORG Fund \$0

Report of Senate Liaisons:

- St. Hilaire: BSU Liaison, today I am here to express my concern on behalf of BSU, I sent out a PDF in our chat so please look through it. It is imperative that you know what you're voting on and I don't want something to be voted against because of the lack of knowledge. It's really disheartening knowing that these things are overlooked, and we aren't being represented because individuals aren't doing the necessary work. If you have any questions, feel free to text me. We have elected officials doing their jobs without any research, so if you have any questions, just let me know.
- Folwell: Elections Office Liaison, but I really want to emphasize that the mandatory candidate seminars have been retimed from 4 p.m. to 11 a.m.
- Adonis: FS, The event we have on Wednesday is from 10-1:20 p.m. so if you have any free time come and stop by.
- Pedraja: VSU Liaison, We will be handing out donuts on Tennessee Street from a veteran-owned business on Monday, the 13th, at 10:30 a.m. and you guys should check it out. Thank you.
- Bettley: NPC Liaison, Florida PIIRG and a bunch of other organizations are having Nikki Fried come to campus tomorrow. It's at 5:30 p.m. and in room 103 at the College of Law.
- Burton: OGA Liaison, I want to reemphasize what Senator S. Hilare said, please read that document and really take the time to engage in what's going to happen tonight because it's more than the people in this room that are being affected.
- Gummerman: Homecoming Liaison, this past week, the Homecoming Council was confirmed and if you want to get involved, please talk to them.

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary
  - Passed Bill 13, passed Bill 15, had a hearing regarding OGA and the legislative process, and those minutes are online if you'd like to read about it.
- Internal Affairs
  - Met Monday. Forwarded 2 candidates. Passed Bill 14 and Resolution 11, and we also held a roundtable about the SGA application.

- Budget
  - Did not meet last week but we will be meeting tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.
- Finance
  - Met last night at 6:15 p.m. . Passed CR 11 and Bill 13. Tabled Bill 15.
- Student Life
  - Met on February 3rd. Passed Bill 14 and Resolution 11 and that's it.
- Rules
  - Met this evening at 5:30. We passed resolution 11 for floor consideration and forwarded 2 candidates for the Student Senate.
- Sustainability Ad Hoc
  - Met Tuesday at 3 p.m. We have a few things coming up next week, so stay tuned for details.

### Senate Confirmations:

Alexis Dorman – Office of Governmental Affairs, Assistant Director (1 Applicant)

- Opening Statement:
  - I've been involved with OGA since my freshman year, and in the spring of last year, I was a participant in the Noles Engaged in Politics and I'm currently a board member for OGA and I feel it's a natural progression to Assistant Director. I've stuck with OGA because it perfectly aligns with a lot of my passions and aspirations like law school, a career as a human rights lawyer, and it's because I've always been drawn to work that has a positive impact on the communities that surround me. I have a ton of experience at the county, city, and state levels that I would be able to bring to this position. Some of these include lobbying for better educational opportunities for immigrants and refugees and leading the lobby initiative to pass the Hunger Free Campus bill at the state level this year. I'm happy to answer any and all of your questions. Thank you so much for giving me your time.
- General Questioning:
  - Widmann: What plans do you have to ensure all students feel equally represented in OGA?
    - I think we are already making strides towards that, as seen with all the students who came out today, and we're working to establish the agency board where representatives from each agency will be able to provide their perspectives. I also plan to do personal outreach on campus, I'd make sure that different communities had access to provide feedback and allow for the opportunity for students to provide feedback not already addressed in the legislation.
  - St. Hilaire: After hearing the concerns of the agencies, how will you address these?
    - I think we really need to start from scratch and offer agencies bills that have already been discussed, then potentially remove bills based on their feedback so we can build back the trust from the agencies.
- Closing Statement:
  - I have a lot of passion and dedication that I look forward to bringing to this position and I look forward to working with you.

Sidney Peters – Deputy Supervisor of Elections (1 Applicant)

- Opening Statement:

- Over time, I had developed a distinct interest in voting and voter education. The work that I had done is part of what led me to this position. My time in Florida PIIRG helped lead voter campaigns leading up to the midterm elections. Our hard work and partnership with Tallahassee voters has trained me how to facilitate paper registrations and my approach to voting has always been non-partisan, so I aim to maintain neutrality and **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE 43:11)**. The work I've done with PIIRG also led me to the elections office last fall, where I served as an elections assistant. In my experience as an assistant, I was able to see what working in elections is really like, and that's why I'm looking to you today for confirmation. I am already very familiar with the election code and operations of the office, and I have already passed the necessary certifications. I thank you all for your time and hope to work with you all in the future.
- General Questioning:
  - Adonis: What other past experiences do you have that will help you excel in this position?
    - I served as an assistant during the fall election and I worked alongside the current officers. I saw the entire election process from start to finish and it was a great experience to have.
  - Folwell: In your application, you said you want to see a 5-10% increase in voter turnout. Do you have any specific plans to see this happen?
    - I did gain some valuable public relations connections and I have a lot of experience from different offices that will allow a bigger social media presence.
- Closing Statement:
  - Thank you for your time and thank you to everyone who was involved in the elections process and I look forward to working with you.

Liam Fineout – Student Senate, College of Motion Picture Arts Seat 1 (1 Applicant)

- Opening Statement:
  - I was in the Student Senate for the 73rd and 74th a little bit. I really want to return back and finish my job here and I sadly had to step away from previous Senate because of time commitments and now in my last semester, I have the time, I have the want, and it's really important that we can fulfill every seat in the Senate so that every college can be properly represented. Thank you
- General Questioning:
  - Adonis: What other past experiences do you have that will help you excel in this position?
    - I did serve in the 73rd Senate and so I am familiar with the procedures and committees. Outside of that, I am a directing specialist. I know how to help different people come together for a common goal.
  - White: I've heard that the past Senate had hostile environments. How do you plan to keep this from happening again?
    - It's important to always have an open mind and be prepared to come to meetings. We can all come together and understand we are here for one common goal, which is the student body, which should be kept at the front of our minds.
- Closing Statement:
  - Thank you for allowing me to be here and represent the student body. I really hope that we can all work together and get some great stuff passed.

Erick Rivers– Student Senate, Arts and Sciences Seat 6 (1 Applicant)

- Opening Statement:

- I served in the 74th Senate, the spring, summer, and fall term. I've served on the finance committee as the vice-chair, the judiciary committee, and the past fall I served on the sweepings committee where I worked with my fellow Senators to allocate roughly \$580,000 to different entities on campus. During my time on the Senate, I've always been an advocate for the student body, and I've always made it my mission to reach out to different organizations on campus to see if there's anything I can do through the Senate to help them. Through my own personal time, I was able to work with the Career Center to get a headshot booth on campus where students can go for free. I've worked tirelessly with my college to ensure that the Senate is meeting their needs and they have the funding from the Senate that they need. I'm very excited to be back, and I have two major pieces of legislation that I am trying to pass this semester, and with that I yield.
- General Questioning:
  - White: I've heard that the past Senate had hostile environments. How do you plan to keep this from happening again?
    - The spring of the 74th Senate was a very scary, hostile place to come into but I believe coming into the summer and fall semester, the environment was much more welcoming and I know that the Senate atmosphere has moved away from the hostility of the past. Everyone in this room wants to help the student body and that's all I want to do.
- Closing Statement:
  - I'm happy to be back and I look forward to making legislation with all of you.
- **Pedraja moves to enter Pro/Con on all candidates.**
- First Round of Pro:
  - Pedraja: Honestly, I really like this slate of candidates. They are all qualified and ready to do their jobs.
  - White: I wanted to speak in pro of candidate Peters. Supervisor Greenwood spoke extremely highly of her and her work in the past election and I know she'll do amazing.
  - Folwell: From what I've heard from others and the candidates, they are all great and qualified and I will be voting yes on all of them, and I urge you all to do so as well.
  - Maglin: I would like to speak in pro of candidate Rivers. He is the type of person we need in this Senate, he is not afraid to speak his mind. I will be voting in favor.
  - Chaitle: I would like to speak in pro of Candidate Rivers, he is incredibly qualified.
  - Kariher: All of these are great candidates.
  - Humberg: I would like to speak in pro of Candidate Fineout. Currently, we don't have anyone from the College of Motion Picture Arts, and it's great that he already has experience.
  - **St. Hilare moves to enter con. Adonis seconds.**
    - **No objections.**
- First Round of Con:
  - **Widmann moves to forward the candidates individually. McMahon seconds.**
    - **No objections.**
- **Voting Results for Alexis Dorman- Candidate for OGA Assistant Director**
  - **42 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention.**
  - **Alexis Dorman is confirmed as OGA Assistant Director**
- **Voting Results for Liam Fineout- Student Senate College of Motion Arts Seat 1**
  - **40 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention**
  - **Liam Fineout is confirmed for the Student Senate**
- **Voting Results for Erick Rivers- Student Senate, Arts and Sciences Seat 6**

- 33 yes, 5 nos, 0 abstentions
- Erick Rivers is confirmed for the Student Senate
- **Voting results for Sidney Peters – Deputy Supervisor of Elections**
  - 41 yes, 0 nos, 1 abstention
  - Sidney Peters is confirmed as the Deputy Supervisor of Elections.
- *Pro Tempore administers the 'Oath of Office'.*

Consent Calendar:

CR 11                      Sponsored by Senator Wyatt (P)  
To fund the Society of Undergraduate Mathematics Students and  
Biomedical Engineering Society

- Moves to approve Consent Resolution 11. Motion is seconded.
  - No objections
  - **Consent Resolution 11 is approved.**

CR 12                      Sponsored by Senator Widmann (P)  
To fund the Society of Physics Students (\$700) and the National  
Association of Business Economics at FSU (\$450)

- **Folwell moved to enter Finance as a whole**
  - No objections
- *Senate enters 'Finance as a Whole'*
- Opening Statement on CR 12:
  - This is for two organizations, very low cost and I'm happy to answer any questions.
- General Questions:
  - Casiple: Just wondering, so I imagine RTAC and PAC got more requests than just these two, so did you have a process choosing these two specifically to fund or did that even come up?
    - We heard seven organizations today. Two of them were not following statutes, one of them has already received over \$1,000, and the other one the representatives from the organization didn't show up.
  - Unknown Senator: Have they done any fundraising themselves?
    - The Society of Physics Students has raised \$193.20.
- **Folwell moves to enter round table. Jones seconds.**
  - No objections.
- Round Table Discussion:
  - Folwell: Society of Physics Students is a really great organization and I encourage everyone to vote.
- **Pro Tempore DuChêne moves to call the question. Brewer seconds.**
  - No objections
- **Voting results on Consent Resolution 12.**
  - 42 yes, 0 nos, 1 abstention
  - **Consent Resolution 12 is approved**
- **Diaz moves to exit the Finance committee as a whole. Anandjiwala seconds.**
  - No objections



- *Senate exits 'Finance as a Whole'*
- **Maglin moves to approve Consent Resolution 12 as a whole. Humberg seconds.**
  - **No objections.**
  - **Consent Resolution 12 is approved as a whole.**
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- **St. Hilaire moves to unlock the Calendar to Resolution 12. LoBionco seconds.**
  - **No objections**
  - **The Calendar is unlocked to into Resolution 12**
- *Senate moves into Resolution 12*

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Bills First Reading:

- Bill 15                      Sponsored by Senator St. Hilaire (P) Folwell (Co)  
 This bill was written to clarify procedures when we are faced with an objection to a consent resolution. It reads "If objected to, the consent resolution shall be treated as any other piece of legislation, and shall require a majority vote for passage." **(Referred to Judiciary and Finance. Passed Judiciary 02.07. Tabled in Finance 02.07.)**
- Bill 16                      Sponsored by Senator Kariher (P)  
 Revising RSO Allocation Committee guidelines.  
**(Withdrawn by sponsor.)**
- Bill 17                      Sponsored by Senators DuChêne and Folwell (P) Anandjiwala, Boisvert, Carter, Chehaitli, Dale, LoBianco, Maglin, McEntyre, McMahan, St. Hilaire (Co)  
 This bill makes the willful misrepresentation of one's self in an official capacity as a representative or potential representative of the Student Government Association a violation of the SGA Code of Ethics.  
 Referred to Judiciary and Rules **(Referred to Judiciary and Rules.)**
- Bill 18                      Sponsored by Senators Barrett and Bettley (P) Dale (Co)  
 To fund 2 ADA-accessible raised garden beds at the Seminole Organic Garden.  
**(Referred to Budget and Student Life)**
- Bill 19                      Sponsored by Senators Barrett and Bettley (P) Dale (Co)  
 To fund 7 U-Bike Locks as part of Sustainable Campus' bike rental program. These locks will be available to rent at no cost by students already owning bikes.  
**(Referred to Budget and Student Life.)**

Resolutions First Reading:

- Resolution 14              Sponsored by Senators Boisvert (P)

Resolution to open an investigative board to review recent OGA activity.  
**(Referred to Judiciary and Rules. *Withdrawn* by Sponsor 02.06.)**

Resolution 15

Sponsored by Senators Bettley and Chehaitli (P) Alvarez, Anandjiwala, Burton, Carter, Dale, Diaz, DuChêne, Folwell, Kariher, LoBianco, Maglin McFarlane, Salazar, St. Hilaire (Co)

This resolution serves to condemn Governor Ron DeSantis's recent attacks on DEI programs through his Higher Education Reform plan.  
**(Referred to Student Life and Rules)**

- **Kariher moves to place Resolution 15 on second reading. Dale seconds.**
  - **Brewer objects.**
  - **Sponsor does not withdraw their motion**
- Opening Statement on Motion:
  - We had SGA's all throughout the state of Florida and across the country and we want to pass this resolution all at once so we need to make a statement now so everyone knows where we stand.
- General Questions:
  - Widmann: What are some of the other SGA's that have reached out?
    - UC-Irvine, UCF, and USF.
- First round of Pro:
  - Bettley: This sends an important message and I am in pro that all students are impacted by this.
  - Birdsong: I am also in pro of this.
- First round of Con:
- **Folwell moves to call the question on the motion. Rivers seconds.**
  - **No objections.**
- **Voting Results to place Resolution 15 on second reading.**
  - **31 yes, 7 nos, 5 abstentions.**
  - **The resolution is placed on second reading.**
  
- **Bettley moves to unlock the calendar to Resolution 15. Chehaitli seconds.**
  - **White objects.**
  - **Sponsor does not withdraw their motion.**
- Opening Statement on the motion to unlock the calendar:
  - This is bigger than us and time-sensitive because other student governments are condemning this action.
- General Questions:
- **Folwell moves to enter Round Table. Adonis seconds.**
  - **No objections.**
- Round Table Discussion:
- **Folwell moves to call the question on the motion to unlock the calendar to Resolution 15. LoBianco seconds.**
  - **No objections.**
- **Voting results on the motion to unlock the calendar to Resolution 15.**
  - **33 yes, 5 no, 3 abstentions.**
  - **The calendar is unlocked and moved to second reading.**
- Closing Statement:
  - I really urge you guys to take care of this tonight.

Resolution 16 Sponsored by Senators Barrett and Bettley (P) Dale (Co)  
Amends the Senate Rules of Procedure to add Sustainable Campus and the FSU Food for Thought Pantry to the list of Senate liaisons.  
**(Referred to Rules)**

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 7 Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P)  
This bill brings Chapter 605 in line with the changes made to the election code by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate in Bill 82. **(Referred to Judiciary. Tabled in Judiciary 01.24. Passed in Judiciary 01.31. Tabled on the Floor 02.01)**

- *Bill was tabled pursuant to Senate Rule 8.1.*

Bill 13 Sponsored by Senator Widmann (P)  
Changing statutory requirements for Senate Funding Boards in order to align with current practices. **(Referred to Judiciary and Finance. Passed in Judiciary 02.07. Passed in Finance 02.07)**

- *Bill was tabled pursuant to Senate Rule 8.1.*

Bill 14 Sponsored by Senators Bettley and Chehaitli (P) Burton, Kariher, Maglin, LoBianco (Co)  
This legislation serves to remove the Office of the Center for Participant Education as a budgeted bureau. **(Referred to Student Life and Internal Affairs. Passed Student Life 02.03. Passed Internal Affairs 02.06)**

- *Bill was tabled pursuant to Senate Rule 8.1.*

Resolutions Second Reading:

Resolution 11 Sponsored by Senators Bettley and Chehaitli (P) Burton, Kariher, Maglin, LoBianco (Co)  
This resolution commends the progressive and educational work of the Center for Participant Education in its time as an active bureau from 1970 to 2020. **(Referred to Student Life, Internal Affairs, and Rules. Passed in Student Life 02.03. Passed in Internal Affairs 02.06. Passed in Rules 02.08)**

- *Resolution was tabled pursuant to Senate Rule 8.1.*

Resolution 12 Sponsored by Senators Burton (P)  
Adopting the 2023 OGA Legislative Agenda. **(Placed on Second Reading 02.01. Tabled on the Floor 02.01)**

- *Pro Tempore DuChêne relinquishes his position; Senator Kariher assumes the position of President Pro Tempore.*
- Opening Statement:

- I am the liaison for the Office of Governmental Affairs. Along with my position, it is my duty to present the OGA agenda but I think it's imperative that I go on the record and say I was prevented from being an active part of bringing the original contents of Resolution 12 to chambers, but I was involved with some of the amendments you will hear tonight. The mission of OGA is to provide Florida State students with representation and advocacy within the university and community and at all levels of government. On a personal note, there have been numerous failures to uphold the mission statement, however, the amendments that you will see later today will correct many of those wrongs. These are my personal views and do not reflect those of OGA, thank you.
- **Amendment 1 - Sponsored by DuChêne.**
- Opening Statement on Amendment 1:
  - This amendment changes the structure of the first 'Whereas' clause so that it adds a values-based statement to the beginning of the clause and three new bills to increase economic acceptability to our state university system. OGA has argued that the formatting of this amendment does not match the formatting of the other amendments, specifically Amendments 4 and 5. But I've done my due diligence and spoken with the sponsor of the amendments that if my amendments passes, Amendment 4 will be withdrawn and Amendment 5 will be revised. I don't see much controversy to this amendment, but I welcome any questions and I thank you all and I urge you to vote yes.
- General Questions:
- **Widmann moves to enter Round Table Discussion. Maglin seconds.**
  - **No objections**
- Round Table Discussion:
  - Bettley: We've had a lot of students come and express their support for these bills. The job of OGA and SGA is to hear the student body and reflect their needs and wants and this amendment does just that.
  - Folwell: My personal belief on the value statement at the top is that it gives context and I think that context is important. It adds clarity and I will be in favor of this amendment.
  - St. Hilaire: I agree with Senator Folwell. The value statement is incredibly important and allows for students to understand why we're lobbying for these things and why it's important to us.
  - Kariher: I sat in on the OGA meeting on Monday when this amendment failed, and one of the things they mentioned was how value statements don't really reflect the mission of OGA. To that, I say that this is why the FSU Student Government does include it because it does reflect our values. We're supposed to be representing the student body and this is in the best interests of our students.
  - Humberg: Tonight, e heard from multiple students and agencies in support of this bill and as Senators, it is our job to advocate for the student body.
  - Dale: The value statement is uncontroversial and everyone likes them.
- **Widmann moves to call the question on Amendment 1. Bettley seconds.**
  - **No objections**
- Voting results on Amendment 1:
  - **42 yes, 0 nos, 1 abstention.**
  - **Amendment 1 passes.**
- **Amendment 2-Sponsored by DuChêne**
- Opening Statement:

- OGA did find these friendly. It just rearranges the bills and adds more value-spaced language. It also adds two new bills, HB251 and HB393. I also want to know that Amendment 4 is a repeat of these bills and if this amendment passes, Amendment 4 will be withdrawn.
- General Questions:
- First round of Pro:
  - Mantilla: I think this is great and the value statement adds context for anyone who doesn't understand the bill and makes it more cohesive.
  - Folwell: I support this and the two added bills are very important to reducing discrimination on campus and in the world. It is our duty to partner with PSU and I am in support.
  - Jones: I agree with the previous Senator.
  - Maglin: This is so well written and I'm surprised that this bill was not introduced in the legislative agenda initially due to the threats to our LGBTQ+ community and I think this is a very important bill.
  - Bettley: I am in favor of this amendment.
  - Kariher: As the PSU liaison, I think this bill just addresses what needed to be addressed.
  - Dale: I'd also like to voice my support in this.
- First round of Con:
- **Birdsong moves to call the question. Adonis seconds.**
  - **No objections.**
- Closing Statement:
  - I'd like to thank OGA for including the other three bills in this section that are incredibly important and I'll hope you'll support it. Additionally, I do have a couple other amendments this evening but I did do my due diligence on these and I really appreciate your time.
- **Voting results on Amendment 2:**
  - **43 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions**
  - **Amendment 2 passes.**
- **Amendment 3-Sponsored by DuChêne:**
- Opening Statement:
  - HB191 does a good thing in the context of a horrible situation. It offers tuition waivers and gives monetary child care assistance for women who choose to carry their pregnancies to term. I'm going to express my personal views, which is that this kind of assistance is only necessary in a state where reproductive healthcare is not available and that is the situation we have in Florida. I think it's important that we support the women and I appreciate that OGA chose to include this in their agenda.
- General Questions:
- **Brewer motions to let a non-Senator speak, Jason Kowalski, Director of OGA. Humberg seconds.**
  - Brewer to Kowalski: Why on HB191 you included a statement opposing any amendments and did not include it on any others?
    - Kowalski: The intent of the bill would supply monetary childcare support and so I think it's important that the OGA board decided there was language in there that would say that the childcare support could not be amended.
- First round of Pro:

- Kariher: I want to speak in pro. By providing more flexibility, this is something we should support.
- Crocker: I think that the prior clause holds a negative connotation and I think the original bill says enough.
- Folwell: While the OGA board voted to find this friendly, we should follow their recommendation and vote in favor of it.
- First round of Con:
- **Widmann moves to call the question on Amendment 3. Brewer seconds.**
  - **No objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Thank you all for hearing me out and I appreciate the additional input of Director Kowalski and I really do encourage you all to vote yes.
- **Voting Results on Amendment 3:**
  - **43 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions.**
  - **Amendment 3 passes**
- **Amendment 4-Sponsored by Vice-Chair Dale is withdrawn**
- **Amendment 5-Sponsored by Vice-Chair Dale**
- Opening Statement:
  - Amendment 5 is something I hold dear to my heart. For many years, Florida State has voiced support for sustainability efforts on its campus. While this doesn't directly relate to education, neither do some of the other amendments we have up here today and yet because we value them, we are going to support them. Mangrove restoration is crucial to ongoing research here at Florida State.
- General Questions:
  - Widmann to Kowalski: Why did the OGA find this amendment unfriendly?
    - I appreciate this amendment and I understand why it's important. But this has nothing to do with education. The legitimacy our legislative agenda is that it affects us as students, but if we want to keep it credible, we have a responsibility to lobby for what's good for our student body. When we took this vote, I'm pretty sure it was a unanimous, 9-0 vote in opposition to this amendment, not because we don't like mangroves, but because it does not belong on this legislative agenda. I will personally go with the sponsor to the legislature to lobby on this because it is something that matters. Does it belong in this agenda? No, I don't think it does. Regardless, y'all can vote however you want on it, I understand you all probably vote yes on everything. That's fine with me. The OGA has done our role in the process, now you'll do your role in the process. I know it's going to require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote. If you can accomplish that, great.
  - Rivers: Can you talk more about how graduate students rely on these mangroves for their research? Are these FSU students or just student in the state of Florida?
    - We currently have graduate students researching mangroves and you can see some of the work they are doing and learn more about mangroves. And they are FSU students, through the FSU Coastal department.
  - DuChêne: Do you have any plans to rectify the fact that this bill does not have anything to do with the other bills in this section?
    - Yeah, I would be friendly to an amendment to my amendment to include another 'Whereas' clause where this bill would be.

- Folwell to Kowalski: Given the university concern of the marine lab that FSU sponsors, do you think that is a plausible basis for this to be put on the agenda?
  - I don't know if there are any mangroves in Tallahassee, I just don't think this is the biggest thing we should be putting on the agenda. Regardless, we'll uphold our end of the bargain
- Round Table Discussion:
  - Rivers: I think this bill is important to add to the agenda. A lot of us talk about sustainability and this is the perfect piece for the legislative agenda. This will set a precedent for FSU and we are supposed to advocate for sustainable efforts as the student government association.
  - Kariher: Sustainability is one of the pillars of SGA and these are things we really want to advocate for.
  - White: I'm in support of this.
  - DuChêne: If we knew that sustainability issues were going to be included on the agenda, I do wish we had gone through some of the other bills being heard and seen if they deal with any environmental issues, but if the body feels that it is important for mangroves to have their own category, sustainability is good.
  - Birdsong; Sustainability is good, but I would like to say that the best way to establish authority and cohesiveness is to put together an agenda that clearly defines what we are advocating for our student body. We need to maintain consistency and I don't really think this fits in.
  - Casiple: After looking at this, I also don't think it's necessary for this agenda. There's nothing saying that this bill is going directly to support FSU students, but I do agree that sustainability is important.
  - Pedraja: I think mangroves are really pretty but this agenda is specifically for higher education purposes.
  - Folwell: I'd like to speak in favor of the amendment. I completely understand where the OGA director is coming from, but the sponsor has pointed out FSU does have interest in this bill specifically because of the marine lab.
- **DuChêne moves to call the question. McMahon seconds.**
  - **No objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Just pointing out a couple of things. Director Kowalski claimed that the vote was unanimous, but one of the directors was not present and had come up during the Senate and voiced their support for this amendment. We have two other amendments up here that do not pertain to education and to clarify why I chose this specific bill, because it has bipartisan support in a Republican supermajority and we would actually be able to accomplish something. I would really encourage you guys to vote in favor of this.
- Voting Results for Amendment 5:
  - **23 yes, 16 no, 5 abstentions**
  - **The amendment does not pass**
- **Amendment 6-Sponsored by DuChêne**
  - Opening Statement:
  - This amendment strikes that the SGA does not take a position on the legislation and opposes this bill. The idea that our SGA would take no position on this is impossible. The leadership of OGA has stated they don't take a position on this amendment because it's "too political" but neither statutes, nor our constituents, ask us to be apolitical. The OGA and legislative agenda is inherently political, but I would argue that protecting our students is apolitical. The bill still prohibits

firearms on campus, but when you make it easier to obtain a concealed firearm, you endanger the lives of everyone. I'm thinking of my peers, and I'm thinking of my classmate, a proud alumna of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where five years ago, there was a horrific shooting that took 17 angels away from us, 17 Floridians away from us, and I'm thinking about the Republican-led legislative and the Republican governor who came together to increase restrictions on firearms in our state. I'm thinking about today, five years later, we have the short-sightedness to remove the restrictions that keep our students and community safe. I hope that we, as a Student Senate, don't have the short-sightedness of the legislature. Please vote yes on Amendment 6.

- General Questions:

- First round of Pro:

- Rivers: I think that this is important for us to fight for and it is highly inappropriate for OGA to take a neutral stance when months ago, there were threats made on our campus to Florida State students, targeting LGBTQ and Black individuals.
- Lobianco: I think this is an amendment where our main concern should be the safety our our students at FSU and everywhere.
- Hansen to Kowalski: I would just like to know what OGA thinks of this.
  - Kowalski: We voted no because we already have the provision in this legislation that not making an endorsement of this legislation, we realize that this bill has a good likelihood of passing. The constitutional carry bill still provides for gun-free zones. Even if you have a permit, you wouldn't be able to carry one on campus.
- St. Hilaire: By putting this bill on the agenda, it is making a statement, even if taking a "neutral stance". If it didn't matter, it wouldn't be on the agenda.
- Wyatt to Kowalski: Following Senator St. Hilaire's statement, why did you decide to put this on the agenda?
  - We put it on to oppose guns on campus. If you guys want us to take it out, I think that would be even worse.
- Bettley: I would like to remind everyone that we do have an open campus and anyone can walk on this campus.

- First round of Con:

- Widmann: I think it's important to remain neutral on this bill. Not all FSU students might feel this way.
- Brewer: I respectfully disagree with this amendment. People outside of the law don't comply with regulations now, and another bill isn't going to change that. Guns should not be allowed on campus, but crime is committed a lot in Tallahassee and I don't see that the government has the right to deny our students the right to defend themselves.

- **Bettley moves to call the question on the amendment. Casiple seconds.**

- **No objections**

- Closing Statement:

- We have a duty to express opposition, and if no one is going to tell the legislation what they need to hear, then I don't know who will. Are we going to leave it to the high school students after a shooting, the alumni of Marjory Stoneman Douglas? I hope that we have the strength to stand up to the legislature and say we support every other bill on the agenda, except this one.

- **Voting Results for Amendment 6**

- **30 yes, 10 no, 0 abstention**
- **Amendment 6 passes**



- **Amendment 7 is withdrawn by Sponsor**
- **Amendment 8-Sponsored by DuChêne**
- Opening Statement:
  - OGA has found this friendly and this adds to the agenda to recognize the level of local indigenous bands and achieve state recognition. This bill finally recognizes the Seminole Tribe of Florida at the state level. OGA voted unanimously and I hope you'll vote yes on the amendment.
- General Question:
- **Kariher moves to enter Round Table. Adonis seconds.**
  - **No objections**
- Round Table Discussion:
- **Kariher moves to call the question. Lobianco seconds.**
- **Voting Results on Amendment 8**
  - **43 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions**
  - **The amendment passes.**
- **Amendment 9 is withdrawn by sponsor**
- General Questions on the resolution as a whole:
- **Folwell moves to enter Pro/Con debate. DuChêne seconds.**
  - **No objections**
- First Round of Pro:
  - DuChêne: Thank you for entertaining everything. We've done the work and it reflects our input and I really appreciate all your hard work.
- First round of Con:
- **Widmann moves to pass resolution as a whole by unanimous consent.**
  - **No objections**
  - **Resolution 12 is passes by unanimous consent.**
- **Folwell moves to return to order of the day.**
- President Diaz calls a 5-minute recess at 10:26 pm
  - *Senate is in recess*
- *Called back to order at 10:31 pm*

Resolution 15                      Sponsored by Senators Bettley and Chehaitli (P) Alvarez, Anandjiwala, Burton, Carter, Dale, Diaz, DuChêne, Folwell, Kariher, LoBianco, Maglin McFarlane, Salazar, St. Hilaire (Co)

This resolution serves to condemn Governor Ron DeSantis's recent attacks on DEI programs through his Higher Education Reform plan.

- Opening Statement:
  - You all have heard this resolution in its entirety and everything that we feel condemning the attacks on DEI programs for, and unchecked power. The Higher Education Reform Act attacks agencies and it's our mission to defend the student body and HERA attacks them.
- **Folwell moves to enter Roundtable. Adonis seconds.**
  - **No objections**

- Roundtable Discussion:
- **Anandjiwala moves to call the question. McMahon seconds.**
  - **No objections.**
- Closing Statement:
  - We urge you all to support this, it is bigger than us.
- **Voting results on Resolution 15:**
  - **29 yes, 5 no, 9 abstentions.**
  - **The resolution passes.**
  
- *President Diaz announces that 10:50pm is approaching, and that the Senate must immediately move to statements of dissent pursuant to Senate Rule 8.1(a).*
  - *Senate moves to Statement of Dissent*

Unfinished Business:

- *All remaining legislation was tabled pursuant to Senate Rule 8.1.*

New Business: None.

Statements of Dissent:

- Bettley
- Rivers
- Burton
  
- *No statements of dissent were submitted prior to the deadline.*

Closing Announcements:

- Salazar: Thank you to everyone who supported Higher Education Reform, I want to be a teacher, so it really means a lot.
- Chehaitli: Thank you for passing Resolution 15 so quickly, it's super important.
- Parliamentarian Chartrand: The Seminole Tribe of Florida is having their annual Pow-Wow and celebration this weekend and I ask for your support to repost it on Instagram.
- President Diaz: Wear red, white, or pink for our Valentine's Day themed Senate meeting next Wednesday.

Advisor Announcements: None.

Final Roll Call and Adjournment:

- Conducted.
- **President Diaz adjourned at 10:55 pm.**