

THE SEVENTY-THIRD STUDENT SENATE
Calendar: September 1, 2021
Location: HCB 103
Time: 7:30pm
Zoom Link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/92325341806>

This meeting of the 71st Student Senate was called to order at 7:56pm by Student Senate President Harmon.

Senator B. Murray led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Senator Little led the Senate in the Land Acknowledgement:

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

Roll Call: Edouard, Flashman, Tackett, Roy, Barrett, Marcus, Myers, Hunter, Garcia, Bettley, Little, Randall, Thau, Stults, Reeves, Nasworthy, Tsouroukdissian, Rodgers, Riguidel, Fineout, Satizabal-Prieto, Lewis, Gonzalez, Hadley, Moriah, Naranjo, Nemeth, Russell, J. Hitchcock, B. Murray, Wood, Thorpe, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, VanderLey, Guillamont, Botel, Puwalski, Bowling, Stewart, Remler, Zittrauer, T. Murray, Powell

Verification of Quorum: Verified

Corrections and Approval of the Journal 7-21-21: **Marcus moves to approve the journal, Edouard seconds; no objections**

Student and Non-Budgeted RSO Comments: https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9EVvRotPr4y03r
None

Special Introductions and Announcements: None

Messages from the Executive Branch:

- Student Body Vice President Thykadavil: Office hours are in Thagard, Monday through Thursday, 12-5pm; would love to connect with you one-on-one. Executive Branch is working on a vaccine campaign, and would love to collaborate with other student leaders and hear feedback, as none of us are alone in this experience and we alone cannot come up with the best solution. Next Wednesday at 5:30-7:15pm is the State of the Student Body Address; all are invited. Realizing that my schedule fills quickly, so unfortunately will not be able to attend Senate each week, but we have created a rotating schedule to ensure that we know what this body is working on and be present for you all.
- Student Body Treasurer Gray: Now have access to emails as leave of absence has ended. Have gotten many questions about SAP funding committee commence; President Harmon selected Senators Puwalski and Bergen to serve on this committee. This will be delayed for about a month. Office hours are Monday through Thursday; posted on SGA website.

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

- Veterans Student Union Director Johnson: To commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the Veterans Student Union and Student Veterans Association will set up the annual 9/11 flag display, and host a gathering the morning of 9/11 at 8:46am on Mina Jo Powell Green. Would love to see you there, contact myself or our liaison, Senator Barrett.
- Jewish Student Union Director Gabay: PAC funding from our previous RSO status allowed us to give out about 50 shirts. Involvement Fair provided the opportunity to meet many Jewish students, as did FSUnite with the other agencies. We had our first GBM today with over 20 attendees. Committee Chair applications opened today and will close September 17th at 11:59pm.
- Asian American Student Union Director Kapil: Had our first GBM yesterday in the Globe; great turnout. Follow us on Instagram @fsuaasu or sign up for our email newsletter, the link to sign up is in our Linktree. For anyone interested in reading content from AAPI creators or expanding their reading, we are starting a book club that will meet monthly, open to everyone. Committee member applications are open; we have several committees: leadership exploration and development, event planning, outreach committee, social media & multimedia. Links to join are in the Linktree in our Instagram.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet:

- Secretary of Appointments England: Applications and interviews have just resumed, Chief of Staff will be holding them remotely during their office hours. Received over 30 applications in the last week, so there is lots of interest in SGA positions, including vacancies in Senate. Because of the large amount of applications, it will take time to get through everyone. There will be at least 10 names on the forwarding letter to be sent on Friday; good luck to the Internal Affairs committee, you have your work cut out for you!

Messages from the Class Councils:

- Junior Class Council President Edouard: Member at Large applications and Sophomore Class Treasurer applications are due Friday, September 3rd

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 \$4,200

Report of Senate Liaisons:

- Barrett, Veterans Student Union: Resolution 64 comes to Senate tonight, which condemns the violent attacks on U.S. personnel and Afghan civilians by terrorist organizations. On behalf of the Veterans Student Union, I implore you to not refer this resolution to any committee, and allow it to be heard tonight as it is time-sensitive to our official withdraw from Afghanistan yesterday and the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks that brought us into that region.

Report of Committees: None

Senate Confirmations:

Caroline Martins for Hispanic/Latinx Student Union Assistant Director, Ireland Hadley for Asian American Student Union Assistant Director, Daymee Sanchez for Hispanic/Latinx Student Union Director

- Opening Statements:
 - Martins: She/her/hers pronouns. Senior, International Affairs major. Previously served in HLSU as the Programming Coordinator and the Pageant Coordinator. Also involved in Phi Mu, Circle K International, and Brazilian Student Association. HLSU has given me a sense of identity at FSU; felt isolated from culture and many others feel the same coming to FSU. HLSU is a safe haven for Hispanic-Latinx students. Want to be a resource for students and affiliates and continue HLSU's impact on campus. We do not need a title in order to serve and represent our community; will always do our best to serve in any capacity to ensure our community's voice is heard.
 - Hadley: They/them pronouns. Got involved in AASU freshman year, and I am now a senior. AASU quickly became my home. Being from Jacksonville, I knew several people when I came to FSU, but still felt isolated until AASU. AASU is the only place on campus where I know it is safe to talk to anyone and everyone has my back. Served as Outreach Coordinator during sophomore year, and this became my bread and butter; went to external events to get the word out about AASU. Reapplied to this board to continue my legacy. Believes in the team that my director and I chose for this executive board. We reached capacity in our first meeting yesterday. AASU is my home, and I hope to make it your home too.
 - Sanchez: She/her/ella pronouns. Thank you to the Internal Affairs committee for voting in favor of me in front of all of you. 4th-year student studying Exceptional Student Education in the hopes of becoming a teacher in the near future. Got involved in HLSU as a freshman through the Cuban American Student Association affiliate, getting appointed as Treasurer. Was elected President of CASA in 2020, then the Professional Development Coordinator of HLSU this past spring semester, and was crowned HLSU royalty. Since the last Senate meeting, HLSU has worked tirelessly to represent and serve our community, even through the unforeseen circumstances we have experienced. Enjoyed the work we did this Welcome Week as representatives, reconnecting with our past and present familia on campus. These past two months has shown just how resilient our administration is in the face of adversity. We will continue to uplift our communities and work hard to make everyone's voices heard. Goals for my administration include continuing HLSU's past work by fostering relationships with other agencies and hosting events, as after a year of quarantine, programming will be essential to bringing back the community we have established over the years. Will use our strong platform and resources to advocate for the injustices that our communities face every day, and encourage students who do not identify as Hispanic or Latinx to attend our events, to educate themselves and educate us on their identities.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Marcus: For all candidates: Are you financially certified?
 - Martins: Was last year; have not had time to take it again yet this year but will take it this week.
 - Hadley: Was last year and prepared to take it again but have been busy.
 - Sanchez: Awaiting passing score.
- General Questions:
 - N/A
- **Barrett moves to call the question, Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
 - **Barrett withdraws**
- **Barrett moves to forward the candidates individually, Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statements:
 - Martins: HLSU is very important to me, they have helped me grow and pushed me to be the best I can be. If I have one wish, it is to give to new students and members what HLSU gave to me.
 - Hadley: Sad to leave Senate so soon but had an amazing time and made great connections, grateful for everything that SGA has given me and everything in my life.
 - Sanchez: With Hispanic Heritage month coming up, looking forward to being confirmed so we can start executing our goals.
- Vote:

- Caroline Martins for Hispanic/Latinx Student Union Assistant Director: **45-0-1**
- Ireland Hadley for Asian American Student Union Assistant Director: **44-2-0**
 - **Ireland Hadley resigns from College of Social Sciences Senate Seat 4**
- Daymee Sanchez for Hispanic/Latinx Student Union Director: **44-0-2**
- **RESULT: ALL CANDIDATES PASS**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Wang

Nicole Alvarado for Hispanic/Latinx Student Union Secretary cannot be confirmed at this time because the Director and Assistant Director have not yet been confirmed, and thus cannot choose the Secretary.

Consent Calendar: None

Bills First Reading:

- Bill 46 Sponsored by Senator Randall (P), Linsky (Co)
Revising the COGS statutes to improve readability, strengthen the relationship between COGS and the Student Senate, and expand the ex-officio voting rights of the COGS Speaker in the Student Senate. **REFERRED TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS THEN JUDICIARY, 09.01.**
- Bill 48 Sponsored by Senator Randall (P)
Revising the funding guidelines related to the definition of clothing items and the amount allocated per clothing item based on size. **REFERRED TO FINANCE, 09.01.**

Bills Second Reading: none

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 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 48 Sponsored by Senator Bowling (P), Hadley, Puwalski (Co)
Pledging support for native and indigenous rights movements. **REFERRED TO SLAA, 09.01.**

- Resolution 50 Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Tackett (P), Little, Nemeth, Randall (Co) Amending Rule 1 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the process for runoff elections of Senate President and Pro Tempore. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.01.**
- Resolution 51 Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Nemeth (P), Little, Randall, Tackett (Co) Amending Rule 2 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Student Senate President. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.01.**
- Resolution 52 Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Tackett (P), Little, Nemeth, Randall (Co) Amending Rule 4 of Senate Rules of Procedure to update the position descriptions of the Senate Legislative Officers. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.01.**
- Resolution 53 Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Nemeth (P), Little, Randall, Tackett (Co) Amending Rule 3 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Student Senate Pro Tempore. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.01.**
- Resolution 54 Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Randall (P), Little, Nemeth, Tackett (Co) Amending Rule 6 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the duties of Senate Committees. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.01.**
- Resolution 55 Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Randall (P), Little, Nemeth, Tackett (Co) Amending Rule 5 of Senate Rules of Procedure to update the procedures of Senate Committees. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.01.**
- Resolution 56 Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Tackett (P), Little, Nemeth, Randall (Co) Amending Rule 7 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the responsibilities of the Rules Committee. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.01.**
- Resolution 57 Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Nemeth (P), Little, Randall, Tackett (Co) Amending Rule 8 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify and update the Student Senate's business procedures. rules
- Resolution 58 Sponsored by Senator Linsky (P), Little, Nemeth, Randall, Tackett (Co) Amending Rule 9 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the Senate's use of Robert's Rules of Order. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.01.**
- Resolution 59 Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Tackett (P), Little, Nemeth, Randall (Co) Amending Rule 10 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the types of legislation and submissions made by Student Senators. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.01.**
- Resolution 60 Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Randall (P), Little, Nemeth, Tackett (Co) Amending Rule 11 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the Senate procedures for debate and voting. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.01.**
- Resolution 61 Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Little (P), Nemeth, Randall, Tackett (Co) Amending Rule 12 of Senate Rules of Procedure to update the guidelines surrounding decorum and conduct within the Senate Chambers. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.01.**
- Resolution 62 Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Randall (P), Little, Nemeth, Tackett (Co)

Amending Rule 13 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the Senate attendance guidelines. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.01.**

Resolution 63 Sponsored by Senator Linsky (P), Little, Nemeth, Randall, Tackett (Co)
Amending Rule 15 of Senate Rules of Procedure to clarify the procedure for amending Rules of Procedure. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.01.**

Resolution 64 Sponsored by Senator Guillamont (P), Puwalski, Keyser, Barrett (Co)
Condemning the violent attacks on US personnel and Afghan Civilians by terrorist organizations. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.01.**

Unfinished Business: None

Statements of Dissent: None

New Business:

- PAC Chair Election
 - **Hunter moves to open floor for nominations, Gonzalez seconds, no objections**
 - **Marcus nominates Roy, Randall seconds, Roy accepts**
 - **Nasworthy moves to close the floor for nominations, Tsouroukdissian seconds, no objections**
 - **Roy is elected as PAC Chair**
- RTAC Chair Election
 - **Roy moves to open floor for nominations, Gonzalez seconds; no objections**
 - **Little nominates Marcus, Pfeuffer-Ferguson seconds; Marcus accepts**
 - **Bowling moves to close the floor for nominations, Stults seconds; no objections**
 - **Marcus is elected as RTAC Chair**
- Committee Chair Elections
 - **Little moves to enter committee caucus, J. Hitchcock seconds; no objections**
 - Judiciary elected Chair Little and Vice Chair Puwalski
 - Student Life & Academic Affairs elected Chair B. Murray and Vice Chair Nemeth
 - Internal Affairs elected Chair T. Murray and Vice Chair Pfeuffer-Ferguson
 - Finance elected Chair Randall and Vice Chair Bowling
 - Budget elected Chair Gonzalez and Vice Chair Tackett
 - Members of the Sweepings Committee are Senators Linsky, Stults, Wood, Bowling, Vanderley, Nasworthy, Garcia, T. Murray, Tackett, Bettley
 - Sweepings elected Chair Linsky and Vice Chair Stults
 - **Hunter moves to exit committee caucus, Wood seconds, no objections**
- Senator Guillamont is appointed to be IFC Liaison.
- There are several open liaison positions; please let President Harmon know if you would like to be a liaison.

Closing Announcements:

- Roy: Served as Chair of Central Reserves. Central Reserves Bill 47 was line item vetoed by Dr. Hecht. All allocations except the Union funding was vetoed; of the \$1.7 million, \$1.4 million went to the Union, and the rest will remain in the Central Reserves account until next year. Met with Dr. Hecht today in attempt to find a compromise, but it will just stay in Central Reserves. This is unfortunate, but we are still looking for ways to fund these entities. Hopefully the Sweepings process will entertain these requests, because our goal as the Student Senate should be to invest in these organizations to improve the student experience. Hopefully they can come through PAC and RTAC as well. Will personally email each of them, as this is the first time since we passed the bill that I have known what the situation was. For future Central Reserves, there will be a committee and commission including members of the Executive Branch, administration, and individuals appointed by the Senate President. We are looking into how we can define this for the future due to some

misunderstandings as to what administration wanted Central Reserves to be and what the student body and Senate understood. If anyone has any questions regarding this, please reach out.

- Marcus: Reminder that although it is only an expectation, please wear a mask on campus. Local Tallahassee hospitals are overwhelmed, statements from staff have been released on social media, please look at those and act accordingly.
- Gonzalez: Highlight the 13 service members killed in the attack at the Kabul airport in Afghanistan: Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover of Salt Lake City, Utah; Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo of Lawrence, Massachusetts; Sgt. Nicole L. Gee of Sacramento, California; Marine Corp. Captain Hunter Lopez of Indio, California; Marine Corp. Captain Daegan W. Page of Omaha, Nebraska; Marine Corp. Captain Humberto A. Sanchez of Logansport, Indiana; Marine Corp. Lance Captain David L. Espinoza of Rio Bravo, Texas; Marine Corp. Lance Captain Jared M. Schmitz of St. Charles, Missouri; Marine Corp. Lance Captain Rylee J. McCollum of Jackson, Wyoming; Marine Corp. Lance Captain Dylan R. Merola of Rancho Cucamonga, California; Marine Corp. Lance Captain Kareem M. Nikoui of Norco, California; Navy Corpsman Maxton W. Sowiak of Berlin Heights, Ohio; Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss, 23, of Corryton, Tennessee. No matter what political side you are on, these people were young and did not deserve to die. They deserve for you to think about how sad of an attack this was, please think about these 13 who were killed.
- Linsky: Thank you to Chair Roy for advocating for the organizations who did not receive funding from Central Reserves. It is disappointing how this process played out, that Dr. Hecht has decided that these organizations do not deserve money, and that these organizations will not receive funds. In the initial memo that Dr. Hecht sent us, the rationale was that the Union needed more money. I am disappointed that state law is not being followed. We have our own statutes and constitution, but we are really given our power by the Florida Legislature. Governing Statute F.S. 1009.24.10B is clear that SGA legislature has the discretion to allocate A&S fees, of which Central Reserves is made up of. There is no entity with the power to issue a line-item veto on such bill, whether Sweepings, Budget, Central Reserves, etc., aside from the University President, which Dr. Hecht is not. If the University President issues a line-item veto, there are 15 school days allocated to the Student Senate to revise the legislation. The meeting that Chair Roy had with Dr. Hecht does not represent that process being followed and go beyond the scope of powers granted to the office, like the veto itself. There are civil processes to solve these disputes, and whatever may come of this, it is important that we treat the members of the Office of Student Affairs with utmost respect and integrity, even during these disagreements.
- Tackett: Disappointed in the line-item veto of Bill 47, will submit a statement of dissent next week. Please reach out to the 22 organizations affected by this, come to Budget and Finance. I spend countless hours working on the Central Reserves bill, along with other committee members, and frustrated to see that money go to waste. We will fund these organizations.

Officer Announcements:

- Rowan: Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc will meet Friday at 6pm on Zoom. Although we submitted several pieces of legislation, we still have work to do. Thank you to everyone who served on that committee, and welcome back Senators.
- Connor: Congratulations to new Chairs and Vice Chairs, if you would like your contact information on the Canvas page, please let me know. Legislation, calendars, and anything else you may need in on the Canvas, so please use it.
- Wang: Thank you to the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc for your hard work. For those who want to see the rules change procedure, come to Rules & Calendar to voice your opinion. We are requiring masks in Senate meetings; this will be enforced in the future. Suspension hearings for absences will be going out later this week, so tell your friends if they have not been showing up.
- Harmon: Leadership had a team meeting to outline our goals and expectations, including being on time and paying attention, as you sit in seats that people would like to be in. Be prepared when you come to Senate and represent your colleges well because we are here for students. Administration has no idea what we think beyond the advocacy in SGA. Those who cannot make it to Senate should resign. Created goals for committees when you do not have business; committees should be more proactive. Judiciary, please look over election code and fix things. Budget is the epitome of not

having business, so focus on organizations who you could fund with Senate Projects. Finance, please look over finance code and fix the inconsistencies with the input of PAC and RTAC. SL&AA, you will do programming events for us, find something that the Senate can do and meet constituents, have fun with students. Internal Affairs, a lot of agencies, bureaus, and other internal entities do not follow statutes and the constitution, please investigate these groups after you confirm the candidates coming through in the coming weeks. We will discuss reimplementing the ad hocs; some will not be reimplemented. We should be an active Senate, we have done good things but we can do more and better. Will work together more often to provide all we can, be proactive, we cannot run this alone. In regards to maturity, we are college students, and respect is of importance and goes both ways. Great tour of the Union; can do another one in a few weeks, Wednesday at 4pm.

- Marcus: Can we do another time? I have class.
 - Harmon: Wednesdays at 4pm is the time that Dr. Bowden told me, can ask and let you know.

Advisor Announcements:

- Jacalyn Butts: Senate Advisor with Dr. Williams. Proud of hard work from the leadership team, excited for the fall. I have worked in SGA with FLI, TLI, COGS, and I know some of you from these other organizations and happy to see you again here. Committee chairs can expect a detailed email from me with deadlines and expectations. For Sweepings, we will need to shift our dates a little bit, Chair Linsky please email your availability.
- Dr. Williams: Everyone on Central Reserves did what you were supposed to do, I know it is disheartening to spend that time on that and for it to be vetoed, but your time was still valued. We are working for Sweepings to happen as quickly as possible. Power comes from looking at that process, look at how we write that, leave your legacy and problem solve to fix what was the issue. You all are a team.

Final Roll Call: Edouard, Flashman, Tackett, Roy, Barrett, Marcus, Myers, Hunter, Garcia, Bettley, Little, Preshia, Randall, Thau, Stults, Arutt, Reeves, Nasworthy, Tsouroukdissian, DuChene, Rodgers, Riguidel, Fineout, Satizabal-Prieto, Lewis, Gonzalez, Moriah, Naranjo, Nemeth, Russell, J. Hitchcock, B. Murray, Wood, Thorpe, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, VanderLey, Guillamont, Puwalski, Bowling, Stewart, Remler, Zittrauer, T. Murray

Senator Puwalski moves to adjourn; adjourned at 10:13pm.