

THE SEVENTY-THIRD STUDENT SENATE  
Calendar: July 21, 2021  
Zoom Link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/94932697257>

**Pro Tempore Hunter begins the meeting.**

Call to order: 7:35pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Barrett

Moment of Silent Reflection

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call: Edouard, Tackett, Roy, Barrett, Marcus, Myers, Garcia, Bergen, McFadden, Wissman, Espinosa, Knyazeva, Berman, Nasworthy, Lessard, Condon, Wills, Rodgers, Linsky, Lewis, Dion, Hautrive, Moore, Nemeth, Freeman, Barker, B. Murray, Wood, Branch, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, VanderLey, Botel, Puwalski, Bowling, Remler, T. Murray

Verification of Quorum: Verified

Corrections and Approval of the Journal 7-7-21: **Edouard moves to approve the journal, Puwalski 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)

- Judy Pierre: A student from FSU, along with a student from FAMU, speak on the tragedy that occurred in Haiti recently from the Haitian perspective. Urge Senators to listen to Haitian voices, pass meaningful legislation, and support the resolution sponsored by Senators Edouard and Lewis.

Special Introductions and Announcements: None

Messages from the Executive Branch: None

Edouard: **POO**, a student wanted to make a comment.

**Marcus moves to unlock the calendar and return to Student and Non-Budgeted RSO Comments, Edouard seconds; no objections**

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

Messages from the Executive Cabinet:

- Secretary of Diversity & Equity Brianne Basdeo: Here to give Executive Branch updates and show support for the candidates being confirmed this evening.

**Zoom meeting ends and kicks everyone off the call as Secretary of Diversity & Equity Brianne Basdeo was speaking. Meeting comes back online after a few minutes.**

**Marcus moves for a quorum call, Lessard seconds; no objections. 3-minute recess starting at 7:52pm.**

Marcus says the link in the Canvas calendar was not correct, but the link on the website is.

7:55PM Quorum Call: Flashman, Tackett, Roy, Barrett, Marcus, Myers, Garcia, Lynch, Bergen, McFadden, Wissman, Espinosa, Kynazeva, Lessard, Condon, Rodgers, Lewis, Gonzalez, Dion, Hautrive, Moore, Nemeth, Freeman, Barker, B. Murray, Wood, Branch, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, VanderLey, Puwalski, Bowling, Remler, T. Murray

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- Secretary of Diversity & Equity Brianne Basdeo: Delivering a message from Treasurer Gray; once SAP representatives are chosen, they are allowed to elect a chair. Deputy Treasurer applications close tomorrow. Vice President Thykadavil is working with Dr. Hecht to choose an artist who will create a piece for the new Student Union that will commemorate the Seminole Tribe of Florida, as well as solidifying Welcome Week events with Student Boosters and events with each agency that signify the culture and experience of FSU. President Janvier, the FSA retreat will be this weekend. All Cabinet members have been working on solidifying Welcome Week events. We now have a Minutes tab on the SGA website, which we are excited to announce as we work to build transparency. Minutes will be posted each week.
- Secretary of Internal Affairs Rudolph: Great to see you all again. Working on graduate student survey and would like input. If you are a graduate student, know a graduate student, or just a student wanting to help, reach out! Looking for help in writing questions and promoting. Want to meet with current Chairs and Vice Chairs to work towards better relationships. Although summer Senate is coming to a close, the time for change never does, and would like to get a head start on ideas for fall semester.

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: Met twice since last Senate meeting, passed Bills 44 and 45.
- Internal Affairs, report made by Chair Nasworthy: Met twice, once on Monday and also on the previous Monday. Confirmed 10 or 11 agency directors, and the Attorney General candidate.
- Budget, report made by Senator Rodgers: Did not meet.
- Finance, report made by Chair Marcus: Met twice since last Senate meeting. Last Wednesday to elect new Vice Chair Pfeuffer-Ferguson, add Land Acknowledgment to Rules of Procedure, and have round-table discussion regarding changes to Finance Code. Met immediately before this meeting at 6pm to forward a PAC candidate.
- Student Life & Academic Affairs, report made by Chair B. Murray: Met Monday at 6pm, tabled Resolutions 18 & 43.
- Rules & Calendar, report made by Pro Tempore Hunter: Forwarded a candidate for Arts & Sciences Summer Senate Seat 10.
- Racial Inclusivity and Justice Ad Hoc, report made by Chair Hunter: Had an informal meeting on Friday to discuss the Aramark contract that FSU is in and plans for the fall. If you would like to join, please message President Harmon.
- Sexual Assault Survivors and Advocacy Ad Hoc, report made by Chair Lessard: Will meet Wednesday at 7:30pm. If you would like to join, please message President Harmon.
- Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc, report made by Chair Linsky: Met 3 times since the last Senate meeting. Completed first run of our Rules of Procedure. Will meet again Thursday to have spirited debate about whether to keep all standing committees the way they are. If you are interested in whether we need both Budget and Finance committees, please join us on Zoom, Thursday at 6pm. To celebrate

the summer, afterwards we will be going somewhere (but in order to find out where, you must come to the meeting).

#### Senate Confirmations:

Alexander Simon for Arts & Sciences Summer Senate Seat 10, Amanda Press for Jewish Student Union Secretary, Caroline Martins for Hispanic/Latinx Student Union Assistant Director

- Opening Statements:

- Simon: Likes to be called Alex and uses he/him pronouns. 19 years old, rising sophomore at FSU. Happy to be here, appreciate the opportunity and everyone's time.
- Press: Currently working as a sleep-away camp counselor, so Wi-Fi may be unstable. Rising sophomore at FSU. Has been a part of Jewish Student Union for a while, and looking to be confirmed as Secretary. From Chicago, majoring in Business Management and minoring in Commercial Entrepreneurship. Jewish Student Union is important to me because throughout high school and college so far, being a part of the Jewish community has been important to me. In high school, was in BBYO and Jewish Cultural Club, where I held numerous board positions that helped me learn more about the Jewish community and helped me grow my own Jewish identity, making me passionate about Jewish Student Union. Knew that I wanted to continue my involvement in Jewish life in college, so got involved in Jewish Student Union by running for and serving as Vice President of Outreach when JSU was still an RSO. Has been a positive experience for me. As Secretary, Hope to focus on expanding Jewish Student Union's Advisory Council, which is a big support system for JSU and connects the FSU Jewish community. Important that I help to expand this to create more harmony among Jewish RSOs and ally organizations on campus. Want to prioritize preventing anti-Semitism at FSU. Was financially certified in the previous fiscal year, and will get recertified once I have more stable internet connection.
- Martins: Goes by Caro. Senior at FSU studying International Affairs with a minor in Hospitality and Italian. Has been a part of Hispanic/Latinx Student Union for the past 4 years and served as Programming Coordinator and Pageant Coordinator this past year. Also involved in Phi Mu Fraternity, Circle K International, and the Brazilian Student Association. Passionate about FSU and HLSU because it gives me a sense of identity, especially coming from a cultural hub like South Florida and coming to Tallahassee to experience a reverse culture shock. HLSU is a safe haven for many who identify as Hispanic and Latinx, as we are away from our families and friends. In this position, would like to give back to HLSU as much as it has given to me; want to be a resource to students feeling isolated from their cultures or those who want to learn about Hispanic/Latinx cultures. Want to ensure the community's voice is heard.

- Questions:

- Myers: for Candidate Press, Would you like to share more about your goals?
  - Press: As Secretary, main role is to work with the Advisory Council, the support system of JSU. The Advisory Council helps support the Executive Board, and in the case of an anti-Semitic incident, they are our immediate contact to discuss with other RSOs. Expanding the Advisory Council ensures active communication and keeps JSU strong. Taking detailed notes and organization are among other goals. Although this is not explicitly part of my position description, want to ensure that myself along with the rest of the Executive Board can establish a monthly newsletter to send to members of JSU and other agency boards who are interested, to keep people in the loop as to what is happening in the community and our events. Would like to collaborate with other agencies and organizations because we are so new and want to make sure people know we exist. Anti-Semitism is not always prominent at FSU but it is a big problem globally, and would like people to learn more and how to stand up against hate. Want to create workshops to help people learn and create this initiative.

- Marcus: For Candidates Press and Martins, define intersectionality and what it means to you?
  - Press: How a person's identities and experiences come together to create the person they are, and have different people can relate to one another's identities based off their own experiences.
  - Martins: Intersectionality is how our different identities come together to make the person they are today, like the previous candidate said. This is something I want to focus on in HLSU.
- **Marcus moves to forward the candidates individually, Pfueffer-Ferguson seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statements:
  - Simon: realizes that he did not say much in opening statement. Aside from being a rising sophomore, was in Marching Chiefs freshman year and is a Psychology major and hopeful Political Science major. As a Senator, want to advocate for students such as myself who struggle with mental health issues and disorders. Want to work with other RSOs to provide funding and ensure that every student struggling with these issues receives the recognition and help they deserve to support them.
  - Press: Thank you all for being here, passionate about JSU and look forward to working with you all.
  - Martins: Thank you for your time, excited to work with you all. HLSU is very important to me and made me the person I am today. Have a lot to give back to HLSU and want to help others find the same joy in HLSU that I did.
- Gonzalez: **POI** for Candidate Martins, did the Executive Board of HLSU call a vote for your confirmation before your forwarding?
  - Martins: Do not understand the question.
    - Gonzalez: According to Statutes, the only way that HLSU can forward a Director and Assistant Director is if the Executive Board votes on the candidates and forwards that candidate to the Executive Branch for confirmation. My question is, did the HLSU Executive Board vote on your confirmation?
      - Martins: Not that I am aware of. If you are referring to this current Executive Board, that we are putting together, no. If you are referring to the previous one, I am not sure.
- Gonzalez: **POO**, this forwarding is illegal until we know that the candidate was voted on by HLSU Executive Board.
  - Rowan: Which Statute are you referring to?
    - Gonzalez: Statute 1005.4C Selection and term of Office, under 1. it states that the Director shall be nominated by a majority 50 + 1 vote by the previous Executive Board, and to my understanding, this nomination did not occur.
      - Rowan: **POI**, Who interviewed the candidate?
        - Martins: Are you asking me who interviewed me for this position from the previous Executive Board?
          - Rowan: Yes, do you know the names and positions of the individuals who interviewed you?
            - Martins: Adela Larramendi; former HLSU Director, Laura Medina, former HLSU Assistant Director, Advisor Grace Wilson, and Graduate Advisor at the time Jared Pacheco.
              - Rowan: Advises that a temporary hold be put on the candidate until we figure out what is going on.
  - Barrett: **POC**, unless otherwise said in Statutes, 'shall' does not mean 'compulsory' and can mean 'may' or 'will'. It does not have to mean that it is required.
  - Edouard: **POC**, Candidate might have been confused as to what Senator Gonzalez was asking. Can we ask her once more, did they interview you and make a final decision?

- Randall: **POI**, Did the previous Executive Board (not just the Director and Assistant Director, the board as a whole) vote on you for your position?
  - Martins: The way that people are voted on is by the Director, Assistant Director, and the 2 advisors. I was on the board last year, and I do not remember them asking me. I do not know if they asked other people. Senator Gonzalez was also on the Executive Board.
- Randall: **POI** for Parliamentarian Rowan, if members of the previous Executive Board are no longer students of this university in the event we must re-hear this candidate in a different fashion, would those members who are no longer students be eligible to vote on this matter?
  - Rowan: Similar situation happens with Jewish Student Union, and Statutes say the Advisory Council selects leadership, but the body did not exist at the time of the forwarding. So how are these nominees forwarded?
    - Randall: **POC**, Jewish Student Union Advisory Council cannot be created until certain candidates are confirmed, so candidates are confirmed by Student Body President's forwarding. Statutes were written this way intentionally. None of this goes into place after the first Executive Board. I know this because I sponsored the bill.
      - Rowan: At a loss because Statutes do not provide backup plan. Because previous Executive Board is out of office, there is no board to make the nomination. Best to table to give time for a conversation to take place between branches and advisors to find a solution, as solution is not in Statutes. Unless we have something put together, the forwarding is illegal. Apologizes to the nominee.
- Martin: **POC**, Former Director Larramendi is on the call.
- Linsky: **POC**, If we are to say they did not follow procedure, this organization cannot have an Executive Board next year because Statutes state that in order for there to be an Executive Director or Assistant Director, they must follow this process, and the rest of the board is appointed by these individuals. As a member of the board last year, Candidate Martins could not be present at these hearings regarding her candidacy. All we need to know is whether these meetings happened and hear it from someone who was there.
- **Linsky moves to allow a non-Senator to speak, Randall seconds**
- Former HLSU Larramendi: Advised by Advisors at the time to hold interviews with only the former Assistant Director Medina, myself, and Advisor Grace Wilson. Nobody else was present, but advisors were in the loop with everything. Do not understand what the problem is, would like a clarification.
  - Chair Hunter directs Parliamentarian Rowan to clarify.
    - Rowan: Unfortunate that the advisors advised this process. **POI**, was there a vote by the Executive Board on the candidates after the interviews?
      - Larramendi: There was not a vote by everyone on the Executive Board. In following HLSU Statutes, and the advisors, did what I had to do. Incredibly disappointing that I was directed to act in this way and am only now being told. Incredibly important to have a board for HLSU next year. Hope that Senators understand the importance of HLSU and these candidates who are willing and capable to do their job. Would like to know what the Rules of Procedure are to somehow make that happen; will try my hardest to make that happen.
        - Rowan: Apologize that this is the advice you were given. My job to inform the Senate of what Rules and Statutes say, and Statutes say that in order for your candidates to be considered by this body, there needs to have been a majority Executive Board vote before forwarding by the Student Body President. Therefore, must advise that this nomination is illegal.
- Puwalski: **POI**, according to Statutes, you are not allowed to be involved in interviews or vote if you are on the board. Were the candidates up for confirmation today on the previous board? If so, they are not allowed to be involved in that process, and the remaining members (Director and Assistant Director) were the only voting members. What were the positions of these candidates last year?

- Larramendi: To clarify, you are asking if only my Assistant Director and I were the ones who voted on the candidates?
  - Puwalski: Were today's candidates involved on the previous board?
    - Larramendi: They were on the Executive Board, yes. They were not a part of the interview process at all, just as candidates.
- Nasworthy: **POC**, the forwarding letter for this agency is the only one I was not given minutes for.
- Marcus: **POPP**, we have so much to get through tonight, and do not have time.
- **Marcus withdraws motion to forward the candidates.**
- **Marcus moves to forward Candidates Simon and Press.**
  - Rowan: A withdraw of the motion is not possible at this time, a suspension of the rules is necessary to go back to where we need to be.
- Randall raises a point to say that he disagrees with the Parliamentarian's ruling.
- **Randall moves to suspend the rules, Marcus seconds; no objections**
- Marcus: **POI**, can I move to forward Candidates Simon and Press?
  - Hunter: Make the motion.
- **Marcus moves to forward Candidates Simon and Press, Puwalski seconds; no objections**
- Vote:
  - Alexander Simon for Arts & Sciences Summer Senate Seat 10: **Vote count not read during Senate; see voting record.**
  - Amanda Press for Jewish Student Union Secretary: **Unanimous 'yes' vote.**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATES SIMON AND PRESS PASS**
- Administration of the Oath by Acting Pro Tempore Linsky

Julianna Strong for Junior Class Council Vice President, Ireland Hadley for Asian American Student Union Assistant Director, Daymee Sanchez for Hispanic/Latinx Student Union Director, Brandon Ocasio for Pride Student Union Director, Sam Youngston for Pride Student Union Center Director

- Opening Statements:
  - Strong: Rising Junior majoring in Marketing and minoring in Advertisement. Was Sophomore Class Council President last year, and was also in Greek Life and Study Abroad in London. Currently working as a Sales Intern for an insurance company this summer. Most valuable asset to Junior Class Council is previous experience on Sophomore Class Council. Learned to manage social media accounts, host all-council meetings, host bi-weekly class council meetings, order merch (ordered Class Council stickers this last spring that say "Paid for by SGA"). Hosted Halfway There Fair this past spring, and looking forward to hosting Junior events. Goals are to assist the President with events and meetings, as well as expanding outreach. Have previous experience with completing PO forms and coordinating with other organizations, which will be useful going into the fall. Looking forward to seeing everyone in person.
  - Sanchez: Thank you for being here and for your time. She/her pronouns. Junior studying Special Education in hopes of becoming a teacher. Currently teach 5<sup>th</sup> Grade English. Have been selected to serve as Executive Director of Hispanic/Latinx Student Union for 2021-2022 school year. Was crowned HLSU Royalty in 2020, and recently served as Professional Development Coordinator this past semester. As a Cuban American woman, struggled to find my place at FSU, and FSU has become home to me through the connections I made at HLSU. Many other HLSU students feel the same as I do. If granted this position, will use the opportunity to advocate for and address the injustices that our communities face. Goals are to continue HLSU's past work by fostering relationships with other agencies, hosting events to educate ourselves and the student body after a year of quarantine, creating programming to bring back community and reinvigorate our Familia that we have established over the years. Would like to use platform to advocate for injustices faced by those who experience discrimination each and every day. As students who pay tuition and fees, it is our duty to use our resources and speak up when our community is in need. Encourage students who do not

identify as Hispanic/Latinx to attend our events to educate themselves and educate us on their identities.

- Ocasio: Uses she/they pronouns. Rising 3<sup>rd</sup>-year majoring in Sociology, started as a CARE student, has been involved in Center for Leadership and Social Change, Unconquered Scholars, SCOPE, Freshman Leadership Institute, Pride-U, Black Student Union through the Seminole Minority Leadership Institute, Creating Change (the nation's largest LGBTQ conference), Hispanic/Latinx Student Leadership Institute, Noles Engaged in Politics, MultiCultural Leadership Seminar, Leadership Logic, and Leadership Institute. Experienced this all within my first year, and want to find a home for my passions as my journey at FSU goes on. Found this home within Pride Student Union, from meeting the organization during my summer with CARE, which saved me from unsafe housing. After serving as Center Director of the last Executive Board, so excited to continue taking our organization in a direction that exemplifies Pride. With the rest of my Executive Board, the work we will do will be monumental for the community.
- Youngston: Uses he/him pronouns, rising 2<sup>nd</sup>-year studying International Affairs and Political Science. Last year, served as Secretary of Pride Student Union. As we all know, it was an unprecedented year and a tough transition from high school to college, but Pride Student Union welcomed me with open arms. Enjoyed time as secretary and looking forward to planning fun and safe in-person events this upcoming semester. This next year will be full of obstacles and dilemmas, but also provide opportunity for Pride to revitalize and reestablish itself as a prominent organization on campus. Center Director's responsibilities are largely based on having a physical space (Student Union), so until the Union is open, my focus will be education, organization, and intersectionality. Creating spaces for conversations about the struggles of the LGBTQ+ community is the first step to end prejudice and discrimination towards our community. Collaborating with other organizations allows Pride to create space for these conversations and provides Pride with a larger audience. Intersectionality goes hand-in-hand with this; providing spaces for students of various identities and intersectionalities makes more people feel heard. We will be able to hear from more individuals and do what Pride is all about: advocacy. Once we have the new Student Union, my goals will shift to recreating a community space for our Executive Board and members. Pride had an LGBTQ+ Resource Center in the previous Union, with clothes, books, and any other items they may need. Would like to bring this back. Center Director is also responsible for training volunteers and facilitating board retreats. Volunteers once played integral part of Pride by helping with Market Wednesday, events, and ideas. Would like to bring this back, as it stopped during the pandemic and we will need help getting back into gear. Board retreats will make us feel like a family and remind us that we are working towards the same goal; would like to plan 2 exciting and welcoming retreats per semester. Will facilitate 1-on-1 meetings with each board member to ensure we are all doing our part and meeting our goals. Will help facilitate Identity Nights, and want to push Pride to be more active in Identity Nights process with more consistent and frequent publication on social media. This will increase Identity Night attendance and give more people the space to embrace their intersectionality. Overall, want to continue the great work that Pride has been doing for years and reimagine what Pride can be.
- Questions:
  - Marcus: For Agency Candidates, can you define intersectionality and what it means to you?
    - Sanchez: Intersectionality is important in all our communities. Defined, intersectionality is the intersection of several identities. As someone with several identities, the LGBTQIA+ community, the disabled community, the Hispanic/Latinx community, and embracing that nature and informing others of how this makes us who we are, how we were raised, our morals, our values, and this is important.
    - Ocasio: Queer Transgender people of color are often ostracized in certain spaces for one or more of their identities. I have, thankfully, cultivated a space where intersectionality is the forefront of the work we do. Ensuring that when we encompass such a big spectrum, all identities are amplified and appreciated in their own way.

- Makes up who we are through identity and life experiences, also tied in with morals and values.
- Youngston: Intersectionality is the mingling of someone's identities and experiences, placing the focus on the person as a whole, rather than just a few parts. Advocating for the safe spaces for these people to feel heard and seeing others like them is important. This is a big role of Pride in general, but also of Center Director position with Identity Nights.
- Linsky, with reservation for a follow-up: For all candidates, how do you approach communicating with other leaders when you disagree with them?
    - Strong: Try to take wide approach, keep everything that I believe in or want to accomplish. Keep it open ended to hear everyone's opinion before making final call on the idea for an event, meeting, project, or topic of discussion. If I were to disagree with a topic for discussion, would try to find the root of the conflict and try to understand where they are coming from because I am usually an understanding person. Typically, am able to find common ground to explain where I am coming from and understand where they are coming from. Communication and hearing people out actively is key to a harmonious conversation and harmonious council.
    - Sanchez: when it comes to giving and receiving feedback, especially when I do not agree with the person or the point that they are making, the most important thing is to think with your head and not with your emotions. This is also something that I teach my students. Taking a moment to challenge the point and not the person, thinking about what you are going to say. I am a person who is very direct and will make my point clear, without sugarcoating it. But, must remain conscious of the other person's feelings, ensuring respectfulness while being heard and making sure that the other person feels heard as well.
    - Ocasio: Starting with addressing the root of the problem is step 1. Throughout the interaction, calling in and calling out is needed. Putting emotional and situational awareness at the forefront. Open communication is the only way to hold situations together, so that both parties are heard and there is no room for disrespect. That is where amends and common ground can grow from, for situations to be resolved efficiently.
    - Youngston: Focus on empathy and listening to understand rather than listening to respond. In an argument, we often look for what we can say next rather than listening to what they are saying and how we can reach a compromise. Empathy, compassion, and working towards compromise.
  - Linsky: For all candidates, at what point during a disagreement with another student leader would you feel it is okay to resort to name calling?
    - Strong: Never. Name calling is an inappropriate way to deal with a conflict. I think the other candidates and I agree that going back to the roots and working to understand is the way to deal with conflict. I believe everyone has a valid reason to feel the way that they do and being respectful at all times, never name calling, is the best way to do that.
    - Sanchez: Never, that attests to your personal character if you resort to name calling when you are unable to get a point across. Stopping to take a moment and rerouting the conversation to try to have it again would be more valuable. It is definitely not okay to name call or insult someone, that is out of line and unprofessional.
    - Ocasio: Never, considering I am the victim of a lot of hate and have been called many slurs and endured much violence due to my identity and existence. There is no room for that, ever.
    - Youngston: Never, that is all.
  - Marcus: **POI** to Candidate Ocasio, have you sent any messages during this meeting to a Senator that included name calling?
    - Ocasio: I think the word I used, that was not as positive as it should have been, was "pathetic." But yes.

- Marcus: **POPP**, Senator Gonzalez was sent a message earlier from this candidate that contained negative words. Want to say that I do not think this detracts from their ability to be heavily involved in Pride Student Union, however I believe this speaks towards the candidate's character.
- Rowan: If I may make a couple notes for the sake of decorum, points are made to inform, ask questions, or ensure rules are being followed; not debate. Please ensure we are all maintaining a decent level of respect for each other, and that we negative language. Would hope that is not something that needs to be said, but apparently it does, so please try to keep this in mind and I will say it again if needed.
- Hunter: Decorum is of utmost importance, will not accept anything out of decorum. We do not have enough time to be out of decorum this evening, so I will not say it again.
- **Randall moves to forward the candidates individually, Puwalski seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Strong: Thank you all for your time this evening, have a great rest of your summer!
- Vote:
  - Julianna Strong for Junior Class Council Vice President: **Unanimous 'yes' vote**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE STRONG DOES PASS**
- Closing Statement:
  - Sanchez: Thank you for listening to me tonight, unfortunately things did not turn out the way we would have liked. As Senators, you should hold all of your agencies accountable because in looking at Statutes, it appears that many other agencies have this rule. Would like to see if we can recheck to see if other agencies are also following this. Not going to say names, but after looking over Statutes, and if we are able to call out others having this issue, especially those who have a personal opinion against me as a candidate and my Assistant Director as a candidate, you should be checking other agencies. You, as Senators, should know Statutes. If you are running for this position, because Senator Gonzalez ran against me, you should be informing us of this because as a Senator it is your duty to inform the student body.
    - Hunter: Candidate Sanchez, you are out of line with decorum, you cannot address a Senator by their name in your closing, please be respectful. You have time remaining for your closing, please be respectful for the remainder of that time. If not, we will have to go back into parliamentary procedure to see what can be done.
  - Sanchez: For the Senator who ran against me, you should be informing us, especially since you illegally signed up for an interview that was supposed to be appointed by the Student Body President. Thank you everyone for being here, hope that you all hold all agencies accountable since we are being held accountable. Over 3 agencies have the same statute, so should be checking everyone because someone else was forwarded for an agency with the same statute and this did not happen to them. They were not appointed, and their past board did not vote them in.
    - Hunter: We will now move on.
    - Sanchez: was my time over?
    - Hunter: Our faculty advisor would like you muted at this time.
- Vote:
  - Candidate Sanchez, via the chat: If my Assistant Director didn't even get a chance for voting, then why am I?
  - Daymee Sanchez for Hispanic/Latinx Student Union Director: **Vote count not announced during Senate; see voting record.**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE SANCHEZ DOES PASS**
- Closing Statement:
  - Ocasio: With all due respect, am I able to and in line to read the messages I sent to the Senator?
    - Hunter: Yes, if it is in line with decorum.
  - Ocasio: Want to share this to defend character. In regard to Candidate Martin, I emailed Senator Gonzalez the following message:
    - Hunter: You cannot mention Senators by name. That is out of decorum.

- Ocasio: May I continue?
  - Hunter: This is the final reminder to everyone in the meeting.
- Ocasio: May I continue?
  - Hunter: Now you may.
- Ocasio: Thank you. Continuing with the quote, “Girl you did not have to do all that to block a real, genuine leader to continue doing their work over some damn statute. So pathetic.” I have known this candidate since starting at FSU and consider them a good acquaintance. Would hate for anyone to doubt my leadership or my experience due to this small issue that was taken out of proportion, especially since this individual voted in favor of Jack Denton. Please remember that. If you would like to support a QBIPOC person who is a genuine and real leader and has been doing the work, then you are looking at a candidate before you who has done so. Thank you all, and I look forward to catering to the wants and needs of my community as I have always done and will continue to do.
- Genesis Sanchez, via the chat: This is better than Jerry Springer with the drama.
- **Gonzalez moves to revoke the candidacy of Candidate Sanchez seeing that she was not tabled and the forwarding was illegal**
  - Rowan: The statute being referenced is in regards to how the Director and Assistant Director are nominated to their offices in HLSU. Statute say it has to be selected by the outgoing Executive Board of HLSU. As we found out through the questioning of the candidate for Assistant Director, that vote did not take place, and I advise the Senate that the forwarding was illegal. Due to issues with other candidates and issues of decorum, I apologize to the Senate that I did not catch this. Emphasis on maintaining decorum and having respect. We have been here for over a year on Zoom Senate, it has gotten to a point where most of us do not know a Senate where we have seen each other in person, but we are still people so please treat each other with respect.
  - Hunter: for Parliamentarian Rowan, considering that Candidate Sanchez has already been voted on and confirmed, what do you recommend?
  - Rowan: Senator Gonzalez is essentially moving for the Senate to overturn the vote to confirm. The oath has not yet been administered, but the vote has been taken, so the Senate still has the prerogative to overturn the vote.
  - **Pfeuffer-Ferguson seconds**
    - **Lessard objects**
      - Opening Statement:
        - Gonzalez: The Assistant Director for HLSU was tabled until we can figure out exactly what happened and determine if she can serve. Nobody moved to table Candidate Sanchez, so the vote was administered, so now the only option is to revoke the candidacy. Since we moved to table Candidate Martins, it is only fair that this is upheld with Candidate Sanchez.
      - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
        - N/A
      - Pro:
        - Roy: Voted yes on the candidate because it seemed weird to me to reject good candidates when HLSU needs an Executive Board, but this is against Statutes and would prefer to see it tabled, to be resolved when we get all of this settled. Not against these candidates, but this seems to be the way to get an entire board at once in a legal manner.
        - Lynch: Agree with sentiments already expressed, and believe that there are more pressing issues for Senate to get to. Obviously the fault of the Executive Board and not the Senate, so we should table.
        - Marcus: We are between a rock and a hard place here. This is not fun to do, not how Senate should be, but unfortunately we are either going to have a violation of statutes, or we can wait and figure it out. Need to get other stuff done given that this is the last meeting. Know that HLSU

and other agencies have important business, but we either violate statutes or figure it out and do it right. Would rather figure it out and do it right.

- Linsky: We want HLSU to have an Executive Board, but you must follow statutes. It is unfortunate that your advisor told you wrong, because otherwise we would get through this and it would likely be unanimous.
- Con:
  - Lessard: HLSU need their Executive Board. If we table these two candidates, the earliest we can even start a confirmation will be in September. Fall semester begins August 23<sup>rd</sup>, with Fall Involvement Fair being the 25<sup>th</sup>. How is HLSU to have a presence on this campus if they are not even able to be an organization at the start of the fall semester? Hispanic Heritage Month is in the first month as well, a bug month for HLSU. HLSU is a vital organization on campus. Their advisor told them wrong, I think we can agree on that, unfortunately their advisor was incorrect. Should we bar and organization from this campus for an extended period of time because of one little thing? We already approved this candidate, why should we rescind our vote now? We do not need to rescind our vote on a candidate after the fact because nobody was paying attention during. It looks bad on us as a Senate.
  - Flashman: **POI**, are we as senators allowed to knowingly violate statutes in order to benefit the student body? Is that within our power?
    - Hunter: it is not within our power.
  - Roy: **POI**, is it a possibility to call a special session of Senate to reconvene to vote on these candidates, if we are to table? Would we be able to hear them next week, or sometime before September?
    - Rowan: As long as next week is not finals week, we can have a special session. We cannot have special sessions during finals week or syllabus week. The President can call a special session.
    - Hunter: Next week is finals week.
    - Rowan: Yes, next week is finals week, we legally cannot hold session. The earliest the next session can be is week two of the fall semester. This is legally binding. Regarding Senator Flashman's point, violation of statutes is technically an impeachable offense.
  - Lessard: **POI** for Parliamentarian Rowan, we only need 24-hours notice to hold a special session, correct?
    - Rowan: Yes, but Statute 400.1A says the session of the Senate shall terminate on the Wednesday prior to finals week. Therefore, today is the last day of the summer Senate session.
  - Lessard: **POI**, So it is the Wednesday before, not the Friday before, so we would not be able to hold session on Friday?
    - Rowan: Yes, to my interpretation. The fall, spring, and summer meetings of the Student Senate shall begin on the second Wednesday in the respective semester and shall terminate on the Wednesday prior to the finals week of the three semesters. Today is the day of termination of this Summer Senate.
    - Hunter: Yes, that is correct. Today is the last day of our summer Senate session, at the end of this meeting.

- Puwalski: **POI**, next week is finals week, but if we are calling a special session, I do not think it needs to fall within the fall semester or within the summer; can we not just have it on August 4<sup>th</sup>?
  - Hunter: There cannot be session when classes are not taking place. We will not be able to have session anytime between today and the end of syllabus week.
- Edouard raises a point to ask if there is anything else we can do for HLSU and suggests a recess to take the time to find a solution.
- Rowan: We are going down a rabbit hole. Apologize to the candidates who are being affected by this. We cannot have a meeting after tonight. There will need to be consultation between administration and the leaders of the branches, in my opinion, to come to a solution because this cannot be resolved on a statutory basis. The former Executive Board does not exist. It was suggested to me that the former Executive Board could send in a letter in support of the candidate, but this would not be sufficient because a publicly noticed meeting would need to take place, requiring 24-hour notice. So sorry, but this is how our statutes have put it. As Parliamentarian, it is my duty to inform Senate of what statutes say, and what is legal vs. what is not. Moving forward with these candidates and confirming them is illegal, would be a violation of statutes and technically grounds for impeachment.
- Linsky: Senate cannot vote yes because it will violate Statutes. However, certain advisors employed by FSU will be at the center of this. I imagine that there is a situation where someone can come over top and appoint a temporary Executive Board for this union. This temporary board will be allowed to operate in the interim so that the union does not miss out on their important business at the beginning of the school year to sustain their operations and compete with other unions for recognition. The hard fact is, Senate cannot be the one to say okay to this because nothing we can say will matter anymore because we will actively be breaking our own rules.
- Hunter: Making it clear and going to be strict with this moving forward, points are not debatable.
- Bowling: **POI** for Parliamentarian Rowan, could Executive Board or Vice President Hecht just approve a temporary Executive Board, until we can get a meeting together?
  - Rowan: there is no provision for that in statutes, and Not aware of a precedence for that. Believe that would be highly out of the regular order, and definitely not something that can be done tonight.
- **Lessard moves for a non-Senator to speak, B. Murray seconds**
  - Rowan: When a non-Senator is recognized to speak, that speaker can only provide clarifying information. It is out of decorum to debate.
  - Larramendi: Thank you Senate for making me re-read my statutes and trying to push forward this agency for the upcoming year.
    - Hunter: Forgot to ask for objections.
      - **Gonzalez objects.**
      - Vote: Vote count not announced in Senate; see voting record.
      - **MOTION IS SUSTAINED.**
  - Larramendi: 4 Executive Board members did not reapply to be on the board. To excuse themselves from the vote, meaning that there were only 2 voting members, myself and the former Assistant Director Medina. Allegedly, a 50% vote was reached. I do not know if this is the

way that it is supposed to go, but can provide proof of this if necessary. Want to apologize for not knowing statutes like the back of my hand and not providing this information before. However, this seems like a personal attack on our agency by Senator Gonzalez.

▪ Hunter: That is out of decorum.

- Puwalski: **POI** for the former Director of HLSU, except for the two candidates currently here for confirmation, why did other members of the board excuse themselves from the vote?
  - Hunter: if there is further violation of decorum, I will remove you from this meeting. Do not abuse the Senate Chambers. It is not funny, it is not nice. If you get removed from this meeting, you are removed permanently and will not be returning to the Senate this evening.
  - Larramendi: We did not have a lot of the positions that we were supposed to have on the Executive Board. Public Relations Coordinator resigned and Secretary resigned. We had someone fill their position, but they were not confirmed. Those who remained were not in town and did not come to interviews, so I did not feel comfortable with making them vote. They were told that they were supposed to vote, but refrained.
  - Rowan: If there is evidence that they interviews were open for members of the Executive Board to attend, and that they declined to attend, and that only the Director and Assistant Director attended, then...No provision that says they cannot vote if they are not present for interviews, and rule says they shall (mandatory) be nominated with a majority vote of the previous Executive Board. How many members of the Executive Board were serving at this time, fully confirmed by the Senate? A majority of that number is required for the forwarding.
  - Hunter: Former Director Larramendi, please answer, and only answer, Parliamentarian Rowan's question.
  - Larramendi: There were 3 confirmed by Senate: myself, Assistant Director, and Treasurer. Treasurer refrained from voting.
  - Hunter: How many people should be attending these meetings; how many people are on this Executive Board?
  - Larramendi: Including the people that resigned?
  - Hunter: At the time of the interviews, how many people were on this Executive Board?
  - Larramendi: Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, and Secretary (not confirmed).
  - Hunter: So you had 3 members present out of 3 members?
  - Rowan: **POI**, does this mean there was not an Outreach Director, Public Relations Coordinator, or Professional Development Coordinator?
  - Larramendi: We have 2 positions for Professional Development Coordinator, one was Candidate Sanchez, and the other resigned. Public Relations Coordinator resigned mid-year, and Outreach Coordinator was not in town.
  - Rowan: So you did still have an Outreach Coordinator sitting on the board, and you had a Professional Development Coordinator?
  - Larramendi: Candidate Sanchez, so they do not vote.
  - Hunter: I am going to try to make this question very clear so we can move on. How many people serve in the HLSU, and how many people who serve were present for this meeting? That is what we need to know, numbers only, we do not need names. How many people are serving on Executive, and then how many people were present?

- Larramendi: 7 voting members, 2 were present for voting, 3 reapplied.
- Hunter: So we have 2 out of 7 members present for voting, with 3 who reapplied.
- Rowan: In reading this Statute, with the numbers we have just been given, I am not counting a majority +1, even when counting those who reapplied. That would still mean the nomination is illegal. Apologies to those affected by this dilemma.
- Hunter: To make this clear for the former Director of HLSU, there was not quorum for this meeting, which is half +1. Therefore, the forwarding of these candidates is illegal.
- Lessard: **POI**, since a significant number of people resigned and so many people reapplied, and those reapplying cannot vote as it would be a conflict of interest, how are they supposed to forward a new Executive Board if they are not able to do so based on their membership status? Is there any way to fix this, maybe not for this meeting but for the fall?
  - Rowan: The number we were given by the former HLSU Director was that including the resignations, there were 7 members of the board. There were 3 who reapplied, and cannot vote. That leaves us with 4 members of the board, and the Statute requires a vote of 50% + 1. Therefore, in order for the majority to satisfy statutes, 3 out of 4 members must have voted to nominate. 50% is not enough. They were one vote short.
- Lessard: **POI** for former HLSU Director, of the 4 remaining members, how many reapplied?
  - Larramendi: 7 voting members, 2 resigned, 2 reapplied, only 3 left to vote. That was myself, Assistant Director, and Treasurer.
  - Lessard: Did all 3 of you vote?
  - Larramendi: No, only Assistant Director and Director voted because the Treasurer refrained.
  - Lessard: So he abstained, technically?
  - Larramendi: Yes.
  - Lessard: Would an abstention not count as him voting?
  - Hunter: To clarify, we have now been told 3 different things with how this Executive Board ran their meeting. We are accepting what was just finally said as what occurred. We are not going to continue this for much longer. I hope what you said what correct so we can move on and do what is best for the student body. I ask that you no longer change the story from what occurred in terms of clarification, how many were present, or anything.
  - Rowan: Thank you Chair for that statement; I agree the number has changed multiple times. It moved from a number that was not sufficient to a number that was. So, asking one last time, how many active members of the board were there at the time the vote was taken, in total?
  - Hunter: We are going to do this one question at a time. Answer only with the number and refrain from elaborating.
  - Larramendi: 5. 2 resigned, 7 active, do not want to elaborate.
  - Hunter: No, do not elaborate, because 7 active does not mean that 2 resigned.
  - Rowan: Confused because we first heard 7, now hearing 5. With 5 active members of the board, how many members of those 5 had reapplied for Executive Board?
  - Hunter: Please speak out loud.
  - Larramendi: 2.

- Rowan: Conferring with our advisor.
- Hunter: Advises everyone to take this time to calm down. Take a deep breath, drink some water, eat a snack, but please calm down. I like the deep breaths I am seeing, very reassuring. I apologize to any candidates waiting for confirmation, we know you did not sign up to be here this long, but as Senators we do. Very sorry that we are at this hour and you are yet to be heard, my most genuine and deepest apologies.
- Rowan: After getting off the phone with the advisor, we agreed that the changing of numbers has led to confusion and we should table the nominations for the first meeting of the fall in order to give this situation time to be solved. We are all trying to figure this out at 10pm; not the most coherent time for us to figure this out.
- Hunter: Would hate for us to violate statutes in the meeting I preside, as that is an impeachable offense.
- Randall: **POI** for Parliamentarian Rowan, if I were to raise a Point of Order asking the Chair to find the vote on the HLSU Director Candidate out of order, because it was against statutes, would the Chair be able to do so?
  - Rowan: Yes, the Chair may make that decision, and the Senate can agree to overturn with a majority vote.
- Randall: **POO**, the vote was out of order in violation of Statutes, ask that the vote be rescinded.
  - **Hunter: The vote of the candidate for Executive Board of HLSU is rescinded.**
    - **Lessard moves to overturn the decision of the Chair**
    - **Vote: Vote count not announced during Senate; see voting record.**
    - **RESULT: MOTION DOES NOT PASS, DECISION OF THE CHAIR STANDS**
- **Randall moves to table the candidates for HLSU Director and Assistant Director, Pfeuffer-Ferguson seconds**
  - **Lessard objects**
  - Flashman: **POI**, doesn't there need to be a second?
    - Hunter: there was a second, and an objection.
  - Flashman: **POI**, could you clarify where we are?
    - Hunter: It was moved that we table these candidates, the motion was seconded and objected to by Lessard, so we will now go into debate on the motion.
  - Opening Statement:
    - Randall: We have talked about this a lot this evening, and the talk means we have not found a remedy. Since we have not found a remedy, we need to pause and look over this. Whether is be an urgent Statute revision at the next Senate meeting, or something else.
      - Hunter: Notified by the Parliamentarian that this is not debatable.
  - **Vote: Vote count not announced during Senate; see voting record.**
  - **RESULT: MOTION PASSES, BOTH HLSU CANDIDATES ARE TABLED**
- **Flashman moves to put a resolution on the floor that addresses this issue.**
  - Rowan: This is not in order and cannot be dealt with until we enter New Business.

- Marcus: **POI** for Parliamentarian Rowan, are there other agencies that this statute affects? Want to ensure we are doing our jobs correctly.
  - Rowan: For Executive Director of Pride Student Union, but does not specify by a certain vote amount so would be different.
  - Hunter: Please check for the other agencies after the meeting.
- Vote:
  - Brandon Ocasio for Pride Student Union Director: **Vote count not announced during Senate; see voting record**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE OCASIO DOES PASS**
- Hunter: was there a motion to forward this candidate?
  - Rowan: There was a motion to suspend the rules to return. Was there a subsequent motion to forward the candidates individually, or did we enter the procedural nightmare before that could happen?
  - Connor: Have record of a motion to forward the candidates individually before voting on Julianna Strong, before all of the HLSU stuff.
  - Rowan: That means we did not forward remaining candidates individually, so we would need another motion to forward the remaining 2 candidates.
- **Edouard moves to forward the remaining candidates individually, Puwalski seconds**
  - **Gonzalez objects; Edouard withdraws motion**
- **Gonzalez moves to enter Pro/Con debate on the candidates individually, T. Murray seconds**
  - **Lessard objects**
  - Vote: **Vote count not announced during Senate; see voting record**
  - **RESULT: MOTION IS NOT SUSTAINED**
- **Lessard moves to forward the remaining candidates individually, Puwalski seconds; no objections**
- Vote:
  - Brandon Ocasio for Pride Student Union Director: **Vote count not announced during Senate; see voting record**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE OCASIO DOES PASS**
- Closing Statement:
  - Youngston: Thank you all for your time and for this opportunity. Excited to hopefully work with you all and with Pride Student Union.
- Marcus: **POI**, does the threshold of abstentions apply to the previous vote?
  - Hunter: How many abstentions were there?
  - Linsky: Believe there were 10. Double checking.
  - Rowan: After reviewing the text of Bill 5, which revised abstentions threshold, this is only applicable for legislation. Abstentions limit does not count for candidates.
- Vote:
  - Sam Youngston for Pride Student Union Center Director: **Vote count not announced during Senate; see voting record**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE YOUNGSTON DOES PASS**
- Hunter apologizes to a candidate for using the wrong pronouns in a previous comment.
- Administration of the Oath by Acting Pro Tempore Linsky

Zach Krueger for Veterans Student Union Assistant Director, Devin Dawson for Transfer Leadership Institute Director, Corey Adamyk for Attorney General, Emily Boden for Jewish Student Union Treasurer, Nicole Alvarado for Hispanic/Latinx Student Union Secretary, Sai Devulapalli for PAC

Lessard: **POI**, can I make a motion?

- Hunter: State your motion.

**Lessard moves to suspend the rules regarding the 11pm adjournment, Marcus seconds; no objections**

**Marcus moves to table Candidate Adamyk, Tackett seconds**

- **Randall objects; Marcus does not withdraw motion**

- Vote: Vote count not announced during Senate; see voting record
- **RESULT: MOTION IS NOT SUSTAINED**
- Opening Statements:
  - Krueger: Upcoming Junior at FSU, grew up in generationally military family and heard my family's stories and experiences allowed me to develop a deep-rooted support for veterans and those who serve our country. This position would allow me to grow as a leader, but more importantly, give back to the veteran community at FSU. Hope to be a part of a community that continues to strive to make FSU one of the most veteran-friendly campuses in the nation, helping them transition back into civilian life and enjoy their collegiate years here. Thank you all for your time.
  - Dawson: Rising Senior transfer student from Jacksonville. Came to FSU in Fall 2009, prior to attending Tallahassee Community College. When I first came to FSU, was introduced to Transfer Student Services, where I worked as a Social Media Manager to do outreach for transfer students. This is where I learned more about the transfer experience and how the transfer population is underrepresented. I came here with connections and friends, but realized that many of my transfer peers did not. Many go to class and then home, feeling like outsiders without friends and feeling unfamiliar with campus. Developed the Transfer Student Union, where I currently serve as President, to create a social atmosphere and allowing resources to be known to them. Appreciate your time.
  - Adamyk: Thank you for hearing me tonight. Incoming graduate student in FSU Masters of American Politics & Policy program, recently graduated from FSU Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa in the spring. During 3 years of undergraduate, was in student government, in the Senate for most of that time. Served as Vice Chair and Chair of Finance Committee in 71<sup>st</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> Senates. Applying for this position because Senate made me realize how much I love serving the student body and talking to people who may not typically be engaged with Senate or student government. We are here to work for them, want to work for them and for everyone, for the Executive Branch and for you all. One of the duties of Attorney General is to help ensure that you all can serve. Heartens me to see so many Senators keen on staying in line with Statutes, love to see so many who care about doing the right thing. Happy to answer any and all questions, thank you.
  - Boden: Thank you all for your time. Computational Science major, about to declare Economics as a second major, and triple-minor in Spanish, Mathematics, and General Business. Involved in sorority as Treasurer, Dance Marathon as Fundraising Development Coordinator. As Treasurer in sorority, created, organized and overseen \$1 million budget, work with 26 officers and monitored incoming dues for almost 300 members. Created efficient and organized system. Financially certified. Passionate about serving Executive Board of Jewish Student Union to help amplify voices of Jewish peers. With recent rise in anti-Semitism around the country, important for me to be in a position to provide educational resources and mental health resources to those in need. If fortunate enough to be confirmed, have goals of creating the grounds for efficiently run position, allocating funds correctly to help further our goal of Jewish education. Want to help Jewish peers thrive at FSU, look forward to making relations with 6 other agencies on campus to create more inclusive and accepting student body. Thank you.
  - Devulapalli: Rising freshman majoring in Biomedical Engineering. Born and raised in Tallahassee, know about FSU culture and plan to learn more through Senate. Involved in Dance Marathon, National Honors Society in high school. Hope to pursue more involvements in college, including Senate and Dance Marathon. Thank you for your time, hope to make a positive difference.
- Randall: **POC**, this is a new PAC candidate for the new fiscal year. All previous candidates have been wiped clean for PAC and RTAC, this candidate would serve for the new fiscal year and would be the first candidate.
- Questions:

- Tackett: For Candidate Dawson, I am a transfer student from Valencia College, and had issues acclimating to campus life and getting involved. What will you do in Transfer Student Union to improve transfer life?
  - Dawson: Plan to bring awareness to culture of transfer students. There are currently 4 transfer organizations: Phi Theta Kappa, Transfers Helping Transfers, Transfer Leadership Institute, and Transfer Student Union. These are all separate entities, so plan to bring more collaboration between these organizations for better outreach and access of resources. Help people find a community.
- Dion: For Candidate Devulapalli, Have you started looking over the Finance Code or made any steps to prepare for this position?
  - Devulapalli: Yes. Am I allowed to mention a Senator who helped me?
  - Hunter: No, that is out of line with decorum. Going to assume that since you are not a student yet, you do not know that and have not reviews Statutes, but if you violate decorum again you will be removed from the meeting.
  - Devulapalli: Was provided information about Financial Manual and everything. Registered for Canvas to take the certification exam. Need a couple more days to read it through before taking the exam. Will be sure to get certified before school year starts.
- Marcus: For Candidate Adamyk, what experiences do you have from Senate that will help you in this position?
  - Adamyk: Since I served in Senate so long, have been around to see many revisions of Statutes that I am familiar with. While on Finance Committee, reviewed Finance Code, so familiar with that. Not memorized and always changing, but comfortable looking over it. Looked over Statutes, Election Code, regulations for unions and bureaus and branches. All of that time in Senate is beneficial because in speaking with the former Attorney General and the one prior, they had no idea what they were signing up for and what the job entailed. I have good idea of what the job is and where to go to look for Statutes that need to be enforced or in question. Always happy to help anyone.
- Tackett: For Candidate Adamyk, what does ethics mean to you and how would you describe your ethical conduct with your previous work in student government?
  - Adamyk: Ethics is basically your reputation, what everyone knows you for. Behaving the right way even when nobody is watching. Would like to think that I behaved ethically in Senate. Always happy to work with whoever, whenever. In order to be ethical, must be mindful of the situation and surroundings. Recognize the impact and do not act if you believe it would benefit yourself. Ethics is the most important thing you can have serving in any position. Once ethics are compromised, no coming back from that. Always put ethics first, be a straight shooter, people know what to expect from me.
- Marcus, with reservation for a follow-up: For Candidate Adamyk, Attorney General simplified is a lawyer for SGA. Have you ever worked with or collaborated with agencies in the past, and what is your experience in listening to communities that you do not necessarily belong to and ensuring their voices are heard?
  - Adamyk: One of the hallmarks of SGA is that I have listened to communities that I do not belong to and taken their input to amplify their voices as much as possible before. Have not worked with bureaus and agencies as much as others may have, but there are many things that people have not done before. Have had Attorney Generals in the past who are brand new law students who have never worked with agencies and bureaus before. If confirmed, one of the first things I plan to do is reach out to agencies and bureaus to offer my support and be accessible.
- Marcus: For Candidate Adamyk, do you have any connections to anyone formerly in the Attorney General role or to your interviewers? Anyone who may have helped you get the nomination?

- Adamyk: Have connections with former Attorney General, but he was not involved in my nomination or forwarding. Do know those who interviewed me, but like to believe that they are responsible and ethical. Would only forward me if I was the best person for the job, and believe I am the best person for the job and that is why I was forwarded.
- Marcus: For the agency candidates, what is your definition of intersectionality and what does this word mean to you?
  - Krueger: Intersectionality is a mix of different backgrounds and identities that come together as a whole. In my position, veterans come from all backgrounds. Sometimes older, so have more experiences. Need to show them safe space, comfort.
  - Boden: Intersectionality is super interesting. Different backgrounds and cultures coming together to make you who you are, no two people are alike. You may share one identity, but you do not share the same experiences. Awesome to learn and grow from the perspectives of others. Being Jewish, gotten to meet other Jewish people with so many other backgrounds than me and great to connect on that level of sharing being Jewish and learning from them. Important and look forward to working with this.
- Marcus: for Candidate Adamyk, this is triggered by earlier in the meeting when there were many questions about Statutes and I have had agency directors reach out to ask for help interpreting Statutes. Could you describe any plans for working to simplify Statutes for people not in the inner circle of SGA?
  - Adamyk: Definitely, great point. This is an initiative that has been brought up before, the Attorney General is to work with law students to comb over Statutes. Law students have more expertise on what Statutes should look like in order to be solid. Intend to work with law students and hope to form a committee to review Statutes and recommend changes that Senators can bring forward. Always willing to work with Senators who have any ideas. Here for you all, here for everyone as that is the job. Happy to help with any questions about wording or legality issues.
- Tackett: For Candidate Boden, what did you learn during your candidacy for Student Body Treasurer?
  - Boden: Learned a lot. Initially ran for the student body, had no SGA background and no idea what was going on, had nothing to gain from it personally. Trying to support marginalized communities; feel underrepresented as a Jewish woman, could not imagine was other communities experience. Wanted to unify student body and learned so much from talking with people and learning from people. Helped me grow as a person, not that I was not already listening to others, but changed what I thought I knew after diving into deep discussions. Learned to listen and ensure that everyone is heard.
- Lessard: For Candidate Boden, how will you work with other agencies to hold collaborative events? Being a Jewish student and also being queer, it would be great to do something together with the agencies on being queer and Jewish.
  - Boden: One of the things I am looking forward to the most. Sitting down with the rest of the team and coming up with ways to create new programs. Maybe center different programs around different national days that align with one or both of the identities and making relationships with the other directors. Have friends in almost every other agency, and love what every agency represents. Look forward to sitting down with other boards to come up with programs and combine communities to unify student body.
- Marcus: For Candidate Adamyk, you have been in SGA for a long time, and a lot of Senators' first introduction to SGA was in a time of crisis last summer. You briefly discussed ethical code and situations. You voted to keep Jack Denton originally. What ethical processes went through your mind in that, based on what you said earlier?
  - Adamyk: Yes, voted to keep Jack Denton. Happy to explain because I have no shame. Did it because was worried about legal ramifications regarding why it was being done. Met with several Senators who were serving at the time while that was

- happening. Always happy to meet with Senators whenever they request it. Was worried about the legalities of why it was being done, potential religious freedom ramifications that FSU could face. In recent years, have seen schools across Florida get sued and lose a lot of money for their agencies and organizations from SGA budget because they made rash decisions. Wanted to ensure that we were making the most responsible decision we could.
- Marcus: For Candidate Adamyk, we also discussed working with agencies and listening to students, and in that meeting there were like, 7 hours of student comments from those who were hurt by that situation. A good summary of the Attorney General position in my opinion is to prosecute general harm within SGA. That very moment was the exact instance of that. What would you do if an agency comes to you to tell you of a horrible thing that has happened and asks for statutory advice, but you do not personally agree with that, how would you respond?
    - Adamyk: It is not about my personal opinion of the situation, it is about what the law says. You are conflagrating the two votes; the first vote was on a Wednesday night and there was no public comment because it was brought up without anyone's knowledge that it would be brought up. That is when I voted no on the removal. Later that week, I abstained from the second vote which there was much public comment for. Heard everyone's concerns, and was concerned about the functionality of SGA should he stay in power. Yet, recognized issues that had not been resolved and legal questions that had not been answered. Did not know the possible legal ramifications and will never make a decision without knowing the possible legal ramifications, no matter what position I hold.
  - Pfeuffer-Ferguson: For Candidate Boden, what made you interested in applying for this position?
    - Boden: With the rise in anti-Semitism last summer both on campus and globally, and still seeing increased anti-Semitism which I feel strongly about, initially did not apply to college with my Jewish identity in mind, until my dream school was in the heart of the Bible Belt and this did not occur to me until I heard experiences from family and friends about being discriminated against for being Jewish in the south. Made me take it into consideration, no matter how religious I am or how culturally Jewish I may be, needs to be taken into consideration. Thought FSU was a safe place for me as a Jewish woman and felt comfortable coming here. First semester of freshman year, noticed Nazi flags being sold on campus and immediately felt unsafe, did not know how to deal with it and the issue was disregarded as freedom of speech. More anti-Semitism occurred, and felt more unsafe. Afraid to return to school, then Jewish Student Union reformed, which brought me a sense of peace to know there was a community. 10% of FSU students are Jewish, which is a large number if you think about it, especially at a southern school. Felt safe knowing there is a community to turn to when I felt alone, not knowing other Jewish people. My sorority is based off Christian value, and there are not a lot of Jewish girls in my sorority. Nothing bad has ever happened, but hard to find Jewish peers and friends. JSU reforming was so important to me and have connected like never before with my identity since it reformed. To be involved in any capacity I can is the sole reason for my passion, and luckily I was able to use my voice to stand up against anti-Semitism. So happy to be in a position where if people feel afraid to use their voice, I can be the voice for them. Not many people may feel comfortable being that voice, but I have been able to with a huge support system behind me.
  - Edouard: For Candidate Adamyk, seeing that you voted to keep Jack Denton in office the first time, despite knowing that he negatively impacted the LGBTQ+ community and Black students during the peak of the Black Lives Matter movement, how do you plan to defend these communities?
    - Adamyk: A lot happened that night, anyone would tell you that not a lot was known about what was going on. Since nobody knew what to do or what to expect, and for

that reason I played the safe bet to avoid opening the university up to any lawsuits which could potentially lose money for the university and the student government. Wanted to ensure that if we did something, it was done the proper way and try to talk to resolve any issues. Understand that people were hurt, I hate that people were hurt because everyone should feel at home at FSU. One of the great experiences for me was feeling at home at FSU. Want to ensure that everyone feels at home, that is why I got involved in SGA. These are difficult issues that are not black and white, we need to handle these cases properly and legally and I will always follow the law.

- Edouard: but how to you plan to defend these communities?
- Randall: For Candidate Adamyk, In terms of our branches, bureaus, and agencies, how would you represent those entities?
  - As Attorney General, my job to represent all of the Executive Branch by ensuring they stay within the bounds of the law, and be there for them if a question comes up about the law or if a case is brought. Will always do my best, if confirmed, to ensure that the Executive Branch gets the best representation they can, whether that be from me, the team I plan to build.
- Randall: For Candidate Adamyk, you mentioned a team, but we have not had a Deputy Attorney General or team of Deputy Attorney Generals in a long time. Do you plan on hiring Deputy Attorney Generals?
  - Adamyk: Yes, I touched on this in committee, it is one of my goals to reform the Office of the Attorney General. Worked on this briefly in Senate with the establishment of this office. There is still work to be done, the office must be restructured to allow for a Deputy and people who can focus on specific issues: elections, Senate, special projects, etc. Will try to put a system in place to benefit my service but everyone coming after me as well.
- Linsky, with reservation for 2 follow-ups: For Candidate Adamyk, you mentioned a couple times how lawsuits affect student allocations, can you explain how that works?
  - Adamyk: Can you clarify?
  - Linsky: You mentioned, in reference to votes you have made, you were afraid of a lawsuit that would negatively affect students. Can you explain how a lawsuit affects allocations in SGA?
    - Adamyk: Each lawsuit is different, try not to generalize but one case in particular with the University of Florida required payment of \$60,000. The equivalent of their unions and bureaus had to cut their budgets that year. Do not know who was in charge of this decision, but it had to come out of their budgets. Wanted to ensure that would not happen here because that is the last thing we need. Tried to ensure the best possible ending to the situation.
      - Linsky: You are saying that the settlement of the lawsuit were paid directly out of SGA funds?
        - Adamyk: I believe so.
        - Linsky: Fascinating.
  - Linsky: For Candidate Adamyk, you keep talking about being within the bounds of the law and following the law, yet you are not a law student nor a lawyer. None of those who work for you will be lawyers. How can you hold yourself to that commitment?
    - Adamyk: Hold myself to that commitment because of the oath I would take as Attorney General. We all take an oath when being sworn into a position. As Attorney General of the student body, more so focused on Student Body Statutes and upholding those laws. Somewhat familiar with those, so believe I am in good position to enforce those and ensure they are upheld. Have a basic understanding of state law as well. Not in law school, but understand the process, know plenty of people who are in law school, done work on similar cases that could come before the Supreme Court, kept an eye on cases as they have progressed through the court, and so have a good idea of the law we would be upholding.

- Lessard, with reservation for a follow-up: For Candidate Adamyk, you did not answer a previous question in its entirety. When it comes to marginalized communities, I understand you will stay within the scope of the law, but when a student is purposefully oppressing marginalized communities, at what point do you think it is okay to be more concerned about a university's image than that community?
  - Adamyk: Understand your concerns, it was an unfortunate situation and I want everyone to feel at home. Happy to work with everyone and know that situations arise where that is not always the case, and understand that people want to be heard and not have their rights trampled upon. That is very important, one of the most important things. As Attorney General, only so much I can do in terms of working with bureaus and agencies. My job is more insurance than anything else. Will always be happy to work with everyone, try to make everyone feel included and a part of the FSU family, because that is the best I can do.
- Lessard, with reservation for another follow-up: For Candidate Adamyk, I still do not believe you answered my question, at what point do you think it is okay to be more concerned about a university's image than that community?
  - Adamyk: Understand the concern of the university image as well, but that is not what was going through my mind that night. The thing going through my mind was the scope of the law, and the possible repercussions of a hasty decision.
- Lessard: For Candidate Adamyk, at what point do you think it is okay to be more concerned about that than a marginalized community? You are not answering my question. When are you more concerned with supporting marginalized communities than playing politics?
  - Adamyk: The point of breaking the law.
    - Lessard: We are not breaking the law. We never broke the law.
- Lessard: For Candidate Dawson, how do you plan to work with organizations outside of the transfer organizations, getting transfer students into other organizations on campus?
  - Dawson: Working with liaisons and reaching out to members coming into the program, being open and getting suggestions from multiple groups. If I see an opportunity from a certain organization or agency, will present that opportunity to everyone and keep it diverse as opposed to one specific target audience.
- Harmon, with reservation for a few follow-ups: For Candidate Adamyk, Are you a student?
  - Adamyk: Enrolled to be a student in the fall.
- Harmon: For Candidate Adamyk, How long were you a Senator?
  - Adamyk: 2 years, give or take a few weeks.
- Harmon: For Candidate Adamyk, Do you understand Statutes and the Constitution as you have learned it in the past 2 years?
  - Adamyk: Yes, I do.
    - Harmon: That is enough for me to vote yes on you.
- Edouard, with reservation for a follow-up: For Candidate Adamyk, Can you tell me a time when you have directly supported the Black community and LGBTQ+ community?
  - Adamyk: A time specifically?
  - Edouard: Yes, a time specifically.
  - Adamyk: I have always supported the Black community and LGBT community, I cannot name a specific time because I do not have one off the top of my head. Try not to keep track when I am representing them. Try to ensure I represent them by including them.
  - Edouard: Ok, how do you help them? Give an example of a time. You say you do it so much, which I believe, but give an example.
  - Adamyk: You mentioned last summer during the height of the Black Lives Matter movement, and I understood the gravity of that situation and the pain people were feeling. Empathize with that incredibly and understand the importance for change. I supported those protesting peacefully, those asking for substantive change so that we can live the dream of Martin Luther King of everyone being equal. I do not have a

- specific instance where I donated money, but do not believe that is a qualification for holding this office.
- Edouard: No, donating money is not the only way you can help, but I was asking you for a time. Please provide a time that you did support, you are saying that you support a lot, give me an instance.
  - Adamyk: With all due respect, no other candidates tonight have been asked to give a time when they supported the Black community. I understand the importance and I always try to represent them as much as possible, but I do not feel it is a qualification for the job.
  - Edouard: Ok, let's ask all the candidates then.
- Flashman: For Candidate Adamyk, if the vote for removal of President Denton were to take place today, how would you have voted knowing what you know now?
    - Adamyk: I would abstain just like I did the second time.
  - Marcus: For Candidate Adamyk, You previously mentioned that you have worked on court cases within SGA, can you tell us about those cases?
    - Adamyk: This spring, I came on as a part of Supervisor of Elections v. Progress because I served as general counsel for a party (and I no longer serve in that position). In that role, I was tasked with making sure that I represented my client, the party, as best I could. I was present for the writing of the brief, the oral argument, and the opinion's release.
  - Pfeuffer-Ferguson: For Candidate Krueger, what are your plans to ensure that you are reaching out to other agencies?
    - Krueger: Want to do a mental health program, and want the agencies to work together on this because mental health effects everyone and all of these communities.
  - Randall: For Candidate Adamyk, abstentions typically happen because there is some ethical thing that precludes you from voting for something. Why did you abstain as opposed to voting no?
    - Adamyk: I abstained because there was a moral dilemma in my instance. There was a dilemma of yes, I understand that his remaining in power could have serious repercussions on the functionality of student government, but I could not rectify that with the potential legal issues of removing him due to his religious belief. Given that those two were butting heads, I could not choose one in good conscience, so I abstained.
  - Edouard, with reservation for a follow-up: For Candidate Dawson, What plans do you have for working with community colleges and can you elaborate?
    - I plan to help create a better bond between community colleges in Florida. I went to Tallahassee Community College and they had a program called TCC to FSU to ease the transition from community college to FSU. But, there is room for improvement and I I feel that being able to reach out and making transfer students aware of their first steps will be beneficial.
  - Edouard: For all candidates, Tell me about a time that you have helped a marginalized community.
    - Krueger: I do not have a specific time in my head, it is like 11:40pm and my brain has turned off at this point. But I do hope that veterans from every marginalized community will be interested in our programs, specifically the previously-mentioned mental health program, and I know I would be able to provide an instance after that. But right now I cannot.
    - Dawson: Spring 2020, I created a podcast called Transfer Talk as an outlet for students and student leaders in the area, not only transfer students, to tell their stories and discuss issues and obstacles they face so that other students can learn from their experiences.
    - Adamyk: Proud of service to the Jewish community during time in Senate. Proud to be a primary sponsor of Resolution 59 in the 72<sup>nd</sup> Senate, which encouraged Senate

to adopt the IHRA definition of Anti-Semitism. That was a time that we can all remember and a time that we have heard about earlier tonight, where Jewish students were not feeling welcome. I could feel their pain; they came to several Senate meetings to emphasize that they were hurting, and they didn't feel welcome. Proud to help lead the fight for the adoption of that resolution, which passed, and I feel we made a big change for the community with that resolution.

- Boden: During my candidacy for Student Body Treasurer, I tried to do my part in representing marginalized communities on campus. Being Jewish, I often take the opportunity to take part in programs, learn about different issues, and use my social media platform to spread information that helps and amplifies the voices of others. I actively, every day, try to help people who need their voices heard.
- Devulapalli: In high school, did several things for marginalized communities. 2 years ago, Florida State University Schools, the FSU Lab school, hosted a Black History Month event honoring the first 2 Black students to come to Florida State University schools in 1964, Keith Neyland and Mahlon Rhaney Jr. Was involved in helping to fund this event through student council and collaborating with those overseeing the event. Partnered with the Gender-Sexuality Alliance at the high school to promote the LGBTQ+ community, helping them emphasize their personalities and what they believe. We had a fair that promoted each organization: the Asian American organization, Gender-Sexuality Alliance, Building Incredible Generations, etc. All student organizations raise money through the semesterly carnival event, which gives the organizations a platform and provides funding for the elementary school as well. Was not necessarily involved in all the movements going on, but tried to be involved in these community organizations.
- Linsky, with reservation for 2 follow-ups: for Candidate Adamyk, earlier you mentioned that damages come out of student allocations. Would you state your candidacy on that response?
  - Adamyk: I would state my candidacy on the fact that that is my understanding of it.
  - Linsky: They settled the Denton case for \$11,000 + attorney costs and fees. Why did that not come out of student government funds?
  - Adamyk: I do not have an answer for that. It could be left to the school's discretion to decide where the money comes from, I do not know. I just understand that before this happened, the University of Florida case in which the money came from SGA budget was on my mind.
  - Linsky: Revisiting this, do you think there are other ways possible and used more often than taking money and damages directly from A&S fee allocations? Does that strike you as something that is probably true?
  - Adamyk: It could be true, yes.
  - Linsky: Earlier you said that you have today the same rationales for voting as you did prior, but now having seen the case settled without touching SGA allocations, would that change your vote from abstention to something else?
  - Adamyk: No because it still did cost the school money.
  - Linsky: The \$11,000 + attorney fees weigh heavier than anything else?
  - Adamyk: It was actually closer to \$100,000 with attorney fees, but –
  - Linsky: What if it was \$1, would that weigh heavy on you?
  - Adamyk: It was not \$1, and they must have violated the law in some way because there was a settlement.
  - Linsky: No, the settlement as I understand it was to prevent it from being a public relations nightmare. \$11,000 is not very much.
- Lessard: **POI**, when would Candidate Adamyk's term officially start?
  - Hunter: From my understanding, after confirmation, as he has noted that he is not a student and not enrolled in classes right now and is in the process of enrolling for graduate school, he will begin his term once he is a student again and his classes begin. If I am incorrect, please correct me.

- Lessard: **POI**, then he will not be acting as Attorney General until the start of the fall semester?
  - Hunter: Yes, to my understanding. For Candidate Adamyk, is it correct that you are not enrolled in school?
    - Adamyk: Correct, I am not enrolled at the moment. I have the intention to enroll and have submitted everything to say I will be enrolling.
- Harmon: **POC**, we have already confirmed people who are not currently enrolled. Certain secretaries are not working yet, but have been confirmed and will become secretaries in the fall when enrolled in classes. So, yes, he will begin his duties once classes begin, if confirmed.
- Marcus: **POC**, however, this is different in my opinion, because this is someone who has graduated rather than someone just not taking summer classes.
- Marcus: **POI** for Candidate Adamyk, there is a difference between enrollment and being accepted, what is your current status?
  - Adamyk: Thank you, and I would like to elaborate –
  - Hunter: Let's stick to just answering questions, it is getting late.
  - Marcus: Let me rephrase the question, are you enrolled or accepted?
  - Adamyk: I am accepted.
- Randall: for Candidate Adamyk, Are you enrolled in fall 2021 classes?
  - Adamyk: Orientation for the program I am in is not until August. I cannot enroll in classes until August. Registered for orientation.
- Bowling: for Candidate Adamyk, are you a student at FSU or not?
  - Adamyk: To my understanding, I am an incoming student at FSU.
- Bowling: for Candidate Adamyk: That did not answer my question. Are you a student right now, or are you not a student at FSU?
  - Adamyk: I do not think I am a student right now.
  - Hunter: To clarify, the graduate program that Adamyk intends to enroll in is MAAP, which has not allowed incoming students to enroll until August. This candidate has every intention of being a student when enrollment begins in August.
  - Rowan: This is the only Statute that I see in regards to undergraduates returning for graduate school. Bill 90 of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Senate changes Chapter 404 of Statutes, which only applies to Senators, and outlines that if a Senator is graduating but attends a graduate program in the same college, they can retain their seat and take a leave of absence. Dr. Williams is looking into this. I do not know of any precedence involving this. In my interpretation, the legislative intent is that this practice is for the Senate and not anywhere else.
  - Hunter: From my understanding, the candidate is in a program that will not allow him to enroll in classes until August. If he is not enrolled in classes by the start of the semester, he would not be able to serve. However, it is not our responsibility to determine whether or not he will be enrolled in classes come fall, since he is in the program. If he is not enrolled come fall, that is a fall issue; it is not an issue for us right now.
- Lessard, **POI** can I make a motion at this time?
  - Hunter: Go ahead.
- **Lessard moves to table Candidate Adamyk, Edouard seconds**
  - **Barker objects, Lessard does not withdraw motion**
  - **Vote: Initial vote is a tie; vote is readministered. Vote counts not announced during Senate; see voting record.**
  - **RESULT: MOTION DOES NOT PASS**
- **Marcus moves to forward Candidates Krueger, Dawson, Boden, and Devulapalli individually, Randall seconds**
  - **Harmon objects, Marcus does not withdraw motion**
  - **Vote: Vote count not announced during Senate; see voting record.**
  - **RESULT: MOTION PASSES**

- Closing Statement:
  - Krueger: Thank you all for your time, best of luck to everyone.
- Vote:
  - Zach Krueger for Veterans Student Union Assistant Director: **Unanimous 'yes' vote.**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE KRUEGER DOES PASS**
- Closing Statement:
  - Dawson: Thank you for your time. With the position of Director for Transfer Leadership Institute, I hope to present as many opportunities for growth, learning, development and networking to transfer students as I can.
- Vote:
  - Devin Dawson for Transfer Leadership Institute Director: **Vote count not announced during Senate; see voting record.**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE DAWSON DOES PASS**
- Closing Statement:
  - Boden: Thank you for taking the time to learn more about me. SGA is a great place to help make a difference in the lives of each and every student. It is amazing to see how people come together to make a difference in the FSU community. Thrilled to be here with the ability to represent the Jewish community on campus and look forward to what the future may bring.
- Vote:
  - Emily Boden for Jewish Student Union Treasurer: **Vote count not announced during Senate; see voting record.**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE BODEN DOES PASS**
- Closing Statement:
  - Devulapalli: Thank you for your time and patience in listening to us. Look forward to hopefully being a part of FSU student government and making a positive difference on campus.
- Vote:
  - Sai Devulapalli for PAC: **Vote count not announced during Senate; see voting record.**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE DEVULAPALLI DOES PASS**
- Administration of the Oath by Acting Pro Tempore Linsky

### **Hunter relinquishes the chair to President Harmon.**

- **Marcus moves to enter Pro/Con debate on Candidate Adamyk, Randall seconds; no objections**
- Pro for Candidate Adamyk:
  - Puwalski: Supports the candidate as he has shown his composure, experience, and goals. Wanted to ask more questions about what he wants to do as Attorney General because many questions focused on the past. Would have liked to hear more about goals for this position. Has shown through experience as a Senator and dealing with the Supreme Court, Unions, and the political process on campus. Understands the workings of the Constitution. Fit for the job; Executive Branch shows support. He was not the only candidate, he is the best candidate and that is why he is here. He was asked repetitive questions, after dealing with the HLSU debacle for hours which did not even end with good solution, it is unfair for that to last for hours and then try to table this candidate and not give him the fairness he deserves this evening. We need to look at the questions he was asked, the answers he gave, the circumstances he was in, and realize that this candidate deserves the same respect as the others. Based on everything I heard the candidate say and his experience, I am voting yes and hope you do too.
  - Barker: He is the most genuine -
- Con for Candidate Adamyk:
  - Pfeuffer-Ferguson: At the heart of being fit for any position in SGA at FSU is the ability to create a safe campus. After going through multiple rhetorical situations with the candidate, it was obvious that certain identities were not as prioritized as others. Consider in this vote that

you are voting for the student body. We were elected to represent them, to create a safe campus for them, and this candidate is not doing that.

- Hunter: Will be voting no because they do not uphold the mission of SGA and what they have said today does not help uphold the mission of SGA. Cannot vote yes on this candidate in good confidence for my college and the people I represent.
- Bowling: The candidate is not currently a student; gray area is concerning. Spoke to constituents exhaustively about the Jack Denton incident and do not believe it is in best interest to vote for this candidate considering his stance on this incident. Siding with constituents; voting no.
- Edouard: Will vote no. Anyone who thinks that \$60,000 or \$200,000 is worth disrespecting the Black community or the LGBTQ+ community, or any community, does not deserve to be in SGA and does not deserve to represent any community. Especially when you are not a student.

- **Randall moves to forward the candidate**

- **Marcus moves to waive the remaining time in con, Roy seconds; no objections**

- Pro for Candidate Adamyk:

- Barker: Nobody speaking in con has questioned his skills or qualifications for the position, so we obviously know that this candidate has the qualifications for the position and was very prepared for tonight's meeting. Had the pleasure of working with him in the past, and have never met anyone who is a more welcoming individual than him. Know that the Denton case was a hard time for everyone, but I think people are mistaking his abstention as targeting individuals. Instead, in his mind, he was afraid he would take away funding from those individuals, and I believe this is a tough thing to account for. As an incoming freshman at FSU, he was the first person on campus to make me feel accepted. Not only as a student, but as a woman and as a person of mixed ethnicity. He was the first to make me feel that I belonged on campus and have seen him do it again and again with every student he interacts with. This is so special and important to uphold on our campus.
- Randall: We should forward because they answered the questions well. This is what I usually judge it on: the Internal Affairs committee questions, Senate questions, voting record if they were formerly a Senator. I believe, related to the ethical dilemmas that existed, there was a real legal and ethical dilemma. My personal opinions on this dilemma aside, can understand that people may feel compelled to abstain rather than vote no. It makes me feel slightly better that he abstained; if he had voted no, would be on the 'con' side. Answer questions well, and know that they can do the job. They have a history of doing the job well in terms of writing statutes and I know they would do a good job enforcing statutes.

- Con for Candidate Adamyk:

- Linsky: Still on the fence but voting no because he is technically not a student, and he strikes me as a textualist in terms of statutory interpretation. Want to ask him, as a textualist, how he would read the provision, and I think he would answer that he must read it narrowly and say that since he is not a student, he cannot be Attorney General. If that is the case, it will jive with any further opinions he has about textualism and our Student Body Statutes. I question the qualifications because none of us here are lawyers, even law students, and the confidence that he has in his answers was concerning knowing that the answer was incorrect. Damages do not come from Activities & Services fees, there is a Florida Statute that controls these fees that leaves the allocation to the discretion of SGA. We do not need a General Counsel for the university, we employ many lawyers for this. The person who does the job of Attorney General is not looking to represent the university, they are looking to represent the student body, and that seems to have been lost in communication. Tonight, I will vote no, but would probably vote yes at a later time when they are a student.
- Marcus: This is not about political affiliation, whether it be Democrat, Republican, or campus parties. I do not think he can adequately represent and support our agencies. Students have voiced concerns directly to me regarding this, saying "He supported someone who made me cry." That speaks volumes to me and I have more to say but I am running out of time.

- Pro for Candidate Adamyk:

- Puwalski: Every candidate deserves the same amount of respect. We must look, in totality, what has been said during this hearing. We must look at the questions asked, answers given, and types of questions asked. I think a lot of the conclusions that my colleagues here are drawing are a hyper conflation of once specific instance, which 90% of the questions revolved around. Not a fair way to judge a candidate or vote. We must look at the questions asked and answers given. Clearly prepared for position with experience, knowledge, plans for the future. Wish more questions had been asked about plans for the position; I like to know about the past and I know all about the Jack Denton incident, but we do not need to ask the same questions repeatedly. I want to know what his plans are in office; not going to vote for someone who does not have plans. We must look at these questions and where we draw conclusions from. If we are drawing conclusions from once specific instance and taking into consideration the most sensitive issue that SGA has dealt with in the past who-knows-how-many years, not a fair way to draw conclusions about a candidate. Qualified candidate, voting yes.
- Randall: **POI**, will the candidate be a student for Fall 2021?
  - Harmon: He is in the same program that I will be going into this fall, so if you all want to say I am not a student this August, then fine, but I will be a student. The program has not allowed us to choose classes, so for the time being he is technically not enrolled. He will be an FSU student, unless he denies it in the next month, in which case he would resign from the position.
- Con for Candidate Adamyk:
  - Tackett: Candidate lacks knowledge on allocation of A&S fees; Florida State Statute 1009.24 Section 10.B says that A&S fees are at the sole discretion of the student body to allocate. Candidate seems to talk about an allocation for a lawsuit; I sat over the Budget committee and do not recall allocating any money towards a lawsuit nor taking away from any organization to fund a lawsuit. This lack of knowledge of A&S fee allocations scares me, will vote no.
  - Marcus: If you want to hear about more instances, I have some. This candidate has played into favoritism a lot during his time in Senate, and I saw this multiple times, whether through my own time in Senate or going through the PAC & RTAC funding processes. Can recall specifically when FSU GOP was favored in funding, and this has nothing to do with politics, but someone was mad they were not funded, and I witnessed it with my own eyes. His relationships with people who have held this position and with this administration have helped him get this appointment. There was another candidate for this position, and I am confused how someone not enrolled in classes and with a record of discriminating against minority students was forwarded over a student who might be enrolled. Confused how this is the best option for the position at the moment, and that is why I am in con, not because of political disagreements.
- Barker: **POI**, can I still speak since I already spoke twice, but one time was only for a few seconds?
- Pro for Candidate Adamyk:
  - Barker: Someone in the 'con' is overgeneralizing and being biased towards the candidate. He has not done anything specifically biased towards minority groups, and I do not understand how one person in Senate could determine that one club gets unfair funding since every committee has multiple people and vote on everything. Do not think that was a fair point. If you just look at questions asked and how well prepared he was, he was forwarded for the right reasons and his connections have nothing to do with it. He is the best candidate for this position and people bringing up whether or not he is enrolled does not hold any merit.
- Con for Candidate Adamyk:
  - Hunter: If we confirm this candidate, you are asking me to look my constituents in the eyes, my black and brown constituents, my constituents in Arts & Sciences, and tell them that their grievances are hyper conflated, have no merit, and are not valid on the Senate floor. To each person who said that, just know that if this candidate is confirmed, I have to do that. Not you, not the candidate. And that is really hard to do when that person elects you. Keep that in mind.

- Lynch: On the fence. Was at the Internal Affairs committee meeting, and I think he did really well in both meetings in terms of answering questions. As this is my first time in Senate, some things were brought up in this interview that I was not aware of. I am not fully informed on everything that happened with the Jack Denton case. Cannot get behind people who have issues with minorities; feel safer voting no since I am not fully informed.
- Bowling: When former Chair Linsky was questioning the candidate, the candidate answered some questions incorrectly. Regarding the Jack Denton case, the candidate brought up \$100,000 and placed the importance of this money over the importance of the wellbeing of the student body. Disregarded the seemingly wholesale disagreement the student body holds, per my constituents, for the case.
- Randall: **POI**, the motion to forward the candidate must happen in 'con', correct?
  - Harmon: yes
  - Randall: and there is no intermediary round between 'con' and 'pro', correct?
  - Harmon: correct
- Pro for Candidate Adamyk:
  - No speakers
- Con for Candidate Adamyk:
  - Pfeuffer-Ferguson: It was mentioned multiple times that this candidate answered questions well, and there were some questions answered well, but also some questions were worked around and not responded to truthfully. Everyone wants to keep overlooking some decisions made for once instance, but this instance was major. It was not a petty disagreement over a small amount of organizational funding, this was against certain groups in our community. Some of you do not have any idea what that struggle and experience is like. Looking at our constituents and identities who have expressed grievances, imagine having to go through that struggle again in having someone who did not go against discriminatory action in this position. This affects so many lives, step outside of your own bubble to put yourself in the shoes of those who have faced these things.
  - Roy: As someone who was present at Internal Affairs and again tonight, it boils down to whether we want this candidate to represent our student body. That is what this position is; it is not just for Executive Branch, and administration has their own lawyers. This is for our student body, and I do not believe this candidate represents the values we would want to see defended.
  - Edouard: Disappointed. We must stop overlooking Black lives and LGBTQ+ lives. For people to say that he spoke well is sad. As a Black woman on campus, it is not easy and people like Candidate Adamyk make it even harder. Voting no.
- **T. Murray moves to forward the candidate, Marcus seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Adamyk: So many points were brought up, wish I had all the time in the world to address them. Never played favoritism, never would have tried. Was never a member of PAC or RTAC, only sat on Finance committee and when any organization that I was a part of came before the committee for money, I always abstained because that is the proper thing to do. Understand the concerns of those who realize that one vote I took was felt hard by some; that is why I tried to meet with anyone willing to explain that I understood their stance, directly after it happened. I only had legal questions and wanted to ensure we were doing the absolute right thing because I believe in upholding the law no matter what that means. As Attorney General, would serve everyone as that is the job. Would serve everyone in the student body, would serve everyone in this legislative body whether you vote for me or not, would serve everyone in the Executive Branch whether they think I should have gotten the position or not, because that is my job. As Attorney General, representing the students, serving as their biggest voice in front of the court. Want to use my years of experience in SGA, crafting legislation, and seeing legislation pass, to benefit students as much as possible and ensure they get they biggest bang for their buck. Want to ensure that while I hold this position, I am improving the position to relieve the stress from former office-holders who have expressed that it is very stressful. We can relieve this stress for the future and make this a

position that is sought after by law students and other students. This could encourage law students to get involved, whether on the Statutory Review Committee, with Senate, or just in general. One of my biggest goals, and something I mentioned in Internal Affairs, is drafting a campus climate report. We have groups like Dear Florida State and others, addressing concerns, and I want to create a Qualtrics for people to submit (anonymously or not) complaints and experiences. This would allow us to create one big document to give administration a better idea of what is going on. Hope I am able to win your support and look forward to working with you.

- Vote:
  - Corey Adamyk for Attorney General: **11-20-0**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE ADAMYK DOES NOT PASS**

Consent Calendar: None

Bills First Reading:

**Roy moves to place a bill on first reading.**

Bill 47            Sponsored by Senator Roy (P) Randall, Bowling, B. Murray, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Flashman, Nasworthy, Lewis, Tackett, Nemeth (Co)  
To allocate \$1,700,000 from the A&S Central Reserves account to requesting organizations.

**Roy moves to put the bill on second reading, Marcus seconds; no objections.**  
President Harmon reads Bill 47 in its entirety.

Bills Second 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. PASSED IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, 07.12. PASSED IN JUDICIARY, 07.18.**

- Opening Statement:
  - Barrett: Shares screen to show Statutes 1011.11 Amendments. This bill is to reflect a 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Board position to Veterans Student Union. Changes verbiage and outlines the position to add it to Statutes, making Statutes accurate to reflect what is happening in VSU. In Judiciary, Chair Linsky pointed out in Statutes 1011.11C, which gives power of veto to Director of VSU. Have spoken with Director Johnson, and we would like to remove this part, so the Director can no longer veto. Would like to keep the part that requires 2/3 vote of VSU. Would like to amend.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - N/A
- Pro:
  - Gonzalez: **POPI**, a bill was passed to change the vetoing power because this was a topic for a while. Was going to do it, but bill was passed. Do you know if it was passed, do you remember?
    - Harmon: Remember that being at either the beginning of 72<sup>nd</sup> Senate or end of 71<sup>st</sup>. Know it happened. We believed it was unconstitutional at the time because the Senate is the only body with the power to amend Statutes, as specified by the Constitution. Has already been changed, Statutes is severely



Counsel to be less confusing. Wanted Chief Justice of Supreme Court's opinion and invited her to Judiciary. She was not able to make it, but spoke with her on the phone the next day and she said they cannot find any applicants. It is hard to get law students involved as they are so busy.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - N/A
- Pro:
  - Randall: **POI**, Why did you decide to do this in this way, keeping the General Counsels given that these positions are so hard to fill?
    - Linsky: There is nothing to replace it with right now. People are trying cases in front of the court. They are not stopping their business, so we must find out what is working for them. They do not want to apply and commit to the full-time office, and we will not make them because if they drop out we go through the appointment process all over again. What would you rather have, nobody trying cases or being able to administer justice? I side on giving them leeway, but it is bad to wipe out the Statute without giving them the opportunity to try to comply. Someone is still trying the cases, they know who that is, so they should be encouraged to apply. Will contact Secretary of Appointments to encourage that they make it a priority. If this does not work, that is the most persuasive argument for removing these offices entirely. It is a big move to remove the whole Statute, but if we are going to do it, we need to try to fix it first.
  - Randall: **POI**, is that why you decided not to mimic the system we have now?
    - Linsky: Yes
  - Marcus: It takes guts to tackle something like this, and when this particular sponsor puts something together, it is of substance and has been thought through. I trust the sponsor, trust that this is a good bill, yield in pro.
  - Bowling: Have confidence in the sponsor, I serve in Judiciary with this sponsor where we went over this exhaustively. I support this bill.
  - Randall: May not agree with the way this is phrased or the approach, but this is a step in the right direction and the sponsor has done a great job to put us on the right track.
  - Puwalski: This is a great bill, was involved in committee process and had good debate on this. Thanks the sponsor for bringing this to our attention and being proactive in trying to make this work. It is a step in the right direction, yield in pro.
- Con:
  - No speakers
- **Roy moves to call the question, Marcus seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Linsky: Do not think this is the answer to why the offices are vacant. Appreciate your willingness to find out if this can be salvaged. I do not think we can amend at this point, but in the University Defenders part it says you must be a 2<sup>nd</sup>-year law student with past professional responsibility, and this is not the case with the General Counsel. Open to amend that after we see if this works or not. It is hard to get law students involved, that is why we did not have a law student apply for Attorney General, why I did not rely on the idea of a committee of law students to assist on this, because they flock toward law reviews and

journals, and getting a job. While we want to balance security and knowing that those before the court are being represented by a knowledgeable law student, even in status quo where they have a spreadsheet of potential law students to help, there is a trade-off because you are not getting someone who is fully committed to the position. This is why I hope this system can work and we can fill these positions, and hope to have the Senate's support in doing so.

- Vote: 29-0-0
- **RESULT: BILL 45 PASSES**

Bill 47

Sponsored by Senator Roy (P) Randall, Bowling, B. Murray, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Flashman, Nasworthy, Lewis, Tackett, Nemeth (Co)  
To allocate \$1,700,000 from the A&S Central Reserves account to requesting organizations.

- Opening Statement:
  - Roy: Over the last week, there have been lots of deliberations, emails, and hard work to ensure that \$1.7 million of A&S fees get to student organizations and entities who need it. Heard from the Student Union, who requested \$1.7 million right off the bat, heard from smaller organizations such as Black Future Female Attorneys, WVFS, etc. We intended to serve as many students as possible and facilitate the best experience possible for students, and as such we allocated all the money across every category except salary (since nothing applied). You can see the entire bill on Canvas, I have to utmost faith and respect for my committee. Proviso language C for the World Affairs Program will need to be amended or changed as a typo, as the money is going to a difference conference than what is written.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - N/A
- Pro:
  - Randall moves to amend to change NCSC to UNCMUNC, Bowling seconds; no objections
    - Sponsor finds it friendly; amendment is adopted
  - Marcus: **POI** for the sponsor, how many hours did you spend on this today?
    - Roy: To answer that would be spending even more time on this, but we have been having meetings since 1:30pm and worked into Senate.
  - Marcus: It would be a slap in the face to our colleagues who have worked on this for over 12 hours today to not pass this. Trust their due diligence, know several people who worked on this and they are hard workers. This is an appropriate, adequate, and fair use of these funds.
  - Pfeuffer-Ferguson: The money we allocated is going towards almost every community on campus. We ensured it was accessible, listened to everyone. The Globe will receive a new food line to help international students feel more comfortable on campus. The Union got money for furniture. We listened to many presentations and worked for a long time.
  - Bowling: Was on Central Reserves with a lot of great people, thank you all. Might have reached a record for the longest Zoom call. Appreciate everyone and hope to be in a committee with you again soon.

- Randall: Shoutout to Senator Tackett for putting so many hours into this. We allocated money to biomedical engineering, pride closet, Congress of Graduate Students, Law school council, Medical students, UROP...
- Con:
  - No speakers
- **Marcus moves to call the question, Bowling seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Roy: Thank you everyone. Only regret is that I did not keep my promise of keeping organizations updated Wednesday night whether they have been funded, I guess it will be the morning of Thursday. This will make a lot of organizations very happy, a lot of students much more involved, and excited to see how this is put to use.
- Vote: 30-0-0
- **RESULT: BILL 47 PASSES**

#### Constitutional Amendments:

- Amendment 10 Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Randall (P)  
Correcting registration classifications to be in accordance with current policy, and increasing the allocation of graduate student Activities & Services fees to fifty percent of their annual yield. **REFERRED TO BUDGET THEN JUDICIARY, 07.21.**

#### 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, 07.19.**
- 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. TABLED IN SLAA, 07.19.**
- Resolution 44 Sponsored by Senator Edouard (P), Bowling, Harmon, Puwalski (Co)  
Approving allocations and expenditures as the decision of the College Leadership Council Funding Committee.

#### **Edouard moves to go into Budget as a whole, Puwalski seconds; no objections**

- Opening Statement:
  - Edouard: Written to approve allocation and expenditures for College Leadership Council, listed on the resolution, to ensure the organizations get the funds recommended by the committee.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - N/A
- Pro:
  - No speakers
- Con:
  - No speakers
- **Lessard moves to call the question, Puwalski seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:

- Puwalski: Thank you Senators, thank you President Harmon for your help with this resolution. This funding is important.
- Vote: 29-0-0
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 44 PASSES**

**Gonzalez moves to exit Budget as a whole, Lessard seconds; no objections**

**Gonzalez moves to accept the decision of the Budget committee as the decision of the whole, Randall seconds; no objections**

Resolution 45 Sponsored by Senator Puwalski (P), Hautrive, T. Murray (Co)  
Addressing the dire situation in Haiti and supporting the Haitian community.  
**REFERRED TO SLAA, 07.21. HEARD ON THE FLOOR, 07.21.**

- Opening Statement:
  - Puwalski: Addresses the situation in Cuba. Correction, in Haiti. In the GroupMe, mentioned that the Senate needs to put forth resolutions regarding both Cuba and Haiti. As Floridians having a high density of Haitians on campus and in our state, we must show our respect to these groups and recognize the political instability. They are suffering due to the COVID-19 virus, the 2010 earthquake, the Cholera epidemic. We must stand up for the community and support them, especially after the assassination of their President and in a time of political instability. We support Haitians on our campus and support all people going through a tough time. This is something we can come together and be unified on, and we need to show the student body that we understand what is going on and spread awareness.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - Marcus: Did you consult Senator Edouard on this?
    - Harmon: I do not think you need to consult other Senators on anything that you want to write.
    - Marcus: Asking because there are 2 resolutions about this on the floor.
    - Puwalski: Extended invitation to work together on it but never got a response.
    - Edouard: Invitation was received after I was already in the process of reaching out to Haitian organizations and the Caribbean Student Association to write my resolution.
- Pro:
  - T. Murray: In support, believe in the sponsor and his integrity. Had the wonderful opportunity to make friendly suggestions. This is legislation of substance. This is a great chance to represent underrepresented groups on campus.
- Con:
  - Edouard: Support the efforts, but more thought could have been put in to explain the deeper context of the problem. To pay tribute to this community, we must highlight the historical context.
  - Hunter: **POI**, at the beginning of the meeting we heard 2 ladies speak in pro of another resolution. Did you have communication with those 2 ladies, or other members of the community?
    - Puwalski: I do not have the pleasure of knowing them, so I was not in contact with them. Reached out to Caribbean Student Association for comments, did not hear back, but provided the link to the legislation and made it accessible with comment access.

- Randall: **POPP**, cannot find the legislation anywhere, can someone please screen share?
  - President Harmon screen shares.
- **T. Murray moves to call the question, Hautrive seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Puwalski: Thank you Senators T. Murray and Hautrive for contributions. Fully respect Senator Edouard's resolution. Tried to contact an organization that can help with this, never received a response, but felt the need to voice support for the community regardless of someone reaching out. Wish I could have collaborated but that did not happen. Resolution addresses the political unrest and assassination, but goes deeper than that to address the ongoing issues resulting from 2010 earthquake recovery, Cholera epidemic, the COVID-19 pandemic, lack of vaccine access, and these things need to be pointed out. Like Senator Edouard said, it is not just the assassination. In the county I grew up in and went to high school in, there was a high concentration of Haitian Americans, so I had many Haitian friends. It was no surprise to learn that Florida has the highest concentration of Haitian Americans in the United States, and we have this Haitian population on campus, so it is vital that we express our support.
  - Harmon: abstention rule only applies to bills and statutes; tried to change awhile ago
  - Vote: 15-1-11
  - **RESULT: RESOLUTION 45 PASSES**

Resolution 46      Sponsored by Senator Puwalski (P), Hautrive, T. Murray (Co)  
 Expressing support for the people of Cuba, and the Cuban community at FSU.  
**REFERRED TO SLAA, 07.21.**

Resolution 47      Sponsored by Senator Edouard, Lewis (P)  
 Expressing solidarity with Haitian students and calling upon President McCollough to release a formal statement addressing the Haitian community at FSU. **REFERRED TO SLAA, 07.21. HEARD ON THE FLOOR, 07.21.**

- Opening Statement:
  - Edouard: Asks that resolution be screen shared. Takes a moment of silence for the late President of Haiti and innocent lives lost due to the political climate. Wrote this resolution after speaking with Haitian and Caribbean student leaders to shed light on the situation in Haiti, and support the Haitian community at FSU. This is especially triggering because this has not happened in Haiti in over 106 years. This did not happen overnight, it is deeply rooted and pertains to the lack of security in Haiti, lack of checks and balances, natural disasters, the financial situation from paying reparations to the French government, the new constitution, and much more. Most students that I spoke to agreed on the lack of acknowledgement from FSU aside from the Caribbean Student Association and Haitian Cultural Club when we needed it most. Florida is home to 530,000 Haitians and we have contributed a lot to the state. We have poured time and effort into FSU from agency leadership, organization presidents, orientation leaders, and more. FSU is a public university, so it is important that we support not only the Haitian community, but also any community under attack. While there is civil unrest, civil societies in Haiti have dedicated their

lives to challenging the status quo and pushing for transformation and solutions. Want to take a moment to thank them. Share your stories, speak up for your nation and community, as it is your lived experience, or else somebody else will do it for us. Will never stop believing that Haiti will rise and prosper despite their obstacles, because we will die fighting for our country. Remember that there are resources here, such as the University Counseling Center, and local resources such as the Tallahassee Counseling Center.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - N/A
- Pro:
  - Marcus: Listen to Black women. That is all.
  - Puwalski: In favor of this resolution. Had a resolution on the same topic, but that does not mean that both cannot pass. From the beginning, wanted both to pass. Unfortunately, was not able to work with the sponsor, but extending an invitation to work together in the future as I believe in collaboration. That was one of the goals of the resolution, to come together, so I am in support.
- Con:
  - No speakers
- **Roy moves to pass by acclamation, Randall seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 47 PASSES BY ACCLIMATION**

#### **Bowling moves to add a resolution to the floor.**

Resolution 49 Sponsored by Senator Edouard, Bowling (P) Flashman (Co)  
Recommending Student Body President Janvier to appoint Daymee Sanchez and Caroline Navega Martins to the HLSU Executive Board until the Senate is able to vote on their appointment at the first Senate meeting of the Fall semester. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 07.21. WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR, 07.21.**

Edouard: **POI**, can Resolution 47 be heard on the floor tonight?

- Harmon: Yes, but Resolution 45 will also be heard because it deals with the same thing. Back to Resolution 45.

#### Unfinished Business:

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. TABLED ON THE FLOOR BY SPONSOR, 07.07.**

- Opening Statement:
  - Marcus: This was very well-debated with partisan debate in both committees, was amended. Senator Tackett and I were awake at this time in the month of May trying to find the campaign finance reports from the past 2 elections, and we could not find them. We have finally gotten them after going through some other avenues, and in looking at them, realized that there were contradictions and potentially work-arounds being used such that organizations could donate money. Therefore, decided to explicitly add that in statutes, and that is the biggest change here. The other change is a limit on maximum individual donations. I believe that people should not be spending as

much money as they are on student government elections. There were donations in the past election cycle in which one individual donated \$1,300 and then later donated \$2,700. This is exorbitant and puts candidates not running with a party at major disadvantage. Believe we need to make SGA elections less involved, less money, less stressful.

- Tackett: This closes a loophole that could allow organizations to bypass finance code concerning campaign finance. The way it reads right now, it only applies to individuals, so we added the word “organization” so that campaign financials also apply to organizations. Specifies that party membership dues do not count toward campaign limits, as it also sets limit for individual donations as \$200 for each election cycle.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - Randall: Do you commit to work with the Supervisor of Elections to get this enforced?
    - Tackett: Yes
    - Marcus: And speaking of which, we need to get that done.
- Pro:
  - Bowling: **POI**, confused on what happened with Resolution 49.
    - Harmon: You placed it on the floor, then I sent it to committee. It is my decision whether or not we hear it on the floor. I felt that resolution deals with issues that should not be rushed, so Rules & Calendar will look it over when they next meet.
      - Bowling: This resolution will become useless if not passed tonight, considering that HLSU does not have an Executive Board and will not have a board going into the fall unless the resolution is passed. These marginalized groups will not get the representation they need because of a technicality.
        - Harmon: This resolution would not be legally binding anyway and would not fix it, you would just be making a recommendation. Therefore, this is not time-sensitive. And, this is the fault of the Senate because the Senate decided not to go forward with these candidates, and the fault of the previous Executive Board who decided not to vote on the candidates. Unfortunately, that is how it is, it must wait until September.
  - Edouard: raises a point to ask, If we do not do anything about this tonight, when will we?
    - Harmon: If it is tabled, they can come back. Nothing happens. To my knowledge, the Senate tabled them. Is that correct?
      - Hunter: Correct.
      - Harmon: They can come back, we will take them off the table and re-hear them.
      - Edouard: Just want to ensure they will have a board for next year. Are we solid on that, or do we not know?
      - Harmon: If they are tabled, they are still candidates in the property of the Senate and the Senate can choose what to do. Next meeting, they will still be on the calendar, regardless of whether or not this resolution passes.
      - **Bowling withdraws Resolution 49.**

- Randall: This is a great bill, Finance committee ensured it has all the proper components. Sponsors did a great job. This limits the amount of money in elections without limiting the amount of people you can have. Good campaigns are built on a coalition of different people, and this encourages lots of individual donors. Closes important loopholes.
- Bowling: Talking to the sponsors and agree that it clears up campaign finances.
- Flashman: **POI**, it was mentioned that we chose not to forward the candidates but we were told it would be illegal to do so by Parliamentarian Rowan. There was no option except to table them, which is why we want to make this recommendation. We wanted to forward them if we could, nobody objected to that, it was a statutory issue. Would like to move to put the resolution back on the floor.
  - Harmon: I understand your concern, but a resolution will not change that. You can go to President Janvier and ask her. You can talk to them, and you do not have to write a resolution. If you want to we can, but it is not necessary. Not trying to be mean but trying to be reasonable and state facts. Resolutions do not change any rules.
- Con:
  - No speakers
- **Myers moves to call the question, T. Murray seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Marcus: Like another speaker said, this was ripped apart in committee. One thing mentioned was supplementary legislation, but this is in a different chapter of Statutes. Right now, big question mark as to what happens if this is violated, but this will be addressed later. This has been vetted thoroughly and more is to come. This is a way to make elections less stressful and intense by leveling the playing field.
  - Tackett: Thank you to all who spoke in pro, look forward to your support.
- Vote: 29-0-0
- **RESULT: BILL 42 PASSES**

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. TABLED ON THE FLOOR BY SPONSOR, 07.07.**

- Opening Statement:
  - Tackett: This bans 501C4 organizations from donating in SGA elections. 501C4's are Public Servant Advocacy organizations, and this is where dark money gets funneled through. Dark money is money that organizations do not have to disclose and can be distributed as they see fit. This allows secret donors to influence elections at I do not want that at FSU, and I believe my other sponsor feels the same. These organizations are very partisan on both sides and we do not feel they should be allowed to influence our elections.
  - Marcus: I do not think corporate PACS, any PAC or SuperPAC with a political affiliation with our national government should be allowed to contribute to something that affects our constituents, our FSU students. This is inspired by an organization that published a video that actively claimed to have influence over our SGA. Do not know if it is

true, have not seen it in donations that I have seen, hence the previous bill to increase transparency that we just passed. This one explicitly states we do not want that money, simplifying our elections and leveling the playing field to have a student government election without outside influence.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - N/A
- Pro:
  - No speakers
- Con:
  - No speakers
- **Lessard moves to call the question, Roy seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
  - Marcus: Said what I needed to say, this is straightforward and has been vetted.
  - Tackett: We spent a long time in committees and had a lot of smart people look at this. Thank you for supporting this and helping us prevent dark money from affecting our elections. Rarely do we see government become proactive, and this is one of the few occasions.
- Vote: 28-0-0
- **RESULT: BILL 43 PASSES**

Resolution 40

Sponsored by Senator Myers (P)

Amending Rule 8.3 to include the Land Acknowledgement in the calendar.

**REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 06.09. PASSED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 06.16. TABLED ON FLOOR BY SPONSOR, 07.07.**

- Opening Statement:
  - Myers: As most of you know, SGA passed the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Act in 2020 with the intention of recognizing both the historical and current importance of indigenous people and their land throughout the FSU community. Since its passing, the Land Acknowledgement has been read at the beginning of all Senate meetings, following the moment of silence and preceding the roll call. This resolution adds the land acknowledgement to Rule 8.3 of our Rules of Procedure, which outlines the calendar for Senate. We have a responsibility to follow our Rules of Procedure as written and keep our documents updated with our most current practices, which includes adding the land acknowledgment.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - N/A
- Pro:
  - Marcus: Already updated Finance's Rules of Procedure to add the Land Acknowledgment, and encourage other committees to do so. This wraps up a bow on the process we have been going through to get this to be official. Believe we will continue to lead by example in this manner.
  - Roy: This is an amazing idea, fully in support and should have been done sooner. As a former clerk, wish I could have seen it with that at the top.
  - Randall: We start every RTAC meeting with this for the last 6 months. Good to do this in all meetings and committees. We should pass by unanimous consent
- Con:

- No speakers
- **Tackett moves to pass by unanimous consent, Lessard seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 40 PASSES**

#### Statements of Dissent:

- Lessard expresses intent to submit a statement of dissent.

#### New Business:

- June Senator of the Month
  - **Marcus moves to open the floor for nominations, Bowling seconds**
    - **Lessard objects**
      - **Marcus does not withdraw**, and says “You can leave,” assumed to be directed toward Senator Lessard.
        - Harmon: That was very rude, let’s not be like that. I know it is 2:30am but we do not need to be rude.
      - Vote: 17-1-5
      - **RESULT: MOTION PASSES**
    - Linsky nominates Tackett, Marcus seconds; Tackett accepts
    - Pfeuffer-Ferguson nominates Barrett, Bowling seconds; Barrett accepts
    - Edouard nominate Hunter
      - Harmon: President and Pro Tempore cannot be nominated
    - Edouard nominates Roy, Bowling seconds; Roy accepts
    - **Randall moves to close the floor for nominations, Pfeuffer-Ferguson seconds; no objections**
    - Vote will be posted online after results are finalized

#### Closing Announcements:

- Marcus: Apologize for outright, rude objection. Worked it out with Senator Lessard and Vernoeed them \$5 for coffee. I am in the cranky baby phase of the night, I think we all are. Everyone get a good night of sleep, rest, hydrate, good work tonight and glad we were able to get everything done. See you in the fall.
- Roy: Thank you for passing the Central Reserves bill tonight. Shoutout to all members of the committee, everyone who came to hearings, and everyone who talked about this process to RSOs. We got a ton of requests and were able to give this money to a lot of organizations. Creating statutes that pertain to Central Reserves, for a more organized process in the future.
- Barrett: Link that President Harmon put in the chat is for the volunteer stand-down at FAMU to help homeless veterans, give them supplies, encourage anyone interested to check it out.
- Puwalski: Thank you all for being a part of my first few months as a Senator, thank you to the summer Senators I have worked with, special thank you to Chair Linsky for helping to shape the foundation for my Senate experience and for the good work we have done in the Judiciary Committee.

#### Officer Announcements:

- Hunter: Thank you for allowing me to serve as Pro Tempore this summer and preside over tonight’s meeting, I had a fantastic time as Pro Tempore. Want to highlight that, as an officer, we need to check and understand how welcoming SGA and Senate are for our minority students going into the fall. Tonight was hard for me, not because of the duties of presiding, but because of having to represent a group that I feel like I am trauma-dumping every single time to make people care. We need to evaluate this as a Senate; hoping that we can take this month-long break to evaluate. Happy with the work accomplished this summer. Look over the voting records if you get a chance, put a lot of time into them. Thank you to the committee chairs and vice chairs, and to Chair Linsky for stepping up tonight. Keep in mind the way we make others feel, in comments we make and actions we take.

- Harmon: Thank you Pro Tempore Hunter for presiding this evening, you were a great Pro Tempore and filled the presiding officer role well, especially so last-minute. Thank you to the summer Senators who will be leaving us for your service to the student body, the Senate, SGA, and FSU. Appreciate that you have taken the time to spend your summer here, participating, showing up, voting, caring, and staying up so late with us. It takes a lot to do that, especially with such a short term. Sorry to the candidate who was just confirmed tonight, appreciate your time, unfortunately this is your last meeting but thank you for sitting in and at least you got a long meeting. We look forward to seeing the summer Senators hopefully return, whether as Senators or in other SGA positions. Was supposed to appoint some people today but may reconsider, will be in contact. This meeting was a rough one for you all, was not here for all of it so cannot comment on everything but I think the Senate needs to work on being nicer while getting points across. I get that you all talk about tough subjects, but respect must be given to be received. Cannot treat other organizations and people like they are less than us. I try to be as nice as possible, I know I get rude sometimes when I get tired, and you all are probably not listening to me right now but the power of the Senate comes from our connections with other organizations. Resolutions do not go far unless people respect us and have a good relationship with us. Right now, we are in a little bit of a fight with the Executive Branch, and we need to mend that bond. That does not only lie with us, it also lies with them, and I would really like for that to happen regardless of what is happening right now. We are college students in SGA, it is really not that deep, not talking about multi-billion-dollar deals like the U.S. Senate. We do not need to be stressed out on these long meetings, we are college students, take this August break to take a break. If you want to write legislation, fine, maybe that is relaxing to you but recommend taking a break and disconnecting from Senate before fall starts on a mental health note. Enjoy your break, see you all in the fall, hopefully fully in person, not doing any more hybrid stuff. We will continue to take the proper COVID-19 precautions, but also you should get vaccinated.

Advisor Announcements:

- Dr. Williams: This has been a long night, echo sentiments of Pro Tempore Hunter and President Harmon and special introduction to Jacalyn Butts as the new Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy. Thanks to the summer Senators, Pro Tempore Hunter, President Harmon, and Chair Linsky for your service. Big shoutout to Central Reserves, you all worked so hard and did a great job. Love on each other; we will talk about this more in depth at a later date, we say it at the end of every meeting and we need to find a way to actually enact what we are asking. You all are good people, so we need to make sure we are good to each other, even when challenges happen, that is when you are supposed to be the best to people and show your character.
- Jacalyn Butts: Thank you Dr. Williams. Look forward to working with you all. I am coming from working with the Congress of Graduate Students, Freshman & Transfer Leadership Institutes, and Diversity & Inclusion Institute. Good to see past participants here in Senate and hope to continue that as we do more outreach, looking forward to sharing ideas with you all.

Final Roll Call: Edouard, Tackett, Roy, Barrett, Marcus, Myers, Garcia, McFadden, Randall, Lessard, Wills, Rodgers, Linsky, Hautrive, Moore, Nemeth, B. Murray, Wood, Branch, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, VanderLey, Puwalski, Bowling, Remler, T. Murray

Adjourned: **Edouard moves to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 2:50am**

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