

THE SEVENTY-FOURTH STUDENT SENATE

Calendar: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:30pm

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Call to Order:

- President Hunter calls the meeting to Order at 7:41pm.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Led by DuChêne.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Land Acknowledgement:

- Pfeuffer-Ferguson: 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 2.23.2022:

- **Bettley moves, Wang seconds**
  - **Journal of 2.23.2022 is approved.**

Student and Non-Budgeted RSO Comments: [https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_b9EVvRotPr4y03r](https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9EVvRotPr4y03r)

Special Introductions and Announcements: None.

Messages from the Executive Branch: None.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, SGA Organizations Officers and Employees:

- Rider: The Jewish Student Union (JSU) has an event next Tuesday (3/8) making masks. Check their Instagram for more information. Thanks!

- Women Student Union Membership Coordinator: Happy Women's History Month. We have a lot of events planned this month. Tomorrow (3/3) we are having a substance abuse intervention training from 6pm to 8pm at the BSU House. On Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> we are having a defense training from 6pm to 8pm with the FSUPD at the BSU House. The next Market Wednesday (3/9) we will be highlighting women in STEM. That's all.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet: 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 Student Engagement Ambassadors: None.

Messages from the Campus Recreation Board: None.

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: Remaining Balances: Senate Projects \$5020.22, PAC \$11,610.00, RTAC \$6,327.00, and ORG Fund \$3,000

Report of Senate Liaisons:

- B. Suarez: I am the liaison for the Student Council of Accessibility Advocacy. They are doing a great job at getting members involved. If you know anyone who wants to join, I highly recommend becoming involved.
- Bettley: **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:07:16) HAS a few events coming up which will be heard on their Instagram. They will also be having a big event on Earth Day. If any organizations wish to collaborate please let me know, they are trying to plan the event fairly soon.

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary
  - Did not meet this week but will meeting next Tuesday (3/8) at 7pm.
- Internal Affairs
  - Met Monday (2/28) at 7:30pm. We heard candidates for Attorney General and Clerk, and tabled candidate for FLI Director as they did not show up. Next week we will be doing the last of our bureau review presentations followed by deliberations the week after that.
- Budget
  - Met Tuesday (3/1) at 5pm. We heard and passed Bill 14 which is tabled in Judiciary. We also heard Bill 20 and tabled it in Budget.
- Finance
  - Met Tuesday (3/1), where we tabled Bill 12 and passed Resolution 14.
- Student Life
  - Met last Thursday (2/24) where we tabled and amended Bill 16 and passed Resolution 17.
- Rules & Calendar
  - Met tonight (3/2) at 5:30pm where we tabled Resolutions 9 and 18 and passed Resolutions 14 and 17 with amendments.

Senate Confirmations:

Haley Olsen – Veterans Student Union, Assistant Director (1 applicant)

- Opening Statement:
  - Thank you. I apologize that I'm kind of sick. I wanted to thank you for giving me this opportunity. As stated my name is Haley Olsen, I'm a sophomore majoring in Business

Management. My goal is being an upper-level math educator. My connection to the Veterans Student Union (VSA) is my involvement in the Army - I'm a second year cadet in our Army ROTC program as well as a member as our Simultaneous Membership Program in the Guard with the Combat Engineering Unit. When I began my time at FSU I knew that I wanted to get involved. I found and was immediately drawn to the VSU because of my connections in the military. I think it's important our veterans are a community that I hope to be a part of. This past semester I was their secretary and reposted the Battle of the Bands event - one of our most highly attended and successful events that will become an annual event. For that event, I did a significant portion of the planning and delegated a lot of the assignments, made the schedule, and ran many aspects while the event was actually going on. I believe that I would make a very strong Assistant Director as I have a very hard work ethic and passion with a desire to make things better and provide networking opportunities that provide comrade. I have experience on the board and have already taken on many of the duties of the Assistant Director while he was going through a lot. I'm also financially certified and confident to continue VSU's forward motion. Thank you for considering me.

Khamisi Thorpe – Attorney General (3 applicants)

- Opening Statement:
  - Good evening everyone, my name is Kaminski Thorpe and I use he/him pronouns. A few fun facts, I was born in Jamaica and moved to the US for better education, I hope to become a full-time General Prosecutor, and love to write poems and walks on various trails. I wish to be more present on FSU's campus and attend the law school that makes me removed from campus. I wish to meet people and diversify my friend group while enhancing my skills. I have done mock trials in SGA in the past. I did SGA during my undergrad at USF. I have been doing mock trial for about 5 years now. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:15:11). I served as a USF Supreme Court Justice during my junior year of undergrad and Attorney General during my senior year. I was responsible for reviewing/drafting contracts with USF while representing SGA officials. I was further responsible for enforcing SGA laws. I am the President of the Public Interest Law Students Association and have leadership experience. I also participated in the trial advocacy clinic and serve on the Election Rules Commission which had hearings this semester. I took my goals for this position straight from the statutes: I hope to establish a permanent task force consisting of law students to ensure law students become more involved on campus. One of my personal goals is that a lot of student have personal legal issues, and something we can do is give pro bono attorneys to give free consultations to students which I hope to bring. I see this role as a resource to Student Government officers rather than someone who is power hungry. I hope to communicate with others first, and I hope to be a tool rather than something you are in opposition to.

Adam Latiff – 74th Student Senate, Clerk (2 applicants)

- Opening Statement:
  - Good evening Senators and the FSU Student Body. My name is Adam Latiff and it is my passion to become your next Senate Clerk. Through the past five years I have built experience by being a youth mayor, a youth commissioner, an Activities Director at an elderly home, as well as fulfill my duties as my high school's Vice President. I've built a character that values good communication, work ethic, organization, and enthusiasm. Now that I've prepared myself, I'm ready to build more and learn new experiences as your Senate Clerk. I will take pride in fulfilling my duties of managing the Calendar and Canvas, and being a messenger between the Senate, Senate Leadership, and the Administration. I am financially certified and am ready to ensure order and certainty in the Senate. I am here to showcase my capabilities while hoping to build relationships and obtain knowledge in these coming months.

- *Questions for all Candidates:*
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - Wang to Candidate for Attorney General: Do you plan on resigning from the Elections Commission if confirmed?
    - Yes.
  - DuChêne to Candidate for Senate Clerk: Do you plan on reinstating Legislative Packets prior to the release of the Calendar for Senators.
    - I heard that is needed so I intend to do that.
  - Gonzalez to Candidate for Attorney General: Are you aware that you can only serve this position until inauguration?
    - Yes, I plan to re-apply.
  - Hockett to Candidate for Attorney General: Are you financially certified?
    - I am the President of a Student Organization so yes, I am.
- General Questioning:
  - Point of Clarification: Pfeuffer-Ferguson: I was looking through statutes the other night and when it comes to Attorney General we found that it was never fully stated that the position of Attorney General only lasts through this Student Body Presidency – the new Student Body President could decide to keep them in the same position, so the Candidate could stay in this role past March with the Inauguration of the new Student Body President, is what I read.
  - Point of Clarification: Lessard: Just to expand on that point by the previous Senator it specifically says that the Attorney General serves at the pleasure of the Student Body President with no official term limits listed. Our understanding of the statutes is that the Attorney General (unless the Student Body President-elect upon his inauguration says otherwise) will continue to serve until he is no longer a student.
  - Parliamentary Rowan: The Attorney General will serve until their successor is confirmed or at the pleasure of the Student Body President. If confirmed the Attorney General could serve into the new Administration if the next Student Body President would like them to.
  - Gonzalez to Candidate for Attorney General: Can you talk about how you would advise with the legislative process of the Senate without interfering.
    - In my experience at USF I had same task - people would come and tell me what it is they're trying to craft. While I'm not fully sure of the process here, if they request in their advisement is something was constitutional, I can provide such advisory opinion. I would remind them that my opinion is not binding while assisting them to the best of my ability.
  - **Gonzalez moves to forward the candidates individually, Wang seconds.**
    - **No objections.**
    - **The candidates are forwarded individually.**
- Closing Statements:
  - Candidate for Veterans Student Union, Assistant Director: Thank you for considering me. I wish to reiterate that one of my goals is to create better and bigger events for the VSU, especially with intersectionality between the different Unions. We have already done a joint event with the Jewish Student Union (JSU) earlier in the year which I'd like to continue while hosting bigger events. I also wanted to give a shoutout that we have an event next week. Thank you.
  - Candidate for Attorney General: I am looking forward to having an FSU experience while having that passion, and lastly I hope to affirm that I feel that I am qualified for this position as I have executed similar - to same - positions in the past. Additionally, I have experience being a neutral mediator. I think I would be perfect with such a small learning curve.
  - Candidate for 74th Student Senate Clerk: It is my belief that virtues **RECORDING** **INAUDIBLE** (00:27:00). I would like to thank you for the opportunity for being here. So far I

have met some fantastic people and hope that I can continue this journey and built some great knowledge. Great job to other candidates. Thank you.

- **Voting Results:**
  - **Haley Olsen – Veterans Student Union, Assistant Director**
    - **31 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention.**
      - **Passes.**
  - **Khamisi Thorpe – Attorney General**
    - **29 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.**
      - **Passes.**
  - **Adam Latiff – 74th Student Senate, Clerk**
    - **30 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions.**
      - **Passes.**
- *Pro-Tempore Nemeth admits the Oath of Office.*

Consent Calendar:

CR 14                      Sponsored by Senator Roy (P)  
To fund Disc Golf at Florida State University, Filipino Student Association, and Mexican American Student Association.

- **Gonzalez moves to approve Consent Resolution 14.**
  - **No objections.**
  - **Consent Resolution 14 is approved.**

Bills First Reading:

Bill 14                      Sponsored by Senator Wang & Senator Gonzalez (P) Senator Bettley (Co)  
Creating a stipulation that only senators financially certified by the time the Budget is voted on may vote on the bill. **(Referred to Budget and Judiciary. Passed in Budget 3.1. Judiciary did not meet.)**

Bill 15                      Sponsored by Senator DuChêne (P) Senators Barker, Beall, Bettley, Bowling, Diaz, Fronczak, Gonzalez, Lessard, Little, Myers, Nemeth, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Rider, Rivers, Roy, Russell, Stewart, Soares, Suarez, Tsouroukdissian, Tucker, Wang, Weintraub (Co)  
Increasing internal accountability by closing statutory loopholes surrounding how long Student Senators may remain suspended for not being financially certified. **(Referred to Judiciary and Rules & Calendar. Judiciary did not meet.)**

Bill 16                      Sponsored by Senator Rivers (P)  
To transfer the power of Director of Homecoming Chief and Princess to Homecoming Executive Council. Also, to give Homecoming the power of planning Homecoming Chief and Princess Election. **(Referred to Student Life and Judiciary. Amended and Tabled in Student Life 2.24.)**

Bill 17                      Sponsored by Senator Murray & Senator Suarez (P)  
Amending the Election Code to expand its enforcement period. **(Referred to Judiciary. Judiciary did not meet.)**

Bill 18                      Sponsored by Senator Murray & Senator Suarez (P)

To amend the Election Code to release candidates and political parties from legal responsibility when the Supervisor of Elections approves campaign materials and clothing that are later found to be in violation of the Election Code.

**(Referred to Judiciary. Judiciary did not meet.)**

- Bill 19                      Sponsored by Senator Murray & Senator Suarez (P)  
To amend the Election Code to narrow its scope of enforcement to only candidates, political parties, and party members.  
**(Referred to Judiciary. Judiciary did not meet.)**
- Bill 20                      Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P) Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Duchêne, Lessard, Drackley (Co)  
Broadening language relating to the conditions by which a Student Senator may take a summer leave of absence.
- Bill 21                      Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P) Rider, Bowling, Roy, Suarez, Satizabal-Prieto, Garner (Co)  
Transferring \$2,800 within HLSU to adequately fund their annual gala.
- Bill 22                      Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P) Hunter (Co)  
Providing temporary relief to HLSU by allowing them more time to appoint executive board members during their 2022-2023 officer transition.

- **Diaz moves to be read in entirety and moved to second reading for immediate Senate approval, DuChêne seconds.**
  - **Gonzalez objects.**
  - **Diaz does not withdraw.**
  - **Immediate Vote.**
    - **Voting Results:**
      - **22 yes, 5 no, 3 abstentions.**
      - **Motion passes, Bill 22 will be placed on Second Reading and read in its entirety.**
- *President Hunter reads Bill 22 in its entirety.*
- **Opening Statement:**
  - Diaz: It is unfortunate that I have to bring this Bill to the floor but I want to ensure – unlike last year - that the transition to a new HLSU Executive Board is successful. I view the role of an Agency Liaison to be their friend in Senate and ensure they are complying with Statutes. Unfortunately I did not catch the Statute that says that applications must be due end of February. I am providing this bill as a solution to that and apologize that this is something I did not catch. I believe that we all make mistakes and that we should solve our mistakes in any way possible, via this bill. As the description says, I have spoken to President Hunter and Parliamentarian Rowan about this. The only thing that really changes is that it allows applications to the HLSU Executive Board to be due – at the latest – by the end of this March. I have gotten assurances from the Senate President and the Student Body President that these Bills will be presented expeditiously. Thank you.
- **Technical Non-Debatable Questions:**
  - DuChêne: Is the current HLSU Executive Board not familiar with their Agency Statutes.
    - I am not on the HLSU Executive Board so I cannot speak on their behalf, but what I do know is that I caught this last week on Election Day and was on the phone with them. They are aware of it now.
  - Gonzalez: Has HLSU already opened applications for Director and Assistant Director?

- They did and those were closed Monday at midnight in line with what the current Statute says.
  - Bettley: Did the HLSU Director reach out to you?
    - I reached out to them and let them know that I believe that they would be in violation with Statutes.
  - Wang: Given they closed the applications did they receive any applicants?
    - They did receive applications for Director and Assistant Director – only those two positions
  - Have people applied for Director and Assistant Director already?
    - Yes.
  - DuChêne: Has the current Executive Board expressed to you why they wish to extend the deadline if they have applicants for both positions?
    - The Director, Assistance Director, Treasurer, and Secretary are all **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:49:02). They did not open applications for Treasurer and Secretary. The Bill says applications for all positions.
  - Bettley: When they open applications again with this Bill's passage, will they open Director and Assistant Director as well?
    - I can speak with the Parliamentarian in what he believes is constitutional but I have told the Director that she should open applications for all positions.
- First Round of Pro:
  - Point of Clarification: Gonzalez: The sponsor said that applications were closed in-line with Statutes where they were actually closed March 1<sup>st</sup>, not in-line with Statutes.
  - Rider: I understand that this is unfortunate, but I am speaking in pro because the sponsor did say that this was a mistake. I see more power in allowing more applicants. I think this would open the floor to more students involved. This allows more students to become involved and help their Executive Board in the future. However, we should still look at violations of Statutes.
  - Pfeuffer-Ferguson: This is only for the positive to make SGA more accessible and to make sure the Executive Board for this agency is the best it can possibly be. We have already seen them do work on-campus. This is not harming anyone, rather allowing them to better themselves and the campus community. I will be voting yes and encourage others to as well.
  - Point of Information: Wang: Considering this Bill has sunset language which will cease to be in effect on May 31<sup>st</sup>, why did you put sunset language when this Executive Board would have one less day than a full month than the other Executive Boards?
    - These are only temporary solutions. I do not want to make permanent fixes to HLSU Statutes until we get recommendations from the commissions.
  - Point of Information: Bettley: After all these positions are filled, you will then be putting back the original Statutes?
    - Correct, on June 1<sup>st</sup> the Statutes will revert back to what they currently are. Over the summer I will make it my personal mission to prevent what happened last year from happening again and to prevent a Bill like this from ever being needed again.
  - Point of Information: Gonzalez: Since sunset language applies to everything in this Bill, why make grammatical corrections that you made?
    - I believe that this is what the typical process for forwarding to the Senate is. I would be happy to entertain an amendment.
  - Point of Information: Gonzalez: On May 31<sup>st</sup> these changes all go back so why add them (Referring to Number Two)?
    - I don't want anyone to question the constitutionality and believe that this is a more typical process in-line with Statutes.
  - Point of Information: Gonzalez to Hunter: Let's say applications close May 31<sup>st</sup>, is that all this is saying. If these positions aren't confirmed by May 31<sup>st</sup> doesn't the previous language then apply?
    - Yes.

- DuChêne I'll be voting for this because I want HLSU to be successful and have a full Executive Board, but I also want to have a huge asterisk as it is so important that our agencies understand their Statutes, and I say that coming from an agency before I was in Senate – I did not know enough about the Pride Statutes, and that is a problem across the agencies. There shouldn't be an excuse for this. This shouldn't be the liaison's responsibility.
- B. Suarez: This is something great that Vice Chair Diaz has caught that gives HLSU an extension. Why not allow them to be uplifted?
- Lessard: On July 21<sup>st</sup> last summer, I was a big supporter of fighting for HLSU. This is a great way to give them a sort of 'Band-Aid' while we fix their statutes so we don't deal with another situation like we had on July 21<sup>st</sup> of last summer.
- First Round of Con:
  - Point of Information: Bettley: The people that already applied, were there applications aligned with Statutes?
    - I don't have access to those applications, so I do not have access to when they were submitted.
  - Gonzalez: I will be voting yes however I am opposed to this Bill because when HLSU didn't have a liaison, I reached out to every single agency – including HLSU - and I told them that I knew their Statutes did not align with what their current processes were, which I knew as I was a part of the Executive Board. I was willing to change it but never got a response. I don't like that we're assuming they didn't know or that this wasn't an issue they could fix, because I reached out to them months ago and they did not respond. I also don't like that the Senate is being pushed into a corner where they have to pass this as Statutes have already been violated. I will vote yes because we have to, but don't enjoy feeling like we have to.
  - Bettley: I am also voting yes but my main concern is that people have already applied for Director and Assistant Director, and if those people knew the application deadline and submitted it, other people now have a greater opportunity with an entire month with the same chance as the first applicants. I know this needs to happen.
  - Point of Information: Lessard: Do we know that if the applications for the people who have applied for Director and Assistant Director are going to be grandfathered in or will they have to re-apply?
    - The changes that I'm making to the Statutes say that applications must be publicly released in the Spring semester. I would suppose that this would be up to interpretation. If those applicants need to re-apply within this new timeframe so be it. However I am writing it to say that they must have them open in the spring semester.
  - Point of Clarification: President Hunter: I am almost certain those applications will be considered. No one will be punished from the language of this Bill.
  - **Wang moves to call the question, Gonzalez seconds.**
    - **No objections.**
    - **The question is called.**
- Closing Statement:
  - Diaz: I completely empathize and agree with what the speakers in con said. I do not like that I have to force a Bill onto the Floor tonight. I do not like not having to follow the proper procedure. This is fully constitutional and a temporary fix. I was able to spot it last week and realized they would not have enough time and wanted to propose this temporary Statutory change to allow this transition to be extended. I'll reiterate that over the summer I plan on proposing permanent Statutory changes. Thank you.
- Voting Results:
  - 27 yes, 1 no, 2 abstentions.
  - **Bill 22 passes.**

Bill 23 Sponsored by Senator Suarez and Senator Wells (P) Murray (Co)  
To allow first-year college students to represent the college of undergraduate studies despite being enrolled in their University Division.

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 12 Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez & Senator Wang (P)  
Revising the statute regarding the amount of money that shall be funded to an organization in the category of lodging. **(Referred to Student Life, Finance, and Judiciary. Passed in Student Life 2.17. Finance did not meet 2.22. Tabled in Finance 2.23.)**

Constitutional Amendments:

Resolutions:

Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P)  
Rules of Procedure Changes regarding masks and Zoom cameras.  
**(Referred to Rules and Calendar. Tabled in Rules and Calendar 2.9. 2.16 2.22.)**

Resolution 14 Sponsored by Senator Lessard (P) Russell (Co)  
Proposed changes to Rule 13 regarding excused and unexcused absences, what is considered an excused absence, and changes to the allotted numbers of absences a Senator is given. **(Referred to Rules and Calendar. Tabled in Rules and Calendar 2.22. Amended and Passed in Rules & Calendar 3.2.)**

- Opening Statements:
  - Lessard: Fronczak will be taking the lead for a second.
  - Fronczak: Currently all absences are considered to be a full absence on a Senators record whether it is excused or not. This takes away the incentive to properly label if absence is excused or not and file it with Pro-Tempore Nemeth. This will put excused absences as a half absence thus providing more reason to properly note your type of absence. This will also lower the amount of absences in general to five.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - Betley: The total number of absences will be reduced?
    - Lessard: Yes, however because we are allotting excused absences as a half-absence, if every one of the Senators absences is excused, they will technically have ten absences instead of seven.
- First Round of Pro:
  - DuChêne: This is a great bill for student artists specifically. Being cast for a musical that ran for two weeks in the fall, and another that ran for two weeks in the spring. I have to worry about being suspended and potentially referred for impeachment purely based off the fact I have a mandatory performance. I am lucky that I only had two absences this semester as my Committee assignments did not interfere with my call times. But for Newsies they did, so I had four absences for Newsies. This would make all excused absences for student artists as half

absences. Thus, if every single one of my absences was excused I would get actually get ten instead of seven meaning that I won't have to worry about participating in my college as required to do, while risking my position in Senate. This is great.

- Point of Information: Bettley: Are excused absences still in alignment with university policy?
    - Yes, it's listed under rule 13.9.
  - Pfeuffer-Ferguson: Going off of what previous Senators said, this is a great thing for someone going through something at the time. Having to miss Senate shouldn't always have to be at the forefront of our minds. This allows for us to worry less about this factor. There are things that are happening beyond extracurriculars into classes as well that sometimes we need to focus on. I think a lot of us in here don't need to worry about losing two absences as a lot of us are dedicated to these Chambers and would have a reason.
  - **Gonzalez moves to amend 13.4 Line Two to add "is" in place of "in" and on 13.4 Line Three strike out "in," Tucker seconds.**
    - **Authors find it friendly.**
    - **Amendment adopted.**
  - Bettley: This is great. Especially as we are still in a pandemic - or if you have some sort of preexisting condition - you shouldn't feel like being capable of being impeached or suspended due to illness. This has more accountability for those who do have unexcused absences. This will make it easier to see a distinction and encourage an excited chamber.
  - B. Suarez: Knowing that unexcused absences weren't a thing was a turn-off. I don't think we should punish somebody being in fine arts, as in Chair DuChêne's case. Why penalize someone for doing what they have to do?
  - **Gonzalez moves to strike 'in its entirety' on Lines Two and Three, Diaz seconds.**
    - **Authors find it unfriendly.**
    - **Gonzalez does not withdraw.**
  - Point of Information to President Hunter: Gonzalez: I would like to know why the sponsors don't find it friendly?
    - President Hunter: Deferred to Sponsors.
    - Lessard: Rule 13.5 A states that Senators who are not present during the Initial Roll Call are marked as tardy and must check-in with the presiding Officer upon entry to the Meeting. 13.5 says it counts as a half-absence. I want to keep it 'in its entirety' as if they're missing an entire meeting and it's excused they must incur that full absence but if it's just being late they will only incur a half absence, and I just want to keep that clear.
- *Senate moves to Debate on the Amendment.*
    - Opening Statement:
      - **Gonzalez withdraws Amendment.**
  - *Senate moves back to Debate on Resolution 14.*
    - Point of Information: Gonzalez: When you say 'listed in this rule in its entirety,' are you talking about the entirety of Rule 13?

- No, I'm talking about the entirety of the Meeting.
- Point of Clarification: President Hunter: I would be coconscious of the ambiguity in the sentence as it can be interpreted as either the Rule and/or the Meeting in its entirety.
- Point of Information: Gonzalez: Would you be friendly to striking 'in this rule' instead of 'in its entirety'?
  - Yes, I just want it known that we are talking about entire meetings.
- **Gonzalez moves to strike in 'this rule' in both sentences, Bell seconds.**
  - **No objections.**
  - **Authors find it friendly.**
  - **Amendment adopted.**
- First Round of Con:
  - No speakers.
  - **Wang moves to call the question, Gonzalez seconds.**
    - **No objections.**
    - **The question is called.**
- Closing Statement:
  - Fronczak: Thank you to the Senators who supported this tonight. This doesn't change what absences are however creates divide in the types of absences. It further creates an incentive not to punish those who have a reason not to be in Senate. If you have a legitimate this makes absences much more lenient.
  - Lessard: I appreciate everyone's due-diligence and Pro Tempore Nemeth's extra work counting half-absences instead of just whole absences. This will benefit our performing students and anybody who has any presentation/performance-type aspect to their major. Thank you for your time.
- Voting Results:
  - **30 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.**
  - **Resolution 14 passes.**

Resolution 17

Sponsored by Senator Duchêne & Senator Pfeuffer-Ferguson (P) Bettley, Diaz, Gonzalez, Little, Myers, Rivers, Russell, Wang (Co)  
 Condemning the passage of the Florida Legislature's "Don't Say Gay" bill, and reaffirming our support for the LGBTQ+ community. **(Referred to Student Life and Rules & Calendar. Passed in Student Life 2.24. Amended and Passed in Rules and Calendar 3.2)**

- Opening Statement:
  - DuChêne: This resolution condemns the passage of the Florida Legislature's 'Don't Say Gay Bill,' otherwise known as HB1557 Essentially, for me this isn't political as much as it is reaffirming support for communities that exist on this campus at Florida State University. I have spoken to the Pride Student Union Director and she is thrilled with this legislation. This Bill is moving through the Florida Senate right now and is extremely harmful and casts LGBTQ+ individuals as 'out of the ordinary,' which is completely inappropriate. We have LGBTQ+ parents on this campus as faculty and students. Being so close to the State Capitol makes it important that we keep an eye on the State Legislature and how it affects people on our campus. This had to go through the Rules Committee because it uses specific language that

condemns – which I am prepared to defend in any way if it's challenged. Thank you.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - No speakers.
- First Round of Pro:
  - Diaz: This bill in the Florida Senate is quite disgusting. To say that LGBTQ+ Floridians in any way are different is something I view to be reprehensible. The only purpose of the Bill (HB1557) is to seek the erasure of LGBTQ+ history from the classroom, which I don't believe we should stay silent on as an entity. I will be voting in support of this Bill.
  - Bettley: I've had multiple people come up to me in the last week saying that Senate doesn't impact them and don't think it matters. I believe that this is one way we can prove that we are trying to support students on campus – they should not feel out of the ordinary. We have students that are LGBTQ+ on this campus. To make them not acknowledged in our chambers would be problematic. This Bill needs to happen.
  - Point of Information: Tucker: If this legislation passes, are there any physical ways we can support LGBTQ+ communities on campus?
    - I appreciate the question. Absolutely - the Pride Student Union is the organization dedicated to advocating for LGBTQ+ people on this campus so I think the Senate's continued support for the Pride Student Union is the best way to accomplish this. Also being loud for students and keeping an eye on what is happening in our communities, on legislation like this, and talking to those in your colleges especially as LGBTQ+ people exist in your college. Check in on those people - ask what their needs are and if they feel supported - I think is the best way that we can work as Senators to support our students.
- First Round of Con:
  - No speakers.
  - **Diaz moves to call the question, B. Suarez seconds.**
    - **Gonzalez objects**
    - **Diaz withdraws.**
  - **Gonzalez moves to call the question by Roll Call Vote, Rivers seconds.**
    - **Lessard objects.**
    - **Gonzalez does not withdraw.**
      - **Voting Results on Motion:**
        - **14 yes, 14 no, 2 abstentions.**
        - **Motion fails.**
  - **Gonzalez moves to call the question, B. Suarez seconds.**
    - **No objections.**
    - **The question is called.**
- Closing Statement:
  - DuChêne: I would like to reiterate that this Resolution does not inject politics into this body at all. I did my due diligence with this Resolution - I checked with Student Organizations, I checked with the Pride Student

Union, and I included statistics on why the LGBTQ+ youth in this country and state are at a particular risk. If you do your own research, you will discover there are anti-LGBTQ+ bills in legislators across the country. However, Florida's is the most radical and most reckless. The lack of consultation with the medical community in this Bill, the lack of consultation with the education community in this Bill – whom it directly affects – make this Bill completely reckless. Amendments that make this terrible Bill slightly better have failed and even though there are plenty of LGBTQ+ legislators across the country passing bills that they think will be better for their values, Florida decided to go for the bottom of the barrel, and even if you read the Bill it is an extremely horrendous Bill that is going to kill kids – and I don't say that lightly. It's going to kill kills. Over 115 physicians in the state of Florida have expressed that exact same sentiment. This is going to kill kids, silence teachers, silence students, and silence parents who are LGBTQ+. The official name of this Bill is "Parental Rights In Education." The parental rights that this bill ignores are the parental rights of LGBTQ+ parents. I want to reaffirm this Body's support for LGBTQ+ students, parents, children, and everybody on this campus and beyond. We have a unique obligation to do so as we are a ten-minute walk from the State Capitol. I will be honest I do wish this was going to a voice vote, I will be reading the vote report, and I will be taking note. This Bill's passage in the Florida Legislature is dangerous. I want to reiterate that I do not care if you are conservative or liberal – this (Bill in Florida State University Senate) is not a political bill, it is expressing our support for the lives and well-being of children, students, and faculty at Florida State University and those across the country.

- **Voting Results:**
  - **26 yes, 0 no, 4 abstentions.**
  - **Resolution 17 passes.**
- **Gonzalez calls for a Division of the Assembly, Rivers seconds.**
  - **Voting Results:**
    - **Voice vote passes by show of hands.**
  - **Senate moves into a voice vote in a Division of the Assembly.**
- *Senate moves into a Division of the Assembly.*
  - **Voting Results on Resolution 17 via a Division of the Assembly (as proven via image taken by Pro-Tempore Nemeth).**
    - **27 yes.**
    - **0 no.**
    - **3 abstentions.**
    - **Resolution 17 passes, again.**

Resolution 18

Sponsored by Senator Murray & Senator Suarez (P) Wells (Co)  
 To give an option for Statements of Dissent to be read aloud during Student Senate meetings. **(Referred to Rules & Calendar. Tabled in Rules & Calendar 3.2)**

Unfinished Business: None.

Statements of Dissent:

- **DuChêne wishes to lodge a Statement of Dissent:**

- LGBTQ+ children and families everywhere through the passage of Resolution 15, a resolution condemning the Florida State Legislature's passage of HB 1557 / SB 1834 – a radical, dangerous, and reckless bill that aims to erase LGBTQ+ identities from Florida classrooms. For me, a gay student artist who got his start in SGA in the Pride Student Union, this resolution was a no-brainer. It was the natural response to an egregious attack on children and on my community. In both committee stops and on the Senate floor this evening this resolution sailed to final passage with overwhelming support from friends and colleagues. Despite this, I cannot feel wholly content this evening. Tonight, three Senators formally abstained from voting on this Resolution. This statement of dissent is not prompted by any of them. This statement is written in response to my colleague who, when it came time to divide the Senate and vote publicly on the question, got up and left the chamber instead. Though they had already refused to vote through the electronic voting system, now, through a division of the assembly, came a time when they would be publicly called to rise and lay bare their point of view, or lack thereof. Rather than face their colleagues with the full force of their conviction, this member chose cowardice. They turned their back and walked out. Is it not the job of a Student Senator to, at the very least, take a vote when one is called? I wish I could say that this was the member's first display of cowardice in reference to this legislation. Weeks ago, I enthusiastically offered this same member a place as a cosponsor. They responded by asking for the bill text; when it was sent to them, I was met by radio silence. I never heard a 'yes' or a 'no' and haven't heard from them since. Now *twice*, a member of this Student Senate (who has attempted to position themselves not just as a leader of a campus political party, but as a passionate advocate for those under attack by our country's systems) has refused to face their colleagues as they turn down an opportunity to speak up for a community under threat. I would like to make one thing abundantly clear: *I take no issue with abstaining from any vote.* I merely ask that members have the conviction to face the people with whom they refuse to take a side. There are several reasons one might abstain from a vote – perhaps a conflict of interest, a moral dilemma, or a desire to not divulge one's opinion on a certain issue. To my three colleagues who engaged in their right to formally abstain, and to my "friend" who was too fragile to face their peers, I ask this: What about my identity presents a conflict of interest to you? What about the ability of children to freely talk about their LGBTQ+ parents constitutes a moral dilemma? What do you wish not to divulge about your opinions on whether school districts should be legally mandated to out children to their parents, or on whether our Student Senate enthusiastically supports our Pride Student Union, or on whether we commit to combatting the tragically high rates of suicide among LGBTQ+

youth? As the Most Reverend Desmond Tutu said, "if you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor." In 2022, it is time for *one hundred percent* of this Student Senate to stand up for what is right and just. It is time for *one hundred percent* of this Student Senate to stand up for *one hundred percent* of the students on this campus. At the very least, it is time for those who refuse to defend the most vulnerable to stand up and actually face the folks who do.

#### New Business:

- February Senator of the Month
  - **Gonzalez moves to open Floor for nominations of February Senator of the Month, Bell seconds.**
    - **No objections.**
    - **The Floor for nominations of February Senator of the Month is opened.**
  - **Pfeuffer-Ferguson nominates Chair DuChêne, Gonzalez seconds.**
    - **DuChêne accepts.**
  - **Gonzalez nominates Chair Myers, Rivers seconds.**
    - **Myers accepts.**
  - **B. Suarez nominates Chair Rider, Bell seconds.**
    - **Rider accepts.**
  - **Tucker nominates Senator Diaz, Rivers seconds.**
    - **Diaz accepts.**
  - **Gonzalez moves to close the Floor for nominations of February Senator of the Month, Wang seconds.**
    - **No objections.**
    - **The Floor for nominations of February Senator of the Month is closed.**
  - **Voting Results via Secret Ballot:**
    - **Chair DuChêne wins February Senator of the Month via Secret Ballot.**
- *DuChêne is elected as Senator of the Month for February 2022.*

#### Closing Announcements:

- DuChêne: There is still programming happening in the School of Theatre – 'Men On Boats' is happening and has five more performances after tonight. Coming up in the School of Dance is 'Days of Dance.' I hope you all can make it, thank you.
- Pfeuffer-Ferguson: We have this whole week of programming from the Student Government Association to go, and participate across campus. Show your love across campus. Please show up to all of these events.

#### Officer Announcements:

- Clerk Latiff: Thank you everyone.
- Historian Cofer: I know I'm still relatively new so if anyone has any recommendations or improvements, they would like seen on the Senate Minutes I would greatly appreciate it. Thank you.

- Parliamentarian Rowan: There is a new date for Parliamentary Procedure - which will be happening around New Senator Orientation - on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chairs and Vice Chairs please show up 30 minutes early. Thank you.
- Pro-Tempore Nemeth: Just a reminder to contact me if you don't know your absence count or are curious. We're going to likely have half the Senate suspended with the passage of tonight's legislation. If you miss a full Senate meeting and it's unexcused, that's considered a whole absence. Please contact President Hunter or me if you have any issues.
- President Hunter: I am proud that we had productive discussion and am proud of the work we have done. I appreciate if you would respond to my polls in the GroupMe. On Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from around 6pm to 9pm you will all need to be in attendance during the whole time. We are having a Chair/Vice Chair debrief afterwards and will be having a new Senator Orientation in-line with Statutes prior to Inauguration, as it should be. We will also be having a Parliamentary Procedure hard crash course - each part of the time is mandatory for different people. If you wish to become Chair/Vice Chair I would encourage you to come to that portion. Everyone will be required to the Parliamentary Procedure workshop. Unfortunately Tuesday is the only day we can meet so please plan ahead and find another time if meeting for your Committee. Go to Committee – you are expected to attend. If you have it posted on the website to meet, you are to open that Zoom meeting no matter what as you are telling the public will be hosting a meeting, no matter if you have decorum. For those on Zoom during Senate meetings I need you to be more attentive – you can make motions and do things even while on Zoom. If you know anyone constantly not coming to Senate and has a fall seat specifically, you can make all of our lives easier if such individual resign. Everyone will be backed up if we keep having to impeach people - tell them to send one sentence email 'I resign' - that's all it takes. The Committees would appreciate not being backlogged. Also, go to Golden Week - we donated our money to make these events happen. Thank you.

#### Advisor Announcements:

- Jacalyn: Hello Senate. I just want to bring up something I had said a few weeks ago - that nobody has their phones out in the chambers. I was very disappointed that there were a lot of phones out. When people are presenting Bills, people are on their phones. We are not doing that moving forward and will be asked to stay in decorum. We still need to be on point to be efficient. Be cognizant of how you present yourself to others who watch these meetings. When I came into this roll I was asked several times: how can you help SGA Senate representation on campus? I cannot do anything for you all, each of you represent yourselves. How you propose legislation and show up/don't to events, all speaks on your behalf. Show up to the space that you are in. I want you to not be performative, people are vying for your Seat. No phones will be allowed in this Chamber. If you do not have a computer, you can check one out at the library and let us know if that's an issue – you are here to get some work done for your campus and our students. If you have any questions, please let me know. I think this is very inappropriate and disrespectful.
- Point of Information to President Hunter: Gonzalez: Do you know when the Student Body President is going to come present the veto?
  - I don't but will communicate to her - hopefully next week.

#### Final Roll Call:

- Refer to Attendance.

#### Adjournment:

- **Wang moves, Bell seconds.**
  - **Senate is adjourned at 9:53pm.**