

THE SEVENTY-SIXTH STUDENT SENATE

Calendar: February 21, 2024

Location: Senate Chambers

Time: 7:59 pm

Call to Order:

- President Cofer calls the meeting to order at 7:59PM.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Conducted

Moment of Silent Reflection:

- Conducted

Land Acknowledgement:

Chair Staveski: 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:

- Refer to attendance.

Verification of Quorum:

- Verified.

Corrections and Approval of the Journal:

- None.

Student and RSO Comments:

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- None.

Special Introductions:

- None.

Report of Senate Officers:

- Sienna Burns - *Press Secretary*
 - Just keep reposting stuff that I post! Just to keep getting the word out and everything, but that's all! Thank you!
- Isabella Lobianco - *Chief of Staff*

- Stay at the end of Senate tonight please, so we can take a little picture!
- Jason Gorelick - *Pro-Temp*
 - Few things on my end. Raise your hand if you are a part of the Legislative Certification Program. Beautiful, perfect, awesome. Everyone say hi to them, and a round of applause. If you do not have this paper yet, just let me know and i'll give it to you. Senate folks if you could please reach out to them or if you guys can reach out to the Senate, when working on legislation, you can help them out, because that is what they need to do for LCP. To all chairs and vice chairs, I sent you all a message about this. If you are terming out soon, I told senators that they can reach out to you all to ask about your position, and what it entails. Be honest with them about what your job entails, and what you do for your committee. Other than that, should be a short meeting today, so let's have a good meeting.
- Joseph Cofer - *President*
 - Only thing I have is in that same sense, it is going to be a short meeting. Please connect with our LCP members, and thank you to all who were tabling today. We will be doing that in two weeks again, and that's all I have!

Messages from the Executive Branch:

- Koby Gawlik - *Director of Sustainability*
 - I just have a quick announcement, about the Seminole Organic Garden. As a thank you for making all of this possible, Sustainable Campus has given SGA a garden bed, to try to create produce in there for the Food for Thought Pantry. If you would like to volunteer, to help out with the garden bed, please just reach out to me, let me know. Our garden work days are 2-4PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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

- None.

Messages from the Class Councils:

- None.

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students:

- None.

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 \$25,823.44, PAC \$54,218.02, RTAC \$36,763.44, and ORG Fund \$10,738.24 (These balances do not reflect enacted legislation from 02/14/2024; updated fund balances will be provided on next week's Senate calendar.)

Report of Senate Liaisons:

- Chair Lento:

- From the elections office, Spencer says that the audience question poll for the spring debate will be posted by the end of the week, on the elections website.
- Chair Windlan:
 - Sustainable Campus is a part of FSU's Great Give, so they are accepting donations for their Sustainability Fellows.
- Chair Khosh:
 - The next and final Golden Torch Lecture Series will be the first week of March. The person we picked is pretty cool, so I believe this will draw a big crowd.

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary
 - Passed Bill 22 unanimously
- Internal Affairs
 - Met yesterday at 4:30PM and passed Resolution 26
- Budget
 - We met Friday and we passed the bill that's currently on second reading
- Finance
 - Met yesterday at 6:00PM and passed CR 14 and 15, Bill 22, and Resolution 26 all unamended
- Student Life
 - We met on Friday and passed Resolution 25 unamended
- Rules
 - Met today at 5:30PM, and we granted Vice Chair Navarro an extension to his leave of absence till March 15, we unsuspending Senator Gandolfo and granted her an extra absence, and unsuspending Senator Baez and granted him two extra absences.
- Legislative Ad Hoc
 - Met on Sunday at 4PM, elected chair and vice chair, and spoke to Director of OGA

Senate Confirmations:

- None.

Consent Calendar:

- CR14 Sponsored by Bevis (P) Vandermeulen (Co)
This CR allocates \$1960.58 to Sigma Tau Delta to help partially pay for their travel expenses.
- Senator Goldstien moves to accept the decision of Finance Committee as the decision of the whole.
 - Senator Lalani seconds.
 - No objections.
 - CR 14 passes.
- CR15 Sponsored by Staveski (P) Ahuja (Co)
A consent resolution to fund Relay for Life a total of \$10,625.75
- Opening
 - Ok so, the only request that we got this week was Relay for Life. We have a representative for them here, I think in the back. Kathrine! Relay for Life came

and they are requesting money for their annual event. This is for the audio visual equipment. Last year they raised over \$100,000 for cancer research, so this money will allow them to hold the same event this year. The \$4,000 going to clothing and awards, is for T-shirts for all the participants. Last year they had 750 confirmed, and more people after the fact, but they lost their swiper at around 8:00PM, but they were there until midnight, so more people showed up. They estimate about 1000 guests last year, and this will fund about 800 T-shirts. With that, I waive.

- General Questioning
 - None.
- Pro
 - Chair Bevis moves to enter con
 - Chair Lento seconds
 - No objections
- Con
 - Senator Goldstein moves to call the question on the line item
 - Chair Bevis seconds
 - No objections
- Closing
 - I yield, thank you!
- Voting Results
 - 54 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions. Line item passes.
 - Chair Lento moves to accept the decision of the Senate as the decision of the whole.
 - Chair Bevis seconds.
 - No objections.
 - CR 15 passes.

Resolution 25 Sponsored by Windlan (P) Ahuja, Barresi, Carr, Castellanos, Chinn, Emokidi, García, Grant, Hine, McEnery, Olsen-Galvan, Rodriguez, Smith, Vargheese (Co)

This resolution encourages student leaders to actively participate in raising awareness about the programs the Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement (CRE) offers to students.

Furthermore, it urges these leaders to communicate the benefits of participating in undergraduate research to students and to educate their peers on specific deadlines for certain CRE programs to help FSU stand

out as a major national research university. **(Referred to Student Life 2.14. Passed Student Life Unanimously 2.16)**

- Senator Goldstein moves to accept the resolution by unanimous consent
 - No objections.
 - Resolution 25 passes.

Bills First Reading:

Bill 23 Sponsored by Goldstein, Kleinmetz (P) Barresi, Brown, Chinn, DeVitto, Lalani, Larancuent, Raiford, Rodriguez, Staveski, Valderrama, Vandermeulen, Windlan (Co)

Updating the classification of Class Council major positions, to continue the efforts of Bill 19 which updates Class Councils for operational efficiency.

Going to Judiciary and Student Life.

Bill 24

Sponsored by McEnery (P)

A transfer of \$ 100 from Senate Projects to Transportation & Parking

Services to fund the purchase of weather-resistant stickers that will be placed on all Seminole Express steps to provide an alternate PDF version of all bus routes.

Going to Budget and Student Life.

Resolutions First Reading:

- None.

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 21

Sponsored by McEnery (P)

A transfer of \$2000 from PSU Expenses to PSU Clothing and Awards.

(Referred to Budget 2.14. Passed in Budget 2.16)

- Opening
 - Ok so this is for the Pride Student Union, they are getting ready for the Lavender Graduation and Pride Week coming up, so this is just to move some money from their expenses category to clothing and awards. They essentially are seeing that if they use everything that is in their clothing and awards, it will zero it out, so they want to move some money to avoid that from happening. With that, I yield.
- General Questioning
 - Vice Chair Meier:
 - Did you end up getting the numbers for the expenses and clothing categories?
 - Yes. Expense is at \$11,847. In their clothing it is \$3,339.
- Pro
 - Chair Windlan moves to enter con
 - Chair Bevis seconds
 - No objections
- Con
 - Senator Anadjiwala moves to call the question
 - Senator Daniely seconds
 - No objections
- Closing
 - I yield.
- Voting Results
 - 54 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions. Bill passes.

Bill 22

Sponsored by Staveski (P)

A revision to the PAC and RTAC funding guidelines that expands the membership of the boards to include two senators and afford the Chairs more flexibility with meeting times and the quote requirement to make the funding process easier for RSOs. **(Referred to Finance, Judiciary 2.14. Passed Finance, Judiciary 2.20)**

- Opening:

- So this bill actually passed unanimously through committees, but there are some amendments that I wanted to make. This bill has three main goals, the first one being to streamline PAC and RTAC, the second to be to add Senators to the committees, and the third being making the process a little easier for RSO's. If you have any questions, please ask. I yield.
- General Questioning:
 - Senator Srivastava moves to amend.
 - 4a strike 10, and replace it with 12. *Inaudible (23:21-23:43)*.
 - Chair Bevis seconds.
 - Chair Staveski finds it friendly.
 - Chair Bevis moves to amend.
 - Add myself as a cosponsor.
 - Chair Staveski finds it friendly.
- Senator Goldstein moves to enter pro con.
 - Chair Bevis seconds.
 - No objections.
- Pro
 - Vice Chair Vandermeulen moves to enter con
 - Chair Bevis seconds.
 - No objections.
- Con
 - Senator Landsdale moves to call the question.
 - Chair Lento seconds,
- Closing
 - I yield.
- Voting Results
 - 53 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions. Bill passes.

Resolutions Second Reading:

Resolution 26 Sponsored by Staveski (P) Ahuja (Co)
 The corresponding Rules of Procedure change to align ROP with the proposed PAC/RTAC statute change to expand the board's membership to include senators and make the funding process easier for both committee leadership and RSOs to navigate. **(Referred to Internal Affairs, Finance 2.14. Passed Internal Affairs, Finance Unanimously 2.20.)**

- Opening
 - Thank you guys, so sorry! Our advisor told me I can amend my own bill, so I will be doing that from now on. The only change here is that we will have to make it 12 instead of 10.
- General Questioning
 - Senator Staveski:
 - Moves to make an amendment. Strike out 10 and replace it with 12.
 - Bevis seconds.
 - No objections.
 - Senator Staveski found it friendly.
- Pro
 - None.
- Con
 - Senator Randall moves to pass by unanimous consent.

- No objections.
- Passes.
- Resolution 26 passes by unanimous consent.

Unfinished Business:

- None.

New Business:

- None.

Statements of Dissent:

- None.

Closing Announcements:

- Senator Thomas
 - Hey guys, I am running for Theta Chi's Desperado Darling. Tomorrow I am having a car wash, tomorrow night I am doing a bake sale at Pots. Friday I am doing guest bartending at Pots, during happy hour! You can also use Venmo or Gofundme for donations.
 - Senator Khosh
 - I wanted to remind everyone that the countdown to the Great Give is coming up. This Wednesday we will have a ton of vendors, so come out and support. I would really appreciate it, it will be all day on Landis.
- Senator Goldstien
 - I have legislation going on, so if you want to reach out to me, if you are in the Legislative Certification Program, I would be more than happy to work with you!
- Chair Salazar
 - Budget presentations are going on tomorrow from 9-5PM, so if you want to stop by, feel free!
- Senator Hine
 - Point of Clarification
 - If we are terming out, when is the last day?
 - March 20 tentatively

Advisor Announcements:

- Good job Senate President, you got us on a record tonight. I don't really have a lot, but since I was asked about terming out. We have it penciled in for March 20, however this is a fast turn around from election day. I have reached out to the Supervisor of Elections, and in case of any challenges, we are going to tentatively schedule a Supreme Court hearing date. We are trying to schedule a backup date for April 3rd. Plan for March 20th, but April 3rd might be the better date. Other than that, nothing else, I love you all, I'm proud, and a little bit of extra love for those who spent some extra time with us today in budget training.

Final Roll Call:

- Conducted.

Adjournment:

- **President Cofer adjourns Senate at 8:32PM.**