

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH STUDENT SENATE
Calendar: February 22nd, 2023
Location: Senate Chambers, Student Union
Time: 7:30pm

Call to Order:

- President Diaz called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Conducted.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

- Conducted.

Land Acknowledgement:

Hansen: 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:

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, 02.08.2023, 02.15.2023

Student and RSO Comments:

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- Student Foundation Leadership: This year, the student foundation is fundraising for the FSU Flying High Circus, one of Florida State's most iconic student activities. **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE 12:45-13:20)** We would like to invite you all to our showing of the Greatest Showman, to demonstrate some of the hardships of the circus. **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE 13:38)** The first 25 people will receive merchandise from the foundation. On March 8th, we'll be on Landis all day with flyers. In the morning, we're doing yoga. We have a lot of preparation going into the fundraising, live performances, and we hope to see you there.

Special Introductions: None.

Report of Senate Officers:

- DuChêne: I have many pocket copies of the United States Constitution, so if you need one, please grab one, there are actually hundreds of them. Please take one, for the love of God. Also, we still have “There is no Planet-B” stickers for your phone or laptop. And, fill out the Google Form that President Diaz sent in the GroupMe for your name tags with your pronouns and seat information.
- Diaz: We have a very limited amount of snacks up at the front. I will be getting more in the near future. As many of you know, it is election season. I just want to remind you all to please be respectful and not promote political parties or candidates in these chambers or in the Union, per the election code. Next week, the Senate will be taking place in the ballrooms and I would like for everyone to continue abiding by the dress code, which is business professional or business casual, per our Rule of Procedure. Please, just represent the Senate to the best of your abilities. With the election comes Inauguration, April 5th. I need nominations for Senate Awards of Excellence on First Reading next week, go through committee, and be on second reading the week after.

Messages from the Executive Branch: None.

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

- Sidney Peters, Deputy Supervisor of Elections: A few messages from the elections office. The Candidate Debate will be next Monday from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Union Ballrooms, you can submit questions for that debate on the elections website. Election Day is March 1st, for that, we will be tabling only in the Union. Following that, election results will be announced in the Senate that evening.

Messages from the Class Councils: None

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students:

- Josh Burns: Just a brief message from COGS, this past Monday we voted on our 2023-2024 Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year, which we did pass. If y’all have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out.

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 \$15,714, PAC \$18,432.81, RTAC \$0, and ORG Fund \$0

Report of Senate Liaisons:

- Crocker, College of Education: THE SFEA is putting on a supply drive for a local school, Astoria Park Elementary. Its below-average ratings are because of the lack of resources for the school teachers, so SFEA has decided to donate school supplies that every school should have. If you are interested in helping out or donating items, I’m going to send the club President’s email in the GroupMe.
- Salazar, HLSU: HLSU is having a festival this week and it’s been going great. We have two more events this week, a dance workshop and giving a tour.
- Pedraja, VSU: Tickets are still available if you need to purchase them for the race on Saturday morning, feel free to check out our Instagram if you have any questions.

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary
 - Met last night at 6 p.m. We passed Bill 20 amended and Bill 22 and 23 unamended.
- Internal Affairs
 - Met Monday at 5 p.m. and passed one candidate for confirmation as well as Bills 22 and 23.
- Budget
 - We will be meeting tomorrow at 3:15.
- Finance
 - Met last night at 6:15 p.m. and passed Consent Resolution 18 and 19.
- Student Life
 - Met Friday at 3 p.m. and passed Bill 22 and 23, Resolution 17, 19, and 20.
- Rules
 - Did not meet.
- Sustainability Ad Hoc
 - Met yesterday at 3 p.m. and we just talked about some resolutions we're working through.

Senate Confirmations:

Andres Cubillos - Director of External Affairs (1 Applicant)

- Opening Statement:
 - This position requires the person to establish positive relationships with the Tallahassee community, the campus community, and collaborate with Student Governments across the state, and I am glad to say that I am more than capable of meeting these requirements. I am a capable leader, as seen from my work with Florida PIIRG students, who are an incredible group of student leaders that I formed my freshman year. In a political environment that promotes short-term political gain, Florida PIIRG Students has stood as a long-term beacon of non-partisan advocacy. Within the campus community, I have worked tirelessly to inspire civic engagement and improve voter turnout. I hope to continue my civic engagement by forming a permanent civic engagement board, should I be confirmed, my proposal is already written up and ready to be heard. In terms of the Tallahassee community, I am extremely well-connected. In terms of my relationship at the state-wide level, I have a project I am very excited to be working on, which is to address the lack of training for incoming student-government representatives. I want to work to change that for long-term progress. I have also worked with the Campus Vote Project to promote a state-wide SGA program to ensure that students are able to successfully advocate for their constituents.
- General Questions:
- **McEntyre moves to forward the candidate individually. McMahon seconds.**
 - **No objections**
 - **The candidate is forwarded individually**
- Closing Statement:
 - I just want to finish my statement by stating that my goals are not short-term, they are long-term, and I'm very passionate about working on this project. I think that I'm a good fit for this role, thank you.
- Voting Results:
 - 30 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
 - **Andres Cubillos is confirmed as the Director of External Affairs**

- *Pro Tempore administers the ‘Oath of Office’*

Consent Calendar:

CR 15 Sponsored by Senator Wyatt (P)
To fund Studio H for healing, MSU, Audio Production Club, and the Cuban American Student Association.

- Opening Statement of the MSU Line Item:
 - Ramadan is coming up and that is a very important tradition for Muslims. Ramadan is a time where Muslims do not eat or drink during the day, but they are hosting a dinner, open to anyone, on the 28th and the dinner is taking place in the Globe Dining Hall at 7 p.m. They expect about 200 people to come out and this will help cover food, silverware, napkins, the works.
- General Questions on the MSU Line Item:
 - Widmann: Just want to make sure this dinner is open to all FSU students?
 - Wyatt: Yes
 - Folwell: Do we know exactly what they will be serving during this dinner?
 - They will be serving goat (full tray), butter chicken, white rice, chicken bowls, and more.
- First Round of Pro on the MSU Line Item:
 - Chehaitli: I went to this event last year and it was a really great experience and I really support it.
 - Folwell: The dinner sounds very yummy and I think we should support our Muslim students.
- First round of Con on the MSU Line Item:
- **Barrett to call the question. Maglin seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- Closing Statement:
 - I'm really excited for this event and I appreciate all your support.
- Voting Results on the MSU Line Item:
 - **33 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.**
 - **The MSU Line Item passes.**
- **Widmann moves to approve CR 15 as a whole. LoBianco seconds.**
 - **No objections**
 - **Consent Resolution 15 passes.**

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Bills First Reading:

Bill 20 Sponsored by Senator Dale (P) 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. This will be in addition to the existing ban on the purchase of disposable plastic water Bottles. **(Referred to Judiciary and Finance. Amended in Judiciary 02.21. Tabled in Finance 02.21)**

- Bill 24 Sponsored by Senator Casiple (P) Diaz (Co)
To transfer funds from the AASU account to fund an artist for AAMP'd. AMMP'd is an event held by AASU bringing Asian American artists to perform at the ASLC. This event is scheduled to happen March 23. This transfer is to allow AASU to fund their artist. **(Referred to Budget)**
- Bill 25 Sponsored by Senator Casiple (P) Diaz (Co)
To transfer funds from the AASU account to fund an artist for AAMP'd. AMMP'd is an event held by AASU bringing Asian American artists to perform at the ASLC. This event is scheduled to happen March 23. This transfer is to allow AASU to fund their artist.**(Referred to Budget)**
- Bill 26 Sponsored by Senator Casiple (P) Diaz (Co)
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- Bill 27 Sponsored by Senator Bettley (P)
To support upcoming social events for the Veteran Student Union that will allow them to better serve the student body and veterans. **(Referred to Budget)**
- Bill 28 Sponsored by Senators Rivers and Burton (P) Bettley, Kariher, Maglin, DuChêne, Alvarez, LoBianco, Salazar, Fineout, Severy, Chehaitli, Mantilla, Anandjiwala (Co)
A bill to establish the Minority Executive Council. **(Referred to Student Life, Internal Affairs, and Judiciary)**
- Bill 29 Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P)
This bill corrects an error in Bill 9 which made the Assistant Directors of Institutes Senate-confirmed. **(Referred to Internal Affairs and Judiciary)**

Resolutions First Reading:

- Resolution 22 Sponsored by Senator Rivers (P)
A resolution to add the creation of a master calendar to the Student Senate's list of responsibilities. **(Referred to Internal Affairs and Rules)**
- Resolution 23 Sponsored by Senators McMahon and Crocker (P) Anderson, Adonis, Diaz, Dlugos, LoBianco, Roogow, Vollick (Co)
Per Student Body Statute 307.3(A) the Internal Affairs committee has created a resolution with recommended changes to the SGA application Process. **(Referred to Student Life and Internal Affairs)**
- Resolution 24 Sponsored by Senators Jones and Salazar (P) White, Dale, Maglin, LoBianco, Folwell, McEntyre, Alvarez, Fineout, Chehaitli, Carter, St. Hillaire, Anandjiwala (Co)

A more relevant document addressing recent accounts of antisemitism offers condolences to the Jewish community. **(Referred to Student Life)**

Bills Second 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. 02.14. Passed in Finance 02.21)**
- Opening Statement:
 - Folwell: This is a pretty simple bill. I have never personally seen a Consent Resolution be objected to, but in the case that it does, this will help clarify what will happen to make it more accurate.
 - General Questions:
 - None.
 - First round of Pro:
 - None.
 - First round of Con:
 - **Pedraja moves to call the question. Chehaitli seconds.**
 - **No objections**
 - Voting Results on Bill 15:
 - **32 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention**
 - **Bill 15 passes.**
- 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. Passed in Budget 02.09. Passed in Student Life 02.10. Tabled on the floor 02.15)**
- **Motioned to table on the floor by Barrett. Dale seconds.**
 - No objections
 - **Bill 19 is tabled on the floor.**
- Bill 22 Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P) 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. **(Referred to Student Life, Internal Affairs, and Judiciary. Passed in Student Life 02.17. Passed in Internal Affairs 02.20. Passed in Judiciary 02.21.)**
- Opening Statement:
 - Folwell: Pretty simple bill. This last fall, the Student Body President created an order to increase civic engagement and it was a successful program and they

hosted several events. Most of the language is taken directly from the executive order, and I've already shown and gotten the support from our Student Body President.

- General Questions:
 - Widmann: **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE).**
 - **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE).**
- First round of pro:
 - None
- First Round of Con:
- **McMahon moves to call the question. LoBianco seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- Closing Statement:
 - We don't often see affiliated projects come through, so I'm glad to give oversight. I think this is a really good track for affiliated projects and you all vote in favor.
- Voting Results on Bill 22:
 - **32 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions**
 - **Bill 22 passes**

Bill 23

Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P) Bettley, Crusey, Dale, Diaz, DuChêne Kariher, Maglin, McEntyre, St. Hilaire, Widmann (Co)

This bill designates the Diversity & Inclusion Institute as an official Executive Institute of the Student Government Association. **(Referred to Student Life, Internal Affairs, and Judiciary. Passed in Student Life 02.17. Passed in Internal Affairs 02.20. Passed in Judiciary 02.21.)**

- Opening Statement:
 - Essentially, commodifying the D&I Institute is important and ensures the longevity of the institute. I've spoken with a few people and am excited to hopefully get it passed tonight and happen in the foreseeable future.
- General Questions:
 - McEntyre: What will solidifying the Diversity & Inclusion Institute do for the Institute itself?
 - So, it ensures that the D&I Institute and all that it encompasses, like FLI, will continue to happen.
 - Widmann: My first question is that this is already a thing, right? My follow-up is if this were to pass, would the current executive board need to be reconfirmed by the Senate?
 - Folwell: This has been around for 5 years. And the current board would not need to be reconfirmed, only new board members.
 - Carter: What is a specific accomplishment you have seen come out of the D&I?
 - I think they know how to support people and rise to the occasion. The track record of this institute is fantastic.
- First round of Pro:
 - McEntyre: I do serve on the executive board for the institute and I can tell you just hearing the students in class and being able to educate myself on these issues has been great. Our E-board is always looking for new ways to include people.
 - Carter: I think with the current political climate in Florida, I think it's super important to commodify their efforts.
- First round of Con:
 - **Maglin moves to pass the bill by unanimous consent.**

- **No objections**
- **Bill 23 passes**

Resolutions Second Reading:

Resolution 17 Sponsored by Senators Brown and Widmann (P)
 Supporting the Affordable College Textbook Act and recognizing the student lobbyists attending the legislative session, affirming the university's values of diversity, equity, and inclusion. **(Referred to Student Life. Passed in Student Life 02.17.)**

- Opening Statement:
 - This resolution supports the Affordable College Textbook Act which supports the licensed online textbooks for teachers, students, and any members of the general public. This would make texts very accessible, very affordable, and be beneficial for students, teachers, and the general public. As for the lobbyists, there are representatives from FSU and Florida PIIRG, things like that.
- General Questions:
 - Patel-Qadir: I know some of the programs **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE 1:00:49-1:01:02)**
 - **Definitely (RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**
- First round of Pro:
 - Folwell: I think it's an important piece of legislation we should support. I'll be voting yes.
- First round of Con:
 - **Gummerman moves to call the question. Carter seconds.**
 - **No objections**
- Closing Statement:

Thank you Senate. This is really important to us.
- Voting results on Resolution 17:
 - **33 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions**
 - **Resolution 17 passes**

Resolution 20 Sponsored by Senators Dale and Jones (P) Brewer, Humberg, Salazar, Widmann, White, St. Hilaire, Tevlin, Wyatt (Co)
 This resolution celebrates the facilities office and expresses our gratitude for their service to our community. This resolution will be sent to the head of each facilities department. **(Referred to Student Life. Passed in Student Life 02.17)**

- Opening Statement:
 - I was just sitting on Landis Green and I saw some of the facilities working up-keeping a garden outside and I just want to recognize them for all their hard work.
- General Questions:
 - Widmann: Would you be open to an amendment adding President McCollum in the last 'Be it Further Resolved' section?
 - **Widmann moves to amend, adding "President McCullough in the last 'Be it Further Resolved' section," Pedraja seconds.**
 - **No objections**

- **The sponsor finds the amendment friendly**
 - **The amendment is adopted.**
- First round of Pro:
 - Carter: This is a really special bill and I really support this.
 - Salazar: I think it's great. FSU has a beautiful campus and we have amazing people who keep it beautiful and they should be appreciated.
 - Maglin: I like to brag that FSU has such a beautiful campus and I think it's great that we're highlighting the people who make this campus so beautiful.
- **Widmann moves to pass by unanimous consent.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Resolution 20 passes.**

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Statements of Dissent: None.

Closing Announcements:

- Gummerman: This past weekend, many members of the Marching Chiefs went down and visited with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, we had a great weekend and I would really encourage anyone to go there because I learned so much.
- DuChêne: The musical theatre here at FSU is currently putting on their Spring Musical, "Something Rotten". It's very funny and very good so I would just recommend that everyone goes. Thank you for supporting the arts.

Advisor Announcements:

- Jacalyn: Next week's meeting will be in the ballrooms.
- Williams: I could barely hear Jaclyn, but make sure you guys are taking care of yourselves.

Final Roll Call and Adjournment:

- Conducted.
- **Widman moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Maglin seconds.**
 - **No objections**
 - **The Senate is adjourned at 8:44 p.m.**