

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH STUDENT SENATE

Calendar: July 19th, 2023

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:30 pm

Zoom Link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/3575794213>

Recording Link:

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Call to Order:

- President Cofer calls the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Conducted.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

- Conducted.

Land Acknowledgement:

The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.

Roll Call:

- Refer to attendance.

Verification of Quorum:

- Verified.

Corrections and Approval of the Journal: None.

Student and Non-Budgeted RSO Comments:

https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9EVvRotPr4y03r

Special Introductions and Announcements: None.

Messages from the Executive Branch:

- Jackson Boisvert: I'm speaking in favor of two candidates for Deputy Attorney General and am excited to get to work with them. I hope you can confirm them. Thanks!

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, SGA Organizations Officers and Employees:

- Kyle Casiple: You'll hear the AASU Treasurer candidate who is very qualified and we have our trust in her. Thank you.

Messages from the Class Councils:

- Cassidy Rider: Thank you to everyone serving this Summer. We have done a great job looking at the candidates and put in front of you the strongest we found. We want to focus on looking at the future leaders of our campus. Thank you for everything tonight.

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students: None.

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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 \$10,000, PAC \$80,000, RTAC \$80,000, and ORG Fund \$5,000

Report of Senate Liaisons: None.

Report of Committees:

- Internal Affairs:
 - 3 candidates passed and Bill 67.
- Judiciary:
 - 2 candidates passed and Bills 67, 71 unamended and Bill 72 amended.
- Budget:
 - Did not meet.
- Finance:
 - Passed Bills 66, 68 and Resolution 51 unamended and failed Bill 69.
- Student Life:
 - Passed Resolution 52 amended.
- Rules:
 - 3 candidates passed and Bills 67 and 72, and Bill 73 was withdrawn.

Senate Confirmations:

1. Gabriella Behar - Student Senate, Communications Seat 3 (fall) (1 applicant)
 - **Candidate passes.**

2. Jason Gorelick - Student Senate, Education Seat 2 (spring) (2 applicants)
 - **Candidate passes.**
 3. Morgan Brown - Student Senate, Undergraduate Seat 15 (fall) (2 applicants)
 - **Candidate passes.**
 4. Kennedy Perry - Veterans Student Union, Secretary (2 applicants)
 - **Candidate passes.**
 5. Jack Folwell - Executive Branch, Policy Director (4 applicants)
 - **Candidate passes.**
 6. Ana Gitli - Executive Branch, Deputy Attorney General (4 applicants)
 - **Candidate passes.**
 7. TJ Patten - Executive Branch, Deputy Attorney General (4 applicants)
 - **Candidate passes.**
 8. Jessica De- AASU, Treasurer (2 Applicants)
 - **Candidate passes.**
- *Pro-Tempore Chehaitli administers the Oath of Office.*
 - **Candidates are confirmed.**
9. Roshu Senthil - Transfer Leadership Institute (TLI), Assistant Director (0 applicants)
 - **Absent.**
 10. Sarah Toole - Transfer Leadership Institute (TLI), Director (2 applicants)
 - **Absent.**

Consent Calendar:

Constitutional Amendments:

Bills First Reading:

Bill 75 Sponsored by Senators Gorelick, Hine (P) Chehaitli (Co)
 This bill provides revisions to attendance policies for Mandatory
 Candidate Seminars.

Resolutions First Reading:

Resolution 55 Sponsored by Senator Pedraja (P) Arellano, Bevis, Hellman, Hirji, Kerley,
 Randall, Sparling (Co)
 This resolution acknowledges the need for efficient and effective
 committee referral and consideration of legislation. It proposes amending

the Rules of Procedure to allow bills to be referred to multiple committees without a specific sequential order, requiring approval from all relevant committees to proceed, and removing bills that fail any assigned committee from the calendar.

Bills Second Reading:

- Bill 66 Sponsored by Senator Bevis (P)
The Finance Code currently says that PAC and RTAC cannot fund events that are for executive boards only. However, an exception to this rule can be made by a 3/4 vote of either funding board. This bill will end that exception, banning PAC and RTAC money from being used for executive board only events. **(Referred to Finance 06.28. Referred to Budget 06.28. Tabled in Finance 07.04. Tabled in Budget 07.07. Passed in Finance 07.18)**
- Bill 67 Sponsored by Senator Gorelick, Randall (P) Arellano, Baez, Bevis, Cofer, Fredock, Gessner, Gomez, Hellman, Hirji, Mendez, Olsson, Pedraja, Richards, Schwartz, Shaver, Sparling, Waldie, Waller (Co)
This bill makes several changes to statutes concerning the Office of Governmental Affairs, making Board of Directors no longer a major office, updating the Board of Directors Selection Process, and overhauling the Legislative Agenda process. **(Referred to Internal Affairs 07.12. Referred to Rules & Calendar 07.12. Referred to Judiciary 07.12. Passed Internal Affairs 07.17. Passed in Rules & Calendar 07.18. Passed in Judiciary 07.19. Tabled on the Floor 07.19)**
- Bill 68 Sponsored by Senator Fredock (P)
This bill provides a process for RSOs to receive money from the organizational fund, since any process is non existent is statutes. This bill also changes who may receive the organizational fund, making the fund serve as start-up funding for newly established RSOs that have previously not received money from SGA. **(Referred to Finance 07.12. Referred to Budget 07.12. Passed in Finance 07.18)**
- Bill 69 Sponsored by Senator Fredock (P)
This bill makes several tweaks to the funding board procedure to be fairer and more transparent for RSOs requesting funding. This bill also changes how spending limitations for each RSO are handled. **(Referred to Finance 07.12. Referred to Budget 07.12. Failed in Finance 07.18)**
- Bill 71 Sponsored by Cofer (P) Hellman, Pedraja, Randall (Co)
Removal of the Student Council for Accessibility Advocacy (SCAA) from Student Body Statutes (SBS) as a result of Executive Order 7804's creation of the Student Accessibility Commission. **(Referred to Judiciary 07.12. Passed in Judiciary 07.19)**

- *President Cofer relinquishes the Chair.*

- **Opening Statement:**

posted as a vacancy. (Referred to Rules & Calendar 07.12. Referred to Judiciary 07.12. Withdrawn in Rules & Calendar 07.18)

Resolutions Second Reading:

Resolution 51

Sponsored by Senators A. White, Baez (P)

This resolution aims to support and enhance accessibility to EBT terminal locations for students in need on the Florida State University campus through clear advertisement and website descriptions. (Tabled on the floor 06.14. Referred to Finance 06.21. Referred to Student Life 06.21. Tabled in Finance 06.27. Tabled in Student Life 06.28. Tabled in Finance 07.04. Tabled in Student Life 07.05. Passed in Finance 07.18. Passed in Student Life 07.19)

- **Opening Statement:**
 - Baez: This is something we've directly experienced and unfortunately I must discuss this topic with my residents frequently due to issues. It's difficult to determine where SNAP locations are, and my Head Staff did not know. It is not okay that involved people do not know where the information about these locations are.

- **General Questioning:**
 - None.
 - **Pedraja moves to enter Pro/Con debate, Bevis seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senate enters Pro/Con debate.**

- **First Round of Pro:**
 - Gorelick: This is a great idea – food insecurity is a big problem and it should be taken care of.
 - Alvarez: I'm in such favor of this as food insecurity isn't talked about but faced by many. It's important we advertise our resources.
 - Hine: This is important and needs to be discussed more at the collegiate level.
 - Shaver: This is so important because I know people who have struggled with this and I've personally benefited from EBT.
 - **Alvarez moves to amend to add as a Co-Sponsor, sponsors find it friendly.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Alvarez is a Co-Sponsor.**
 - **Shaver moves to amend to add as a Co-Sponsor, sponsors find it friendly.**
 - **No objections.**

- **Shaver is a Co-Sponsor.**
 - **Sparling moves to amend to add as a Co-Sponsor, sponsors find it friendly.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Sparling is a Co-Sponsor.**
 - **Waller moves to amend to add as a Co-Sponsor, sponsors find it friendly.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Waller is a Co-Sponsor.**
 - **Bevis moves to amend to add as a Co-Sponsor, sponsors find it friendly.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Bevis is a Co-Sponsor.**
- **First Round of Con:**
 - None.
 - **Bevis moves to pass by unanimous consent, no objections.**
 - **Resolution 51 passes by unanimous consent.**

Resolution 55

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- **Opening Statement:**
 - Pedraja: Committees can have conflicts, cancellations, or the process may simply be forgotten. This streamlines the process without a specific sequential order and allows us to be more efficient with flexibility.
- **General Questioning:**
 - None.
 - **Bevis moves to enter Pro/Con debate, Gorelick seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senate enters Pro/Con debate.**
- **First Round of Pro:**
 - Alvarez: I'm in favor of this as this has been an issue brought up to me – this streamlines the process.

- Gorelick: I never understood the order, it shouldn't matter when the committee meets.
- Bevis: This makes the process better.
- **First Round of Con:**
 - None.
 - **Gorelick moves to call the question on Resolution 55, Bevis seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **The question is called on Resolution 55.**
- **Closing Statement:**
 - Pedraja: I yield.
- **Vote:**
 - **26 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.**
 - **Resolution 55 passes by unanimous consent.**

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Statements of Dissent: None.

Announcements:

- *Final Senate meeting* - next Wednesday, 7:30pm in the Senate Chambers
 - Third floor of the Student Union

Advisor Announcements:

- Dr. Williams: Thank you all for the Special Session – I'll see you in the Chambers!

Final Roll Call and Adjournment:

- Refer to attendance.
- **President Cofer adjourns the meeting at 8:55pm.**