

THE SEVENTY-THIRD STUDENT SENATE  
Calendar: June 23, 2021  
Zoom Link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/94932697257>

Call to order: 7:33 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Zittrauer

Moment of Silent Reflection

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call: Flashman, Tackett, Roy, Marcus, Myers, Bergen, Randall, Nasworthy, Rodgers, Linsky, Fineout, Lewis, Gonzalez, Gabadage, Moore, Suarez, Nemeth, B. Murray, West, VanderLey, Remler, Zittrauer, T. Murray

Verification of Quorum: Verified

Corrections and Approval of the Journal 6-9-21: **Roy moves to approve the journal, Suarez seconds; no objections**

Student and Non-Budgeted RSO Comments: [https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_b9EVvRotPr4y03r](https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9EVvRotPr4y03r)  
None

Special Introductions and Announcements:

Messages from the Executive Branch:

- Treasurer Gray: I know of emails sent to me directly, but cannot check emails to SGA Treasurer email right now, on leave of absence and not taking classes.
- VP Thykadavil: President Janvier will announce all positions for confirmation tonight.
- President Janvier: Hello on behalf of the Executive Branch and thank you for your work this summer. The candidates before you are the best prepared to help execute the Executive Branch platform. Some of these candidates have a plethora of experiences and you have had the opportunity to engage with them in the past. I hope you have an opportunity to connect with them in the future if they are confirmed. Will not go into full detail on platform since fall semester Student Body Address details the priorities for the year. The following positions are up for confirmation tonight: The Chief of Staff assists the Student Body President, manages and leads the executive office, represents the student body president when needed, interviews and recommends applicants for appointments, and may be assigned an assistant. Deputy Chief of Staff directly reports to Student Body Vice President and fulfills responsibilities in the absence of the Chief of Staff, assists agencies, bureaus and class councils, with operational tasks. Deputy Treasurer works directly with the Student Body Treasurer, and since Treasurer Gray is on a leave of absence, Deputy Treasurer will take on much responsibility in his absence and will become the point of contact during the summer for fiscal questions. The Press Secretary will report to the Chief of Staff and represent the Executive Branch on social media, in the news, and the website. Secretary of Appointments shall report to the Chief of Staff, has the responsibility to interview candidates for SGA positions. The Executive Assistant is a role that we had in SGA in the past, but have not had in a while but decided to add; The Executive Assistant will report to Chief of Staff and work to improve cohesion within SGA between the branches, handling all logistical processes and acting as a liaison. President Janvier pauses to ask for questions; seeing none, continues with the Cabinet positions, where the bulk of the platform is fulfilled: The Director of Cabinet Affairs represents all Secretaries within the Cabinet and works with Student Body VP and Chief of Staff to accomplish the day-to-day tasks of the platform, and ensures that the Secretaries have the resources they need to accomplish their goals. The Secretary of Internal Affairs reports to the Director of Cabinet Affairs, works on projects that pertain to the internal

functions of SGA, strategic planning, and increases visibility and partnerships internally. The Secretary of External Affairs handles external partnerships and works with RSOs. The Secretary of Diversity and Equity reports to the Director of Cabinet Affairs, focuses on strategic plans, prioritizing an anti-racist university, creating programs and initiatives. The Secretary of Student Life works on programs specific to student welfare and livelihood at FSU; works together with other Secretaries to achieve this, as this position has the most intersections with other roles. The Secretary of Inclusion reports to the Secretary of Cabinet Affairs to increase representation within the student body and implements projects that improve representation of underrepresented demographics. This role differs from Diversity and Equity because Secretary of Inclusion focuses on implementation. All positions are crucial to our functioning, as it takes a solid team. We interviewed and selected these candidates based on their backgrounds, experience, and team dynamic they will bring to the common goal of advancing FSU. President Janvier pauses again to ask for questions; seeing none, emphasizes the good work that was put forth in the past year. FSU led the way in the majority of rankings for performance-based funding. The ways we are budgeted in the state are based on metrics we meet within the state university system. In a lot of categories, FSU was amongst the leading institutions in Florida, such as retention and academic improvement. I bragged about FSU and the leaders we have; the work that we do reaps its own rewards and pours back into the culture we are creating. In addition, I have 3 specific, vulnerable demographics that I hope you will keep in mind when you work with legislation, policy, and your work outside of Senate: First-time students (freshmen, or sophomores who were at home this past year in the pandemic), and third-year students (those who did not experience their first-year spring semester due to the pandemic), and transfer students. Shout out to my team, Colbi and Kahleel, as I could not have done this without them. Thank you all.

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

**Roy moves to unlock the calendar, B. Murray seconds, no objections.**

- **Return to Messages from the Executive Branch**

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 \$18691.00, RTAC \$49790.00, and ORG Fund \$1000

Report of Senate Liaisons: none

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary, report made by Chair Linsky: Met on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> to adopt Rules of Procedure, pass Bill 42, and pass Bill 43 as amended.
- Internal Affairs, report made by Chair Nasworthy: Met Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> to adopt Rules of Procedure and forward all 12 Executive Cabinet candidates.
- Budget, report made by Chair Gonzalez: Met June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8pm, heard Bill 41, sponsored by Randall, which passed unanimously.
- Finance, report made by Chair Marcus: Met June 22<sup>nd</sup>, was chaired by Vice Chair Soto. Heard and passed Resolution 39 by Senator Randall.

- Student Life & Academic Affairs, report made by Chair B. Murray: Met Monday, June 21st at 6pm. Resolution 18 was tabled due to sponsor absence. Will meet again July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- Rules & Calendar, report made by Pro-Tempore Hunter: met June 16<sup>th</sup> to adopt Rules of Procedure, pass Resolution 40, and forwarded 8 Senate candidates. Met again on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to forward 10 more candidates.
- Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc, report made by Chair Linsky: met twice, on June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>. About halfway through revisions of Rules of Procedure, hope to report progress to Rules & Calendar before end of summer. Meet again June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, anyone is welcome and we would love to hear new voices.

#### Senate Confirmations:

Quentin England for Secretary of Appointments, Nolan Rudolph for Secretary of Internal Affairs  
Flashman, **POO** there are not minutes for Senator England's interview.

- Harmon: minutes are only required to be attached to the forwarding letter if minutes were taken. VP Thykadavil said that no minutes were taken.

#### • Opening Statements:

- England: It is 1am here and has work at 7:30 in the morning. Served for 2 years in the Senate, and in 2 notable positions during that time that qualify to serve in this next role. Served as Senate Clerk under Senate President Higgins, assisting in the overall organization and execution of the Senate, a role that requires great organizational skills. Served as the Spring 2021 Chair of the Internal Affairs committee, which required weekly discussion with either the Secretary of Appointments or Chief of Staff at that time, so very aware of the applications process and how interviews are conducted on the Executive side. Want to make it clear that this role is not tasked with conducting interviews, role is to support Chief of Staff in organizing and scheduling interviews to be conducted by the Chief of Staff. May be present for an interview that the Chief of Staff conducts, but will not conduct interviews as it is unconstitutional for Secretary of Appointments to do that alone. Already did a lot of work on the back end to ensure that applications are not lost as they were last year. Pledge that as long as I receive the application from SGA Staff, I will keep track of it. Already made a Trello board to keep track of every applicant at every step of the process. Candidate shares screen to show calendar linked to personal Google calendar and Chief of Staff's, as well as Trello project management system.
- Rudolph: Hello Senate, it has been a few weeks since you last saw me, here for confirmation for the Secretary of Internal Affairs. Senior at FSU studying Finance. Currently in a hotel in Chicago for a friend's wedding, and being heard early to eat dinner soon. Fallen in love with FSU and tried to do what I can wherever I can. can bring value to SGA during this tense time. Wants to help fix the rifts between the branches and SGA as a whole, to get back to being a collaborative body and make SGA a better place because our students deserve it. Has a lot of experience here on campus: Served as Treasurer for a small community service organization, as a Senator for almost 2 years as a member, Vice Chair and Chair of Finance Committee, and still technically a Senator and knows that resignation is required to take on this next role if confirmed. Also a member and Executive Board member of the Student Alumni Association, member of the Board of Trustees for the Student Foundation, and a member of the President's Ambassadors. Can serve as a connector to ensure everyone knows what they are doing in the best possible way.

#### • Questions:

- N/A.
- **Randall moves to forward the candidates individually, T. Murray seconds**
  - **Flashman objects**
  - **Randall withdraws**
- **Flashman moves to enter Pro Con, T. Murray seconds, no objections**
- Randall: **POC** is this to enter Pro Con on the candidates individually or together?
  - Flashman: Individually

- Pro for Candidate England:
  - Marcus: I was one of the people who he mentioned having issues with an application last year and I was vocal about it, I worked closely with England at the time and he heard my complaints. From both working with him as a Senator and and seeing the disorganized nature of the administration last year, I think he will be a great asset in this role and I am in support.
  - Linsky: Though former Senator England and I were often on the opposite ends of issues in the Senate, I miss is precense dearly. I could always count on him to come through with great bills and ideas. I cannot think of someone better suited for this position.
  - Randall: This candidate has a clear vision for how they want this role to be executed. They have shown that they have both the technical experience and the relationships in SGA to ensure that this is executed. I have personally worked with this candidate multiple times and it has been an absolute pleasure. He is a graduate student, perhaps the only one, who will be on the Executive Cabinet, and that is important and graduate students receive little representation in SGA.
  - Roy: There is nobody I would speak more highly of than former Senator, former Chair, former Vice Chair, former Clerk England. Months ago, before interviews were even being conducted for these positions, he talked about wanting to fix the system for confirmation. He has wanted this for a long time. I trust him in this position and there is nobody I would rather have on the Executive Cabinet.
  - Nasworthy: He has worked very hard for this position, he is the perfect candidate.
- Con for England:
  - No speakers
- **Roy moves to forward the candidate, B. Murray seconds, no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - England: Thank you everyone for your kind words, I was not expecting the Senate to go into Pro Con but I was glad to hear from people I have disagreed with in the past and I respect and appreciate everything that was said. I hope you all can support me and have confidence in me for this position.
- Vote: count not announced during Senate; see voting record
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE QUENTIN ENGLAND PASSES**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Hunter
- Pro for Candidate Rudolph:
  - Marcus: Chair Rudolph presided over my first committee meeting. He made SGA a welcome place for me as a new Senator, and for any organization coming through the committee. He has worked with many organizations in that regard that I think he is perfect for this role. He is one of the best people to reach across the isle and break barriers, he is easy to get along with and will do great.
- Con for Candidate Rudolph:
  - No speakers
- **Roy moves to forward the candidate, T. Murray seconds, no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Rudolph: Thank you Senator Marcus for the kind words, and thank you all so much for my time in Senate and for the opportunity to be forwarded for this position. If confirmed, I will still pop in to committee meetings and help out where I can; this is not the last time you will see me! I care about this campus and SGA so much, and I know with hard work we can make it the best it can be at the most critical time.
- Vote: count not announced during Senate; see voting record
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE NOLAN RUDOLPH PASSES**
- **Nolan Rudolph resigns from Senate Business Seat 3**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Hunter

Brianne Basdeo for Secretary of Diversity and Equity, Nimna Gabadage for Deputy Chief of Staff, Connor Grodi for Press Secretary, Faith Jankowski for Secretary of Student Life, Victoria Paul for Executive Assistant, Marcus Williams for Secretary of Inclusion

- Opening Statements:

- Basdeo: Uses she/her pronouns. Being a first-year student having to navigate first year of college through a virtual format presented its challenges, but despite this, knew that experiences at Florida State would reward the amount put in, hence wanted to get involved. Was involved with the Caribbean Student Association and will be on their Executive Board as Cultural Awareness Chair. Was also part of the Diversity and Inclusion Institute, Social Leadership Council for the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, and an Orientation Leader. Through experiences as a Guyanese-American minority and through experiences being involved on campus, able to cultivate positive change if elected to this position. Hope to amplify personal and professional experiences in spaces that help facilitate conversations often labeled as uncomfortable and work towards breaking down barriers that breed and perpetuate inequality. Has felt the angst, frustration, and anger of identity-based organizations and minority communities who feel their voices are being drowned out, and it is time they were relieved of that burden.
- Gabadage: Has had the privilege of working with most of you all at some point. Rising Junior, majoring in Finance and Political Science. Seeking your support and confirmation into the position of Deputy Chief of Staff. Position is rooted in building relationships with agencies and councils, and various other student organizations. Has had a holistic experience FSU, getting involved in as diverse spaces as I could. This is something that would serve me well in the capacity Deputy Chief of Staff, and this position would be a privilege because it gives me this unique opportunity to do something that I'm already very passionate about, celebrating the diversity that we have on this campus and building genuine, sustainable relationships and partnerships across this year.
- Grodi: Rising senior, transfer student from the University of Central Florida. Served as a Senator at UCF, as well as Senate Communications Director and Presidential Campaign Manager. Last employment opportunity was Campaign Coordinator of the Florida House District 28. Wants to serve in this position because student government is either too distant or not on peoples' radar. This is a problem that too many students experience and especially this year we really have to work hard on. Students are often discouraged or disenfranchised from using the resources that student government has available. Would like to use the position of Press Secretary to enhance these opportunities for students in a time when it is so crucial. It is the Senate that allocates the money essential to the RSO experience, but students have to know these resources are available. Through a revamp and interactive social media, campaigns and takeovers, will increase student and alumni engagement on our accounts. Will be a resource to the Senate as well, as a line of communication and someone who can lift up the Senate's ideas and help SGA achieve.
- Jankowski: Thank you all for your time tonight. Honored to be nominated for Secretary of Student Life. Last year at FSU, but still so much to see through in the Executive Cabinet. Has extensive experience in project management and data analytics to bring to this position. Serving on the Executive Board of Asian American Student Union, hopes to work alongside VP Thykadavil to organize this year's All Agency Advance and further Executive Branch's relationship with all agencies. Want to increase engagement in SGA through social media campaigns for transparency, improved safety on campus, and creating surveys that will help us assess the student experience at FSU, and the graduate student experience as well. This is only a handful of the projects I plan to implement, and I look forward to working with the team to improve FSU.
- Paul: Third-year political science major and first-generation student pursuing confirmation as Executive Assistant. Want to continue to ensure the sustainability of a vision that my peers and I have been working towards as it relates to improving our student experiences at FSU and beyond. Qualified for this position after completing several government-based

internships at municipal and state level, and experience in managing event planning, hosting, agenda-setting. Was in Center for Leadership and Social Change, Big Sister Little Sister, College of Social Sciences SLC, Black Student Union, and currently serving as Director of Power of We. Would love to share experience to be hands-on in executing projects. In talking with people who have previously served on the Executive Branch or in other facets of SGA, it is understandably easy to get distracted by relevant things that come up, but with organized and goal-oriented thinking, will serve as internal accountability to keep on track. Will orient Executive Branch with Google tools to aid in this. Passionate about shifting the culture of student leadership by increasing accessibility and transparency. Through collaboration and building relationships, looks forward to working with peers to accomplish these goals.

- Williams: Thank you all for being here today. Uses he/him/his pronouns. Seeking confirmation for Secretary of Inclusion position. Third-year student majoring in Interdisciplinary Social Science with a concentration in Urban Studies and Law & Society. First generation student, so did not know what path would look like for education, let alone leadership. Passion, authenticity, and drive push me into the spaces that I want to be in. Was involved in the Center for Academic Retention, which was uplifting and empowering. I am the most qualified candidate for the Secretary of Inclusion. Within my first year, was the Public Relations Coordinator for Pride Student Union, and then served as Assistant Director. This space is important to the intersection of my identifies and the representation at FSU, and this space allowed me to reflect on myself and grow into my leadership abilities. There is always a need for more and better, and I am more and better qualified to be the Secretary of Inclusion. Was in Freshman Leadership Institute, Service Leadership Seminar, Diversity and Inclusion Institute, which made me a well-rounded leader and person and taught me about the FSU community. When we talk about inclusion, we tend to think that the position has to do all the work, but my goal is to be collaborative because inclusion is not tied to a position, it means including all people in the community to benefit and uplift the people. Eager to work with leaders in all areas of campus to enhance FSU and better the student experience.

- Questions:

- Marcus: For Candidate Williams, you mentioned that you have worked in the agencies in the past, can you describe an event you planned in the agency and how that will supplement your work in this position?
  - Williams: As Assistant Director, worked collaboratively with Director and other Executive Board members on a Pride Month that went back to the roots of the LGBT community as it is inclusive of all identities and intersections. This means acknowledging the black and brown transgender women to paved the way, so worked together to educate on 5 leaders who paved the way for our community. Oftentimes we only think about the current state of things and forget the history, especially since this history is not taught in our education system. Pride's pillars are advocacy, community and empowerment, so this inclusion was always at the forefront of my service.
- Randall: For Candidate Grodi, could you talk more about your marketing experience? It is clear that you have the political savviness and the legal, legislative experience, but I am curious how it pertains to the Press Secretary role. This experience could be media, social media, emails, anything like that?
  - Grodi: As a Presidential Campaign Manager for UCF Student Government, controlled and developed the content and social media used for the campaign, which involved photography, editing, graphic design, and outreach. As Senate Communications Director, worked closely with and maintained a positive relationship with student news and this is something I plan to continue to foster at FSU. Worked as a shoe salesman at Journey's. If you want to see past work, go to @ZakandKristina2020 and @ucf.sg on Instagram.
- Randall: For Candidate Jankowski, you brought up graduate students, who are historically underrepresented in SGA and on campus. How are you going to improve graduate student representation?



- Paul: Thank you so much for your time, grateful to have been forwarded and passionate about student government and advocacy. Will be accessible to improve efficiency in SGA. Hope you have confidence in me.
- Williams: Thank you all for your time and questions. Would love to connect with all Senators and student leaders. Experience makes me ready to serve.
- Vote:
  - Brianne Basdeo for Secretary of Diversity and Equity: **25-0-0**
  - Nimna Gabadage for Deputy Chief of Staff: **24-0-1**
    - **Nimna Gabadage resigns from Senate Undergraduate Seat 1**
  - Connor Grodi for Press Secretary: **24-1-0**
  - Faith Jankowski for Secretary of Student Life: **23-1-1**
  - Victoria Paul for Executive Assistant: **25-0-0**
  - Marcus Williams for Secretary of Inclusion: **25-0-0**
- **RESULT: ALL CANDIDATES PASS**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Hunter

Bruce Suarez for Director of Cabinet Affairs, Ryan Thorpe for Deputy Treasurer, Johnathan Dorsey for Secretary of External Affairs, Sofia Slimak for Chief of Staff

- Opening Statements:
  - Suarez: Rising Junior, double majoring in Political Science and International Affairs from West Palm Beach, Florida. Had the honor and pleasure of working alongside most of you. First-generation college student, knew very little about what a holistic college experience would look like, had to dig deep and not let fear overcome my potential. Sought an environment that would help me learn more about who I was, who I wanted to be and who I wanted to become. Found my place in SGA community to grow as a student leader and a person. Service and leadership in the past two years include Treasurer for Hispanic-Latinx Student Union, Facilitator of Operations for the Diversity and Inclusion Institute under the Executive Branch, Chapter President of Circle K International, Senator, Freshman Leadership Institute, and proud brother of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. If confirmed as Director of Cabinet Affairs, hope to develop not only leadership but also continue to dedicate time and energy for the betterment of FSU and the student body. Look forward to answering any questions you may have.
  - Thorpe: Thank you all for being vigilant during these confirmation hearings, they are not easy sometimes, but they are equally as important as it is a kind of open dialogue between the branches. Would like to express how much this means to me that I even have the opportunity to come before you as a prospect to join the Executive Branch. During my time in the Senate, I took the time to observe some of the great leadership and initiative that many Senators tonight have exemplified. They provided a framework and actualization plan for me; gave me the tools I needed to establish my footprint at FSU. Through sitting, listening, observing, and finely allocating funds throughout the Budget Committee and other areas of FSU, realized that SGA is one of the most influential processes on campus to have students find their identity. There is a lot of work to be done to bring the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, and further engaging the student body. Will provide an unparalleled student experience, fostering communication through student government and RSOs. Serving the student body is our goal and opening this dialogue between all of us, throughout bureaus and agencies is how we can do that. Finally, being efficient is our purpose and helping every student find their why and their own purpose as a Seminole is why we all came here in the first place.
  - Dorsey: Thank you all for the time and energy tonight. Rising Junior majoring in Political Science and International Affairs from Tampa, Florida. I am a candidate for the Secretary of External Affairs because I embody certain values and beliefs that every student at Florida State University, I hope, will also represent: transparency, and dedication. First-generation student, a part of the Center for Academic Retention department (CARE), and employed by the CARE department as well, and this is where I started my involvement. Also involved in

Black Student Union and was Mr. Black Student Union for 2019-2020, in which was on the Executive Board and oversaw a dozen predominately-black RSOs on campus. Involved later in Tallahassee and FSU NAACP, spearheaded JDC mentorship program which visits local juvenile detention center to mentor, tutor and emotionally counsel. Orientation Leader, and also involved in Office of Governmental Affairs, World Affairs Program, and Center for Global Exchanges. Want to build intercollegiate relations with other institutions, particularly with other Top 20 schools and research-based institutions.

- Slimak: She/her/hers pronouns. Passionate, driven resilient. Rising senior. Starting with why I am here, came to Florida State during Summer C, got involved as much as I could, tried to spend time Landis when on July 5<sup>th</sup>, leaving a math midterm when I realized the true meaning of ability. Was not feeling great and woke up from a nap unable to speak, swallow water or move. Severe case of mono, ended up in the hospital and went to case services the next morning. Medically withdrew from FSU was able to return thanks to resources and support. Was on 9 months of bed rest, made it through 6 credits the first semester, 10 the next and got my feet back under me. It was isolating, was very alone through this entire process, and ended up joining my chapter because I needed a sense of community. Joined Summer Senate just afterwards with one of my sisters, and found the meaning of community and collective empowerment. This is what makes FSU so great and made me realize this is where I want to be. Got involved all across campus sophomore year trying to be as much as I can to these communities and give back because they were showing me how much that meant and what it can do. Spent every day trying to better FSU for the students, alumni, faculty and staff because if FSU can give a 10th of what it gave to me to anyone else then it would change lives, because it did for me. Going into Junior year trying to figure out how to make the most of it led me here today. With this precious time I have left, identified the Chief of Staff position as where I can make the most impact. I think your 'why' is the most important part of taking on a position, look forward to any questions.

- Questions:

- Marcus: for Candidate Thorpe, with reservation for a follow-up: Have you ever attended a PAC or RTAC meeting?
  - Thorpe: No but reviewed minutes and funding process. Familiar with all funding boards on campus. Want to improve SGA finance process by encouraging RSOs to reach out and maximize funding to return to normalcy post-COVID.
- Marcus, for Candidate Thorpe: Have you ever been involved with an organization going through the PAC or RTAC process and worked with an organization going through that?
  - Thorpe: Closely acquainted on campus, not directly involved but work with agencies on allocations process and directs these agencies to how they can submit RTAC and other requests to maximize funding. Have not directly submitted requests but familiar with process and encouraging RSOs to go through the process rather than just relying on allotted budget.
- Gonzalez: for Candidate Suarez, with reservation for a follow-up: Did you say in your opening that you are the Treasurer for the Hispanic-Latinx Student Union?
  - Suarez: Yes, I will be serving in that position this upcoming year.
- Gonzalez, for Candidate Suarez: Do you know that position is a major position?
  - Suarez: Yes, I understand that role and I look forward to serving in that position.
    - Harmon: What Gonzalez is getting at is that you cannot hold multiple major positions. You would have to resign from one of them.
      - Suarez: I understand, I believed it was only the Director and Assistant Director that would conflict, but should it be the case that I must resign, I will do that in order to serve as Director of Cabinet Affairs.
- Tackett, for Candidate Thorpe: How would you describe your attendance in the Budget Committee and general body meetings?
  - Thorpe: Through Budget week I was engaged and expressed opinions on what should be funded. As a first-time Senator in that position, I observed in order to make

- educated decisions and allow community advocates to speak. I remained present, even if not directly involved, and reviewed all the meetings and decisions.
- Harmon: **POC**, both Treasurer of an agency and a cabinet office are major positions.
  - Gonzalez: for Candidate Suarez, how long have you served as a Senator?
    - Suarez: elected in the fall, so almost a full year.
  - Randall: for Candidate Thorpe, the Student Engagement Ambassadors started a tradition this year of creating financial literacy workshops. Will you commit to working to continue this?
    - Thorpe: Yes, that is a major emphasis of our platform and have already completed an implementation plan for that. There is a new FSU Financial Success website that outlines tools and courses you can take at FSU, such as Personal Finance. We will continue to work on financial literacy through campus financial officers and other leaders.
  - Randall: for Candidate Thorpe: Specifically related to RSO funding, will you commit to financial literacy workshops?
    - Thorpe: Yes, is a priority.
  - Randall: for Candidate Dorsey, can you expand upon your specific goals?
    - Dorsey: Secretary of External Affairs has been building relationships with other institutions. My goal is to build transparency on my day-to-day operations and objectives, such as lobbying efforts pertinent to students. Looking for initiatives for student immigrants to provide more funding for them and protecting them. Other lobbying areas include finances, student engagement, privacy and rights. I am an ambassador in the Florida Student Association, of which the Student Body President chairs. The Student Body President is also on the Board of Governors, and both of these positions are important for implementing my goals, and I am honored to potentially be a part of her team.
  - Randall: for Candidate Slimak: having the experience that you did, how will you use your role to help students going through similar circumstances?
    - Slimak: My experience highlights in my mind the simple things we take for granted every day, like just walking across campus. There was a time when I couldn't walk 10 feet; you would be surprised how many little brick walls and benches there are along the way. Some remember my campaign to get picnic tables outside of the College of Business (which I would still love to see someone pick up). Being able to sit and eat somewhere near the middle of campus, and trying to identify different pieces we for granted. It is part of living in this position specifically, and connections. I have a texting relationship with the Director of Case Services now, from that experience and working in the Cabinet last year. Building those relationships with Department of Student Affairs and be able to speak on this is very different. I know it is like trying to walk across campus. We advocate for a program where golf cart will go pick them up, and one where they are not waiting 20 minutes and then are late to their class and they are not excused. These are major issues and I can bring that experience to the table, and I can empathize and relate to other experiences. I give a passionate student perspective, and utilizing connections and my experience to see the parts of campus and parts of life students deal with. That is hard to identify.
  - Marcus, for Candidate Thorpe: Can you provide an example of a piece of legislation you worked on that might supplement your role?
    - Thorpe: We had a lengthy session in Budget Committee allocating the budget, listening to budget presentations. This educated me on the status of funding on campus, and this spurred my involvement.
  - Marcus, for Candidate Thorpe: Have you ever been to a meeting that Chair Randall previously described, or a Finance committee meeting?
    - Thorpe: Have not attended, but reviewed the minutes and legislation. Aware of the processes.
  - Linsky: for Candidate Thorpe, with reservation for a follow-up: Can you explain the difference between the funding of Senate and COGS?

- Thorpe: SGA funding is all through A&S fees. Any A&S funding board or committee in the budget comes through local fees, and RSOs such as COGs go through separate funding allocation process that passes the Senate floor. All A&S fees are obtained through tuition and available to the student body. The graduate student fees are separately funded with a separate budget allocation.
  - Linsky: for Candidate Thorpe, How much are A&S fees per credit?
    - Thorpe: there was recently a committee for this, I believe it was in the \$3.50 range but not positive. If not that, it was multiplied by 4 and would be in the neighborhood of \$12.80.
  - Linsky: for Candidate Thorpe, the \$12.80 number is close...
    - Thorpe: I got the numbers confused but I believe it is \$12.80 and some change.
  - Linsky: for Candidate Slimak, we just swore in a new President for the university today. That process required much elimination and all 3 candidates in the final round were research-oriented, and this is indicative of a university-wide shift to focus on research funding because this can far outweigh the money achieved through legislative appropriations. Given that the best way to do that is to attract more graduate students, how does your role as Chief of Staff plan to support graduate students when your Cabinet only has 2 graduate students?
    - Slimak: The Chief of Staff is meant to fill in for the President in any role. President Janvier is a graduate student, so the platform prioritizes advocating for graduate students. Making sure that they know they can vote here and be engaged is important, and this is achieved through working with the President and being knowledgeable on the issues.
  - Gonzalez: **POC**, A&S fee allocation is \$13.00 per credit hour. Also, COGS is a budgeted entity under SGA and not an RSO, so it is funded through the Budget Week that Candidate Thorpe has mentioned.
  - Marcus: for Candidate Thorpe, with reservation for follow-up: are you financially certified?
    - Thorpe: Yes
  - Marcus: for Candidate Thorpe, what do PAC and RTAC stand for?
    - Thorpe: RTAC stands for Resources Travel Allocation Committee. Freezes up when thinking of what PAC stands for, but responds with Programming Allocations Committee.
      - Harmon: that is correct.
  - Hunter: when did you take your financial certification exam, as I cannot find your certification?
    - Thorpe: Took it in the last couple of weeks, will forward email.
  - Gonzalez: for Candidate Thorpe, can you describe, aside from Budget Week, what the Budget Committee does?
    - Thorpe: listens to resolutions that come forth from Senators. Senators will write legislation for allocations that exceed a certain amount, to be sent to the Finance committee, and then they are passed and heard on the Senate floor.
  - Gonzalez: **POC**, Budget only hears bills, as resolutions do not allocate money.
- **Marcus moves to enter Pro Con for each candidate, Gonzalez seconds, no objections**
- Pro for Candidate Suarez:
  - No speakers
- Con for Candidate Suarez:
  - Gonzalez: Has been a Senator since the fall and has great attendance, has been a part of different committees so would assume he has knowledge of statutes. But in his opening he represented himself as the Treasurer of Hispanic-Latinx Student Union. I would hope he is aware of Statute 205.3E Fraud on the Student Government does not allow you to misrepresent yourself as a student government official, and he has not yet been confirmed so he violated statutes as a sitting Senator. I find this very concerning.
  - Harmon, **POC** he is not breaking any statutes because he has not been confirmed for either position, he is only a Senator now, but will be breaking statutes assuming this moves forward.
- **Gonzalez moves to call the question on Candidate Suarez, Marcus seconds, no objections**

- Closing Statement:
  - Suarez: Thank you, unfortunately I did not know that statute, but as I have not been confirmed to either position, I do not believe it is a conflict as of yet. However, if it does arise, I will be able to solve that problem. Thank you all once again and it's been a pleasure working with you all this past year.
- Vote: 14-5-1
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE SUAREZ DOES PASS**
- **Gonzalez moves for a division of the Senate, Harmon accepts**
- Roll Call Vote: 14-5-1
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE SUAREZ DOES PASS**
- **Gonzalez moves for a quorum call**
- Parliamentarian Rowan: Rule 13.4C requires a 3-minute recess before the roll call
- 3-minute recess starting at 10:03PM
- Linsky: interprets the rule to say that the President shall allow means that the Senate President still has some discretion.
- Harmon: Let's continue with a 3-minute recess.
- 10:06PM Quorum Call: Flashman, Tackett, Roy, Marcus, Myers, Bergen, Randall, Nasworthy, Lessard, Rodgers, Linsky, Lewis, Gonzalez, Moore, Nemeth, B. Murray, West, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, VanderLey, Remler, T. Murray
- Verification of Quorum: Verified
- Pro for Candidate Thorpe:
  - No speakers
- Con for Candidate Thorpe:
  - Marcus: Wanted to be thorough for the confirmation for this position because I was informed that the Deputy Treasurer will be filling in the shoes for the Student Body Treasurer in his summer absence. I know from people from the Budget Committee and from my own experience presenting bills in the Budget Committee that Budget is more than just Budget Week, and whereas this candidate was in attendance for Budget Week, his attendance and participation in other parts of Senate and other budget meetings has been below average. Not sure if it is enough to warrant a suspension given that the meetings for Budget are horrendous and have not been posted on the website, but that's a different discussion. Was not satisfied with the answers to my questions, heard clicking of the keyboard when I was asking about PAC and RTAC, which was concerning to me and I think in this position is important to have experience going through the funding board processes, or at least being in one of those meetings, so that you understand what the people who are supposed to be going to the trainings that you talk about in your platform should know. If you understand what their issues with the process are by going through it with them, you can better teach them how it's supposed to work. Not in favor.
  - Tackett: Candidate is effectively being pushed into the Treasurer position for the summer. Not satisfied with candidate's answers. Budget is a very complex committee and not just Budget Week. I serve on the Budget Committee, I have been to every meeting. I was there for every presentation during Budget Week.
- **Harmon relinquishes the Chair to Pro Tempore Hunter for the remainder of Thorpe's Pro/Con period.**
- **Hunter relinquishes Pro Tempore duties to Clerk Connor.**
- Pro for Candidate Thorpe:
  - No speakers
- Con for Candidate Thorpe:
  - Tackett: I can confidently say that the candidate had subpar attendance and lacks the qualifications to be the current Treasurer. For Deputy Treasurer it may be different, but overall Treasurer requires a different standard, and Budget Week alone is not enough.

- Lessard: Being Treasurer, even just for the summer, comes with much responsibility and if you cannot even show up for Budget meetings on a pre-set schedule, how can we expect responsible care for university-wide finances?
- Marcus: There are other candidates on this call looking to be confirmed to a Senate seat, I want to caution those people not to be a “Wednesday night Senator” who does not write legislation or show up to committee meetings. I have seen this behavior from this candidate. It is also concerning to me that on the Pro Tempore’s records, he is not financially certified.
- **Hunter relinquishes the Chair back to President Harmon.**
- **Marcus moves to call the question on Candidate Thorpe, Lessard seconds, no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Thorpe: Forwarded financial certification email to Pro Tempore Hunter. I will not be acting alone in the Treasurer position, I will be guided by the Student Body Treasurer and the rest of the Cabinet. While I froze up on some of the questions, I assure that I am qualified for this position and I have worked hard towards it. It is disrespectful that I am being considered a Wednesday Night Senator towards the effort I have put forward. I hope you vote to confirm.
- Flashman, **POI** did Suarez resign from his Senate seat?
  - Harmon: he will be asked to do so before taking the oath.
- Suarez: **POC** am I still a Senator?
  - Harmon: Currently, yes, until you take the oath.
- Vote: 7-13-0
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE THORPE DOES NOT PASS**
- Pro for Candidate Dorsey:
  - No speakers
- Con for Candidate Dorsey:
  - No speakers
- **Roy moves to call the question on Candidate Dorsey, Lessard seconds, no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Dorsey: thank you to the Senators diligently voting and discussing in attempt to find the best candidates possible. Excited for this upcoming year, would love to connect with each and every one of you and some point in time.
- Vote: 20-0-1
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE DORSEY PASSES**
- Pro for Candidate Slimak:
  - No speakers
- Con for Candidate Slimak:
  - No speakers
- **Lessard moves to call the question on Candidate Slimak, T. Murray seconds, no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Slimak: To do effective and impactful work, the best thing is to wake up with a ‘why.’ Finding community has brought me here today. Thank you for your time and look forward to working with you.
- Vote: 20-0-2
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE SLIMAK PASSES**
- **Bruce Suarez resigns from Senate Undergraduate Seat 7**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Hunter

John Lynch for Arts & Sciences Summer Senate Seat 12, Aleck Condon for Fine Arts Summer Senate Seat 2, Nicholas McFadden for Business Summer Senate Seat 3, Cole Wissman for Business Summer Senate Seat 5, Elias Espinosa for Communications & Information Summer Senate Seat 1, Kamilla Knyazeva for Communications & Information Summer Senate Seat 2

- Opening Statements:

- Lynch: Rising Junior majoring in Psychology and minoring in Biology. Looking to be confirmed for the Seat 12 of the Arts and Sciences. Excited to begin my experience within the Senate if given the opportunity. Experience on debate team in high school. Passionate about the wellbeing and quality of Florida State and the student body throughout my time here. Have met many types of people within the Arts and Sciences college with different ideas and opinions, and I hope that I can voice these opinions through the Senate. In my first year, I experienced lack of communication and access to a lot of resources that FSU and SGA provides, and I hope that in my time here, if granted, I can focus on that and help first-year students get that opportunity. Have a lot to learn, this is a learning experience, but excited to jump in and tackle it as best as I can.
- Condon: Rising Sophomore majoring in Dance within the College of Fine Arts, from St. John's, Florida. Being confirmed for Seat 2 of the College of Fine Arts. Served in the School of Dance Student Advisory Council and the College Leadership Council for the College of Fine Arts. Always wanted to participate in student government and now the perfect time to get involved. Never run for a Senate seat, but would love to be able to serve Florida State and all the students at this university. Work as a University Ambassador, showing accepted and prospective students around campus, helping them with whatever they may need. As an ambassador, noticed FSU needs to be a more inclusive space for all students. College of Fine Arts is underrepresented on campus and I hope for the opportunity to serve my fellow classmates. Have not been involved in student government, so this will be a learning process, but excited to hopefully be confirmed and start that learning process and serve Florida State students.
- McFadden: Rising Senior studying Finance from Kissimmee, Florida. Seeking confirmation for College of Business Seat 3. Was Community Service Director for Black Student Union, which taught me about student government. Ambassador for the Student Alumni Association, where I learned about representation. Working as Administrative Assistant in the College of Business, so I was able to communicate with different people amongst the student body and within the college about their wants, needs and things they can see improvement on. Happy to be here tonight and look forward to the confirmation.
- Wissman: Being confirmed for Senate College of Business Summer Seat 5, 21 years old, rising Senior majoring in Management and Marketing, on Pre-Law track. Originally from Detroit, Michigan, and currently live in Jupiter, Florida. I truly bleed garnet and gold. Been involved in a lot of different student organizations here on campus. Starting in freshman year, was on the weightlifting team here at FSU, joined Sigma Phi Epsilon and Pre-Law fraternity Phi Alpha Delta. Served last year as the leadership board position in Phi Alpha Delta and I have a standards board position for Sigma Phi Epsilon. Current IFC Director of Rush at FSU. Managing Director for a local Tallahassee beverage company; excited about kicking that off here this fall. Super excited to be here tonight and will answer any questions that you have.
- Espinosa: Rising Junior ICT major (Information, Communication and Technology) seeking confirmation as the College of Communication & Information Summer Senate Seat 1. Would like to represent the students in community and major, and while I have quite a bit to learn, I hope you consider me for the confirmation. Active brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon and also work a job on campus, so I understand time management well. Thank you for your consideration.
- Knyazeva: Rising second-year at FSU majoring in Media Communications and Political Science and minoring in Chinese language. Born in and raised in the northern part of Russia, and immigrated to U.S. when I was in middle school. Ever since then, I always aspired to become a lawyer, and looking forward to applying to Law school in just a few years after I complete my Bachelor's degree. I come to the Senate today because I like making my community better and helping other people around. As a woman who grew up in a very patriarchal society, I never thought that I could be anything beyond being subservient to a man. Immigrating to the United States helped me realize the amazing opportunities that I can use for self-growth and development. So here I am today, striving to help other women on this campus find opportunities and help them grow as individuals and as professionals. I

believe that we shall continue seeking and seeing women engagement around this campus and helping them find around, finding different opportunities that are here at FSU. And while I'm still a woman trying to get around this campus, I was also once an ESL student that struggled to communicate with others. Given that I am a Chinese minor, I have interacted with a lot of international students and have worked on multiple projects for my courses, and unfortunately I've heard a lot of these students express that they were unable to acclimate themselves in the social scene at FSU, which I think is problematic. I would like to raise concerns about the small community we have of international students at FSU and I aspire to help them get around and find amazing opportunities here for their growth and help them become professionals in the future as well as help them develop as individuals and become more self-aware. I have been in both of these positions, and still am in these positions, and I wish to represent these two communities. Thank you all here today and everyone who has helped me get where I am.

- Harmon asks Senators to turn on their cameras.

- Questions:

- Randall: for the candidates for the College of Communication & Information, how are you involved in the college, and how do you plan to represent those constituents?
  - Espinosa: I am relatively new to the major and only joined about a semester ago, but looking to represent them by advocating for them on campus, whether that be a bill proposed advocating for more funding of the communications department, or just ensuring their voices are heard and concerns are dealt with accordingly.
  - Knyazeva: As a rising sophomore, was just accepted to the major this summer. While I will try to learn more about the major, I will strive to represent the voices of those in my major. Will establish effective communication tactics to ensure everyone is satisfied.
- Lessard: for Candidate Condon, I am College of Fine Arts Seat 1 and I am a Studio Art major. In the College of Fine Arts, the Dance building is in a different area of campus from Theater and Studio Art. How do you plan to serve both areas of Fine Arts?
  - Condon: I am aware that Dance is separated from the other fine arts, but I would use my leadership council experience and prior connections, as well as social media, to be open for communication.

- **Lessard moves to forward the candidates individually, Roy seconds; no objections**

- Closing Statements:

- Lynch: Thank you all for your time and patience, and thank you for this opportunity. I am excited to be in this position and gain this experience and knowledge from Senate and greater involvement in FSU. As a student, I have a goal to be a part of the community and represent the community that I am a part of. I am new to this, but I hope that what I lack in experience, I make up for in motivation and willingness to succeed.
- Condon: Thank you all for hearing me tonight. I see SGA as a way to pay it back and pay it forward for future generations.
- McFadden: Thank you for your time, I look forward to working in SGA and representing FSU.
- Wissman: Thank you for hearing me, I have a lot to bring to the table and I can serve as inspiration and cohesion within the body. Glad to be considered for this and hope to be a part of it.
- Espinosa: Thank you for the opportunity and for your time. Emphasize commitment to this position, should I be confirmed, and hope I represented myself thus far in a positive light. Willing and eager to learn, will prioritize the needs of those in my college and will actively try to represent them in a way that is for the greater good.
- Knyazeva: This opportunity to be a part of this amazing Senate will not only allow me to benefit the student body, but also help the other amazing, driven and very passionate senior leaders that all hold different stories and share different perspectives. As a potential member of the Senate, I'm looking forward to learning more about these stories and widening my perspectives and becoming a more self-aware and developed person, so I thank you all for

being here today. I also thank everyone who has helped me advance to this round of confirmation.

- Vote:
  - John Lynch for Arts & Sciences Summer Senate Seat 12: **20-0-1**
  - Aleck Condon for Fine Arts Summer Senate Seat 2: **19-0-1**
  - Nicholas McFadden for Business Summer Senate Seat 3: **20-0-1**
  - Cole Wissman for Business Summer Senate Seat 5: **20-0-1**
  - Elias Espinosa for Communications & Information Summer Senate Seat 1: **20-0-1**
  - Kamilla Knyazeva for Communications & Information Summer Senate Seat 2: **20-0-0**
- **RESULT: ALL CANDIDATES PASS**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Hunter

### **Hamon extends meeting adjournment time to 11:30pm**

John Dion for Social Science Summer Senate Seat 4, Emma Berman for Criminology Summer Senate Seat 1, Serena Barker for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 15, Conner Blitch for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 8, Cassidy Branch for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 25, Chase Freeman for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 11

- Opening Statements:
  - Dion: Started interest in Senate in Fall 2020 when some friends were involved in starting the Progress party and I ran, and unfortunately lost. Lost by only 3 votes, but that is okay, and if Senator Lewis is here I hope I get the chance to work with you. After that, had an internship as the Senate Vote Clerk in the office of the Senate secretary. Then, hired to do outreach and development for the Senate Page program for the 2022 legislative session. Goals as Senator are to be a champion of environmentalism and be a true representative for my peers in my college. I am not here to make decisions on their behalf, but to represent their feelings and intentions. This ties into bipartisanship; I hope to work with both parties on all good legislation and would always be open to anyone wishing to approach me. Looking to have a safe return to in-person learning. Thank you for your consideration.
  - Berman: Rising sophomore majoring in Criminology from Tampa. Has struggled to get involved due to being a transfer student from Flagler College, living off campus, and the virtual challenges that the pandemic brought. Joining SGA would give me a way to be more involved in my major.
  - Barker: Rising second-year student double majoring in Business Management and International Affairs. Hope to run for a College of Business seat in the fall. Always been involved in SGA in high school. Love event planning, fundraising, and benefiting the community with career and volunteer opportunities.
  - Blitch: Thank you for listening to the candidates this evening. Incoming freshmen from Tallahassee, basically grew up on FSU's campus and excited to begin legacy. Excited for the opportunity to come into this role. Went to Leon High School, served in SGA for all four years and held multiple leadership positions. Been involved in politics in Tallahassee via the Senate Page program, as well as local and federal campaigns. I believe I bring a lot to the table.
  - Branch: Rising second-year from Tallahassee. Majoring in Political Science, minoring in Business. Interviewed to join a vacant Senate seat in the fall, only in that seat for about a month and for a unique period, so I did not get to experience all of Senate, but enjoyed the time I had. Was eager to return, ran in the Spring and unfortunately lost. Here I am again because I really want to be a part of Senate. High school SGA was much different, and I enjoy actually making a difference on campus rather than just planning events. Did SGA for all four years of high school, as well as the Senate page program, and got involved in a couple of other on-campus organizations but nothing as much as I enjoyed Senate.
  - Freeman: Junior studying Political Science, have been involved in political parties since coming to FSU, but this is first time in front of the Senate. Brother of Phi Gamma Delta, and on Model UN. Grew up in Los Angeles because parents were DJs and event planners.

Always wanted to be a lawyer. Went to school and would do speech, debate, and mock trial, but would come home and work at a radio station. When I got my first internship at a law firm, I was also working at a concert in South Florida, and my two mentors are a criminal defense attorney and a guy named DJ Holiday. Growing up, I learned how to bring a project to completion, polishing it while marketing it. I can ensure that things come to fruition while also making sure that they are known. Always talk about student government needing to reach out better to FSU, I believe I am especially suited for this, as I practiced my whole life. Student government would benefit from me showing everyone that they can benefit from student government. I have made friends and watched them make a lot of impact on campus, and I still feel that SGA often goes unnoticed. In the majority of my social circles, people do not know what student government does. I know there is much to offer that is not being used.

- Questions:

- Lessard, for Candidates Dion, Freeman and Branch, you all were not elected when you ran, why should we appoint you to these positions, refusing the decisions of the student body?
  - Dion: This is something I have thought about and something that was brought up in Rules Committee. Considering the margin of only 3 votes, there is a justifiable amount of students who want me to be their representative and support what I believe in. I would like to have this opportunity to show those students who did not vote for me, as well as the Senate, that I can be a good representative. This is a tough question, because it would be overturning the vote of the population, and if you do I will show you through my actions as a Senator that you made the right decision.
  - Freeman: unfortunately, I am no stranger to losing a Student Government election. It is partly because I have always been a part of the underdog party on campus, something which I have enjoyed, but comes with preconceptions. Have lost 4 student government elections and never quit, stayed in parties because I believe student government matters. In this past election, woke up in the morning and voted for myself in an uncontested election, but at the end of the day I had lost. I would like another shot, because I did not even know that I should have been campaigning that day.
  - Branch: I thought about this when I lost. Part of losing was a failure on my part to show the undergraduate voters what my platform was about and how much I care about SGA. Despite losing, I still care about SGA, and I would not put myself through 3 interview processes for a position I did not care for.
- Lessard: for Candidate Barker, you have been a student for a little while and were here for the 72nd Senate, is there anything that you believe the Senate could improve upon that you hope to accomplish as a Senator?
  - Barker: I am only in my second-year, but I did experience a little bit of it as I did live on campus, but I did not fully understand SGA or what happened. I was involved in my hall council, so I know that is a part of it. I noticed lack of communication between SGA and other RSOs, possibly because of the pandemic, but attended the Involvement Fair on Discord and spent hours trying to find organizations. SGA should ensure the RSOs are getting across to students in the right way so that students can get involved.
- Hunter: for Candidate Barker, with reservation for a follow-up: How do your identities and the organizations that you are involved in on campus support diversity of individuals and thought?
- Barker: I was on Hall Council and Freshman Leadership Institute, and both of these organizations are supportive of diversity. On Hall Council, we had an Eco-Rep to always ensure that environmentalism was being taken into consideration, as well as a Diversity and Inclusion chair who attended weekly meetings to ensure events were inclusive. Also involved in Work of Enlightened Women, which ensures that women feel that they can express their political beliefs and have a voice on campus. All groups that I am a part of facilitate respect and inclusion.

- Hunter: for Candidate Barker, trigger warning for mention of previous Senate President Denton. As the Chair of the Racial Inclusivity and Justice Ad Hoc, after reading the minutes provided from Rules Committee, I noticed you mentioned One of the most contentious times in Senate when former Senate President Denton was going through a no-confidence vote. You said that you provided kind words in that meeting and said that you could see both sides. Considering that many Senators, including myself, did not see two sides of that conversation and rather a concern of to marginalized and underrepresented groups on campus that I represent, can you further explain your comment from Rules Committee and explain how your thoughts and actions from that situation reflect how you will serve in Senate.
  - Barker: Need to clarify what was meant by that. I was not saying that there were two sides to the situation itself, but there are two sides to the way we choose to handle a situation. If we are hurt or offended, responding with more hate is not necessarily the right thing to do. I do not think that people will be receptive to that. As people, our goal is to make sure we are educating others and the making sure they know the difference between right and wrong. We have to stand up for what we believe in, but also do it in a kind and respectful way, or else we will not be teaching anyone how to do the right thing. In joined the meeting of Denton's no confidence vote and seeing hatred being sent in every direction, I spoke up to talk about staying kind and respectful as we teach others and serve as leaders.
- Hunter: for Candidate Barker, being in the Racial Inclusivity and Justice Ad Hoc was very formative to being the Senator I am now. At what point do you draw the line between right and wrong?
  - Barker: I am not one to get mad at others, so when I see others doing something wrong, it makes me upset and it makes me want to show them how to do the right thing instead of perpetuating hatred. The line between right and wrong is subjective, but if you feel it has been crossed, you should say something respectfully rather than let your anger get the best of you.
- **Randall moves to forward the candidates individually, Pfueffer-Ferguson seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statements:
  - Dion: Promise brevity and pointedness. I appreciate your favorable support.
  - Berman: Thank you for your time, I would appreciate this position.
  - Barker: Thank you for your time. I look forward to being able to help in any way that I can, I know that controversial topics got brought up but I am fully committed to ensuring that everyone's voices are heard in the most respectful way possible and I hope that I can foster that environment.
  - Blitch: Thank you, excited to see what SGA will do coming out of the pandemic and excited to be a part of it.
  - Branch: Thank you, hope I am appointed to be a part of the change.
  - Freeman: Gracious that everyone stayed up this late to get these candidates confirmed, would like to work with you all, it has been a long time coming.
- Vote:
  - John Dion for Social Science Summer Senate Seat 4: **25-1-0**
  - Emma Berman for Criminology Summer Senate Seat 1: **26-0-0**
  - Serena Barker for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 15: **19-6-0**
  - Conner Blitch for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 8: **26-1-0**
  - Cassidy Branch for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 25: **25-1-0**
  - Chase Freeman for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 11: **21-2-3**
- **RESULT: ALL CANDIDATES PASS**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Hunter

Spencer Hautrive for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 3, Ryan Wills for Human Sciences Summer Senate Seat 1, Franceska Edouard for Arts & Sciences Senate Seat 1, Jared Barrett for Arts & Sciences Senate Seat 9, James (Jimmy) Wood for Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 21

- Opening Statements:

- Hautrive: Thank you for your time tonight, been a long night. Seeking your support and confirmation for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 3. Rising Junior from Pembroke Pines, Florida. Majoring in Criminology, proud brother of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Over the past few months, become nothing but motivated and passionate about becoming involved in FSU. After consulting friends, came to the conclusion that pursuing a position within Summer Senate would be a great way to get started. Hope this position allows me to grow as a person and as a student leader. Aim to productively work alongside fellow Senators to accomplish any and all tasks presented before us in a fair and respectful manner. Open minded, look forward to what is position has in store if chosen.
- Wills: Originally from the UK, moved to Orlando when I was 8 years old. Transfer student from UCF. Majoring in Exercise Physiology and minoring in Chemistry, Biology and Family Relations, with the goal of being a pediatric dentist. Transitioning student as well, this past year was my first on campus, been struggling to find ways to get involved. Last semester I got involved in IFC, proud brother of Sig Ep. In high school was very involved, was VP of Best Buddies, so I'm a great leader from what I think, and I know how to set up events. Goal in SGA is to have easy transition for new students to come to FSU. For myself, it was very hard to find shadowing opportunities and internships on campus because of COVID-19. So I think we can definitely reach out to new students via social media about opportunities on campus and around campus. Involved in Hearts for the Homeless, where I get my clinical hours, and in Project Annie. Great leadership skills, communication, accountable and driven academically and socially. Excited to grow and learn in this organization if given the opportunity.
- Edouard: Originally from IET but grew up in Coral Springs and Parkland, Florida. She/her pronouns. First-generation student, Rising Junior getting a dual degree in Psychology and Political Science with minors in Criminology and African American studies. Throughout my time at Florida State University, I have held numerous leadership positions where I worked with a wide range of students from all walks of life, and have also held different leadership positions in my hometown, as well as Tallahassee, that required discipline, hard work, tenacity and commitment. I have the pleasure of being the Ms. Caribbean Student Association, Vice President of Jewels Incorporated, a former ambassador for Impressions of Beauty, and member of the Seminole Minority Leadership Institute. During my freshman year, some of the professional experiences that I had were Secretary of the National Haitian Diaspora Federation where I'm currently working on the new Haitian Constitution, Interning for Florida House Representative Mary Woodson, Leon County Democratic Black Caucus, City of Coral Springs, Jack Porter for Tallahassee's campaign. These experiences have provided the opportunity to understand how to effectively help people through advocacy, shaped me into the leader that I am today. These experiences called for great teamwork, respect and communication, and I will keep those things core in everything that I do within Senate. Senate is going to run like a team that is not really a team because will not always agree on everything, which is OK because that's the beauty of things. If I can get even just one person on the floor to understand more about the help that students need, then I will feel more accomplished. Will always advocate for all students, and some of the progressive causes that I will push for are more opportunities for first-generation students, opportunities on campus for the black community, the LGBTQ+ community, and any minority, especially in terms of leadership and representation by ensuring that no voices are silenced, the safety of students within the Tallahassee area, breaking down social barriers.
- Barrett: Thank you for this time and for this opportunity. Rising Senior Psychology student on a Pre-Physician Associate track after graduation. Plan is to commission into the United States Air Force as a physician's associate. Currently serve as Internal Coordinator for the Veterans Student Union, work as a Veterans Benefit Associate in the Student Veteran Center, and Assistant Housing Chair of my fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta. Senior Airman in the United States Air Force Reserves, President of the Rising 6 Committee for my unit. When I

first arrived in at Florida State in 2016, I was an uninvolved student. After taking nearly two years off for military training between sophomore and junior years, came back with discipline, leadership skills, and a new outlook on how I wish to spend my time at FSU. Began to get involved in different ways on campus and have continued to look for more ways to serve. Want to help other students find their home on campus like I have, and ensure that this campus remains a place where everyone feels welcomed. Hope to bring the insight and perspective as a veteran to not only be able to serve the larger campus community better but specifically cater to our veteran community as well.

**Harmon extends meeting adjournment time to 12:00am.**

- Wood: Thank you all for staying this long, appreciate your time. Interested in SGA started in the fall this past year, came to campus and met amazing people that are involved with SGA, many of whom are on this call and you have inspired me to keep going and keep staying with SGA and say involved in a multitude of different ways, helping campaigns, running for positions. Getting involved on campus as a freshman, had a unique experience that makes me an excellent candidate for this Senate seat. Outdoor Pursuits Trip Leader with Campus Rec, been able to meet a multitude of different people throughout my first year on campus that I would not have been exposed to otherwise this past year with COVID-19 and not having in person classes. Was able to interface with more undergraduate students than most other of my peers during this time. Passionate about student government, not something that I would have found myself doing in high school but it took me by surprise during my first year and I plan on continuing with it throughout the rest of my time at FSU.
- Questions:
  - N/A
- **Roy moves to forward the candidates individually, Nemeth seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statements:
  - Hautrive: Thank you for your time tonight, look forward to working with you.
  - Wills: Thank you, I think I will be a great asset to your team if given the chance.
  - Edouard: Thank you for your time, always great being around other student leaders. Hope that opening statement communicated the work I work like to do here and the changes I would like to see, especially for minorities. A lot of these changes are ones I have been advocating for before stepping foot on FSU, and I will continue to push for them. Firm believer of perseverance, it can be difficult to be a black woman in certain spaces. Will continue to push through barriers and understands the need to work 10 times harder for a seat at the same table.
  - Barrett: Thank you for this opportunity. Reflecting on a conversation I had earlier this week with retired Colonel Billy Francis of the Student Veteran Center. He asked what makes Florida State different from any other college. What makes it different is the experience that you have here. If you just go to class and you don't do anything else, then your university does not matter all that much. I want to make sure that our students have the best experience possible here and that it defines their college experience. Hope you will vote yes for me tonight and thank you all for your time.
  - Wood: Thank you so much to everybody who stayed this long, and thank you to all of the people on this call who have inspired me to apply for this position. I appreciate all of your hard work throughout this past year and I hope that you continue to inspire other people in our university, as you have for me.
- Vote:
  - Spencer Hautrive for Undergraduate Studies Summer Senate Seat 3: **29-0-0**
  - Ryan Wills for Human Sciences Summer Senate Seat 1: **29-0-0**
  - Franceska Edouard for Arts & Sciences Senate Seat 1: **29-0-0**
  - Jared Barrett for Arts & Sciences Senate Seat 9: **29-0-0**
  - James (Jimmy) Wood for Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 21: **28-0-1**
- **RESULT: ALL CANDIDATES PASS**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Hunter

**Randall moves to extend the meeting by 30 minutes to address two urgent pieces of legislation tied to the end of the SGA fiscal year: Bill 41 and Resolution 39, Remler seconds**

- **Lessard objects**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Randall: Bill 41 allocates just under \$2000 from Senate Projects to Special Olympics FSU. This has been discussed with the organization and has been in the works for a month and a half, took over from Senator Stults in his summer absence. Passed SLAA and Budget. The second piece of legislation is Resolution 39, which is an appeal to bypass Statutes finance code for dispersing money for expenditures without prior approval. Allows the College of Communication Leadership Council, who has already had their event and did not receive an invoice, and was not able to enter the purchase request into NoleCentral, to retroactively pay for that event. When they tried to submit the request after the fact, SGA Accounting denied them, rightfully so, because they did not have this appeal on file. This money is from the College of Communication Student Leadership Council's 2020-2021 fiscal year budget, so it needs to happen now. The Special Olympics event is in 2 weeks, and our next meeting happens too late to reimburse them.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - N/A
  - Pro:
    - Roy: I know we have gone long tonight, but these are important pieces of legislation. Looking at it, you can see how much work Special Olympics has put into hosting an event to facilitate something beneficial to the student body and our community. For the reimbursement, it is time sensitive.
    - **Lessard moves to amend the motion to extend until 12:20am and we only hear Bill 41; Remler seconds, no objections**
      - **Sponsor does not agree with the amendment.** Has not spoken to College of Communication Student Leadership Council on if they will access this line item for their new fiscal year budget.
- **Harmon extends meeting adjournment time to 12:20am.**
- **Randall and Lessard withdraw prior motions.**
- Hunter: **POC**, Resolution 42 is also time sensitive to recognize June as Caribbean Heritage Month.
- **Harmon extends meeting adjournment time to 12:30am.**

Consent Calendar: none

Bills First Reading: none

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 41                      Sponsored by Senator Randall (P)  
Transferring \$1,967.89 from Senate Projects to Special Olympics at FSU for event costs. **REFERRED TO SLAA THEN BUDGET, 06.02. PASSED IN SLAA, 06.09. PASSED IN BUDGET, 06.22.**

- Opening Statement:
  - Randall: This bill allocates \$1967.89 from Senate Projects to Special Olympics at FSU for their FSU United Day 2 event celebrating 40 teams that have walked, biked or ran over 150 miles in the past two months. These teams are comprised of unified teams, this includes one able bodied FSU student plus a disabled person in Tallahassee community. Primarily covers facility costs, lunches and one promotional item which is T-shirts. Hope you have had a chance to take a look at the actual bill.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - Linsky: Is this a part of the package that President Thrasher vetoed with his line item, or is this different?
    - Randall: Different, not related at all. This is essentially a PAC request that we have to do in the summer.
- Pro:
  - Linsky: This is a good cause, we have the money.
- Con:
  - No speakers
- **Roy moves to call the question; T. Murray seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Randall: Waived.
- Vote: 32-0-2
- **RESULT: BILL 41 PASSES**

**Linsky moves to unlock the calendar, Lessard seconds, no objections. Go to Resolution 39**

Bill 42            Sponsored by Senators Tackett, Marcus (P), Garcia (Co)  
 Fixing contradictory election code statutes and increasing transparency in campaign finances. **REFERRED TO FINANCE THEN JUDICIARY, 06.02. AMENDED AND PASSED IN FINANCE, 06.08. PASSED IN JUDICIARY, 06.13.**

Bill 43            Sponsored by Senators Marcus, Tackett (P), Garcia (Co)  
 Fixing contradictory election code statutes and increasing transparency in campaign finances. **REFERRED TO FINANCE THEN JUDICIARY, 06.02. PASSED IN FINANCE, 06.08. AMENDED AND PASSED IN JUDICIARY, 06.13.**

Constitutional Amendments: none

Resolutions:

Resolution 18    Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez (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, 06.09, 06.21.**

Resolution 39    Sponsored by Senator Randall (P)  
 Granting a reimbursement appeal to the College of Communication and Information SLC. **REFERRED TO FINANCE, 06.09. PASSED IN FINANCE, 06.22.**

- Opening Statement:
  - Randall: Special resolution, an appeal. Written per statute that includes a formal explanation of what happened, a letter from the organization stating why they messed up, an invoice of the expenses that will be retroactively paid for. They had an event in March, did not get the invoice before the event, which means they also did not put their purchase request in NoleCentral before the event, so now everything is messed up. They are trying to pay for it after the event happened. The appeal goes ahead and pays for it. We went over this in Finance and it cleared perfectly. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- Lessard: So they had the event in March, they paid for it with club funds and are now trying to get reimbursed?
  - Randall: Cannot pay for anything without NoleCentral request, so nothing got paid for. They have an outstanding charge for the speaker.
    - Lessard: so the speaker came out and never got paid?
      - Randall: Correct
- Pro:
  - Zittrauer: We heard this in Finance, it is well written, and Randall knows what he is talking about. Letter included in very apologetic. I will be voting yes, lets get some sleep.
- Con:
  - No speakers
- **T. Murray moves to call the question; Zittrauer seconds**
  - **Lessard objects**
  - **T. Murray withdraws**
- **Lessard moves to pass by unanimous consent, Pfeuffer-Ferguson seconds, no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 39 PASSES**

Resolution 40 Sponsored by Senator Myers (P)  
Amending Rule 8.3 to include the Land Acknowledgement in the calendar.  
**REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 06.09. PASSED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 06.16.**

Resolution 41 Sponsored by Senators Marcus, Nasworthy (P), Soto (Co)  
Encouraging Florida State University to formally acknowledge Pride Month and apologize for its past actions towards the LGBTQ+ community. **REFERRED TO SLAA, 06.23.**

Resolution 42 Sponsored by Senator Lewis (P)  
Recognizing June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month and reflecting upon its importance to FSU students. **HEARD ON THE FLOOR, 6.23.**

- Opening Statement:
  - Lewis: Do not want to stand in between anyone and their bedtime, but I do not want that to diminish the importance of this resolution. Want to thank Senator Edouard for helping me with this. I would really appreciate it if we could amend this to add her as a primary sponsor as well, as she could not be added until being confirmed. Resolution acknowledges the importance of Caribbean-American Heritage Month, both to people at Florida State and just being in Florida as a state. We have more Caribbean Americans and more Caribbean immigrants than any other state, so it is important to acknowledge the contributions and the influences that Caribbean Americans have on our communities.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - N/A
- Pro:
  - **Lessard moves to amend to add Senator Edouard as a primary Sponsor, Linsky seconds, no objections**
    - **Sponsor finds it friendly**
  - Edouard: Thank you Senator Lewis for working on this with me, passionate about Caribbean culture and community. Will represent Caribbean students, Florida is home to over 41% of Caribbean

students living in the United States and continues to grow. We need to acknowledge their contributions.

- Con:
  - No speakers
- **Pfueffer-Ferguson moves pass by unanimous consent; B. Murray seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 42 PASSES**

#### Unfinished Business:

- Candidate Confirmations:

Statements of Dissent: none

#### New Business:

#### Closing Announcements:

- Marcus: Being completely transparent, I had a major anxiety attack during this meeting. Without going into full detail on why, I understand that sometimes my passion can be mistaken for aggression, especially within the virtual setting. I promise my intent is never ill, but my intentions were publicly assumed in a virtual setting elsewhere. Reminder that we are people first, students second, Senators last. In a more down, suppressed mood. Not angry, but sad that we have come to this point. I do not take a no vote lightly and do not enjoy speaking in con. I promise I am not an asshole. Most of you do not know my background, most of us do not know each other beyond the virtual setting. Some actions tonight reignited my past trauma. My participation was down for the rest of the meeting and I apologize for that. We should separate the professional and the personal. I do not like the way I was treated tonight by someone.
- Lessard: Good to be back after leave of absence. Happy Pride Month, take time to recognize the efforts of the LGBTQ+ community, especially queer people of color; we owe what we have today to the transgender women of color who started the Stonewall riots in New York City. Celebrate the queer people around you and uplift queer people of color as they are often left out of these spaces.
- Roy: As Chair of Central Reserves, we will be taking the surplus of A&S fees that we have to allocate around \$1.7 million to organizations, mostly university projects because this will go to items at least \$5000 expected to last over a year. This may take place as early as the week of July 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>, will post more in GroupMe. Been working closely with Dr. Williams on this, will let everyone know when there is more information and hopefully there will be social media presence about it.
- Linsky: Tomorrow is the next meeting for the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc. For all new Senators who want more actions, come hang out with us at 6pm on Zoom to learn more. We are going over all of our Rules of Procedure and revising them.
- Remler: **POI** for Linsky, did you say there will be Zoom meetings with more information on what goes on in Senate?
  - Linsky: On the SGA website Legislative Branch tab, all Senate meeting committee times have been publicly noted. The meeting I was referring to is the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc, about the Rules of Procedure. Senate has 3 governing documents: the Constitution, the Statutes, and the Rules of Procedure for the Senate. Come check it out.
  - Harmon: there will be another learning opportunity for new Senators.

#### Officer Announcements:

- Rowan: Please come out to Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc, especially new Senators. Congratulations to newly confirmed Senators, I am here if you have any questions on our governing documents please reach out.
- Hunter: As Chair of Racial Inclusivity and Justice Ad Hoc, we would like new members. If you are interested, we are looking into an amendment to the Aramark contract, please message President Harmon that you are interested and from there we will decide on a meeting time. New Senators, congratulations, new Senator orientation will be communicated via email before the next Senate

meeting. The Homecoming Planning Commission will be meeting Friday at 6pm via Zoom, if you are interested in attending, you are more than welcome. Let's get better at voting in a timely fashion for our next meeting.

- Harmon: Welcome new Senators, this is our virtual chamber. I am glad that you all have committed yourselves to this, I have been here for 3 years and loved it, maybe you will be here for 3 more years. If you would like to be a liaison, to be connected to another organization and work with them, please let me know so you can be appointed. Committee preference form will be sent out after new Senator orientation, think about what committee you want to serve on. Office hours have moved to Tuesdays 12pm-5pm, will be moved again to Wednesdays 12pm-5pm, will be posted on website. Ad Hocs need new members, let me know if you would like to join one. Will get you all added to GroupMe and Canvas. We are all here to help you. Good job tonight everyone, confirming about 30 candidates in one night is amazing. Remember to love each other and take care of yourselves.

Advisor Announcements:

- Dr. Williams: Good job and good night!

Final Roll Call: Edouard, Tackett, Roy, Barrett, Marcus, Myers, Lynch, McFadden, Wissman, Espinosa, Knyazeva, Randall, Nasworthy, Lessard, Condon, Wills, Rodgers, Linsky, Lewis, Gonzalez, Dion, Hautrive, Moore, Nemeth, Freeman, Barker, B. Murray, West, Wood, Branch, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, VanderLey, Blich, Remler, Zittrauer, T. Murray

Adjourned: **Lewis moves to adjourn; adjourned at 12:35am**

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