

THE SEVENTY-THIRD STUDENT SENATE  
Calendar: July 7, 2021  
Zoom Link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/94932697257>

Call to order: 7:34pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Barker

Moment of Silent Reflection

Land Acknowledgement

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

Verification of Quorum: Verified

Corrections and Approval of the Journal 6-23-21: **Marcus moves to approve the journal, Pfeuffer-Ferguson 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: None

Messages from the Executive Branch:

- Student Body President Janvier: Good evening, excited to be here. Going to go over where the Executive Branch is at pertaining to Senate, and where we wish to be within the next couple of weeks. Reminder that the mission of SGA is to provide FSU students with representation, services and advocacy within the university, quality leadership and accountability to constituents by recognizing the strengths that arise from diversity, engagement, and dialogue. A piece of this is how the Senate brings on people who will represent SGA, and cannot express how important this role is and how it dictates the work done by SGA. The Senate says who gets to be an ambassador of the university, and a part of that is deciding what engagement, diversity, and dialogue look like. Reminder that there are non-negotiables within any branch of SGA, one of those being respect (how you talk and communicate with people). Language is imperative, and the way people were addressed at last week's meeting was disappointing. I look to you all as Senators to be student leaders of the association and uplift the student body. We do not tear down, humiliate people. We are here to uplift, whether people are confirmed or not, and the way we speak to each other is crucial to that.
  - Senator Linsky asks "Can you be more specific?" via chat to all attendees, implied to be directed at Student Body President Janvier.
    - Student Body President Janvier acknowledges the chat message and says that if this applies to you, then you know this applies to you. If you do not have any experiences where you think you were not uplifting people, do not worry about it.
      - Senator Linsky responds "That is not specific" via chat to all attendees.
  - Senator Lessard asks "Why did you not forward one of the other 3 deputy treasurer candidates after Ryan was rejected by the senate in our previous meeting?" via chat box to all attendees.
  - President Harmon says "Enough." in the chat, and chat gets disabled for the remainder of the meeting.
- Student Body President Janvier continues by saying remember to be respectful, as well as keep humility. We all remember what it was like in our leadership experience to come upon a new

position, and this comes with a learning curve. The way we come about in these roles is not out of nowhere; we commit ourselves to get to where we want to be. Furthermore, it is important to be tolerant; we do not have to like the people that we work with. The reality of the world is that there are people that you may not personally like, and you will work with them. Tolerance is a bare minimum in these spaces, including SGA, prefaced with respect. Emphasizes the work the Senate does and repeats the SGA mission. A piece of accountability in the mission means ensuring that work gets done, and that work is able to get done. On behalf of the Executive Branch, that piece is held in the candidates forwarded, and we were excited that a good number of them were forwarded, meaning that we can get started on our work. We have one more candidate forwarded today, Ryan Thorpe for Deputy Treasurer. Technical and non-tangible skills were looked for in his selection. Technical skills includes the ability to understand a budget, experience with a budget, and what that means in SGA. This year looked different for everybody because, through a pandemic, we had to work within the means we had virtually. Excel proficiency, the ability to create budgets and express them in Excel, and alignment with the platform was also included in these technical skills. Non-tangible skills included character, willingness to learn, ability to learn, time commitment, experience, and ability to overcome obstacles. A piece of this is how we navigate bureaucracy - going through rules and thinking differently to overcome these challenges. The candidate we are forwarding tonight is more than equipped to take on the role, has shown extreme dedication to SGA and the student body, and is resilient. Leadership is a learning process. This candidate has the full support of the Executive Branch and we are excited to work with him. Everyone on the Executive Branch comes from different levels of previous experience in SGA, and this was intentional and contributes to the dynamic we are fostering. Always available to meet outside of the Senate space for questions.

- Student Body Vice President Thykadavil: Good evening, welcome to Summer Senators, it was a pleasure to interview you and get to know you. As I do not have Senate experience, it was great to see that side of things and I am excited to see what the Senate will accomplish this summer. We have some candidates being forwarded, we hope you see them fully and I feel comfortable with all of them serving in the roles they are dedicated to.
- Student Body Treasurer Gray: Good evening, thank you for being here, reiterate sentiments of confidence in Deputy Treasurer candidate. Hoping for a smooth confirmation tonight for all candidates tonight. Will not be able to participate in the SAP funding process, which is typically during Summer C, due to leave of absence. For student organizations to receive funding through this in a timely manner, we want to ensure that this candidate's confirmation goes as smoothly as possible. Please keep this in mind to ensure that we are able to do the best possible job of serving the student body and they do not have delays in accessing the resources that they have the rights to.
  - Senator Roy: **POI** for Treasurer Gray, in Student Body Statutes 614.5 Part 2 it mentions that the Chair of SAP should be the Student Body Treasurer, but in the absence, a Chair will be elected by the committee. Would SAP still be able to elect a member and proceed with its business without an acting treasurer for Summer C?
    - Student Body Treasurer Gray: If the Student Body Treasurer is not acting in the role, this responsibility would fall onto the Deputy Treasurer. If neither option is available, the chair can be selected by the committee, of which 2 Senators are appointed by the Senate President and 2 students appointed by the Student Body President.
      - Senator Roy: Thank you.
        - Student Body Treasurer Gray: **POC**, there would need to be an approvals process for that special chair to be selected, requiring more guidance from the SGA Advisor because it has not happened in recent years.

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

Messages from the Executive Cabinet:

- Quentin England, Secretary of Appointments: Offers himself as a resource for questions about applications, interview processes, or positions. Was in Internal Affairs committee meeting for entire

time on Monday, but cannot promise to attend every meeting as he is currently living in England and busy with classes and work. Feel free to contact outside of Senate, good luck tonight.

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 \$22,500.00, PAC \$60,000.00, RTAC \$45,000.00, and ORG Fund \$5,000

Report of Senate Liaisons: None

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary, report made by Chair Linsky: Had no business; did not meet. Will meet Sunday at 8pm, encourages everyone to come for a discussion on how to submit legislation, requirements and suggestions, ways to find Statutes to improve.
- Internal Affairs, report made by Chair Nasworthy: Met the past two Mondays at 6pm since the last Senate meeting. Forwarded all 4 candidates for the Class Councils, then forwarded 6 of the candidates for the Womens Student Union, Jewish Student Union, Asian-American Student Union, and Pride Student Union, as well as Ryan Thorpe for Deputy Treasurer.
- Budget, report made by Chair A. Gonzalez: Did not meet, will meet Monday at 8pm if there is legislation to be heard.
- Finance, report made by Chair Marcus: Did not meet; did not have business. Will meet next week due to the pending confirmation of our Vice Chair to Pride Student Union.
- Student Life & Academic Affairs, report made by Chair B. Murray: Met Monday at 6pm, passed Resolution 41 and tabled Resolution 18.
- Rules & Calendar, report made by Pro Tempore Hunter: met today at 7pm to reject candidate Reece Windjack for Summer Senate Music Seat 2. Will meet next week on Wednesday at 7:30pm.
- Racial Inclusivity and Justice Ad Hoc, report made by Chair Hunter: If you would like to join the Racial Inclusivity and Justice Ad Hoc, please let President Harmon know by today. We will have our next meeting on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc, report made by Chair Linsky: Will meet tomorrow at 6pm, please come if you are interested. We had a couple of visitors last time and gained a member from it!
- Central Reserves, report made by Chair Roy: Next week will be Central Reserves week. Will distribute \$1.7 million to university entities, departments, and RSOs. We have so much money because we did not know how much A&S money we would get due to the pandemic, and low-balled the estimate when we made the budget. We want to put this money towards university projects costing at least \$5,000 and expected to last longer than a year. Examples are vending machines, benches, statues, or other things meant to help the student body experience or help organizations on campus. Extended the deadline for application requests until Monday at noon. Will hear all applications from any organization. Hearings will be from Tuesday to Thursday, with final deliberations being either Friday or over the weekend. Reach out to RSOs to let them know. This is an unprecedented amount of money for us to have, we want to find ways to distribute, first way is to get requests.

Senate Confirmations:

**Marcus moves to unlock the calendar to hear candidates in the order of the forwarding letter.**

## **Marcus raises a point to say that Senator T. Murray has a point.**

T. Murray: **POC**, there are 2 forwarding letters, so Class Councils candidates should be heard first.

Franceska Edouard for Junior Class Council President, Julianna Strong for Junior Class Council Vice President, Modesto Mazaeda for Sophomore Class Council President, Sofia Gonzalez for Sophomore Class Council Vice President, Ryan Thorpe for Deputy Treasurer

- Opening Statements:

- Edouard: She/her pronouns. First generation, rising junior, double-majoring in Psychology and Political Science with minors in Criminology and African American studies. Applied for this position to ensure that Junior Class has a strong foundation based in making the most of our time here at FSU and feeling safe on campus. As a Black woman, there is a lack of diversity in certain aspects, and want to bring that within Junior class and encourage other minorities to achieve in spaces that may feel intimidating. As Junior Class Council President, my role will be to maintain the Junior Class Council, keep detailed records of tasks and tangible goals, ensure that logistics for events are in order, time manage effectively, and ensure that our class is doing great as a whole.
- Mazaeda: Goes by Mick. Running because the Sophomore Class had it hard this past year with the pandemic, campus life was not the same, and similar to the freshman class many students will have a culture shock as we come back to normal. Would like to represent them and be a voice for them to help them ease into what life at FSU is. Have ideas on how to include everyone, and want to work with everyone to make this a smooth transition. Good voice for the sophomore class and want to serve in the best way possible.
- S. Gonzalez: Columbian, Cuban, and Peruvian (and American). Majoring in Community Patient Care, minoring in Medical Spanish Interpreting. As Sophomore Class Council Vice President, looking forward to learning more about SGA and what it means to represent the student body. Focused on diversity and inclusion; was heavily involved in the Hispanic-Latinx Student Union last year and deeply appreciated the inclusion felt there. Would like for everyone on campus to feel as if their voice matters. Agrees with other candidate that coming back from the pandemic is tough. Will host events to bring unity back to FSU, as undergraduates and as Seminoles.
- Thorpe: Coming before you once again to be confirmed as Deputy Treasurer. Chose to advocate for organizations on campus in the financial aspect because when I first came to FSU as an out-of-state student from Annapolis, Maryland, felt like an outsider. The turning point, what made me stop wishing I had stayed in my comfort zone, were the organizations I got involved in that gave a feeling of identity, inspiration, and made me feel at home. Being Deputy Treasurer would be the opportunity to advocate for organizations, such as the agencies, a power presence on campus that many are fond of, to ensure equitable spending. Achieved through monthly reviews with the council of treasurers and direct contact with smaller organizations on how to increase their turnout. Chose this position because of its ability to further the financial ability to offer students a home on campus, even when it feels like there is nowhere else to turn. There are pressing issues for the remainder of Summer C; the SAP organizations currently require 30-day advance notice in order to prepare for funding allocation presentations, which is crucial for academic programming on campus and is in need of help. They are waiting on this confirmation to expedite their funding process and use their funds provided by Senate. The student body needs a point of contact to promote financial literacy in how SGA funds can be distributed. Experience in Senate has molded me and shown me my passion. The knowledge and network of the Budget Committee showed me how to run financial allocation meetings, including how to listen to these meetings, run these committees, and the importance of these funds. Must also ensure that funds go to worthy causes. Oversaw 6-figure budget in fraternity, organized charitable events for the Student Veteran Association, facilitated a Dance Marathon event in uncertain times. The organization of these events, supervising the budget, compiling costs for the upcoming year, and being fiscally responsible give me the insight on how to do this well. Fiscal responsibility to officers on campus is just as important as the cause behind the funds. On Board of

Trustees for Student Foundation, working directly to promote more charitable donations to give back to students. Interned at regional office for Ben Cardin, taught me professional development and organizational skills, and that paperwork is a lifelong problem. Dedication to this reaches further than being Deputy Treasurer; this position is the mouthpiece for my ambitions. Passionate about betterment of student experience; love the university and we are all trying to emulate Seminole pride. It is abundantly clear that all of you care for our school; you have chosen the positions and put in the work not for a resume boost, but because we each have a calling. This position would give me the opportunity to enact my goals and passions for the future of organizations on campus. To promote cohesiveness and efficient student government, will carry experiences from the Senate to the Executive Branch. Trust in every Senator, as I hope you can trust in me, that we can work together in the future. Thank you, look forward to any questions.

- Questions:

- Soto: For all candidates, are you financially certified?
  - Edouard: Yes
  - Mazaeda: No, I do not believe so.
  - S. Gonzalez: No, but willing to learn how to do so.
  - Thorpe: Yes
- Soto: for Candidate Thorpe, you mentioned wanting to work with agencies, what are some ideas that you have for working with them?
  - Thorpe: Agencies on campus are one of the most crucial points of turnout for student engagement. Aim to be an ally as someone who does not personally align with any of the organizations on campus aside from some family ties with the Veterans Student Union. Some of the ideas that my team and I have been bouncing around include ensuring the funding for large events is maintained throughout a COVID-19 environment. Throughout the year, we have had trouble funding these large, in-person events, and looking forward to integrating that once again.
- Roy: For Candidate Thorpe, You said that you had overseen a 6-figure budget for your fraternity, but in the Internal Affairs minutes it says you had never been involved in any leadership positions in the management of the funds. What was your involvement with this 6-figure budget?
  - Thorpe: Due to personal liability reasons, I did not get involved on the Executive Board of my fraternity, but I still got involved in the more charitable aspects. I oversaw some of the fiscal responsibilities: collecting dues, ensuring that management was successfully transferred during the overturn of the Executive Board this past year, and compiling the necessary allocations made.
- Nasworthy: for Candidate Thorpe, FSU has done work in the past to ensure that our finance code promotes sustainability on campus; since you will be helping to review these purchase requests, can you tell me what unsustainable purchases are restricted by the finance code?
  - Thorpe: Could you be more specific?
    - Nasworthy: There are some specific things that are restricted for sustainability purposes. Are you aware of any of those unsustainable purchases restricted by finance code?
      - Thorpe: Such as...promotional items without "funded by SGA"? Still unsure what you are asking besides stuff like raw food. Are you referring to individually packaged water bottles?
        - Nasworthy: I was making sure you were aware of the bill regarding single use plastic.
          - Thorpe: Yes, of course.
          - Harmon: **POC**, it is not in the 2021-2022 financial manual, but Pro Tempore Hunter has spoken with the FSU Business Manager to get it added.
          - Marcus: **POI**, there is a whole section in the financial manual about sustainable purchases.

- Harmon: that's a point of clarification, thank you.
- Marcus, with reservation for 2 follow-ups: For Candidate Thorpe, you said you were financially certified for the new fiscal year, did you notice any discrepancies between the financial exam and the finance code?
  - Thorpe: That question was asked to me in Internal Affairs; no concrete examples were brought to my attention so I did not notice any.
- Marcus: For Candidate Thorpe, I did not see that in the Internal Affairs minutes. What rental car company are students allowed to contract with?
  - Thorpe: Enterprise.
    - Marcus, **POC**, it was switched to AVIS/Budget. The exam had questions from Enterprise on it, but the financial manual had AVIS/Budget.
- Marcus: For Candidate Thorpe, what is the maximum amount that an RSO can spend per night on a hotel?
  - Thorpe: If it serves my memory correctly, I believe it is \$500. I have the resources to double-check that before I give it out to organizations.
    - Marcus: **POC**, it is actually \$175, but on the financial exam the choices were \$150 or \$200.
- Soto: **POC**, the Internal Affairs minutes do not reflect points of clarification I brought up in the meeting to point out the car rental company discrepancy and the hotel differences. The exam also had misleading and incorrect true/false questions. This was not included in minutes from Internal Affairs.
- Randall: For Class Council candidates, how are you going to specifically represent your grade in terms of projects?
  - Edouard: Want to bring unity in the class. Will have an ice cream social on Landis at the beginning of the year, a field day to bring everyone together, and yoga on Landis during finals week. Provides the space to meet new people and build connections.
  - Mazaeda: See myself working with the freshman class as well to help them transition, and hopefully the freshman and sophomore classes can do stuff together. Would like to have multiple Spikeball game days where people who do not have a set can come out and play and get to know each other, this is something I have seen on campus and would like to continue every month or so. Would like to discuss with my peers to hear what they would like to see.
  - S. Gonzalez: Everyone being included is important, would like to hear from the agencies what they would like to see from Class Councils. Social frisbee tournaments would bring people together.
- Linsky: For Candidate Thorpe, in response to a previous question, you mentioned your team. Who is your team, and are any of them here tonight?
  - Thorpe: As I am not officially involved, my corner is people on campus that I trust dearly. They are not here tonight.
- Roy: For all candidates, can you provide a time where you specifically went above and beyond to accomplish a task?
  - Edouard: As Vice President for Jewels Inc., an organization that mentors young girls in the Tallahassee area. One time, when we had an event to plan and had to get the students in order, I planned it the same day. These are students who come from marginalized communities who look up to us, so I stepped up for them to give them workshops and advice.
  - Mazaeda: Was Class Treasurer during senior year of high school, so I dealt with monies, looked over other class treasurers, and approved money going in and out of the bank account. Came into the position with a negative \$200 balance, and instantly got to work with my social media coordinator to reach out to every business within a 3-mile radius of the school for fundraisers. By the end of senior year, got Homecoming and Prom tickets down to \$10 (where they were \$60-70 before), and left the next year's class with \$2000.

- S. Gonzalez: Was also on SGA in high school. Born and raised in Miami, but lived in different states, so went to high school in Memphis, Tennessee. My high school's student body was only 5% Hispanic, and as a proud Latina I created a Hispanic dance team. We were #2 in the state in a competition, so I was able to show the high school and the community what it meant to be Hispanic.
    - Thorpe: During internship with Senator Cardin, organized Healthcare Summit to hear the needs and wants of the medical community and legislation involved. Many local representatives attended. Was beyond proud to be a part of that; contacted these people myself and organized venue.
  - Lessard: For Candidate Thorpe, what is your experience with Sweepings committee, and have you ever attended those meetings?
    - Thorpe: I have not attended a Sweepings meeting but I am aware of what goes down in there and how those funds are allocated.
  - Marcus: for all candidates, within Senate we have liaisons to each of the agencies because we like to collaborate across campus to ensure that voices from a lot of different communities are being heard in event planning and legislation. What plans or experience do you have to reach out and ensure their voices are uplifted and heard in planning?
    - Edouard: I have gone to events to speak to students about the changes they want to see on campus. Today, I was helping middle school students through the CARE program, and one of the people I was working with was a graduate student. I took the time to ask her what she experiences were as a graduate student and what she wished would be better. I have done the same with other organizations, like the Caribbean Student Association.
    - Mazeada: See myself working very closely with organizations that represent under-represented groups to see what can be done.
    - S. Gonzalez: Hope to collaborate with the agencies and see what we can do to include everyone. As External Affairs Officer of Peruvian Student Association, so familiar with organizations that act as sub-agencies to support specific communities. All are just as important. I go to events coordinated between the agencies that bring several identities together, as this is super important to me as a Latina.
    - Thorpe: One of the most important parts of this role is being accessible and transparent. Being an ally on campus is important to me, looking forward to working together and being vocal with other leaders in my network.
  - Soto, with reservation for follow-up: For all candidates, heard the word "ally" brought up, what is your definition of being an ally?
    - Edouard: Not only listening to others' experiences, but empathize with them and look for ways to help them actively. Be true to them and show your support until the end.
    - Mazaeda: It's not only about being a good listener, it's about showing that you are an ally, on their side and that you are willing to support. In these leadership positions, we are given a privilege and opportunity to ensure that all voices are heard. Being an ally is important and possible through the activism we do.
    - S. Gonzalez: Being an ally is being able to pass the microphone to the next person, someone else with a different background regardless of what that background may be. Open and diverse communication. As a Hispanic and Latina, listening to people from other backgrounds is important, as well as remembering that I may not be the spokesperson for every Hispanic so that appreciation for those in my own community is a piece as well. Honored to be here as a student leader because everyone deserves a voice.
    - Thorpe: Uniting to a common interest. We are all here as student leaders, to better our community. Being an ally means understanding the needs and wants of others with different backgrounds.
  - Soto: for all candidates, without using the word "leader," what have you done for someone, whether one person or a community, to help defend them and be an ally?

- Edouard: Always vocal about how I feel. Went to Marjory Stoneman Douglass High School, a predominately white high school, and black students were not as frequently offered the Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment classes. Was talking about it with a friend and she said she wished she had these opportunities, so I spoke to administration about the inequalities and the school started being more inclusive in the opportunities that they offered.
  - Mazaeda: About a year ago when the Black Lives Matter marches were happening, I donated the majority of my graduation money to Black Lives Matter. I attended almost every march in my county, which was 1-2 each weekend, and I was still out there even as the marches were dying down. Passionate about causes until we see change.
  - S. Gonzalez: Also went to majority white high school. As a Latina, there would be times when classmates said inappropriate things to minorities. It takes courage to not just be a bystander and stand up for that person. As our Student Body President said at the beginning of the meeting, it is super important to not discriminate and be respectful, especially in this space. Having a safe space for everyone to be themselves, regardless of where they come from, is a part of my morals, as well as staying educated to ensure that inclusion.
  - Thorpe: Echoes previous sentiments. Important to stand up when you see something; if you see something, say something. Sometimes people think that a joke is just a joke, but words can truly hurt. A number of close friends have reached out about indiscretions, and it is important that we offer equitable treatment to everyone on campus, as we are all Seminoles at the end of the day.
- Dion: for Candidate Thorpe, myself and a few others on the call tonight were just confirmed 2 weeks ago at the last Senate meeting, so we are not familiar with your stint as a Senator. Outside of being a member of Budget Committee, what did you do in your term as a Senator that would relate to or be useful in your role as Deputy Treasurer?
  - Thorpe: A lot of the experiences gained from Budget Committee were behind the scenes. Might not have been as active of a member in the sense of putting forth numerous legislation every day, but the experience I got put me in this other role, which I believe to be my calling. In this role, will advocate for organizations in a more direct sense. Even if you do not get the committee you prefer, it can lead you to a better stepping stone.
- Linsky: For Candidate Thorpe, can you talk about any of the legislation that you submitted as a Senator?
  - Thorpe: I have not submitted any direct legislation.
    - Linsky: So it is not just that it was not an everyday thing, it was none at all?
      - Thorpe: That is what I said.
- Soto: For all candidates, what influenced you, besides the student body, to seek out the roles that you are going for?
  - Edouard: Motivation to always to the best and being a better me every day. Big on perseverance and continuing growth, and can grow in this position.
  - Mazaeda: Always seen myself in leadership, even since middle school. Love reaching out to people, seeing what their needs are, satisfying those I serve and stepping up to the plate to be that voice.
  - S. Gonzalez: Because why not? This is something I can truly enjoy and create a tight-knit family to look back on after graduation with experiences that I will never forget. Challenging myself and improving every day.
  - Thorpe: I did not choose this position arbitrarily; did not go through the time commitment of this process for a position. Really passionate about my community, found a home here and very interested in advocating for organizations, looking forward to giving back in any way I can and believe this to be the most effective way.
- Tackett: For Candidate Thorpe, New RSOs looking to get funding for a conference should go through what process?



- Thorpe: Are you looking for a travelling conference or on-campus one?
      - Tackett: Travelling conference.
        - Thorpe: Fill out an RTAC request, and after going through that approval process it will go towards the Finance Committee and then onto the Senate floor.
      - Randall: Appreciate Tackett for asking that question, especially considering the Deputy Treasurer position covers more than just purchase requests that may come from Senate, anything from agencies, Class Councils, and things of that nature.
- **Randall moves to call the question on these candidates individually, Puwalski seconds**
  - **Marcus objects, Randall does not withdraw**
    - Vote: 26-14-2; not a two-thirds majority
    - **RESULT: MOTION IS NOT SUSTAINED**
- Randall: **POI** for College of Arts & Sciences Seat 11, what questions do you think still need to be asked on the behalf of Arts & Sciences students?
  - Marcus: Had a point before calling the question.
- Marcus: **POC**, one of the things that financial code and the financial exam is heavy on is that once you submit an RTAC or PAC request, the RSO's responsibility is not yet done. The request still needs to be finished in NoleCentral, members of the organization must be financially certified, Accounting Office has to ensure that there are no outstanding receipts. Speaking of outstanding receipts, in order to be successfully reimbursed you must ensure receipts are proper, or else you have to reimburse improper funds yourself. So there were a few things left off.
- **A. Gonzalez moves to enter Pro/Con, Marcus seconds, no objections**
  - Randall: **POC**, is this Pro/Con for candidates individually or collectively?
    - A. Gonzalez: Individual candidates.
- Pro for Candidate Edouard:
  - Marcus: Had positive experiences with this candidate regarding uplifting other communities. Has a heart for connecting communities across campus, qualified for this role and can successfully accomplish the responsibilities entailed.
  - Linsky: Dealt with her personally in a conflict resolution scenario, thought her to be effective and will vote yes.
  - Roy: Impressed me in Internal Affairs and in hearing her tonight. Wants to be engaged in the FSU and local communities, stands for a lot of representation. Will vote yes.
  - Nasworthy: Either the third or fourth time I have been in an interview process with her and she always comes with professionalism, heart, and everything you would want in both a Senator and Class Council President. Have utmost confidence that she will bring the Junior Class together and do great in this position.
  - Wood: Has done an amazing job of connecting many groups of students on campus through roles she has held. She is one of the people who inspired me to join SGA. She will be excellent representation in Junior Class Council.
- Con for Candidate Edouard:
  - No speakers
- **Roy moves to call the question on Candidate Edouard, Soto seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Edouard: Thank you all. Want to have this opportunity to represent the Junior Class and all of campus.
- Vote: 40-0-1
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE EDOUARD DOES PASS**
- Pro for Candidate Mazeada:
  - Pfeuffer-Ferguson: Aside from enthusiasm shown tonight, know of involvements he has already held on campus such as FSU Survivor. He has solid campus engagement, and being in the same class as him I feel that he is a strong representation for those who may be uncomfortable within our class.

- Nasworthy: Can only say good things about this candidate; after interviewing him in Internal Affairs, knows that this candidate has work ethic, passion, and drive to ensure that his class has a smooth transition back into campus life. Has shown that he does good work.
- Roy: Heard this candidate in Internal Affairs; his resume and application show that he has abundant goals for transportation, dining halls, and other areas. Look forward to seeing him serve.
- Wood: Impressed by involvement that he showed on campus this past year and look forward to what he will accomplish in this role. He made the best of his first year on campus, even in the pandemic, and worked to network himself.
- Marcus: This candidate brings positive energy to the room.
- Con for Candidate Mazeada:
  - No speakers
- **Lessard moves to call the question on Candidate Mazeada, Pfeuffer-Ferguson seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Mazeada: Thank you for taking the time to get to know me and my goals for this next year. Hope that I made a good impression and look forward to working with you all.
- Vote: 39-0-0
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE MAZEADA DOES PASS**
- Pro for Candidate S. Gonzalez:
  - Soto: Wowed me with their answers and would make a great impact bringing intersectionality to the Sophomore Class Council. With prior experience, especially with Hispanic-Latinx Student Union, will be able to help other students get their feet wet in organizations. Will be great in this position.
  - Pfeuffer-Ferguson: Has a passion for promoting inclusivity and diversity, especially within our class, would like you all to think about that for our class after everything we have been through this past year, as that is something that a lot of us would feel more comfortable with.
  - Nasworthy: In interviews, I look for a passion that shows me that the candidate is doing this for more than just themselves. In this interview, as well as in Internal Affairs, she has displayed that and I can even feel that through a Zoom call. Have full confidence in this candidate to excel in this role.
  - Wood: These candidates for Sophomore Class Council, and this candidate specifically, are exactly what the Sophomore Class needs to help those who were not able to get involved this past year get more involved. Applaud them in their efforts and look forward to the work they will do.
  - Roy: Heard this candidate in Internal Affairs, and again today. Look at her resume and see all the volunteer work she has done, all the organizations she is a part of. Know she will be able to direct people to organizations they want to be involved in, especially those in the Hispanic community and those advocating for others. Will vote yes.
- Con for Candidate S. Gonzalez:
  - No speakers
- **Marcus moves to call the question on Candidate S. Gonzalez, Soto seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - S. Gonzalez: Thank you for kind words, encouraged me to keep pushing forwards, very motivating. Thank you for the opportunity to be your Vice President of Sophomore Class Council, will not let you down and look forward to working with you all in government.
- Vote: 41-0-0
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE S. GONZALEZ DOES PASS**
- Pro for Candidate Thorpe:
  - Remler: Over the past year, seen the love and passion that Senator Thorpe has for the university and Senate. Has shown his dedication to this position by coming to the Senate floor twice during this intense confirmation process with the full support of the Executive Board. He is a huge part of this university and wants nothing more than to help the student

body. More than qualified for this position moving forward, and if you are not a Senator please do not vote.

- T. Murray: The candidate's improvement in the last 2 weeks shows that he is willing to put in the time and do what needs to be done to serve the student body. Believe in him and will be voting yes.
- Hautrive: Heard this candidate in Internal Affairs. Has done nothing but exceptional work in answering the questions asked, will be voting yes.
- Espinosa: As a student and proud member of the LGBT community, believes in Thorpe to get the job done. Known him for some time and seen his character, values, and work ethic to represent everyone on campus.
- Puwalski: Conducted himself well throughout this process; a lot of the questions asked were quiz questions that you can find in the handbook. Shown qualifications. He can always refer back to the handbook; some questions were unfair. Will vote yes.
- Con for Candidate Thorpe:
  - Pfeuffer-Ferguson: At the beginning of this meeting, the importance of respect was brought up. Myself and many others feel disrespected by the forwarding of this candidate once again. Want to say this in the most respectful way possible, but after listening to answers tonight, 2 weeks ago, and hearing about the lack of responsibilities fulfilled by him in the past, this seems disrespectful and questioning of our competence and ability to do our jobs as Senators. We voted no on this 2 weeks ago, and yet here we are again even though other people applied and were interviewed for this position. They showed their passion for this position and they were also disrespected, and these are people we represent.
  - Lessard: Disrespectful to have a candidate reforwarded to us that we already voted no on, especially when there were a total of 4 applicants. They could have forwarded one of the others who applied. Quoting Internal Affairs minutes: When asked about his motivations, candidate said he is "interested in seeing what it would be like to be Student Body Treasurer, and comfortable in an executive role." Not comfortable with that being the motivation behind Deputy Treasurer; important job on this campus, especially with Student Body Treasurer Gray on summer leave, there are many other things to be motivated by. You can be motivated by helping students, seeing better financial literacy on campus, so when asked about motivations it makes me uncomfortable and will be voting no.
- Pro for Candidate Thorpe:
  - Randall: Have not made up mind on vote, but want to note that this candidate brought up the importance of financial literacy and financial literacy workshops in Internal Affairs. The Career Center has already made this a priority of theirs, the Senate should made it a priority to work with the Career Center to fund those initiatives. Glad to see someone in SGA caring about these workshops. The Student Engagement Ambassadors did an SGA funding workshop this past spring semester, would love to see the Executive Branch take that over. I appreciate that this candidate brought that up.
  - Espinosa: Was at the Internal Affairs hearing. In reference to statements made in con, this candidate's motivations were taking a bit out of context, and I mean that in the most respectful way possible. Voted for him in that meeting and will be voting for him again tonight. His motivation was phrased in a way that did not seem the most favorable.
  - West: Heard this candidate in Internal Affairs, he is qualified and has good intentions. He should be respected amongst the rest of us. Will vote in pro.
- Con for Candidate Thorpe:
  - Linsky: Do not know the candidate very well: before last week, knew next to nothing about him except that he was a Senator, and probably would have voted yes to be cordial. Last meeting he had a legitimately bad interview. This week was a little bit better, his opening statement was there but still too much to overlook. Previous speaker said the candidate was asked quiz questions, but when asked about the team he referenced previously, he said there was not a team. Talked about not submitting legislation every single day, then said he never submitted legislation at all. Do not know why this is the one candidate we need to focus on in a school of over 30,000 people. Do not know why other candidates were not forwarded.

Seems like he is very well liked by certain people, but they are not the ones who worked with them in the Senate. Senate is not a turnstile; we do not simply approve every single candidate put before us. We are genial for the most part; last week, we confirmed everyone except this person, yet here he is again. Do not understand why it is bad to criticize somebody for missing meetings and not being involved with their responsibilities. If you cannot criticize them for that when they are up for confirmation, what can you criticize a Senator for? Is that not just an incentive to slack off and not do our jobs if you are close enough with the right people. Will not vote yes.

- Hunter: **POI** for the Internal Affairs Chair and Vice Chair, are the Internal Affairs minutes accurate? It seems there are a lot of discrepancies. Considering they were signed and posted to the website, confused with what is accurate.
  - T. Murray: Yes, minutes are accurate. My job as Vice Chair is to attend every meeting and take minutes. Not something I have done before but have come to every meeting, sat at my computer, typed the minutes, and afterwards spent hours polishing them and submitting them to the necessary people. Was also asked to take Rules & Calendar committee minutes, so do not think there is a problem with my minutes.
  - Nasworthy: Only one discrepancy, a point of clarification that was left out. This was brought to my attention tonight, after minutes were posted.
- Hunter: **POC**, Candidate Thorpe has shaken his head to indicate that the minutes are not correct. Senator Espinosa has indicated that the minutes are not correct. Senator Soto has indicated that the minutes were not correct. Confused about these minutes that we were given as guiding principle for this meeting.
- Edouard: **POC**, in Internal Affairs, asked Thorpe about his interview minutes that stated he wanted a future in SGA, and asked him to elaborate on what that future is. It was this question to which he responded with his goal of Student Body Treasurer.
- T. Murray: **POC**, committee minutes are not meant to be exact transcripts, they are notes and not meant to be completely thorough. Believe they are correct. At the next Internal Affairs meeting, will record the meeting to send upon request and can be posted online. Please let me know of any discrepancies, and will do anything I can to do better next time. Have a template with Chair's signature that was sent to me so that I did not have to ask for it every time; will send to the Chair to sign each time going forward.
- Harmon: Rhetorical question for the Senate, why is this just now being brought up? You all should have read these minutes ahead of time, found these discrepancies, and gotten them corrected before the meeting as to not waste time.
- Marcus: **POPP**, an error in these minutes is that this candidate served on Finance committee rather than the Budget committee. An error in these minutes is not the response to a question that is asked, and I have faith in the Vice Chair's minutes.
- T. Murray: **POC**, believe someone said that the candidate was on Finance committee as a mistake. Included what was said, whether or not it was factual.
- Harmon: **POC**, this candidate was on the Budget committee.
- Tackett: Spoke last week in con and expressed discontent with qualifications of this candidate. Did not and will not personally tear down the candidate or humiliate him. The candidate is a great person, my comments are directed at the qualifications needed for this very important position. As a member of Budget, we are all knowledgeable of the budget funding and creation. Being a member is not sufficient for essentially becoming the acting Treasurer. This is a complex position, preferably requires union, RSO, and funding board experience.
- Pro for Candidate Thorpe:
  - No speakers
- Con for Candidate Thorpe:
  - Soto: Expresses concerns as the Finance committee Vice Chair who spent over 30 hours revising finance code, candidate does not know what the finance code is and what it exemplifies. It talks about the Student Body Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer quite a bit. Frustrated that Executive Branch does not trust Senate and resent this candidate, even

though 3 other applicants (including the former Finance committee Chair) applied for this position. Where is the faith? When the answers are so vague that we need to keep questioning, leaves a bad feeling in my gut and soul. Executive Branch tells us to do what is right, and we are trying to, but then they do not approve of our decisions.

- Roy: Intends to keep this respectful. As someone who heard this candidate in Internal Affairs and in the last Senate meeting, still concerned. Not necessarily that they do not know every statute line by line or every acronym, because online resources are there for a reason, but they misrepresented themselves as someone who was involved in their fraternity's treasury department. They said they oversaw these funds when they were not, as you can see in the minutes. As much as they say this was something they did themselves, they talk about being in charge of a 6-figure budget and having roles in Dance Marathon. Do not think they are qualified, believe in my conscience that someone else can fill this role better, and that is what I will vote on.
- Lynch: Echoing what everyone else is saying, much for concern.
- Pro for Candidate Thorpe:
  - B. Murray: In support of candidate, Executive Branch saw something in him and chose him for a reason. He is experienced in many organizations. Give people grace and a chance. Confident he will thrive in this position.
  - Moore: In support, seems more than qualified and will be voting yes.
- Con for Candidate Thorpe:
  - Lynch: Too many concerns to vote yes. He is a bright individual, but in terms of qualifications and the questioning there seem to be discrepancies. Since he was voted no on in the last meeting, it would be a better use of our time to look at other candidates.
  - Bowling: From an executive perspective, find it concerning that the Executive Branch would try to strong-arm a candidate through after the Senate voted no. Came in neutral, did not know anything about this candidate. Considering what I have heard today and the discrepancies, find it concerning that the Executive Board was able to submit and submitted the candidate again. Will vote no.
  - Tackett: As a member of Budget committee, knows that this position will be an acting Treasurer position and requires much more experience, preferably union, RSO, and funding board experience. This is a democratically elected position that is currently vacant; we as the Senate are required to fill it and must hold a high level of scrutiny for it. Will vote no.
  - Lessard: As a Senate, we are tasked with reviewing candidates. Considering we rejected this candidate, to have him reforwarded is blatantly disrespectful. This is a blatant slap to the face, the Executive Branch essentially saying that they do not agree with our decision despite this being our decision. With 3 other candidates interviewed, one of them should have been forwarded. We are here to check the Executive Branch, we told them no.
- Pro for Candidate Thorpe:
  - Randall: **POC**, a lot of talk about reforwarding of candidates, but the Student Body President has the authority to nominate anybody they want regardless of whether they have been forwarded before. The Senate does something similar by resubmitting legislation that was heard prior. This is not uncommon.
  - **Randall moves to call the question, motion is denied as we are in Pro rather than in Con.**
- Con for Candidate Thorpe:
  - Marcus: For far too long, this Senate has been pressured into decisions in the name of timeliness and keeping status quo alive. Do not feel comfortable confirming someone who did the bare minimum in Senate to a position that, based on minutes from Internal Affairs, would further the candidate's political career. In Internal Affairs, based on the minutes, he said he wanted to be Student Body Treasurer, and we should not this be his trial run. Previous speakers mentioned the difference is interviews from week to week. Candidate was initially unfamiliar with how funding boards were run. In Senate, he has a plethora of absences, has not attended funding board meetings, Finance Committee meetings, or meetings. He was not aware of any issues with the financial exam that was released this past week; it is a brand

new exam that he would have taken in the last 5 days. Find this to be a disqualification because he would be the acting face of SGA finances. Evident that a thorough review of finance code was not conducted, as issues with the exam would have been noted. Did a public records request with the Secretary of Administrations, and found that there were more qualified applicants in my opinion, some of whom were chairs who served in Senate with this candidate and were involved in the financial process. However, I believe these applicants lacked political aspiration. Deputy Treasurer should not be a trial run for future candidacies. The first thing we did in this meeting was approve the journal from the previous meeting, officiating the record of the last meeting, in which a bipartisan vote proved the Senate's lack of confidence in this candidate. Do not want to confirm someone due to a time crunch; will not let the legislative branch be pressured and do not believe in gunpoint government. One inner circle of people coming out to speak positively of someone when nobody spoke in pro last week only further proves my points. The Senate should stand by the bipartisan decision previously made.

- Harmon: encourages Senators who continue to speak on new subjects, as we have heard the same debate topics for the last five rounds of Pro/Con
- Pro for Candidate Thorpe:
  - B. Murray: **POC**, the two other candidates who applied for this position are now on the Executive Cabinet in other positions, they listed Deputy Treasurer among multiple positions they were interested in.
  - Marcus: **POI**, was a second round of interviews and published application process conducted after this candidate failed to be confirmed?
    - Harmon: Not to my knowledge.
  - Harmon: All points of information are technically directed to the Senate President, and the Senate President can direct them to anyone they see fit. I directed that point of information to myself, as there is no one here who could answer that question.
- Con for Candidate Thorpe:
  - Marcus: If anyone heard my speech at the end of Senate last week, I want to be clear that this is not anything personal. Do not have any qualms with the character of this candidate, just do not believe he is professionally qualified to serve as acting Treasurer.
  - Randall: **POI** for the Student Body Vice President, is there a reason why interviews were not held after the Senate rejected this candidate?
    - **Roy moves to allow a non-Senator to speak, Lessard seconds; no objections**
    - Thykadavil: In a cooperative effort between President Janvier, Treasurer Gray and I, we felt that after the last Senate meeting we had failed to fully prepare the candidate to know all of the things that condone a Treasurer position. We know that he has the capabilities to perform in this role, and we did not give him adequate time to prepare. We take full responsibility for that. We felt the need to give him a second chance and hoped that everyone else would take that consideration as well.
  - Marcus: **POI** for the Student Body Vice President, you mentioned that you felt the Executive Branch had not prepared him enough for this role. Did you provide the candidate with preparations and could you specify what preparations those were for this current round?
    - Thykadavil: Cannot personally speak on the preparations, but Treasurer Gray wanted to ensure that anyone working on our team is familiar with daily operations. As a point of clarification, he is allowed to be prepared for a Senate meeting. This is not us going above and beyond, he has the qualifications to answer the questions and nothing that the Executive Branch did was over extensive.
  - Linsky: **POI** for Student Body Vice President, were all of the candidates for this position afforded the same courtesy?
    - Thykadavil: When we felt the need to conduct interviews, the Executive Branch will be doing so, but we also do think that after this meeting, we are allowed to make that decision for ourselves. We trust the Senate to help us in making those decisions, so I do not feel the need to justify our decision.

- Linsky: That was not the question. Can you just say no to that question? Is that possible?
  - Thykadavil: I can say no, we did not finish our process and we are continuing this now.
    - Linsky: Not for the 3 other candidates, you did not do the same thing that you did for this guy.
      - Thykadavil: The 3 other candidates were the current Deputy Chief of Staff, the current Director of Cabinet Affairs, and one other candidate. If need be, if this process does not go the way anyone wants it to, we will look forward into further action.
  - Marcus: **POI** for Student Body Vice President, because this is a part of the application process, were there any minutes taken in these preparation meetings?
    - Thykadavil: Not to my knowledge. Did not personally conduct any preparation.
  - Linsky: There's the ball game folks, now we see what is going on. Do not like having a candidate shoved down my throat, makes me gag. There was another candidate who did not get a position, who was not afforded the same preparation. This goes beyond voting no on the candidate, there is a potential violation here but do not want to press that because want to have good relations with Executive Branch. Hard to have a good relationship when this is how we are treated; we are treated like a turnstile, as if it is our responsibility to say yes although we clearly said no. Nobody at the last meeting spoken in pro of this candidate; felt terrible for him. Glad that people are speaking in favor of him now, but all I'm hearing is that he is a great guy. Do not believe he will be a great Deputy Treasurer, will vote no.
  - Edouard: Will vote no. In Internal Affairs, asked candidate what his future was in SGA, to which he answered he wants to be future Student Body Treasurer. Important to look at every candidate based on evidence rather than personal ties or wanting a position filled. Too many discrepancies right now, find it concerning that this candidate is being pushed when there are other applicants. Shady that candidates are being prepped for alternative agendas, it is evident what is going on right now. Should not let any branch control our votes.
  - Bowling: The fact that Executive Branch was able to...(time expires).
- Pro for Candidate Thorpe:
  - No speakers
- Con for Candidate Thorpe:
  - Bowling: Not been in Senate for long, but the relationship that I have seen between Executive and Legislative Branches has been completely one-sided. If they cannot make a concession on one candidate without forcing the candidate through again, shows the level of disrespect they have for Senate. Would like all Senators to separate the candidate from the situation; my corruption sirens are going off. Hope that everyone will reconsider their vote.
    - Harmon: Would like for the Senate to not separate the candidate, we are talking about the candidate and not about the Executive Branch. Not what the Executive Branch is doing, assuming to do, assumed to be doing. You can take that up with them another time. This is candidate Thorpe, not President Janvier, not Vice President Thykadavil, not Treasurer Gray. Deal with the candidate. If you feel it is disrespectful, then you feel it is disrespectful but do not bring it up to the candidate as it is not the candidate's fault, it is the Executive Branch's fault.
  - **B. Murray moves for a non-Senator speak, Hautrive seconds**
    - **Lessard objects, B. Murray withdraws**
- **Dion moves to call the question on Candidate Thorpe, Soto seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Thorpe: Thank you for your time and effort to hear me and speak on me, whether it is positive or negative I understand that you all are doing your job. Understand the reservations you have. There was no special treatment, but that is a separate matter. This space holds leaders on campus accountable and provides opportunities to serve our student body. It is special to me that I ensure the students on campus have someone to turn to for support. Strongly

believes in qualifications for position. While position was unofficial in fraternity, did manage aforementioned budget. Was a member of Budget committee and listened to funding allocation committees. Everything I have done thus far has led me to this moment. From being a young freshman from Annapolis without someone to turn to, to trying to better my university, to striving to better FSU one step at a time, thank you for your information and opinions and hope you vote correctly.

- Vote: 18-22-1
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE THORPE DOES NOT PASS**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Hunter

Sneha Kapil for Asian American Student Union Director, Ash Soto for Pride Student Union Assistant Director, Sarai Palacio for Women's Student Union Director, Christelza Janvier for Women's Student Union Assistant Director, Brandon Gabay for Jewish Student Union Director, Brooke Cohen for Jewish Student Union Assistant Director

- Opening Statements:
  - Kapil: She/her pronouns. Rising senior majoring in Biochemistry and Sociology. Served on Asian American Student Union Executive Board for past 2 years. Involvement began freshman year with Mx. AASU event, and continued involvement gave me space to reflect on my experience as an Asian American. Won title of Mx. AASU, then served as Public Relations Coordinator, then as Education Coordinator. Experiences on Executive Board have prepared me, and as a senior who went through a rough time with online school this past year, want to pass on my knowledge to freshmen and sophomores coming in to the student union. Want to create this board and ensure that Asian American Student Union is a great organization for years to come. Thank you for considering me.
  - Soto: They/he pronouns. 5<sup>th</sup>-year student studying Music and Political Science, currently a Senator to help represent LGBTQ+ community. Wrote legislation for the LGBTQ+ community, led a committee, served as Vice Chair for another committee, and served as a member on 2 other committees. Want to transfer work to Pride Student Union because we did not do as much work as we wanted to during the pandemic and want to influence and lead with experience into this upcoming year. Future projects are revamping the Pride-U fellowship program and be a resource for LGBTQ+ students, whether that be in this position or in general. Financially certified for this new fiscal year.
  - Palacio: 4<sup>th</sup> year student studying Criminology and Social Work with a minor in Religion. Been involved in Women Student Union since freshman year. Previously served in smaller committees such as Women's History Month committee, which is our big annual program. Last year, served as Director of Administration, the agency's secretary. Loves WSU. Goals include bringing WSU into advocacy and intersectionality, as these terms are broad but overlooked. Especially considering freshmen coming in, as well as sophomores getting their first campus experience this year, it will be important to educate on these subjects. Look forward to bringing WSU in that direction with events and co-sponsorships.
  - C. Janvier: Upcoming senior majoring in Editing, Writing & Media. Past leadership involvements include Vice President of Public Relations for Garnet & Gold Key Leadership Honorary Society, President's Ambassador for the Student Alumni Association, Student Coordinator for the F-Gen to FSU program in the CARE Department, and Historian for Women Student Union. To me, WSU is a safe space to progress the status of women through advocacy and exposure of women's issues on campus, in the Tallahassee community, and globally. I seek to further this through intentionality of every statement we put out, graphics we share, and events we put on. We must consistently act as an agent of change and ensure all components fall in line with the values and mission of WSU. Appreciate the time spent to get to know me and consider me, as well as your dedication to the student body.
  - Gabay: He/him pronouns. Rising senior, Media & Communications Studies major with a minor in Jewish Studies. Began Jewish leadership in high school as a member of several



youth groups, and joined Executive Boards of these groups to eventually reach the North American level in some. Became the Social Action & Philanthropy Intern at Hillel once coming to FSU, then served as Vice President of Ritual & Jewish Education. Now serving as liaison between Jewish Student Union and Hillel. Over this past year, seen Jewish Student Union grow from an RSO to an agency, and during that time served as the chair of a committee, Vice President of Programming, and President of Jewish Student Union. Financially certified for this new fiscal year. Want to work on educating student body, cultivating relationships with other organizations through intersectional programming with other agencies and other identity-based organizations, and build JSU to be strong for years to come.

- Cohen: Senior, double-majoring in Political Science and International Affairs. Enrolled in Global Citizenship Certificate Program. Would like this position because I believe I am qualified; has been involved in Jewish Student Union since it began. Joined as a general member, joined a committee, then became chair of that committee. In January of this year, became Vice President of Programming while JSU was still an RSO. Basically held every position level within the agency, and because of that, have a firm grasp of what it means to be a part of JSU from multiple perspectives. This brings unique opportunity to help other members to grow and find their place in the union. As Assistant Director, focus on education of JSU members and student body. Want to educate student body on who Jews are, what Judaism is, our history, what challenges we face, and how to be a good Jewish ally. Hope to collaborate with other student unions on programs to promote the intersectionality that exists between all our wonderful unions at FSU.

- Questions:

- Marcus: for all candidates, one of the biggest things that agencies are tasked with is walking the line of intersectionality around campus. Intersectionality is a buzzword that is thrown around often and everyone has their own definition, so what is your personal definition of intersectionality?
  - Kapil: Involves looking at the overlapping of identities as well as allyship, which was discussed earlier tonight as far as listening, understanding, and taking the initiative to learn about the experiences of others in order to support them with actionable items. Intersectionality to me means looking at the intersection of identities, as explained in feminist thought. Looking at the ways that peoples' experiences are shaped by multiple overlapping identities. My experience is shaped not just by being Asian, and not just by being a woman, but being an Asian woman and what that specifically means for my identities.
  - Soto: Feel that I am the living body of intersectionality as a white, Hispanic, and LGBTQ+ person. Feel that I must choose my battles as to how I can fit in, and it should not be that way. Everyone should embrace themselves and who they are as a person without needing to choose which communities to be a part of. Intersectionality is a buzzword and should not be thrown around so much, but is also not taught enough in educational systems. Tying into critical race theory, it needs to be taught more. I need to educate myself more on it because I feel that I do not know the full and true meaning behind it, but willing to learn anything. I feel that I am the living embodiment of my own definition of intersectionality.
  - Palacio: Like the previous candidate said, I feel that I am a living embodiment of intersectionality. While it may be a buzzword on FSU's campus, it is something that WSU emphasizes and tries to promote heavily. Creating trainings for incoming Executive Board to understand what it is because it is especially relevant to WSU. Anyone can be a feminist, anyone can be a woman, there are so many meanings of 'woman' and 'womanhood'. My definition of 'woman' may not be the same as what another student thinks, so intersectionality is something we try to promote because you do not need to be what you think a cisgender woman needs to be presented as in order to be a part of WSU. WSU is unique in the sense that anyone can be a part of

- WSU and all other agencies have members who are women. Intersectionality is something I hope WSU can encourage students to engage in.
- C. Janvier: Intersectionality ties into how my experiences as a Black woman are not identical to those of a white woman. Understanding how my identities all play a role into my experiences with my community. It is especially important for WSU to highlight intersectionality because white women are known to be higher up in social stature, so we must understand how other identities such as race, class, etc. play a role in the advancement of all women.
  - Gabay: Intersectionality is different for me because I am white and there is much privilege that comes with my skin color. Speaking specifically from my Jewish roots, similar to what the candidate for Director of WSU said, Jews can be found within all other agencies. It is important to explore the intersections between us because that is what makes us special, we have several identities and experiences that lead into one within each of us. It is also important to recognize that everyone has a different experience based on their intersections. I do not believe it is fair for me to explain what intersectionality is when everyone else has such a different definition.
  - Cohen: Humanity has had a bad track reputation of taking individuals and telling them to choose one identity and putting people in boxes, keeping them from highlighting their other identities. Would like to believe that we as a society have done a better job of recognizing multitudes of identities in recent years. Having multiple identities is a beautiful thing because it means that nobody is like someone else, and so everyone has a different way of viewing the world. When we highlight this buzzword of intersectionality, we get new perspectives that we never would have seen because we are no longer putting people in boxes.
- Edouard: For all candidates, what are some events and ideas you have for your position?
    - Kapil: A lot of the events that we have are annual, such as Lunar Banquet, Fall formal, Asian-American art showcase, looking forward to continuing these. Want to create new educational events in collaboration with Executive Board members and ensure that their voices are heard as well. My ideas include working with Office of Governmental Affairs to great an agency day to get agency members more involved in political process. Last semester tried to work with WSU and CHAW to have a sexual health & healthy relationships event, would like to see this in the upcoming year. Would like to encourage collaboration between our affiliates because the identity of being Asian is very diverse; we have 11 affiliates representing unique cultures and would like to see the intersection of cultures within being Asian American.
    - Soto: Schedule meetings with the 3 affiliates we have, their Executive Boards and specifically their Presidents to collaborate and assist them better. Want to revamp the Pride-U program; we did not do this at all last year due to the pandemic and lack of interest, but super passionate about it. Especially because I used to be studying to become a teacher; well versed in making curriculum and making it fun, while letting students be themselves and embracing identities. Want to make Queer Femina Perfecta, one of Pride's identity nights, an RSO of its own. Will talk to the facilitator of this identity night tomorrow to ask what I can do to help and how we can bring more attention to this. Said this in Internal Affairs but will say it again; want to work with Capital T, an LGBTQ+ community in Tallahassee to incorporate them into our drag shows or even as a separate event. Not much Queer sexual education, want to bring that as well to FSU.
    - Palacio: Typically, WSU has one major event: Women's History Month. Want to revamp kNOw More campaign, strengthen partnerships with other agencies (especially Pride) to promote intersectionality. We have 2 Executive Board retreats coming up; have not yet heard the ideas of other members and want to hear their input. Want to have small events and co-sponsorships during the fall, leading up to March. Unfortunately, did not get to do anything this past month for Pride Month &

Caribbean History Month, but we will celebrate identity-based months in the fall since women identify as other identities as well.

- C. Janvier: High priority on increasing professional development and bonding initiatives for members. As an Executive Board, we get a lot of those opportunities, but our members do not necessarily see as many opportunities. Important to recognize that the work does not stop at the hands of the Director and myself; want to do my part in nourishing the leaders of tomorrow, and this means offering these professional development and bonding experiences. Mentioned this in Internal Affairs, but also want to bring community service initiatives; it is important to recognize as student leaders that we are nothing without the community we represent. Giving back to the community as much as possible is of high priority; WSU has done drives for specific holidays in the past, but we did not get to do these this past year, so will bring those back.
- Gabay: As our first year as an agency, the events we put on this year will set the stage for years to come. Want to put on a program series with each of the agencies and other interested identity-based organizations (we have already started with the Women Student Union) about Jews of other identities. The Jewish Student Union Assistant Director candidate has taken charge with that in the past. This past year, hosted a Holocaust survivor on Zoom, which was a very successful program and hope to do it again in January for International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Want to educate student body about diversity of Jewish community; Jews can be ethnically Jewish, culturally Jewish, spiritually Jewish, and these things can intersect but do not have to. Want to educate on rich history of the identity and ensure that those who want to learn have the resources and opportunities to do so.
- Cohen: Since the previous candidate brought it up: back in February, the series of programs to highlight Jewish intersectionality kicked off with Women Student Union while I was Vice President of Programming. This was a great event, well enjoyed, and we hope to continue this series to showcase the beauty of intersectionality within the Jewish community. Beyond that, as Assistant Director, expect to take a role in the education of the student body through programs on who the Jewish people are, what it means to be Jewish, our history, our challenges, the beauty of being Jewish, our holidays and celebrations. Would love to have a program that dives deep into Jewish diaspora languages; there are over half a dozen at least, but most people are only aware of Yiddish and Ladino so I would love to highlight some of the lesser-known diaspora languages within the community.
- Pfeuffer-Ferguson: For all candidates, we often see an influx of interest in agencies around election time; want to know if you will each commit to ensuring agencies are not used for SGA political purposes when it comes to party motives. Just a yes or no answer will suffice.
  - Kapil: Yes
  - Soto: 100% yes.
  - Palacio: Yes
  - C. Janvier: Of course, yes
  - Gabay: Yes, 100%
  - Cohen: Yes, absolutely.
- Edouard: For all candidates, How do you plan to improve how SGA works with RSOs under your agency?
  - Kapil: As Director, would get the chance to work closely with affiliate Executive Boards. Having served as Vice Chair of RTAC for the past 2 years, I know how affiliates can apply for funding and navigating the financial process. This is a big resource for affiliate organizations. One of our affiliates, the Vietnamese Student Association, attends a lot of regional conferences. Others put on their own cultural banquets, which they need PAC funding for. Look forward to using my experience to help them. Having been on this Executive Board for 2 years prior and in other leadership capacities, excited to put on our semesterly Affiliate Leadership Summit,

which provides training and resources for our affiliates. Looking forward to planning this and ensuring that our affiliates have everything they need to succeed.

- Soto: with experience being in Finance Committee for almost a year, along with attending a couple of PAC and RTAC meetings, knows finance code and financial certification manual. Would be able to use that knowledge to educate my treasurer and my affiliates in Pride Student Union on how funds can be used, encourage them to attend workshops, and how to get funding. My experience here, along with experiences from other leadership positions, allow me to help other people understand the funding process and how SGA works.
  - Palacio: Affiliate program is disorganized right now because a lot of people who identify as women also identify with other agencies as well, so they would rather be affiliated with the other agency (which is totally fine). One of our main concerns is deciding whether we will revamp our affiliate program, and if so, how we will do that. Have people on team who have experience in SGA, as well as myself, so we are familiar with the financial process. Our Director of Treasury, pending confirmation, is very experienced in SGA. Other members are not necessarily in finance roles, and some have SGA experience, so we are confident that we will know what to do when the time comes.
  - C. Janvier: Like the previous candidate said, that is in gray area right now so deciding how we want to move forward with that is a priority. As of now, relying on and referring to the specific Executive Board members we have, in terms of reaching out to different RSOs, like our External Affairs Coordinator and Political Actions Chair (who sits in on Senate meetings), so increasing that line of communication so we understand how our community needs us to show up and what they expect of us.
  - Gabay: Something that is unique to the Jewish Student Union as an agency is that instead of affiliates, we have the Advisory Council, which was crafted to ensure that the Jewish community is being accurately represented by our Executive Board and that we are staying on the same page. We currently do not have an Advisory Council put together, since the Advisory Council that we had as an RSO does not transfer over to us being an agency. Once our Secretary (the position responsible for the Advisory Council) is confirmed, we will get that process started to build relationships with those members. Although I have never been a Senator, I have attended Senate consistently since January, so I am familiar with Senate processes. Have been in PAC requesting money before, so can help our Advisory Council with those processes.
  - Cohen: Jewish Student Union is in a special position, since we are so new as an agency. We were an RSO for an academic year, so we know how to get money from PAC and other processes. Once we have the Advisory Council filled, we can start forming those relationships. Want to ensure we are all on the same page as for what we want for the future of the Jewish community. We would be a helping hand to them, as well as them to us.
- **Lessard moves to forward the candidates individually, Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
  - Closing Statements:
    - Kapil: Thank you for being here and asking great questions. Being able to hear other agency leaders' ideas on what they want to do for the future made me even more excited to work with them and build relationships, along with the new office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and start working on campus continuing my involvement with Asian American Student Union.
    - Soto: Thank you for all your questions. Forgot to mention: served on Pride Student Union Executive Board during Senate term and External Affairs Coordinator, in addition to serving as their Senate liaison. As External Affairs Coordinator, set up co-sponsorship events with other agencies. So happy to have had co-sponsorships with Asian American Student Union and Hispanic Latinx Student Union. Want to use this position as a platform to advocate for our lives in terms of our state legislature. For those who do not know, testified since January and skipped class because of it to ensure that everyone understands that I fight for all people

and want people to have a safe space coming into Pride Student Union. Will be a resource for all of you, sad to be leaving if I am confirmed. Love you guys!

- Palacio: Thank you for interviewing us, hope that love for Women Student Union, as well as vision and goals were translated well. Had much to say but had a brain fart. Love this agency and looking forward to doing something new. Noticed it was a dying agency on campus and it should not be that way. Many of my goals are not just for this upcoming academic year; might not be able to accomplish everything but hopeful that I can get things started and help WSU continue to thrive and become better than it was. Thank you for your time.
- C. Janvier: Thank you for your time considering me and my candidacy, getting to know me and your dedication to the student body. Hope that my love for FSU and passion for this agency was translated as much as possible. Women Student Union has provided me so much; allowed me to grow exponentially as a leader and hope to pass that on to other people and ensure they receive the same, if not more, experience that I had within the agency. Look forward to the opportunity to work with you all.
- Gabay: Thank you all for listening and considering my candidacy, cannot wait to work with everyone on this call if confirmed.
- Cohen: Grateful that you all stayed on the call for so long, appreciate your time to listen to us and our goals and plans. If confirmed, will put 1000% into everything I do in JSU. Believe I am here because of what the Jewish community at FSU has done for me, want to do that for the next generation of Jewish FSU students. Thank you for the opportunity.
- Vote:
  - Sneha Kapil for Asian American Student Union Director: **34-0-1**
  - Ash Soto for Pride Student Union Assistant Director: **36-0-0**
  - Sarai Palacio for Women's Student Union Director: **33-0-1**
  - Christelza Janvier for Women's Student Union Assistant Director: **35-0-0**
  - Brandon Gabay for Jewish Student Union Director: **33-0-1**
  - Brooke Cohen for Jewish Student Union Assistant Director: **35-0-0**
- **RESULT: ALL CANDIDATES PASS**
- President Harmon extends the meeting to 11:10pm
- **Ash Soto resigns from Senate Music Seat 1**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Hunter

Consent Calendar: none

Bills First Reading:

- Bill 44            Sponsored by Senator Barrett (P)  
Amending Statute 1011.4 governing The Veterans Student Union (VSU) to reflect the official addition of a Public Relations and Marketing Officer Executive Board position. **REFERRED TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS THEN JUDICIARY, 07.07.**
- Bill 45            Sponsored by Senator Linsky (P)  
To reduce the statutory burdens surrounding The Office of the SGA General Counsel to increase the probability of compliance. **REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, 07.07.**

Bills Second Reading:

- 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.**

**Marcus moves to table Bill 42 until next week, Lessard seconds, no objections**

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.**

**Marcus chooses to table Bill 43.**

Constitutional Amendments:

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, 06.05.**

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.**

**Myers chooses to table Resolution 40.**

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. PASSED IN SLAA, 06.05.**

- Opening Statement:
  - Marcus: Not sure how many of you follow the FSU History account on Instagram, but a rather concerning fact about our university's history and our state's history was brought to my attention through that account. The university participated in something sponsored by the State of Florida in which LGBTQ faculty and students were witch hunted, persecuted, and removed from campus in a McCarthyism-type way. Had never heard of this. Upon further research, the state has never apologized for it and have never seen the university apologize for its actions in it. There was a virtual event held by FSU's Honors program this past semester in which it was discussed. FSU did not recognize Pride Month on very many of its social media accounts, and the combination of that with this discovery I made gave me the feeling of needing to advocate for that community and write this resolution. If you do not already follow the FSU History account, you should; it is very informative. Wrote this resolution with Senator Nasworthy and former Senator Soto.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - N/A
- Pro:
  - Tackett: This is a great bill, this is exactly what a great resolution looks like. They put a lot of effort into this and they are informing the community about the atrocities the Johns Committee committed. Great bill, congratulations, will vote yes and encourage everyone else to as well.

- Roy: As a representative of the History department, it is great seeing a resolution like this on the floor. For those who have not read, this was a committee that went to get homosexuals and those they considered too radical for the school system out from teaching positions and learning positions. They were sometimes given the option to leave the school or otherwise were forced to go to conversion therapy. This affected FSU, USF, UF, and almost every major public institution in Florida. This needs to be addressed and this is a great resolution; completely in pro.
- Con:
  - No speakers
- **Lessard moves to pass by unanimous consent, Randall seconds, no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 41 PASSES**

Resolution 43 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P), Marcus (Co)  
 Condemning Florida House Bill 233, which bars conversation of critical race theory in Florida's public schools. **REFERRED TO SLAA THEN RULES & CALENDAR, 07.07.**

Unfinished Business: none

Statements of Dissent: none

New Business:

- Appointing Senator Barrett as Veteran's Student Union liaison
- Appointing Senator T. Murray as the Executive Branch liaison
- Appointing Senator Branch as a member of the Racial Inclusivity and Justice Ad Hoc
- Appointing Senator Nemeth as a member of the Rules Ad Hoc
- Appointing Senator Lessard as Chair of the Sexual Assault Survivors and Advocacy Ad Hoc
- Appointing Senator Edouard as a member of the Racial Inclusivity and Justice Ad Hoc
- June Senator of the Month – tabled until next week

Closing Announcements:

- Puwalski: Senator Bowling and a few others have been working on a resolution regarding transparent financial records in regard to elections. Will post a link in the group chat for questions and feedback. Want to ensure you all have a chance to see it before we get it on the floor.
- Lessard: Excited to be taking over the Sexual Assault Survivors and Advocacy Ad Hoc from former Senator and Chair Soto. There is a lot to get done, reach out to President Harmon to join. Will reach out to current members to set up meeting times.
- Roy: Central Reserves is happening next week. Our purpose is to fund university projects like Oglesby Union and Campus Recreation, items \$5000 and above meant to last longer than a year. However, we are hearing all requests submitted by RSOs, including lesser-value purchases. It will be up to the committee what we are looking to fund, depending on how much is requested for larger purchases. Want to ensure that every bit of this makes it back to the student body, so spread the word.
- Bowling: Great meeting today. Going off of Senator Puwalski's announcement, we are discussing transparency. We believe it is important to get those documents out. Many of you may be aware of the tragic Native American genocide that has been going on in Canada; I will propose a resolution and send a link in the group chat within the next couple days. This resolution will reaffirm our stance as a place where Native Americans are heard. If any Senators want to help, will send link.
- **Pro Tempore Hunter steps out of the meeting; Chair Linsky is Acting Pro Tempore.**
- **Marcus moves for a non-Senator to speak, Lessard seconds; no objections**
  - Soto: Thank you for a great year, many ups and downs but want to highlight Senators Marcus, Lessard, Nasworthy, Tackett, Nemeth, Lewis for being friends, pushing me out of my

comfort zone, and validating me. Thank you for believing in me, feel free to come to Pride meetings. Will still be here, love you all, reach out if you need me.

- Randall: As the Jewish Student Union liaison, happy that new Executive Board members were confirmed after 10 years. Look forward to what they will do for Jewish Pride and culture, especially with intersectionality. Many good events they want to put on, great relationships they have made with agencies. Highly encourage you to reach out to Executive Branch regarding concerns you may have; I have been in contact with the Student Body Vice President regarding concerns. Whether I agreed or disagreed with their stance, helpful to see their opinion and view. They are available and I highly encourage you to take advantage of that. Willing to make the connection. It is important for us to avoid sitting in these meetings and opine, and rather we should come from a place of conversation and respect.

#### Officer Announcements:

- Rowan: Congratulations to all confirmed. Farewell to former Senator Soto, you will be missed. Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc meets tomorrow at 6pm, we would love to see you come out. Senator Nemeth joined and we are appreciative of her; we would love to see more new members. World Affairs Program is looking to step up their work during the summer, so may hold some trainings in the near future. Keep an eye out on the FSU World Affairs Program Instagram if you would be interested in joining.
- Connor: Sent you all an email right before Senate about pedestrian and bicycle safety advocacy with a brief questionnaire. Not going to restate the whole email, but please read it and take the questionnaire as it is less than a minute and very informative. My program worked very hard on it. Wanted to add that we are in a little bit of a competition with the other Florida universities regarding the questionnaire; FSU is in last place so let's get those responses in!
- Harmon: Congratulations to candidates confirmed. In regards to Student Body President Janvier's comments in the beginning, it did not leave a great taste in my mouth so I will speak to her on how she lectured the Senate. I do not appreciate it, no hard feelings to her but I feel something needs to be said so I will be speaking to her directly. Treat each other with respect; I am sure you all try to do that so no need to lecture you all about that. As July 1<sup>st</sup> started the new fiscal year, financial certifications are due 3 weeks from July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please use the updated manual. I need to do it too; reach out if you need help. Pro Tempore Hunter will likely be in contact.

#### Advisor Announcements:

- Dr. Williams: Has spotty internet. Highly seconds Senator Randall's comment about reaching out to people in circumstances of disagreement or unknowing. Thank you Senator Roy for working so hard on Central Reserves; he is trying his best to ensure that is handled properly. Will give updates soon. Congratulations to new leaders confirmed tonight. Do well in your classes and have fun this summer.
- Harmon: Forgot to say, next meeting is July 21<sup>st</sup> and the last of the summer term. Please get all legislation in on time, please do not try to do it on the floor (jokingly directed at Senator Randall).

Final Roll Call: Edouard, Flashman, Tackett, Roy, Barrett, Marcus, Myers, Garcia, McFadden, Wissman, Espinosa, Randall, Nasworthy, Lessard, Condon, Wills, Rodgers, Linsky, Fineout, Lewis, Gonzalez, Dion, Hautrive, Moore, Nemeth, Barker, B. Murray, Wood, Branch, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, VanderLey, Blicht, Puwalski, Bowling, Remler, Zittrauer, T. Murray

Adjourned: **Pfeuffer-Ferguson moves to adjourn; adjourned at 11:25pm**

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