

THE SEVENTY-THIRD STUDENT SENATE
Calendar: April 7, 2021
Zoom Link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/96930092532>

Call to order: 7:34 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Flashman

Moment of Silent Reflection

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call: Murcia, Flashman, Tackett, Marcus, Hunter, Little, Bergen, Rossi, Randall, Stults, Arutt, England, Nasworthy, Lessard, Duperier, Fineout, Linsky, Soto, Ramos, Lewis, A. Gonzalez, Reed, Suarez, J. Hitchcock, Nemeth, Murray, West, K. Hitchcock, Cubas

Verification of Quorum: Verified

Corrections and Approval of the Journal 3-31-21: **A. Gonzalez moves to approve the journal, seconded by Soto**

Student and Non-Budgeted RSO Comments: https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9EVvRotPr4y03r none

Special Introductions and Announcements:

- Supervisor of Elections Rawan Abhari: Black Student Union Election results
 - Treasurer, by 59.5%: Brandan Louis, Breakthrough Party
 - Secretary, by 52.9%: Sophonie Desvaristes, Breakthrough Party
 - President and Vice President, by 57.9%: Jaze Shaw-Young and Cameron Bickley, Breakthrough Party

Messages from the Executive Branch: none

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, SGA Organizations Officers and Employees: none

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 \$15737.20, PAC \$23667.00, RTAC \$50015.00, and ORG Fund \$1000

Report of Senate Liaisons: none

Report of Committees:

- Oversight, report made by Chair England: did not meet due to link not being posted on website

- SLAA, report made by Vice Chair Murray: Met Tuesday. Passed Bill 32; Resolutions 17 & 18 remain tabled
- Finance, report made by Chair Rudolph: met Tuesday at 5:30 PM. Amended and passed RTAC Resolution 16; passed PAC Resolution 17
- Judiciary, report made by Chair Little: met Tuesday at 6 PM. Tabled Bill 3; amended and passed Bill 29; passed Bill 30. Bills 29 & 30 were passed unanimously and will be heard tonight.
- Budget, report made by Senator Tackett: met Tuesday, passed Bill 32 unanimously
- Rules and Calendar, report made by Pro Tempore Wang: met today at 5 PM. Resolution 4 remains tabled and will be heard next week without an advisory opinion from the Supreme Court. Then went into Committee Legislative Round-Table and heard updates from Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc
- Racial Inclusivity and Justice Ad Hoc, report made by Chair Hunter: did not meet this week, met last week. Would love for any Senators to attend the meeting this Friday at 6 PM; will be hearing from a guest from FSU Admissions.
- Sexual Assault Survivors & Advocacy Ad Hoc, report made by Chair Soto: Did not meet last Sunday because it was Easter. Next meeting will be the Sunday before finals week. It is Sexual Assault Awareness Month; hopes to come out with a statement and a resolution soon.
- Rules Ad Hoc, report made my Chair Linsky: had first meeting last Friday at 6 PM, adopted internal rules of procedure, had Vice Chair elections, and discussed plans for this term

Senate Confirmations: none

Consent Calendar:

- Resolution 16 Sponsored by Senator Randall (P)
 Zero-funding White Mouse Productions for the Pandemic Compliance Advisor for virtual Meeting Industry Professionals class.
AMENDED AND PASSED IN FINANCE, 04.06.
Nasworthy moves to approve Consent Resolution 16; Rudolph seconds; no objections.
RESOLUTION IS APPROVED
- Resolution 17 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P)
 Zero-funding All-Night Yahtzee and allocating \$685 in PAC funds to the American Medical Student Association.
PASSED IN FINANCE, 04.06.
Villacorta moves to approve Consent Resolution 17; Nemeth seconds; no objections
RESOLUTION IS APPROVED

Bills First Reading:

- Bill 3 Sponsored by Senator Villacorta (P)
 Updating the list of major offices to preserve checks and balances and address conflicts of interest. **REFERRED TO JUDICIARY 01.13. TABLED IN JUDICIARY, 01.22, 01.26, 02.22, 03.01, 03.10, 03.22, 04.07.**
- Bill 21 Sponsored Senator Daraldik (P), A. Gonzalez, Hunter, R. Gonzales, Ramos, Roy, Preshia, Lessard, Stults, Nasworthy (Co)
 Establishing the Arab Student Union as a SGA Agency at the 2021 Spring SGA Inauguration. **REFERRED TO BUDGET THEN SLAA, INTERNAL AFFAIRS, JUDICIARY, 03.03. TABLED IN BUDGET, 03.09, 03.15, 03.22, 03.30, 04.06.**
- Bill 33 Sponsored Senator Grunberger (P), Rudolph (Co)

Reallocating \$600 from SCURC Food Account to SCURC Expense Account.

REFERRED TO BUDGET, 04.07.

Bill 34 Sponsored Senator Melian, Suarez (P), Gabadage, Rossi, Gonzalez, Hitchcock (Co)
Utilizing \$3,000 in Executive Projects funds to split the cost of FSUCard replacement fees. **REFERRED TO BUDGET, 04.07.**

Bill 35 Sponsored Senator Melian, Suarez (P), Gabadage, Rossi, Gonzalez, Hitchcock (Co)
Utilizing \$3,000 in Senate Projects funds to split the cost of FSUCard replacement fees. **REFERRED TO SLAA THEN BUDGET, 04.07.**

Chair Randall moves to place the following 5 bills on first reading:

Bill 36 Sponsored Senator Randall (P), Arutt, Linksy, Stults, Tackett (Co)
Utilizing \$1,763.28 in Senate Projects funds to restart CHAW's cooking classes initiative. **REFERRED TO SLAA THEN BUDGET, 04.07.**

Bill 37 Sponsored Senator Randall (P), Arutt, Linksy, Stults, Tackett (Co)
Utilizing \$1,500 in Senate Projects funds to provide free pregnancy tests to FSU students on campus. **REFERRED TO SLAA THEN BUDGET, 04.07.**

Bill 38 Sponsored Senator Randall (P), Arutt, Linksy, Stults, Tackett (Co)
Utilizing \$4,845 in Senate Projects funds to distribute 500 sleep kits in Summer C 2021 to students living in on-campus residence halls. **REFERRED TO SLAA THEN BUDGET, 04.07.**

Bill 39 Sponsored Senator Lessard, Randall (P), Roy, Rudolph (Co)
Transferring \$7,500 from PAC funds to Senate Projects funds to allow the Student Senate to easily fund initiatives before the end of the fiscal year. **REFERRED TO BUDGET, 04.07.**

Bill 40 Sponsored Senator Lessard, Randall (P), Roy, Rudolph (Co)
Transferring \$45,000 from RTAC funds to Senate Projects funds to allow the Student Senate to easily fund initiatives before the end of the fiscal year. **REFERRED TO BUDGET, 04.07.**

Bills Second Reading:

President Harmon relinquishes the chair and welcomes Chair England to preside.

Bill 29 Sponsored Senator Randall (P)
Reformatting the Senate financial certification statute and expand the duties of the Student Senate Pro Tempore related to financial certification of Senators.
REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, 03.24. AMENDED AND PASSED IN JUDICIARY, 04.07.

- Opening Statement:

- Randall: This Bill is related to legislation passed last week that referred to financial certification. This reformats the part that is in Statutes. Adds letters next to the paragraphs; does not change the school day requirement (still 15 school days); adds new requirement for Pro Tempore to inform Senators of their certification status first 3 Senate meetings following oath of office. This is to account for both

inaugurations and vacancies. Shoutout to A. Gonzalez for amending in Judiciary to call out fall semester recertifications.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Lessard: the addition of 400.6.D is for fall elected Senators must recertify at the beginning of the new fiscal year even though they are not technically reelected?
 - Randall: Correct
- Pro:
 - No speakers
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Marcus moves to call the question; Soto seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Randall: Thank you!
- Vote: 31-1-1
- **RESULT: BILL PASSES**

Bill 30

Sponsored Senator Linsky (P)

To streamline the promulgation of constitutional amendments passed by the Senate.
REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, 03.24. PASSED IN JUDICIARY, 04.07.

- Opening Statement:
 - Linsky: When we pass a Constitutional Amendment, it is supposed to go to the Supreme Court for review for 7 days before it goes to the ballot, but this has not been happening this term because Statutes say it should go to the Attorney General and it is only sent to Supreme Court when the Attorney General does not respond. This fixes that by sending the amendment to both the Supreme Court and the Attorney General at the same time.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Marcus: **POPP**, can we get the bill screen shared?
 - Yes, shared
 - Randall: can you please explain this Bill again? Do not understand why this needs to be removed if it is still being sent to both parties.
 - Linsky: For simplicity. It is being sent to the Supreme Court anyway, so there is no need for a secondary condition.
- Pro:
 - Marcus: In support of simplifying statutes.
- Con:
 - Lessard: **POI** for Linsky, where does it say that legislation is going to the Supreme Court?
 - Linsky: 402.1.A refers to Bills that are passed, which do not need to go to the Supreme Court. 402.1.B refers to Constitutional Amendments, which do need to go to the Supreme Court.
 - Lessard: **POI** for Linsky, is there not a separate statute for submission of Constitutional Amendments?
 - Linsky: There is, and this statute does not specify who should send it to who, when, why, or how. This bill will streamline and clarify the process. This Bill would also put culpability on the Senate for not sending these amendments to the Supreme Court. This Bill removes a contradiction in the current procedure and keeps everyone on the same page.

- **A. Gonzalez moves to call the question; J. Hitchcock seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Linsky: Thank you!
- Vote: 30-0-1
- **RESULT: BILL PASSES**

Bill 32

Sponsored Senator Arutt (P), Tackett, Stults, Linsky, Randall (Co)
Transferring \$550.60 from the Senate Projects account to the Food for Thought Pantry to purchase plastic grip can openers. **REFERRED TO SLAA, THEN BUDGET, 03.31. PASSED IN SLAA, 04.06. PASSED IN BUDGET, 04.06.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Arutt: This Bill transfers \$550.60 from Senate Projects to the Food for Thought Pantry for can openers, including the cost of ground shipping. Similar to the legislation passed a few weeks ago urging FSU to fund the food pantry and destigmatize the hunger crisis.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- Pro:
 - Marcus: Great legislation for a great cause. It is only a temporary alleviation of the bigger issue, but until something changes at the University level, hopes we can continue to support the Food Pantry and pass unanimously
 - Soto: As someone who uses the Food Pantry, this is very important. They are very grateful of Senate's continued support and are very kind people. They are also students, many are CARE students. Agrees with Marcus.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Tackett moves to call the question; Grunberger seconds**
 - **Marcus objects because he wants to pass by unanimous consent**
 - **Tackett withdraws motion**
- **Marcus moves to pass by unanimous consent; Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: BILL PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

Chair England relinquishes the chair and back to President Harmon to preside.

Constitutional Amendments: none

Resolutions:

Resolution 4 Sponsored Senator Villacorta (P)
Amending Senate structure and composition about who should run the meeting during the transition of senate and vacancies. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR 01.13. TABLED IN RULES & CALENDAR 01.20, 01.27, 02.01, 02.03, 02.10, 02.17, 02.23, 03.09, 03.10, 03.17, 03.24, 03.31, 04.07.**

Resolution 17 Sponsored by Senator Daraldik (P)
The 73rd Senate to implore the SGA Executive Branch, FSU Administration, and other FSU entities to rescind support of the IHRA Definition of Antisemitism and further support the Palestinian community in free-speech. **REFERRED TO SLAA, 02.10. TABLED IN SLAA, 02.16, 02.23, 03.09, 03.16, 03.23, 03.30, 04.06.**

- Resolution 18 Sponsored by Senator Daraldik (P)
 Calling on the FSU Administration and Board of Trustees to review and withdraw investments from corporations deemed unethical by the FSU student community.
REFERRED TO SLAA, 02.10. TABLED IN SLAA, 02.16., 02.23., 03.09., 03.16, 03.23, 03.30, 04.06.
- Resolution 34 Sponsored by Senator England (P)
 Urging the Presidential Search be concluded by the end of the spring 2021 semester and include student input.
- Opening Statement:
 - England: Worked with SBP Levin on this. Faculty Senate passed a resolution in February calling for the FSU Presidential Search Committee to conclude their process by the end of Spring 2021. Because fewer students are on campus and taking classes in the summer, not as many students would be given the opportunity to express their thoughts on the process during the summer. Calls for the committee to end their search in order for the Board of Trustees to call an emergency meeting in May to vote, allowing the new University President to assume their role for the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting in July.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Lessard, with reservation for a follow-up): This is not forcing them to do this, just strongly encouraging?
 - England: Correct, the Senate does not have any jurisdiction over the process.
 - Lessard: The search is currently underway and they have candidates?
 - England: Correct, the Presidential Search Committee has been working for several months.
 - Randall, with reservation for a follow-up: Have you communicated with the Presidential Search Committee?
 - England: Not directly. Treasurer Christian Hall serves on the committee, and has received updates from Hall through President Levin.
 - Randall: Do you know if there are candidates selected?
 - England: There are people that they are considering. There is even a LinkedIn job posting! Do not know who they are, but there are candidates.
 - Pro:
 - Marcus: **POI** for England, both the Student Body President and the Student Body President-Elect are included on the recipients list. Is this emergency meeting being called under the current Board of Trustees, or the next Board of Trustees?
 - England: President Levin attended his final Board of Trustees meeting this past week. Next regularly scheduled meeting is July. The Board of Trustees is looking to call an emergency meeting in May if there is a President candidate in time. President Janvier would be serving at this time, should this happen.
 - Lessard: I heard of President Thrasher's departure almost a year ago, and he is surely ready to retire by now. Our President is a huge deal and students should have a say.

- Marcus: Given that there is a history of student protest related to previous presidential choices, this is important to pass. Based on hearing the President speak, Thrasher is ready to leave.
- Con:
 - Randall: This process should not be rushed. It has been my experience that the Presidential Search Committee allows anyone into the Zoom call to speak their mind. This does not provide the process enough time; only about a week left in the semester.
- **Riguidel moves to call the question; J. Hitchcock seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
 - England: If we pass this tonight, it would give the Presidential Search Committee about two and a half weeks to finish their process. This is something the Faculty Senate already passed with similar language. This is a very exciting time, switching presidents. Technically supposed to happen every 4 years; Thrasher served for 8 years. Very important for students to have the opportunity to express input. Thank you, yield the remainder of time for the last time.
- Vote: 28-4-1
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION PASSED**

Unfinished Business: none

Statements of Dissent: none

New Business:

- Senator of the Month – March 2021
 - **Nasworthy moves to open nominations, seconded by A. Gonzalez; no objections**
 - Soto nominates Lessard; seconded by J. Hitchcock; Lessard accepts
 - J. Hitchcock nominates Martin; seconded by A. Gonzalez; Martin is absent
 - A. Gonzalez nominates J. Hitchcock; Soto seconds; A. Gonzalez accepts
 - Grunberger nominates Rudolph; Randall seconds; Rudolph accepts
 - Marcus nominates Tackett; Soto seconds; Tackett accepts
 - A. Gonzalez nominates Roy; Villacorta seconds; Roy accepts
 - Villacorta nominates Flashman; Martin seconds; Flashman declines
 - J. Hitchcock nominates Martin; Nemeth seconds; Martin accepts
 - Randall: **POPP** can someone read out the names currently nominated?
 - Randall nominates Marcus; seconded by Soto; Marcus accepts
 - **Riguidel moves to close the floor for nominations; seconded by Soto**
 - Vote will be posted online after results are finalized

Closing Announcements:

- Lessard: was surprised in Finance yesterday when someone said that next week's Senate meeting is the last meeting of the Spring semester. It has been great serving with you all. Congratulations to Chair England of graduate school and President of Gamet and Gold Key, we will miss you on the Senate floor. Good luck to everyone of finals
- **Marcus moves to unlock Calendar; seconded by Soto; no objections. Calendar is unlocked to move back to New Business**
- Soto: It is almost finals week; take care of yourselves. If you need a study buddy, I need a study buddy. I testified yesterday on a different anti-trans Florida House Bill, which unfortunately passed its committee. Even though it is disheartening, it is important to do you due diligence when this kind of legislation comes up, and our representatives appreciate being contacted.
- Marcus: FSU has opened up COVID vaccinations for students; strongly encourages everyone to get vaccinated. Hopes we can have Senate in-person in the Fall. There is a severe weather threat during the Spring Game on Saturday.

- A. Gonzalez: getting the vaccine tomorrow! Thank you to our service men and women, veterans and first responders. Big shoutout to everyone who voted today!
- Riguidel: brand new French Club Executive Board. Posted Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Map in the GroupMe with resources for entrepreneurs on campus. The Jim Moran College gives out \$50,000 to entrepreneurial students each year in micro-grants; can receive up to \$5,000 just for pitching your idea on a 10-slide Powerpoint.
- Randall: this is the last week for PAC and RTAC committee hearings before RSOs will be heard by the full Senate in the summer term. RTAC is accepting requests for in-person events in Florida, as well as virtual events.
- England: This is my last Senate meeting. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve with you all for the last 2 years and Clerk of the 71st and Senator of the 71st, 72nd, and 73rd. The culture has changed over the last few years; last Summer was a wild ride. Thank you all for everything, this experience is meant to be both educating and rewarding, so both educate and reward the incoming Senators. Will still be at FSU, but will yield the floor for the last time.
- Roy: PAC and RTAC have money, we want to help it get to the student body, so make sure you reach out to RSOs. We will not be funding in the summer, but still connect them to us so we can help them in the future. PAC has a Vice Chair. All members will come through Senate in the new fiscal year to be recertified. Previously served as Senate Clerk; welcome to the Clerk who was confirmed last week and hoping to transfer the Senate Announcements page to her.

Officer Announcements: Rowan, Wang, Harmon

- Rowan: World Affairs Program is competing in 2 conferences this weekend, the last 2 of the Spring term: Yale and William & Mary. Thank you to all of the Senators who are graduating and good luck; it has been a pleasure to work with you.
- Wang: Please submit legislation formatted Arial 11 using the template provided. Please CC Clerk Connor on legislation amended in committees. FSU AASU and InterVarsity is hosting a vigil for the lives lost at the Atlanta shooting on April 16th, 6-8 PM. Congratulations to graduates; special shoutout to Chair Martin and Chair England, thank you for serving on Rules & Calendar committee. Finals week is coming up, good luck to everyone. Personally swamped with academic work. Take care of yourselves.
- Harmon: In order to participate in Summer Senate, you must notify the advisors and myself. If you are taking summer classes, look out for a Qualtrics coming next week regarding that. If you are not taking summer classes, your seats will be vacated for the summer and you can resume your term in the fall. To the Senators leaving, it has been an honor and a privilege to not only serve with you, but serve as your Senate President. Senator Cubas is also leaving, congratulations and thank you for serving and offering your leadership. Next meeting is moved to 9 PM next Wednesday due to inauguration.

Advisor Announcements:

- Anna Van Gulp: You are all incredible and capable of more than you think. It has been an honor. Best of luck!
- Dr. Williams: It is Homecoming week, but I know you all have lots to do academically, so stay balanced. Congratulations to the outgoing Senators and thank you for your service and leadership. We will be sending out information regarding inauguration very soon.

Final Roll Call: Murcia, Flashman, Tackett, Villacorta, Roy, Marcus, Hunter, Little, Bergen, Rudolph, Grunberger, Rossi, Randall, Stults, Arutt, England, Nasworthy, Lessard, Duperier, Fineout, Linsky, Riguidel, Soto, Ramos, Lewis, A. Gonzalez, Martin, Reed, Suarez, J. Hitchcock, Nemeth, Melian, Murray, West, Cubas

Adjourned: **England moves to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM**

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