

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

Call to Order:

- President Diez calls this meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Conducted.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

- Conducted.

Land Acknowledgement:

Crocker: 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 11.09.2022, 11.16.2022, 11.30.2022, 01.18.2023, 01.25.2023, 02.01.2023, 02.08.2023, 02.15.2023, 02.22.2023, 03.01.2023

- **Widmann moves to approve the Journal from 11.09.22, Maglin seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **The Journal 11.09.22 is approved**

Student and RSO Comments:

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- Nimna Gabadage, FSU Student Body President: Thank you President Diaz. Good evening, Student Senate, I want to speak briefly on my support for amending the OGA Legislative Agenda, including opposing HB999. Based on our goal in student government to serve the students of this university, I feel like there is no other option than to do this. Just because something affects a “minority group of students” does not

make it any less of an issue. **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**. With that being said, that concludes my comments. Thank you.

- Bella Suarez, College of Social Sciences & Public Policy: With the utmost respect, I recommend Caroline Ball former Student of Accessibility Advocacy Director to be forwarded as the Sophomore Class Council Secretary. Former Director Ball faced numerous challenges as a first-year on campus trying to navigate the SGA space; however, with her persistence and dedication to fostering a community for all FSU students, she managed to term out of her position and leave a lasting presence. Prior to her directorship, SCAA did not have a social media presence and was without guidance. Freshman first-year Caroline jumped into a position with passion as her guiding force. She partnered with JSU in the Spring of 2022 where SCAA received great recognition. She left the space with more resources than she found it. Working closely with Caroline as her former liaison, I have been able to see genuine growth and commitment. Now as Miss Ball ventures into a new opportunity, it is with consideration of the entire student body but especially the sophomore class that Caroline is given the chance to permeate her love into another avenue of SGA. As secretary Caroline's supporting professional role and impeccable organizational management skills will enable SCC to mitigate any miscommunication that may have arisen during the previous vacancy. Her charisma, resilience, and FSU spirit will impact SCC and its constituents tenfold. I am eager for Caroline to have the platform to speak to you all today about her future supporting role in the Sophomore Class Council. Emeritus Senator Suarez out.
- Rawan Abhari, College of Social Sciences & Public Policy: **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)** duty to the students **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)** they lie **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)** OGA Body and Director **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)** legislative experience, the OGA Body needs to represent all students on this campus, which is what HB999 doesn't do. **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)** it isn't a political issue but they are making it one. **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**. We need to put forth a united student body, **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)** Do we know that there is a supermajority legislature? Do we know that the legislation will probably pass? Yes. Two years ago, there was legislation threatening to take away Bright Futures from non-STEM majors, but your voice can make a difference. This is something that is going to affect all of us. It needs to be echoed that DEI was created by black and LGBTQ individuals to teach others about black and LGBTQ issues, so when they want to attack DEI, they want to hurt those individuals more than they already are. I encourage you to look up what the other legislation is, I encourage you to look up how it will affect our university, but if you don't add it to the legislative agenda, not only would OGA be neglecting their duties, but you would as well. **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**, thank you.
- Ryan Villacorta, Director, World Affairs Program: Hi everyone. You guys fund us every year for numerous things so I just wanted to come out and thank you guys. We've been able to travel all over and compete on behalf of FSU, we've grown a lot over the past few years and held a top 10 ranking but we couldn't do that without the support of SGA. We hosted several events, mostly GBM, and we have Model UN training and debate practices, so if you're interested, feel free to hit us up on Instagram. Speaking as the Director and a previous-Senator, our delegates are people from a lot of different countries and backgrounds, and HB999 would be detrimental to their experience. Our delegates take advantage of a lot of the DEI courses here at FSU to learn about other

cultures and help them understand other perspectives. I encourage you all to keep that in mind and fight for the student body. **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**. Thank you.

- Adam Boling: I am speaking on behalf of Jack Hitchcock and Nina Chong, the student body president and vice-president elect. We want to express our support for adding the opposition of HB999 to the OGA Agenda, we believe this change is necessary to reflect the overall needs of the student body, as well as to counter the negative impacts this bill will have on our agencies. This will really impact students in higher education like myself (Nina Chong) who have really benefited from the DEI programs here at FSU, like AASU. At such a time as this, it's important to prioritize students. Please think seriously about your responsibility as Senators to properly represent students, make wise decisions with the student body's interests in mind.
- Francesca Edward: Hello everyone, I served in the 73rd and 74th Student Senate along with multiple other leadership positions on and off campus. I just want to say that OGA needs to put HB999 on the legislative agenda, this bill is ignorant, rude, and it's not going to happen on my watch. This is not OJP, the Office of Jason Powalski, this is the Office of Governmental Affairs. When he took that oath, he took it to represent the entire student body, and his unethical belief on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion needs to stop. We understand that OGA does not deal with partisan issues, but the fact that you view issues negatively impact women, black people, brown people, the LGBTQ community, and disabled people as a partisan issue, goes to show that you should not hold any leadership position representing anyone. It is also funny how the tables have turned when it's convenient to not share the racist legacy of your ancestors and your privilege. When you were getting confirmed, you said "I will represent the Student Body to the best of my ability in a non-biased fashion, exactly what we did last year, and will do it again." Well, **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**. For the rest of OGA, I know that you have a conservative leader, but being conservative does not mean that you have to be against black people, minorities, and progressive groups as a whole.
- Bryan Gonzalez, President of Audio Production Club: I just wanted to come here and voice my support to add HB999 to the OGA agenda. This bill is dangerous, severely impacts FSU and the minority population. For me, the DEI programs have been fundamental to me finding community and help me get back on track on this campus. HB999 will have severe impacts on students and faculty, and there have been rumors of faculty leaving if this bill is passed because it restricts their ability to teach and connect with students. As it restricts education and uncomfortable conversations, this bill will impact the reputation of Florida State.

Special Introductions:

- Statement from Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs: Commending Senator Maglin for her hard work and dedication that went into the creation of Resolution 26. This project was not created overnight, the Senator has diligently worked with the FSU administration to make this a reality. The Senator has my full support, her hard work should be commended.
- Student Senator Elijah Hooks, FAMU Student Government: Good evening, it is an honor to stand before you today as a representative for the FAMU Student Senate. First, I would be remiss if I did not congratulate my Florida State Brothers, Adam Boling and Jack Hitchcock on their election last week and we look forward to working with you. Me and Senator Maglin are working side by side to have a Mental Health Day at both of our institutions. This will give our students a break, and we all know the challenges students face on a daily basis. It is important that we take time for ourselves, this will also allow

FSU and FAMU to collaborate, we have envisioned a possible joint field day, and again, FAMU does support this resolution and I could not be prouder.

Report of Senate Officers: None.

Messages from the Executive Branch:

- Andres Cubillos, Director of External Affairs: Good evening Senate, I continue echoing the support of including HB999 in OGA's agenda. As most of you know, today we had a very successful event with approximately 120 students attending that event. We received multiple media hits and I want to continue working on this as a media coordinator. Next meeting is March 28th with some other Florida public schools. Thank you for having me and attending the event.
- Daniel McGee, Director of Student Wellness: First, I would like to show my support for Emily Maglin and her resolution for Mental Health Day. Setting this unique precedent will reflect well on all of you. Secondly, I would like to give a personal update on work I have been doing. We started an initiative to have a textbook drive for FSU Libraries and Course Reserves. While we are still deciding on locations for donation boxes, I will be sure to have one here, on the third floor of the Union. If you or anyone you know would like to participate, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you so much and have a great night.

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

- Ashley Boudreaux, Director of Mental Health Council: Hi Senate. First, I want to start off by seconding everything everyone has said regarding HB999. I would also like to speak in support for Resolution 26, the Mental Health Day. I can personally attest to all the hard work that Senator Maglin has been putting into this. Secondly, I want to emphasize how important this is. This is a really big deal and the opportunity for each organization to have this is a really important thing. This resolution shows that FSU cares about mental health, we care about our students, and we care about each other. Thank you.
- Hispanic/LatinX Student Leadership: We represent 23% of the student body and we are in opposition of HB999. Once we reach 25%, we will receive more funding, scholarships, and opportunities for students. DEI programs are detrimental to students all over the university. Professors that we work with are now looking for jobs in other universities, in other states because they are worried about what is going on in Florida. I know that without HLSU, I would not be the woman, I would not be the leader, and I would not even be standing here before you today. We urge you to do your due diligence and vote in favor of adding HB999 to the OGA agenda.
- BSU Leadership: For those of you who don't know, I am from Missouri and the first place I came to on campus was the Black Student Union. It's my safe haven, where I met my closest friends, and a place to study, connect, and the thought that this agency could be taken away is a complete nightmare. Even though we're all minorities, we're leaders, trailblazers, and amazing people on campus and this is something that will impact us all. Thank you.
- Marcus Williams, PSU Center Director: It is very imperative that not only do you include the descent of HB999 with the past of the OGA agenda, it is imperative that you as senators represent all students at Florida State University. HB999 is a perfect indication of history rewriting itself. We are all students of FSU and represent the FSU spirit. From the words of MLK "What do you do for others."
- Alexis Dorman, Assistant Director of OGA: I am here to give the OGA updates this week and provide justification for why we voted down this amendment, but I'm not going to do that because it's not justifiable. In my personal opinion, I voted yes on this amendment, I

explained to the fellow OGA Director what HB999 would do and I'm embarrassed that we voted it down. I don't want to be associated with a board that doesn't want to provide safe communities for students on campus. I strongly urge all of you to vote up this amendment tonight and that's me speaking as a student and an individual, not on behalf of the OGA board. Other OGA updates, FSU Day at the Capital is coming up and I believe you all will be hearing a request for funding tonight so we can have food, thank you.

- Brayden Harrell, OGA Board of Directors: Here to explain why we voted down on this amendment. 4 members voted against the amendment, 3 voted for the amendment, and 2 chose to abstain. You all deserve to know exactly what the voting results were.
- Emma Daley, WSU Director: Happy International Women's Day! I am here representing women and agree with all the sentiments of those who spoke before me, and I am against HB999.

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 \$15,714, PAC \$5,668.36 RTAC \$0, and ORG Fund \$0

Report of Senate Liaisons:

- Pedraja, VSU: **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)** March 22nd, mark your calendars. Thank you.
- Bettley: **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)** is having an event this Saturday. It's a food distribution event, everything is completely free, and a couple of other organizations are co-sponsoring it. If you guys want to volunteer, I'll send the graphic to GroupMe.
- Folwell, Elections Office: **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)** to discuss election violations **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**.

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary
 - Didn't meet this week.
- Internal Affairs
 - Didn't meet this week.
- Budget
 - Met last Thursday at 3:15 p.m. and passed Bill 30 and 31.
- Finance
 - Met last night at 6:15 p.m. and passed CR 17.
- Student Life
 - Met Friday at 3 p.m. and passed a few resolutions.
- Rules
 - Met today and forwarded two candidates for Student Senate.
- Sustainability Ad Hoc
 - **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**.

Senate Confirmations:

Mariana Dos Santos – Student Senate, COSSPP Seat 3 (0 Applicants)

- Opening Statement:
 - I am currently in the COSSPP Student Leadership Council and have done a lot of work with several agencies and student unions. **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**.
- Closing Statement:
 - Just wanted to mention, I was a part of the legislative certification program and I am excited to put those skills to use.

Caitlin Allgoever – Student Senate, COSSPP Seat 6 (4 Applicants)

- Opening Statement:
 - I'm really excited for this opportunity because I've been super interested in the student senate for over a year now. **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**. Additionally, I currently serve in my sorority **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**.
- Closing Statement:
 - I just wanted to thank you guys for this opportunity, I really appreciate it.

Anagrace Bennett – Executive Branch, Financial Assistant (4 Applicants)

- **Did not show, tabled until 03.28.2023**
- General Questions:
 - Widmann to Allgoever: What plans do you have within your short time, assuming you get confirmed as a Spring Seat?
 - **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**.
- **Pedraja moves to enter Pro/Con debate on all candidates. Maglin seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- First round of Pro:
 - Pedraja: I would like to speak in pro of Candidate Dos Santos. She is awesome, she is eager to learn and a friendly face and I am so excited for the work that she does so I am in full support.
 - Bettley: I would like to speak in pro of Candidate Allgoever. I think that applying for a seat in the Senate with less than a month left shows dedication and passion, and the candidate already has ideas they would like to execute, so I will be voting yes.
- **Pro Tempore moves to forward candidates individually. Mantilla seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **The candidates are forwarded individually.**
- Voting results on Mariana Dos Santos, Candidate for Student Senate:
 - **40 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions**
 - **Mariana Dos Santos is confirmed as COSSPP Seat 3.**
- Voting results for Caitlin Allgoever, Candidate for Student Senate:
 - **39 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions**
 - **Caitlin Allgoever is confirmed as COSSPP Seat 6.**
- *Pro Tempore administers the 'Oath of Office'*

Consent Calendar:

CR 17

Sponsored by Senator Wyatt (P)
To fund JHealth, Reach Campus Ministry, Astrology Club at FSU, South Asian Student Association, Crochet Society at FSU, Filipino Student Association, Arabic Honor Society, and Active Minds at FSU. **(Amended and Passed in Finance 03.08)**

- **Anderson moves to pass the Consent Resolution as a whole. Anandjiwala seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **CR 17 passes as a whole.**
- **Widmann moves for a five minute recess. Bettley seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **A recess is called at 8:47 p.m.**

- **President Diaz calls the Senate back to order at 8:52 p.m.**

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Bills First Reading:

- Bill 32 Sponsored by Senator Dale (P)
Eliminates the wording $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ and instead states just $\frac{2}{3}$. This makes the procedure much more clear and eliminates any confusion on what amount of Senate's vote is needed to overrule the two calendar year requirement for Student Senate service. **(Withdrawn by Sponsor)**
- Bill 33 Sponsored by Senator Kariher (P)
To transfer funds from Pride Student Union account to fund Pride Prom and Lavender Graduation.**(Referred to Budget)**
- Bill 34 Sponsored by Senator Kariher (P)
To transfer funds from Pride Student Union account to fund Pride Student Union general Pride merchandise and Pride Prom merchandise.
(Referred to Budget).
- Bill 35 Sponsored by Senator LoBianco (P)
A transfer of \$1,445.12 is made from Senate Projects to All Night Yahtzee to assist them in registration for the Boston Sings Acapella Festival.
(Referred to Student Life and Budget)
- Bill 36 Sponsored by Senator Bettley (P)
A transfer from Senate Projects to fund FL PIRG Students' food distribution event on March 11th. **(Referred to Student Life and Budget)**

- **Student Life as a whole is entered**
- Opening Statements:
- Technical and non-debatable questions:
- **Pro Tempore Duchene moves to enter round table. Maglin seconds.**
 - **No objections**
- Round Table Discussion:
- **Pro Tempore moves to call the question. Widmann seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- **Voting Results on Bill 36 in Student Life Committee**
- **Someone moves to enter Budget as a whole. Someone seconds.**
 - **No objections**

- Opening Statement:
- General Questions:
 - Gummerman: Why did they wait so long to request funds?
 - Widmann: Could the event be pushed back in case the money doesn't come through on time?
 - I don't know, but probably.
 - Dale, point of information:
 - Folwell, point of clarification:
- **Seeger moves to enter round table. Widmann seconds.**
 - **No objections**
- Round Table Discussion:
 - **Sponsor moves to withdraw.**
- **Kariher moves to move out of Budget as a whole. Maglin seconds.**
 - **No objections**
- **Folwell moves to return to the 'Order of the Day'.**

Resolutions First Reading:

- Resolution 27 Sponsored by Senators Diaz and DuChêne (P) Bettley, Boisvert, Brown, Carter, Casiple, Chehaitli, Dale, Fineout, Kariher, Lewis, LoBianco, Maglin, Mantilla, McEntyre, McMahan, Newsome, Patel-Qadir, Rivers, Severy, Walerio, Widmann (Co)
Condemning Florida House Bill 999 and adding it to the Student Body Legislative Agenda as a bill for OGA to lobby against. **(Tabled on the floor 03.01.)**
- **Placed on second reading by President Diaz.**
- Resolution 28 Sponsored by Senator Kariher (P) Anandjiwala, Bettley, Carter, Crocker, Chehaitli, Dale, DuChêne, Fineout, Folwell, Humbert, LoBianco, McEntyre, Maglin, Rivers, Salazar, Severy, St. Hilaire (Co)
To support gender affirming care on campus, transgender students, to condemn Florida House Bill 1421, and to add HB 1421 to the Legislative Agenda to oppose. **(Table on the floor 03.08 pending a recommendation from OGA).**
- Resolution 29 Sponsored by Senators Carter and Folwell (P) Bettley, Chehaitli, DuChene, Kariher, Widmann (Co)
A resolution to condemn Senate Bill 300 and defend the rights and wellbeing of all Florida State University students. **(Referred to Student Life).**

Bills Second Reading:

- 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. 02.22. 03.01)**

- **Withdrawn by sponsor.**

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. Passed in Budget 02.23. Tabled on the floor 03.01)**

- Opening Statement:
 - Sarah Johnson, the Director of VSU asked for some money to be moved over for some VSU events. These items are for an upcoming VSU event and are important to bring together Veterans and non-Veterans and really bridge the gap.
- **McMahon moves to pass Bill 27 by unanimous consent.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Bill 27 passes by unanimous consent.**

Bill 30

Sponsored by Senator Walerio (P)

This bill transfers \$6000 from the Women's Student Union Contractual Services account to the Women's Student Union Expense account. This will fund tote bags, events, movie rights, stickers, water bottles, yoga, a kickoff event, a banquet, and additional Women's History Month expenses. **(Referred to Budget. Passed in Budget 03.02)**

- Opening Statement:
 - This bill helps fund a variety of events coming up for Women's History Month.
- General Questions:
- **Dale moves to amend. Adding "towards Women's History Month expenses in March hosted by the Women's Student Union. Maglin seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **The sponsor finds the amendment friendly and the amendment is added.**
- **Alvarez moves to amend. Striking everything after "the Women's Student Union." Anandijiwala seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **The sponsor finds the amendment friendly and the amendment is added.**
- **Pedraja moves to enter Pro/Con. Maglin seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- First round of Pro:
- **Pedraja moves to pass Bill 30 by unanimous consent.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Bill 30 passes by unanimous consent.**

Bill 31

Sponsored by Senators Burton and Diaz (P)

This budget transfer funds OGA's food budget for the FSU Day at the Capitol reception and future programming. **(Referred to Budget. Passed in Budget 03.02)**

- Opening Statement:
 - This is a relatively simple bill, it transfers \$9,000 to fund food for the OGA Day at the Capital reception. It's a magnificent event and an amazing experience. We will be using Legacy Catering, an FSU affiliate, and it's really good for FSU's reputation.

- General Questions:
 - Widmann: Is this funding going towards alcohol? You mentioned wine?
 - I do not have an answer but this event has gone on for years and there might be a third party vendor for alcohol.
 - Brewer: Will this event benefit non-FSU students?
 - It is open to the public.
 - Bettley: Will the entire \$9,000 be going to this event?
 - The description of the bill says “and future programming.”
 - Seeger: When is the date of the event?
 - March 22nd.
- **Maglin moves to enter pro/con. Mantilla seconds.**
- First round of Pro:
 - **Anandjiwala moves to pass Bill 31 by unanimous consent.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Bill 31 is passed by unanimous consent.**

Resolutions Second Reading:

Resolution 25 Sponsored by Pedraja (P) Anderson, Barrett, Boisvert, Brown, Crusey, Dale, Gummerman, Jones, Lewis, Patel, White, Widmann (Co)
To promote Counseling & Psychological Services on campus and to support their resources for mental health. **(Referred to Student Life. Passed in Student Life 03.03.)**

- Opening Statement:
 - One of my responsibilities is to provide resources for mental health. And I believe that every single one of us **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**. This is a super important bill and it shows our support for Mental Health services as a Student Senate.
- General Questions:
 - **Maglin moves to amend. Strike “interim” and replace it with “executive.”**
Lobianco seconds.
 - **No objections.**
 - **The sponsor finds the amendment friendly and the amendment is added to the resolution.**
 - **Maglin moves to add herself as a co-sponsor. Sponsor finds it friendly.**
 - **Alvarez moves to add herself as a co-sponsor. Sponsor finds it friendly.**
 - **Brewer moves to pass the resolution by unanimous consent.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Resolution 25 passes by unanimous consent.**

Resolution 26 Sponsored by Senator Maglin (P) Alvarez, Anandjiwala, Bettley, Boisvert, Brown, Burton, Carter, Casiple, Chehaitli, Crocker, Dale, Diaz, DuChêne, Fineout, Folwell, Humberg, Jones, Kariher, LoBianco, Mantilla, McMahon, Pruiim, Salazar, Severy, St. Hilaire, Walerio, Widmann (Co)
This resolution outlines the need for and logistics surrounding a university-wide "Mental Health Day" to be implemented into Florida State University's academic calendar. The resolution serves as the catalyst to prompt administrative deliberations in response to this request. **(Referred to Student Life. Amended and Passed in Student Life 03.03.)**

- Opening Statement:

- I am very humbled to present this today. This initiative outline has the potential to impact the entire student body. This resolution serves as a call to action. Changes to the academic calendar require approval from administration, and would not happen until 2024 at the earliest. We are tasked with balancing academics, extracurriculars, and personal lives, so it is no surprise that college students are at high risk for anxiety and depressive disorders, and we have a long way to go. To combat the growing mental health crisis, I am proposing a mental health day to occur at all FSU campuses. The prioritization of mental health at this university is detrimental to our success. The intention of this day is to remove the stressor of classes and address any mental health issues or personal priorities. I would also like to note that this day would not close down the entire university, as dining halls and residences halls will still be open for students. I reached out to FSU agencies, student unions, and administration to work together on accomplishing this. If passed, I will draft a contingency plan that can be annually referenced by RSOs and other entities to outline potential programming ideas, spaces and costs, and I will continuously work to make sure this day comes into fruition next spring. I am happy to answer any questions and am happy to add anyone who wants to as a co-sponsor.
- General Questions:
- **Meunier, Pedraja, Allgoever, Seeger, Brewer, Patel, Dlugos, Gunnerman, Rivera, Vollick, King, Hansen, Anderson, Chatellier, Lewis, Crusey, Barret, Dos Santos, Adonis are all added as co-sponsors.**
- **Pro Tempore moves to enter Pro/Con Debate. Widmann seconds.**
- First round of Pro:
 - Pro Tempore DuChêne: I have never seen a resolution worked on so thoroughly, it is genuinely so impressive. Every single stakeholder was consulted in this resolution and it brought perspectives that no one would have ever considered. This is a fantastic piece of legislation that will leave a legacy.
 - Mantilla: It's incredible that Maglin did this in her first year in the Senate and I'm in full support.
 - Folwell: The sponsor came to me a long time ago with this idea, and I thought it was so outside of the scope of the Senate and I didn't know if it would even be feasible. I've never been happier to be wrong. It will change what we do as Senators and how we can use our connections, and I commend the sponsor for her work, for this resolution, and for everything she has done.
- First round of Con:
- **Carter moves to pass Resolution 26 by acclamation.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Resolution 26 passes by acclamation.**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you so much for your support on this resolution. This is the reason why I wanted to be in the Student Senate and thank you for helping me take the next step to reality. I would not be standing here today without the support and collaboration. I want to thank Dr. Hecht and Jacalyn for their advice and they are detrimental to my success. I want to thank the FSU Panama City administration and FAMU for being so receptive to my ideas, and for their determination to implement this at their own universities. Mental Health is such an important component to our success as students and I hope this creates a long-standing legacy at Florida State University.

Carter, Casiple, Chehaitli, Dale, Fineout, Kariher, Lewis, LoBianco, Maglin, Mantilla, McEntyre, McMahon, Newsome, Patel-Qadir, Rivers, Severy, Walerio, Widmann (Co)
Condemning Florida House Bill 999 and adding it to the Student Body Legislative Agenda as a bill for OGA to lobby against.

- Opening Statement:

- DuChêne: I'd first like to clarify that this bill was not included on the original OGA agenda because it had not been filed at that time, which is why we are using this process to amend the agenda. I am disappointed that some of the OGA directors left because this addresses them directly. On Monday evening, the OGA Board of Directors made a decision that I believe amounts to a dereliction of duty, they decided not to find this resolution friendly. That is to say, that they, the Board of the OGA, believes that the SGA of FSU ought not to advocate against this ridiculously harmful bill in our SGA's official capacity. I would argue that perhaps there is no bill more important to include on our legislative agenda than this bill, so I'd first like to address why the OGA rejected this bill. I'd like to cite a series of misleading statements that were made by board members and these are directly from the minutes from Monday, March 6th. A member said "they spoke to faculty and the faculty member would not be affected." While I appreciate this one-off anecdote, I think this sentiment clashes not only with the text of HB999, but with the fact that the Faculty Senate has already passed a resolution condemning HB999, that included 40 pages of faculty signatures. Secondly, the Director of OGA said "DEI is not a huge part of the bill." That is an interesting point of view, given that the bill text states "State Universities may not promote, support, or maintain any program on campus or campus activities that espouse Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, or Critical Race Theory rhetoric." That is quite a sweeping change, in my opinion. Secondly, the same OGA member who made the statement about faculty said "there is nothing about A&S fees in the bill." That is another interesting claim, given that the bill states "a state University may not expend any funds, regardless of source, to DEI or Critical Race Theory." I would argue to the Senate that A&S fees are a source of funds, in fact, they are the only source of funds for our \$14 million budget. There are several outrageous comments, but I'll just highlight one more, and that is that "the University will not make a statement, there's an issue with polling the agencies because it only captures a small group of people on the same side. We need to represent the student body, not just a minority." As the HLSU leadership expressed this evening, the Hispanic and LantinX community is nearly 25% of the entire University's population, that's no small group. And even within these communities, the idea that they are "on the same side" is an insult to the rich diversity of experience, thought, and viewpoint that exists within all our communities here at Florida State. These are the sentiments that were expressed at the OGA Board meeting that culminated in a vote of 3 yeses, 4 nos, and 2 abstentions and why the vote this evening will have a 2/3 threshold. These are the sentiments that you need to think about before you vote yes, no, or abstain. On the SGA seal, it says the word diversity, it's in the motto of SGA, HB999 will attack the very fabric of University life, not just at Florida State, but at all college and university systems. We're already seeing what is happening at the New College in Florida, the dismantling of the entire community of students. I hope you vote yes on this bill.

- Diaz: DuChêne is a much better writer than I am, but I will say that I believe HB999 is racist, it threatens minority group's ability to organize themselves. It undermines a university's ability to offer support and combined with **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**. It is a coordinated attack on groups by a governor who supports that. That being said, I did write most of the resolution, so most of what I want to say is written there and I'd appreciate you all looking at it.
- General Questions:
- **Maglin moves to enter round table discussion. Rivers seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- Round table discussion:
 - Bettley: I am absolutely in support of this resolution. As the budget chair, I have already had conversations with the legislature, and I was told we would not be able to use A&S money to fund our seven identity-based agencies. Sit with that. Not only that, but we could not use pAC and RTAC money to fund the other identity-based organizations on campus. We have 750 RSO's on campus, and a substantial amount would be impacted if HB999 passes. I cannot explain enough how much I oppose HB999 and how much I am in support of this resolution.
 - Folwell: HB999 attempts to "westernize" state-university education. If HB999 is passed, this will drive us right back to the bottom, completely obliterating the work that many people have worked to achieve. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is important and it is our greatest duty to oppose this archaic bill.
 - Rivers: A personal opinion of myself is that some of the OGA board members have lost their minds, and their minutes are an indication of this. The blatant lies that are being told in their Board of Directors meetings are gross and just unfathomable. I was able to sit down and talk with Florida legislators, who are sitting in committees discussing HB999, and some of the things that OGA said in their minutes are a lie. CARE will be affected by this bill. This is from a Florida legislature, Representative Eskamani. And she said that the verdict is vague for that specific reason. So that they could target anything that they wish. And that's not just CARE, that's not just SGA, that's not just agencies. That's RSO's on campus. If this bill passes, the university could potentially get in trouble for allowing RSO's who "allegedly" support DEI on campus. This is not an SGA thing, this is an FSU thing. We have 750 RSO's and I can almost ensure you that most of those have to do with DEI. That is unfathomable. I want this to be clear. This is to the OGA board of directors, I hope if you plan on continuing in the OGA space, you take very delicate care in what you do in this space now, because I can assure you, I promise you, that these actions that you take now will be reflected when you attempt to come up for confirmation if you want to continue in the OGA space. Your actions are horrible and do not reflect the student body that you took an oath to defend and that you took an oath to represent. I am sure many students on this campus would be shocked and appalled by what you are saying behind closed doors, and the opinions that you are sharing about certain pieces of legislation. I just want to reiterate, when you sit in this room, when you take a position in SGA, it is not about whatever political party you affiliate with. You are taking an oath to represent however many students are in your division. When these OGA board of directors took an oath of office, they took an oath to represent the student body as a whole, and they are not doing that currently. They need to clean up their act, or there will be consequences. I promise you that. Thank you.
 - Crockett: I would just like to remind some of the Senators that we ran for this position, we were elected to represent them, I think it would be a gross disservice

to our constituents to vote against this resolution and that you owe it to them, and you owe it to every single individual affected by this.

- Brewer: There have been a lot of really well-said words about this resolution and I don't think there are any words that could put it better.
- Anderson: The person in OGA who said their job is to "represent the student body, not the minority." I actually got really offended by that because I'm a minority and it made me seem like I'm not a member of the student body. FSU just recently added a new Human Rights & Social Justice Major, and HB999 would essentially get rid of that. When a group of 40 Senators can agree on something but a group of 7 individuals can't, maybe that's when we do confirmations we should just **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**.
- Alvarez: As a woman of African American and Hispanic descent. I'm very appalled by this bill in general. If this passes, these organizations won't have a lot, and it's our responsibility to make sure that these organizations are protected.
- Maglin: I honestly think that it would be a failure of the Senate to not uphold something like this. I am disgusted and appalled that OGA decided this and I definitely think we should approve this or we failed the student body.
- Humberg: I would just like to reiterate, as the liaison for the Faculty Senate, they already sent out a resolution condemning HB999 and have received resolutions from other universities around the nation voicing their support. Also, a lot of grant funding revolves around DEI and might be taken away, FSU will fall in the ranking and won't be able to attract students or faculty, and in my own personal experience, I have received several questions about this already.
- **Boisvert moves to suspend the rules to allow the sponsors two additional minutes for their closing statement. Widmann seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- **Pedraja moves to call the question. Maglin seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- Closing Statement:
 - We have the unique opportunity to be on the frontlines of this fight and we have the responsibility to respond with one voice.
- Voting results on Resolution 27:
 - **43 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention**
 - **Resolution 27 passes.**
- **Bettley moves to unlock the calendar and go back to Bill 36. Widmann seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **The calendar is unlocked and moved to Bill 36.**
- **Kariher moves to enter Student Life as a whole.**

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- Spring Senate Awards
- **Widmann moves to open the floor for nominations for the Mattie Durham Senator of the Year Award. Fineout seconds.**
 - **No objections**
 - Senator Wyatt nominated
 - Senator Duchene nominated

- **Kariher moves to close the floor for nominations for the Mattie Durham Senator of the Year Award. Maglin seconds.**
 - **No objections**
- **Senator DuChêne wins Mattie Durham Senator of the Year Award 2023.**

- **Pedraja moves to open the floor for nominations for the Vires Award. Anderson seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - Senator Widmann nominated
 - Senator Maglin nominated
 - Senator Hansen nominated
 - **Mantilla moves to close the floor. Folwell seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senator Maglin wins Vires Award 2023.**

- **Dale moves to open the floor for nominations for the Artes Award.**
 - **No objections.**
 - Senator Carter nominated
 - Senator Bettley nominated
 - Senator McMahon nominated
 - **Alvarez moves to close the floor for nominations for the Artes Award.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senator Carter wins Artes Award 2023.**

- **Rivers moves to open the floor for nominations for the Mores Award. Hansen seconds.**
 - **No objections**
 - Senator Kariher nominated
 - Senator Anderson nominated
 - Senator Pedraja nominated
 - **Widmann moves to close the floor for nominations for the Mores Award. Fineout seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senator Kariher wins Mores Award 2023.**

Statements of Dissent: None.

Closing Announcements:

- Rivers: I would just say that I think everyone in this room needs to reflect on the events that have happened in regards to OGA. Never, have I seen such an outpour of individuals come to this Senate and speak up about particular matters, especially considering that the vast majority of those individuals are in other SGA sectors and they are speaking against what is going on in OGA. I think it is very important for everyone to pay close and careful attention to the confirmation hearings that are going to be happening, so we don't have to repeat the situation we find ourselves in with OGA. Because as it has been said, it's called OGA, not OJP. SO it's very important to realize that our SGA bureaus, agencies, and entities are not dictated by a single individual but

instead a mass effort, and that all individuals in that effort are ensuring that they are representing the student body, which is something OGA could not remember to do. It is a shame. **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**. It's insane, the amount of work we were able to get done with last year's OGA in comparison to this one. The fact that agency directors and agency officials didn't get a say in this year's legislative agenda, which is statutorily required by OGA, is appalling. I need everyone in this room to reflect on the leaders that are in charge, and need to look at the work they've done, and ask themselves if they are upholding the student body statutes? Are they upholding the Constitution? Are they representing all 50,000 students at this University? Or are they fueling their own gain, their own personal beliefs, and their own personal agenda.

- President Diaz: Before I forget, there's an FSU Alert regarding a sexual battery that took place on this floor in the bathrooms in the Union. If you have any information, contact FSU Police. As we do operate in the Union, be cognizant of that alert.
- Bettley: Following that statement, I would just like to remind everyone that HB999 and other outrageous bills are going to be put through the Florida legislature in the upcoming weeks. I would encourage you all to put your money where your mouth is and go to public comment in those committees. If there are students actively advocating against those bills, that will be crucial to the decisions of those representatives. Being 10 minutes away from the Capital, this is something we have the ability and honor to do. Thank you.
- Pro Tempore Duchene: I have so many pocket U.S. Constitutions. Please take one. The Museum of Fine Arts is having an exhibition right now and it's unbelievable. Every single inch of the exhibits this semester blew my mind, it's free, and if you have such 15 minutes, I really do encourage you all to visit. I hope you all have a great Spring Break and a very happy St. Patrick's Day.
- Widmann: In regards to the recent announcement about the sexual assault, if any of you need me to walk you to your car, I'll walk you to your car. Let's just take care of each other.
- Folwell: I just want to also make the same offer that Widmann did. Also, I just really, really appreciate everyone in this room.

Advisor Announcements:

- Jaclyn: Spring Break is upon us so please be safe and make wise choices. I would like to see you all here after spring break. Inauguration is April 10th.

Final Roll Call and Adjournment:

- Conducted.
- **Pedraja moves to adjourn. LoBianco seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senate Diaz adjourns the Senate at 10:51 p.m.**