

THE SEVENTY-FOURTH STUDENT SENATE

Calendar: May 25th, 2022

Location: HCB 216 & Zoom

Time: 7:30pm

Recording Link:

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Call to Order:

- President Diaz calls the meeting to Order at 7:33pm.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Led by Drackley.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

- Not conducted.

Land Acknowledgement:

Carrier: 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:

- None.

Student and Non-Budgeted RSO Comments: None.

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Special Introductions and Announcements:

- Diaz: First of all, I just wanted to say hello to you all! I wanted to welcome you all back now that we have entered the summer session and I did want to apologize for all the delays in getting these meetings started. And I wanted to explain a little bit of why we are having a hiccup here. So, Statute 4 Report E states, and I can read it to you, says “the number of senators able to serve in term should not fall below 30. Should occasion rise where there are fewer than 30 student senators, SBP should make appointments to maintain 30 senators. In this case, the Senate and its committees may meet for the sole purpose of voting on new senators. So, with all of the senators that we have taking lead we have fallen down to 16 senators, which is less 30. So, we had to wait for a forwarding letter to be sent to us by the executive branch which we received last week, and all of those nominees on that forwarding letter have been invited here today. But before we get into nominations, I have been requested by President Hunter to address Dr. Hecht’s veto of Bills 25, 30, and 55. Dr. Hecht veto’s those bills in a letter from April 22nd and her objection to those three bills can be found in our canvas announcement, sent by Jacalyn. And then also available to the public via the Senate documents page. I’ve also been asked to enforce the one device policy that President Hunter put into place, where everyone here in person today should only be using one device whether that’s a laptop or phone. You guys are doing great so far. And all of our Senators on Zoom, you are encouraged to have your cameras on. You are choosing to appear virtually so let’s just keep that spirit in mind for active participation here today. We have a lot of things to get through this summer, we have 6 agencies of leadership we have to confirm, an entire cabinet of almost 20 people, an entire supreme court, and a couple of bureau nominations. So, we definitely have our work cut out for us this summer. So, I just wanted to thank all of you for showing up here today and I welcome all of the nominees that are here for confirmation today. Thank you all to everyone that applied to be in the Senate and for being willing to serve to ensure that our Senate can operate this summer. I wanted to ask Dr. Williams if she had any announcements to make as well?
- **Tucker moves to Unlock the Calendar and move into ‘Senate Confirmations.’**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senate moves into ‘Senate Confirmations.’**
- *Senate moves into ‘Senate Confirmations.’*

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 \$3,818.81, PAC \$40,741, RTAC \$0, and ORG Fund \$0

Report of Senate Liaisons: None.

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary
 - None.
- Internal Affairs
 - None.
- Budget
 - None.
- Finance
 - None.
- Student Life
 - None.
- Rules & Calendar
 - None.

Senate Confirmations:

- Diaz: There are eleven people who were put on the forwarding letter from May 20th. Anybody who would like to look at those applications, those applications are available via the canvas page. They are listed under the forwarding letter from May 20th, 2022 and on that letter, we have Erick Rivers for Student Senate Fine Arts Seat 1, this is a fall seat, so this candidate will be serving not just summer but through the fall. Candidate Rivers, could you please raise your virtual hand so that we can see you up on the board. We have Cooper Lois for Student Senate Engineering Seat 1, for the summer, you can come up. We have Mahika Anand, for Student Senate Entrepreneurship Seat 1, this is a fall seat so they will be serving through the fall as well if you could please raise your virtual hand if you're here as well. We have Jake DeChick for Student Senate Business Seat 1; this is a summer seat – candidate DeChick if you could please raise your hand at this time. Cooper Riley for Student Senate Business Seat 3, summer only. I believe that candidate is not going to be here today. Ok, and we have Anthony Benn, Student Senate Arts & Sciences Seat 7, summer only. If they are here and could please wave their virtual hand so we can see it on the screen. We have four candidates on zoom and one in person, so the order I would like for our opening statements and our questioning to go would be to candidate Lois, Rivers, Anand, DeChick, and Benn in that order. So, candidates will have 5 minutes to make an opening statement. Any time that is left over from their opening statement can be used for a closing statement, after that we will enter a round of technical nondebtable questions, a round of general questions, and if the Senate chooses to it can enter a round of pro/con debate. So, with that being said, all of the candidates for Student Senate, you are all welcome to the floor.

Opening Statements:

- **Candidate Lois:** Alright, I'm Andrew Lois, I'm an electrical engineering major cause it's my junior year. I heard one of my friends say that they love the Student Senate, and I just thought it would be a good way to get more involved and ingrain myself into the Florida state community. I'm just very passionate about throwing myself into whatever I deem appropriate for me to do and this is something I feel very passionate about.

- Candidate Rivers:** Yes, Hello Senate, some of you already know me, I have had the pleasure of knowing a lot of you guys, so it's good to be back here. Sad to be on zoom, couldn't get in today, I just want to start off by saying that Senate is obviously something that is not new to me, I served the Spring semester in the Senate as the finance vice chair. The first week I got in, I went in with the ground running, I submitted my first piece of legislation, not even a week passed while I was in Senate before I passed my first piece of legislation. So, obviously this is something that I am passionate about, this is something that I put the work into this past spring semester, and this is something that I see the responsibilities in and see the good that can be done with this organization and this legislative branch of SGA, and I tried my best to make sustainable and equitable change during my time in spring Senate. I know there were a lot of cray moments during spring Senate, many people may have not agreed with certain actions of mine and to them I would apologize. I would apologize to everyone in Senate for my actions that they deemed inappropriate in some regard. There were times that I misspoke about certain pieces of legislation and that led to a whole kafuffle in Senate, and I would go beyond the Senate realms and that was never my intention. All of the legislation that I presented I saw as areas of improvement for campus, which is why I presented it and this is why I fought so hard to get it to pass and just have students that can understand where I was coming from in those aspects. I just see student Senate as an amazing place of individuals who when we are able to put our minds together and fight together for change on campus, then it's just an amazing place and get done with everything we need to get done. I would love to be back in Senate, it was one of the best memories during spring semester, coming dressed up to Senate on Wednesdays, it gave me an excuse to wear a lot of things in my closet that I would have never worn before. So, I just wish to be back with you guys and that's about it, thank you.
- Candidate Anand:** Good evening senators, my name is Mahika Anand, and I am so appreciative to have been forwarded to the Senate floor tonight as entrepreneurship seat 1. I held many leadership positions in high school and actively worked with teams to create and accomplish goals that addressed relevant issues for the high school community. I revamped our school's sports media program to highlight and include students who felt like their talents were going unnoticed. I started my high school's first south Asian student association to give a voice and safe space to the smaller Asian student body, I led my team to the National Level DECA conference and started a mental health week in school, which was so successful as a concept that it got local television coverage. This past year as a first year at FSU I have grown so much as an individual but also as a future entrepreneur. Though I haven't been involved in SGA, I have many friends who have inspired me to get involved with SGA. Especially after they saw my efforts within my sorority. I am a sister of the chi omega sorority here at FSU and this past year I took the time to see what aspects of campus life and Greek life I could get involved with but also help improve or make more effective. That is when I noticed the imbalance of power within the four Greek councils on campus and was able to become my chapters council relations chair. This position allowed me to work with the national Panhellenic council and the multicultural Greek council. The Greek communities usually geared towards students of color. After recognizing that my sorority had a platform to bring awareness to these 2 councils, I put my efforts towards educating my sorority on the history of the councils as well as making meaningful connections with leaders of both NPHC and MJC. After educating and working with leaders from the Councils, my efforts were recognized by my sorority sisters who found themselves educated on the topic of NPHC and MJC as well as my efforts being recognized at the grand council level, especially on the Panhellenic end. These efforts are an example of how I use my perseverance to tackle pressing issues within the communities I care

about, such as the Greek community. After learning more about SGA, I quickly realized that I want to use that same perseverance to tackle issues the FSU student body faces on a daily basis, because the student body is a community I care about deeply. My friends who inspired me to get involved with SGA were the ones to realize that my leadership went beyond a title. I am someone who fights to accomplish set goals which is why I want to get involved with SGA and help its causes. Leadership experiences in High school and Greek life have taught me that being a leader consists of listening to what people want to see change and involving them in the process to make said change. For this reason, SGA interested me because I saw a group of individuals who wanted to make a positive impact on the culture of the university as much as I did. With my position, I hope to learn about SGA and how I can use it to benefit the university while also tackling issues such as women's safety on campus. I would love to use my position to create more solutions to the lack of parking close to campus so that no one has to worry about walking along at night, especially because of the alarming amount of assaults that take place here at FSU. With issues regarding women's health and safety taking center stage these days, one of my main goals is to make sure that us as student leaders can create a safe environment for the women of FSU. I hope to work with like-minded individuals in the Senate to strive to make the school the best it can be. Thank you for taking the time to listen to me today

- **Candidate DeChick:** Hi guys, hi Senate, first I want to thank the administration for forwarding us, not just myself but all the other candidates, especially for summer c and fall seats. This is not my first time in Senate, I served roughly a month and a half in the spring Senate, and it was honestly probably one of the best times I've had at Florida State in terms of being able to see what I can do as a student and help both students in my college of business as well as the general student body. I saw a lot of issues getting solutions and I saw within those solutions even more problems that could be solved within the summer Senate and other Senate sessions. I really just want to help be a part of that change, whether it's drafting the bills or even speaking in behalf in favor of other bills I think would just help change FSU for the better. I want to make sure that I participate and collaborate with other peers both virtually or in person if possible, to enact that change and make sure we leave this summer Senate better than it was when we found it. I think that as long as we have the bright individuals we have in Senate as well as the applicants, I think that we can do that, I would really value my time, thank you.
- **Candidate Benn:** Hi everyone, my name is Anthony Benn and before I start today, I wanted to thank everyone for the opportunity to speak today regarding my nomination. A little bit about me is I am not entering my sophomore year here at FSU and I was born and raised in Orlando, FL. Back home in Orlando at my high school, I had the honor of being in SGA all four years starting my freshman year and in SGA I got to hold multiple leadership roles, some of which were Freshman, sophomore, and student body president, and I believe these roles have prepared me for the position of what it means to be a student senator. Teaching me skills, such as financial planning, public speaking, and team work to name a few. The college of arts and sciences is important to me not just because it is my college, but because it is so many other people's college. And being able to represent and give back to my fellow classmates, whether that be through helping a student organization figure out financials for our project, effective outreach, and serve as a bridge between anything arts and sciences related in the student Senate. If given the opportunity, I would give the job my very best. Being in a few Arts & Sciences orgs myself, I feel I could bring a unique perspective to the job and will look forward to working with and learning from the other senators with how they work with their colleges and how I can apply those strategies with the arts and sciences senators

to apply to ours. One of my passions in life is children's health and this past year I got to be a part of the inspiring leaders program here at Florida state. So, one of my personal goals would be to work with Health Organizations, Minority organizations, and beyond on campus to see what ways Senate can assist them in the summer term and before the fall semester starts. I'm really excited about this position and bringing new ideas and energy to it and with that I conclude my opening statement.

Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- Senator Tucker: So, this is for Senator Rivers. Good to see you back, Senator Rivers. What made you decide to come back? Do you have any goals in mind of what you wanted to accomplish in the time you'll be here?
 - **Rivers:** Yes, thank you. I heard that PAC received a lot of extra money for - to do stuff with. And with the installation of our new union, I would love to try to work with. I've been in contact with people at the University of Miami and Oregon, or Ohio or something like that, and talking to them about their professional headshot booth. And I want to try to get us a professional headshot booth in the union because that is something that's (inaudible) to people leaving the university, I look at LinkedIn all the time, and not everyone has a professional headshot photo and that's something that's the first thing that people see about you and things like that. And I also just wanted to better. I am a double major in both art history and fine arts, but I definitely want to shine light to the fine arts side more, especially talking with the people in my fine arts music council and talking with them about their experience with deans and getting opinions from them and the deans hearing stuff in one ear and it going out the other. So, I want to make sustainable change for fine arts, especially because it's one of the smaller colleges, but it's also one of the colleges that does the most stuff. They're always putting on shows, they're always putting on dances and performances and always giving back to the university in the field of the arts so, yes.
- Senator Folwell: Hi, yes. I just want to say welcome to all of our candidates. I was wondering - this is to everyone - do you have a preference for committee and if so which one is it?
 - **Lois:** I currently have no preference of committee.
 - **Rivers:** Yes, so I served in finance, however, I love finance, but I think now it would be judiciary or budget. Judiciary because I want to really work to fine tune bills before they get to the floor. So, we are able to maximize- or minimize our time I should say. And budget. I know budget is coming up and I want to be able to give a different area of this campus their funding.
 - **Anand:** Thank you for the question, I would love to work with the student life committee and as I said I am still a little new to SGA but I think being able to work with student life would give me the opportunity to work with students I want to be more active and hands on with.
 - **DeChick:** Thank you for the question, I would have a preference for either the Budget Committee or Internal Affairs, I've worked with budget before and I've loved working with them and then I think that internal affairs, if budget is not available, would also serve to my skills well, thank you.
 - **Benn:** Hi, thank you for the question, a committee I think I would definitely like to work with would be Student Life. I am definitely new to SGA, but I've always loved working and talking to people and getting to hear their perspectives on different things and I feel like that encompasses student life, whether that'd be an

organization that they're in and the projects that their organization has put on. So, that would definitely be my preference thank you for your question.

- Kaminsky: Yeah, I have a question for Senator Rivers. In your opening speech, you mentioned some conflicts on bills and I wanted to know if you were referring to Bill 25 that recently got vetoed?
 - **Rivers:** No, I wasn't talking about that one specifically, I don't know the number of that one. The one I am referring to is the class council bill regarding them coming to Senate and I misspoke about speaking to a set group of individuals during a committee meeting.
- Kaminsky: Ok. And who were those individuals?
 - **Rivers:** It was said that I spoke to the current senior class council and the senior class council elect. I would just say I don't want to go too deep into it, but I will say that the minutes are available and it was just a crazy situation because I would love if there was more communication with me if there was an issue with something that I said. And I would love to work to rectify the situation more on all aspects. On a Senate aspect, an administration aspect, and a legislative aspect.
- Point of Clarification: President Diaz: Bill 33.
- Tucker: So, this one is directed to Candidate DeChick, it's a similar one to what I asked Candidate Rivers earlier. It's good to see you back, I was wondering what was your reason for coming back and do you have anything in mind that you wanted to target over the next little bit that we might have you here for?
 - **DeChick:** Thank you for the question Senator Tucker, it's good to hear from you. One of the big goals I had in mind for my time in summer Senate. I was lucky enough to attend an SGA sanction leadership retreat and one of the big things that came out of that was bridging the gap between SGA and other facets of the student body. That being the student body itself as well as COGS. I've been in communication with a couple members of COGS, even attended a meeting myself to see how they work with things, and a big goal would be formulating a solution to bridge the gap between COGS and the general body, the Senate. Thank you.
- Casiple: Yes, point of clarification for candidate DeChick. What were you referring to by solutions? Solution to what exactly?
 - **Casiple:** I think I really just mean encouraging more synergy would be the best word. When I attended the meeting, I saw how they operated with things and- really just synergy and awareness of each other. Maybe if there's something going on in COGS, that might be something more pertaining to Senate, or that's something that Senate could help more with. That maybe something along those lines, just a better line of communication, thank you.
- Senator Tucker: Yeah, so this question is directed at senator Anand. You mentioned one to propose legislation to increase women's safety on campus which, I'm a big fan of that. I was wondering, how do you plan to use the powers granted to you as a senator to be a part of that? Whether it be legislation or money transferring, I just want to hear your part on that.
 - **Anand:** Yes, of course, thank you for the question Senator Tucker. So, one of the ideas, as I said, I'm not really familiar with SGA so I plan to use these summer meetings to learn about SGA and use it to benefit the student body and student life. But, one of the solutions that comes to mind when it comes to the

situation is obviously, I'd love to long-term work with senators and SGA to create more parking opportunities closer to campus, so that it's not just certain floors of parking garages that allow overnight parking. But, for a short-term goal, one idea I had is that I would love to create a temporary overnight Uber system, or kind of like curb caddy where throughout the night there are free rides throughout any of the parking garages there are free rides to help transport students to and from different locations all across campus. Because, when they're riding with someone it's much safer and you don't feel like you're walking home alone at night and it will hopefully prevent students from having to walk alone at night, especially when it's free. I would love to set aside some money to a service like that so that no student has to walk alone, especially when it comes to garages, like Woodward, Call street and St Augustine because walking home alone at night from those garages is not safe to say the least, so creating something like a curb caddy system would be beneficial I believe and I would love to work on that starting in the Senate.

- **UNKNOWN moves to call the question, Draco seconds.**
 - **Garner objects.**
 - **UNKNOWN withdraws.**
 - **Motion fails.**
- **Draco moves for 'Pro/Con' debate on all candidates, Tucker seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senate moves into 'Pro/Con' debate of all candidates.**
- **First Round of Pro on all candidates:**
 - Tucker: Yeah, I think we all around have a really strong senator bunch with us today. We have some previous senators that have a lot of experience as well as we have some new people who have relevant experience, whether it be in high school or at FSU, we've heard some really good ideas tonight I think that this is a really good group that is coming in here, so that is my support.
 - Folwell: Yeah, I think this is a really solid round. We have a few people who already have that experience going in. They don't have to relearn the ropes which is really nice. And for those of the candidates that don't, they seem to be really passionate. Which I think, at the end of the day, we should look for in senators. So, I'm all for all of these candidates.
- **First Round of Con on all candidates:**
 - **Draco replaces Garner as Pro Tempore.**
 - Garner: So, I will try to keep my comments very short and precise, but very poignant. I think that candidate Rivers is very passionate about his work and also his time in the Senate. However, I do not think that he is deserving of a full term, a fall seat. Perhaps, if the seat he was applying for was for the summer only, that seems more logical, particularly pointing back to his earlier comments when he said he had allowed dysfunction here in the Senate and I think that is something that is (inaudible) myself. Other committee chairs that we want to make this environment as

friendly and as open as possible. And I think that his presence would be contradictory to that.

- Second Round of Pro on all candidates:
 - None.
 - **Tucker moves to call the question on the candidates.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **The question is called on all candidates.**
- **Voting Results for Candidate, Fine Arts Seat One.**
 - **8 yes, 2 no, 0 abstentions.**
 - **Erick Rivers is confirmed as Fine Arts Seat One.**
- **Garner replaces Drackley as Pro Tempore.**
- **Voting Results for Candidate, Engineering Seat One.**
 - **10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.**
 - **Cooper Lois is confirmed as Engineering Seat One.**
- **Voting Results for Candidate, Entrepreneurship Seat One.**
 - **10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.**
 - **Mahika Anand is confirmed as Entrepreneurship Seat One.**
- **Voting Results for Candidate, Business Seat One.**
 - **10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.**
 - **Jake DeChick is confirmed as Business Seat One.**
- **Voting Results for Candidate, Arts & Sciences Seat Seven.**
 - **10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.**
 - **Anthony Benn is confirmed as Arts & Sciences Seat Seven.**
- **Tucker moves to exit Committee Rules, Casiple seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senate exits Committee Rules as a whole.**
- **Drackley moves to accept the decision of the Committee as a whole, Tucker.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **The decision of the Committee is accepted as a whole.**
- *Pro Tempore Garner administers the 'Oath of Office.'*
- **Tucker moves to enter 'Rules as a Whole,' Drackley seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senate moves into 'Rules as Whole.'**

We have candidate Diego Fermin, student Senate arts & sciences seat 11. We have candidate Rose Clermont, student Senate undergraduate, seat 13 summer only. We have candidate Adrien Rodriguez student Senate undergrad seat 14, summer only. And candidate Adrien Bugallo Student Senate seat 17 summer only. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:49:48). Candidate Vossler, if you could please raise your hand. Okay. Candidate Fermin if you can raise your hand as well. So that we can acknowledge that you are here. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:50:10) Is candidate Rodriguez here? Rodriguez is here. Is that it?

Diaz: Candidate Vossler, if you can please. Okay, thank you. We are in the committee of rules. As a whole, we will continue with, we will continue with the same format as last time. Candidates have 5 minutes for their opening statement, any candidate that, any time that is left over from the opening statement can be used for a closing statement, which I forgot to give to the last candidate. And then we will be moved into a round of technical nondebateable questions, general questions, and then we can move onto a round of profound debate. So the order that we will go is very similar order to the one that we just went in. We have, we are going to be going in the order of candidate Bugallo, because you are in person, candidate Clermont, Rodriguez, Fermin and Vossler, in that order. So, we have candidate Bugallo for undergraduate seat 13, seat 17 summer only. Point senator Carrier.

- Opening Statements:

- **Candidate Bugallo:** Good evening, everyone, my name is Adrien Bugallo, I am quite grateful for this opportunity. If inducted, I look forward to putting in my all and I believe that some of my past experiences could qualify me for this honorable position. In the past, I have held positions of captain on the swim and water polo teams in high school, including a season in which I lead my team went twenty-one and one season. I have also worked for a number of years in the construction industry, so I truly know that the mission of hard work and that they almost always work together. I know, I know that the work that you do here is very important, and I want to be able to share in that sense of accomplishment and help look forward to a better Florida State University
- **Candidate Clermont:** Good evening, everyone, my name is Rose Clermont. And I am a rising second year junior, rising second year student majoring in public health, with minors in clinical science and economics. First, I would like to thank the executive board for nominating me to serve in the summer meetings of the summer board for student Senate for undergrad seat thirteen. Currently I am a member of, sorry, currently I am a member of Sisters Incorporated and SURGE, and this this past school year, I had the opportunity to partake in the undergrad research program here at FSU. My qualifications for this position, for this position are my experience as secretary, junior year, and president senior year for the Student Government Association at my high school, as well as, leadership positions, other leadership positions I held for various other clubs and organizations, such as historian for the National Honors Society and Student Ambassador for the When We All Vote Organization, organization. These roles instilled me with character, leadership skills, and fueled my passion for service. Which is why I decided to apply for Senate here at FSU. Becoming student senator **RECORDING**

INAUDIBLE (54:43) give me the ability to both to continue to utilize and enhance these skills while pursuing my passion for service. Not to mention, as a student of color, it would be an honor to represent this community here at FSU. As well as my goal, as well as my goals for Senate, for the summer Senate is just to continually advocate for the student body and that to ensure that all students are recognized and provided with services they need to be successful here at Florida State. Thank you.

- **Diaz:** Candidate yields with three minutes and twenty-one seconds for their closing. I would just like to make a comment, I believe the name of a political party may have been used in that opening statement, it is just generally a rule that Senate is a non-partisan institution, you are not in trouble or anything, I just want to make that standard clear that we don't typically like to mention or advertise party here on campus, but you are completely fine right now candidate. We are going to move onto candidate Rodriguez. The candidate has five minutes for their opening statement. They may begin whenever they are ready.
- **Candidate Rodriguez:** Good evening, everyone, my name is Adrien Rodriguez, and I am here today in hopes that you will confirm me to work with you in the student lead Senate for undergraduate seat fourteen. I know you all have other things to get to tonight, so I want to respect your time and make this as short and meaningful as possible. I have tried and succeeded in being involved with activates such as student government in my high school. I was the senior class representative and a founder and vice president of a political discussion club. My goal is to get involved just as much here on Florida State University through the student government. I have always believed that it is important for anyone and everyone to get involved and voice their opinions and make a difference in any way possible. Just like my previous roles in high school, I want to make a difference for the better of the student body through this student Senate. Thank you.
- **Candidate Fermin:** Thank you very much. Good evening, everyone, and thank you for your attention. My name is, as you may have heard, Diego Fermin, I am a rising senior here at Florida State University, and I am proud to be running for an arts and science seat here in the Florida State University student Senate. I have had the pleasure of being involved in university life for quite a long time, I was dual enrolled during my high school, so I have been around college kids for more than I can remember, and I am proud to finally be a part, or hope to finally be a part of an institution that will helps students be connected with those that make decisions. The reason that I am running for Senate, is that I am super interested in bridging the gap between the general student population and what we are doing here in student Senate. Often times, I was involved in an RSO here on campus, and a lot of our stuff was reliant on SGA and often times most of our members had little to no knowledge of what SGA did and what was happening in meeting, what was happening in hearing and all of those kinds of things, and I really want to make sure that we can bridge that gap between student and member. And so, I am looking forward to any questions you may have for me and thank you so much for your time.

- **Candidate Vossler:** Good evening, my name is Stanley Vossler. I am an upcoming senior currently pursuing a bachelor's degree of science in Computer Science and a minor in Biology. I am excited to be given this opportunity, and to be speaking to all of you senators today. I have always had an interest in student government, as someone who once had their major set to political science and the fact that many of my close friendships are with those who are involved in SGA. I want to provide my unique perspective as an Asian-American and provide a voice for my constituents in the college of arts & sciences. I believe I am qualified for this position because of the time I have spent on my fraternity's executive board and was continuously elected and held the position of secretary for two terms over a period of two years. During that time, I was our president right hand man. I helped him with a lot of the administrative work such as briefing him on our chapter agenda and corresponding with our national headquarters and advisory board whilst also keeping track of all important documents and writing all chapter minutes. I also represented my fraternity's dance, I also represented, excuse me, I also represented as my fraternity's dance marathon delegate, rallying our team to raise of four thousand dollars. Throughout my time here at FSU, I have learned effective time management, professional communication and a whole plethora of other useful skill that can be applied to this position. I can work well with anyone, and I believe that working with the other senators, we can make a positive impact on campus during the summer and fall terms. Thank you.
- **Technical Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - None.
- **General Questioning:**
 - Tucker: Yeah, so this question is directed towards all the candidates. What are you looking to gain from your time in Senate?
 - **Bugallo:** I am looking to further my knowledge on how, I am looking to further my knowledge on how student government as a whole works and I would like to personally take this time to do what is best for the university as a whole and what I feel I, in a sense, owe back to the university
RECORDING INAUDIBLE (1:01:04).
 - **Clermont:** I for one, want to apply the experience I have from high school at Florida State and I also hope to gain more knowledge about student Senate here at Florida State, that way I can continue to apply these experiences as well as this knowledge to further be a part of student Senate and the other semesters as well.
 - **Rodriguez:** Yes, I would simply like to gain more perspectives of working together with the other senators and to see new insights on different things and work together to help improve this university.
 - **Fermin:** Yeah, so I definitely see student Senate as an amazing synthesis between being able to gain experience myself and being able to help my fellow peers, so I really see student Senate as the ultimate way to be able to learn a little bit more about the way this institution runs, while

also helping the members of this institution maybe learn more about it themselves.

- **Vossler:** I believe that I owe a lot to this school, and I wish, to the best of my ability, to give back and serve my community.
- Folwell: Yeah, so, welcome to this round candidates and ask the same question, do you have a committee preference, if so, what is it?
 - **Bugallo:** I personally don't have any preference, I'll either I'm sure as I get to learn more about the individual committees I'll eventually be able to form an opinion on which one I would prefer.
 - **Clermont:** I also agree, but currently I am leaning towards Internal Affairs but I am also looking into learn more about each committee, committee and make a decision.
 - **Rodriguez:** Yes, I am most interested in the Student Life committee. I think one of my core beliefs is that it is important for students to be able interact with their university and I feel as though some students get cheated out of full experience because they do not put themselves out there and get into the RSOs. So, I believe that bridging that gap and making students more comfortable in joining these communities, I feel like that is very important, I feel like that can help them enjoy their college experience just a little bit more.
 - **Fermin:** Thank you. I would love to be a part of the Finance committee. Being part of an RSO, I have learned that attention flows where the money flows and I want to make sure that as many RSO as possible are receiving equitable funding, maximizing their opportunities and being on the finance committee would of course, help me ensure that goal. Thank you.
 - **Vossler:** I am interesting serving under the Student Life committee because I believe that it is very important for student to get involved on campus, and through my experience I have seen individuals who arrive, I've noticed a group of individuals who maybe don't know about information of the such about the you know university resources or recreation or other activities of the such.
- Pedraja: This question is for candidate Vossler. I was just wondering as a Filipino American, what ideas do you have for student in the Asians/Pacific Islander community?
 - As someone who is also of Filipino descent, and also Chinese, I want advocate for my community whether this be through challenging cultural stereotypes by spreading awareness or by supporting additional funding to student organizations such as the Asian American Student Union or any other orgs as such. Thank you.
- Tucker: Yeah, this question is directed towards everyone. What is your greatest strength as a leader?
 - **Bugallo:** My personally feel that my biggest strength is to always see the good in people and to always be able to adapt to any situation. For

example, back when I played water polo in high school, there were two members of the committee that were not particularly fond of each other and through sitting down with each of them and having a talk with each of them about why they felt that way about the other person, we were able to not necessarily heal the wound between them, but at least scab it over until it would not be an issue for everybody.

- **Clermont:** My greatest strength as a leader would be my open mindedness. In other words, I am very, I am a very understanding person and I welcome listening to different perspectives and I always have an ear to listen to someone who may disagree with me and has to say. And yeah
 - **Rodriguez:** Ah yes, so I believe my approachability is my greatest quality as a leader. I believe that a leader is only as good as the team he leads and any member of the team who has input should feel comfortable in approaching the leader to voice his or her concerns. So yeah, I believe that that approachability is my greatest strength.
 - **Fermin:** Thank you, so I definitely would believe that my greatest strength comes from my ability to see things as a team effort and my adaptability to make things work. Even the people who work the most alone, have someone behind them, have team of people behind them working to help them achieve something, and nothing ever goes the way you think it does, and so working with that team to achieve that goal regardless of what impediments you may face along the way. I love doing that, I'm comfortable doing that. I am ready to do that for the Senate Thank you.
 - **Vossler:** My biggest strength as a leader is to always be the person someone could lean on and to help other individuals I'm working with to achieve a common goal.
- **Pedraja moves to enter 'Pro/Con' debate on all candidates, Drackley seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senate moves into 'Pro/Con' debate on all candidates.**
 - **First Round of Pro on all candidates:**
 - DeChick: Oh sorry, I was just trying to click the Pro. I think this is a great group of candidates just like our group was, theirs were great. Just kind of spread of diversity and with that come a great spread of differing viewpoints and it seems like every one of you guys have a clear defined vision of how you guys want to serve and go about and I think that each of you guys will attain that. So I am in full support of all these candidates. Thank you.
 - **First Round of Con on all candidates:**
 - **None.**
 - **Drackley moves to call the question on the candidates, Tucker seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **The question is called on all candidates.**

- Closing Statements:
 - **Candidate Bugallo:** Alright, well I don't think I have enough time for his, but I really appreciate yall's consideration, and I hope, I hope that I can look forward to working with you all.
 - **Candidate Clermont:** Again, thank you for my nomination, and SGA is something that I find very impertinent, important and it would just be a great opportunity to help students here at FSU and to be able to gain some knowledge here while doing so as well **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:10:59).
 - **Candidate Rodriguez:** Yes, I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you for allowing to speak before you and I'd like to waive the rest of my time.
 - **Candidate Fermin:** Thank you so much, thank you everyone for your questions, thank you for your time, and I look forward to potentially working with all of you. I yield.
 - **Candidate Vossler:** I want to thank all of you again for this opportunity and that if I do have the privilege to service **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:11:55), I will faithfully and promptly execute all of my duties. And with that I waive the rest of my time.
- **Voting Results for Candidate, Arts & Sciences Seat Nine.**
 - 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.
 - **Stanley Vossler is confirmed as Arts & Sciences Seat Nine.**
- **Voting Results for Candidate, Arts & Sciences Seat Eleven.**
 - 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.
 - **Diego Fermin is confirmed as Arts & Sciences Seat Eleven.**
- **Voting Results for Candidate, Undergraduate Seat Thirteen.**
 - 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.
 - **Rose Clermont is confirmed as Undergraduate Seat Thirteen.**
- **Voting Results for Candidate, Undergraduate Seat Fourteen.**
 - 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.
 - **Adrian Rodriguez is confirmed as Undergraduate Seat Fourteen.**
- **Voting Results for Candidate, Undergraduate Seat Seventeen.**
 - 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.
 - **Adrian Buggalo is confirmed as Undergraduate Seat Seventeen.**
- **Tucker moves to exit 'Rules as a Whole,' Lois seconds.**
 - No objections.
 - **Senate exits Committee Rules as a whole.**
- **Lois moves to accept the decision of the Committee as a whole, Suarez.**

- **No objections.**
- **The decision of the Committee is accepted as a whole.**
- *Pro Tempore Garner administers the 'Oath of Office.'*
- **Tucker moves to unlock the Calendar and go to 'Closing Announcements,' Pedraja seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senate moves into 'Closing Announcements.'**
- *Senate moves into 'Closing Announcements.'*

Consent Calendar: None.

Bills First Reading: None.

Bills Second Reading: None.

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Resolutions: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

Statements of Dissent: None.

New Business: None.

Closing Announcements:

- Diaz: I did want to thank everybody for showing up and once again congratulate all of our new senators. We will be back next week, we will have a, we received a forwarding letter, I believe it was on Monday. Everyone that was on the forwarding letter for student Senate will be heard next Wednesday. I'm not sure if it'll be in this room, but I'm sure Dr. Williams may be able to speak on that, but we will be doing more confirmation next Wednesday, and we will, once we hit thirty senators, be able to conduct elections, chair elections, and all that good stuff. So, that's everything that I had to share.
- Rivers: Yeah, I don't know if I was - I wasn't given a closing, but I just want to say thank you to the Senators who voted on me and for showing grace, and that is all I have to say, thank you.
 - Diaz: I do also apologize that I forgot to give the first round of candidates the closing, now you see those being up here have the worst time. We have, Pro Tempore Garner.
- Garner: Yes, sad to **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:25:39). I have, well first of all, thank you all, for those of you being here in-person and those who are with us through the zoom room **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:25: 48). I just want to remind everyone, in the absence of most of our committee chairs and presiding officers, we do still want to enforce the policy of making this a safe space for everyone, and this is a very productive and supportive environment that we have. So, if anybody ever feels that they are not in a

safe space or not in a healthy environment, by all means, please reach out through myself, or **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:26:17) Dr. Williams in the chat room.

Officer Announcements:

- Parliamentarian Rowan: Good evening, Senators, my apologies that I'm not with you in-person tonight, yesterday was my sister's high school graduation, so I had to go home and be with my family. But well, for those welcome new senators, for those of you who have not met me yet, my name is Jack Rowan, I am Parliamentarian at Student Senate and I have been Parliamentarian since the 73rd student Senate. I am here to be a resource to you all, especially if you are new to SGA, I know sometimes that there is a huge learning curve, what with the mix of the constitution, statutes, rules procedure and all that it all feels like a lot. I am here for you to kind of make sure you can kind of get through its get through this and be, you should hopefully be added to the GroupMe and or the Canvas very soon. There my contact info is available, and either contact is available and make it available again, I am a firm believer that if you have a question for me, you should call me or text me and I will try to get that answer to you as soon as I possibly can. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:27:34) but I cannot wait to see you all and all the great work that you will do and have good night **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:27:48).
- President Diaz: I just want to say that, a few more housekeeping things. First of all, all of our new senators that were just sworn in, you have fifteen school days to take your Financial Certification Exam, and that is a statute, as well as a requirement. You don't do that within fifteen school days, then we will put you on suspension, and you cannot serve in the Senate while you are on suspension and you will begin accumulating absences which can lead to you being impeached and removed from office, and we do not want that to happen, so it's a relatively quick exam, it can take you about an hour to take. I will email all of you tonight, tomorrow, at some point to. I have all of your emails that I invited you here, so I will be reaching out to you about that requirement. And the other thing is that I will be adding you to our Canvas page, either tonight or tomorrow, whenever I get the opportunity, so that you can have access to all of our calendars, all of our bills that are up for committee consideration, so I will do both of those things in the very near future. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:31:03).
- Point of Information: Casiple to President Diaz: You were talking about financial certification, isn't the next year's coming up super soon **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:31:12)?
 - So, the end of the fiscal year is June 30th. And I wish that our parliamentarian was here, I don't know the exact answer, Dr. Williams, I am not sure that we have to get certified again for the next fiscal year. I believe that is the case.
 - Williams: **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:31:29).
 - Diaz: Okay so our fiscal year is ending on June 30th, and as Dr. Williams has said, not sure if you could hear her, but our advisor Jacqueline is going to be providing us with some more updates with that. So I hope that answers your question senator Casiple. Point senator Suarez.
 - Suarez: From, we had this question brought up at the last summer, so what we were told was then was that your certification last you your full term, so if you just got elected in spring, took your certification, you are fine until the fall or spring, so you don't have to do it when the fiscal year ends. I think that answers your question.
- Diaz: As a point of clarification, I just looked it up, I just controlled-f "financial certification and statutes," I am just going to read what it says. It says that senators elected in the fall shall be required to recertify at the start of a new fiscal year, as if they have just taken

their oath of office. So, again, I don't know if that's within fifteen days of the fiscal year, but we will have more advise from Jacqueline on that, I don't want to say anything that is not 100 percent but thank you for the comments from senator B. Suarez.

- Williams: **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:33:15).
- Diaz: Okay, so the advice that I was given by Dr. Williams, is that all of our new Senators that were just sworn in today, and those that will be sworn in next week, will have 15 days from their oath of office, 15 school days, to take their financial certification and it appears as though, they are going to have to take that certification again once the new fiscal year has started. It doesn't have a guidance for how long after the fiscal year starts, but once it starts, you will have to take it again. We will deal with interpreting that in the next couple weeks but are there any other closing announcements at this time. If not, we went through officers and advisors, so will the Pro Tempore please administer the final roll call.

Advisor Announcements:

- Dr. Williams: Thank you all so much. Thank you all for covering our itinerary. Thank you all to the new senators, that were elected, you all have some work do. Although it is summer, there is still a lot of work that needs to get accomplished. So please, be a **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:28:27), please make sure that if you are **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:28:31) this week, that you actually go there this week right we want to make sure that you adhere to the attendance policy. I would like to ask all senators to make sure cause we **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:28:43) summer, look at your statues, look at your rules and procedures, be a familiar with that information, just so you are aware of what you are getting yourself into. I heard some great things in the confirmation statements, I actually need to talk to someone that mentioned campus safety, in their confirmation statement because I was reached out by FSU Folley to do, to do some, to get some student representatives for on campus safety walk. That is something that started back up, so if you are interested in that, please reach out to me, so that I can, set up a **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:29:20) a student that will go on those campus safety walks. I already introduced your substitute, Jacqueline Butts who will be here with you all throughout Senate and I'm here or online or sometimes will come in in person as well, but Jacqueline Butts is you all's advisor, she knows Senate through and through, she is a great resource. You are asking that you all **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:29:20) the process of the relationship we have with you all as well. And then again, thank you and welcome to the new Senate.

Final Roll Call:

- **Conducted.**

Adjournment:

- **Tucker moves to adjourn the meeting.**
 - **Senate is adjourned at 9:09pm.**