

THE SEVENTY-THIRD STUDENT SENATE
Calendar: September 8, 2021
Location: HCB 103
Time: 7:30pm
Zoom Link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/92325341806>

This meeting of the 73rd Student Senate was called to order at 7:54pm by Student Senate President Harmon.

Senator Roy led the Student Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Senator Pfeuffer-Ferguson led the Student 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, Bergen, Berger, Rossi, Preshia, Randall, Thau, Stults, Arutt, Reeves, Nasworthy, Tsouroukdissian, Lessard, DuChene, Rodgers, Linsky, Riguidel, Fineout, Satizabal-Prieto, Gonzalez, Moriah, Naranjo, Moore, Nemeth, Russell, J. Hitchcock, B. Murray, West, Wood, Thorpe, K. Hitchcock, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Guillamont, Puwalski, Bowling, Stewart, Remler, T. Murray, Powell

Verification of Quorum: Verified

Corrections and Approval of the Journal 9-1-21: Puwalski moves to approve the journal, Duchene seconds; no objections

Student and Non-Budgeted RSO Comments: https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9EVvRotPr4y03r

- Taylor Spiletic, President of the Medical Student Council: Representing the FSU College of Medicine student body, including medical students, physician assistant students, and biomedical PhD students, in support of the bill that will let the Congress of Graduate Students retain 50% of the Graduate A&S fees instead of the current 30%. This would raise their budget from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000. The College of Medicine has recently increased their student body to about 350 students on campus in Tallahassee and an additional 300 at the 8 satellite campuses. The Medical Student Council funds these students' requests to attend conferences, which is more important now than ever because our licensing exam just became Pass/Fail. Everyone thinks that getting into medical school is the hard part, but in reality, we need to match into a specialty after we graduate. These programs are very competitive, so it is crucial to network and participate in extracurriculars. There are over 35 RSOs of the College of Medicine, many of which host speakers and local events. FSUCares has hosted vaccine clinics, HIV/AIDS counselling, and dementia sensitivity training, and is looking to find ways to volunteer at Westminster Oaks, a local retirement home. Increasing our budget will allow students to reach new highs. The College of Medicine's mission is to educate and develop exemplary physicians, practice patient-centered healthcare, discover and advance knowledge, and respond to community needs, especially through service to elder, rural, minority,

and underserved populations. Providing students with access to more funds will allow us to do just that, serving our community better and offering experiences to enrich our education. This will make us better applicants for residency programs and in the end, better physicians.

- Yeimy Roberto, Public Relations Officer of the Hispanic Graduate Student Association: We are an organization committed to academic excellence, diversity, and free inquiry through social and academic activities at FSU and within Tallahassee's community. Our biggest event, Cinehassee, starts within the next couple of weeks. We will benefit greatly from the passing of the increase in COGS funding, please support this as it will positively impact many organizations and communities.
- Amanda Press, Secretary of Jewish Student Union: Our Director and Assistant Director would be here if they could, but they were exposed to COVID and are quarantining. We have been working hard to build relationships with Jewish and non-Jewish organizations on campus. Our advisory council has already admitted 3 RSOs. Committee chair applications close Friday, September 17th at 11:59pm.
- Allie Bowlby, Chair of the Law School Council: 3rd year student at the College of Law, here in support of the bill to raise COGS funds to 50% allocation. COGS is a crucial funding source for the law school and all graduate student organizations. My board and I facilitate these allocations and see firsthand the great impact these funds have on students. Student organizations are able to invite speakers to campus, host personal and professional growth opportunities, and host enriching social functions. As we enter a new school year, this money would greatly help Mock Trial and Moot Court teams as resume travel and in-person competitions. There is great need for increase in funding for travel to relieve out-of-pocket expenses. Increased funding also allows RSOs to host Lunch & Learn events, which allow students to network with local legal professionals and learn about specialties in the field. These funds directly aid students who are already taking out hefty loans to put themselves through professional school. These funds also help increase the overall ranking of our school, since when our graduate programs increase in national rank, our university increases in rank, benefitting all students.
- Susan Rogowski, Treasurer of Hispanic Graduate Student Association: Mathematics Graduate student, representing HiGSA and Association for Women in Math, supporting bill to increase COGS funding. Several Students Senators expressed interest in attending graduate school. Hopefully the Senate will be interested in supporting graduate students, since so many hope to become graduate students. Hispanic Graduate Student Association is one of the largest graduate RSOs on campus and we receive a big portion of COGS funding, so we are very excited about this bill. Our film festival aims to start conversations about diversity and inclusion, and this funding could help us bring in more guest speakers, and help us make it free for students and the Tallahassee community.
- Robert Creigh, Financial Coordinator for the Society for Musicology: Advocating for the legislation to raise the COGS budget. This will help us promote excellence for musicology students and provide opportunities for professional development, including colloquia and presentations by scholars. We also aim to help new students transition into the musicology program, several of whom come from international countries. This funding allows us to continue holding our events and conferences, and find new ways to support the hundreds of students we serve.

Special Introductions and Announcements: None

Messages from the Executive Branch: None

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

- Ash Soto, Assistant Director of Pride Student Union: Addressing the events that occurred on Sunday at the football game. Homophobic slurs, harassment, and sexual assaults occurred at the game and will not be tolerated. Pride Student Union has been working on press release statement for the last 24 hours. If you or your friends need support, would suggest services such as counselling or Victims Advocate.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet:

- Secretary of Appointments England: Hopefully you will hear the Supervisor of Elections candidate tonight. This is very exciting and important. This was meant to be done the first week of Senate, but there was a delay in our interview process coming back from the summer break. The candidate, Spencer Greenwood is sitting in the back of the room, he is a great candidate. He comes to us from USF, served on their Supreme Court, and has experience handling election code and laws at the court level. I hope this evening results in his confirmation.

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

Puwalski moves to return to the orders of the day, Roy seconds; no objections

Messages from the Class Councils: None

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students:

- Congress of Graduate Students Speaker Hagemeyer: Congress of Graduate Students represents the 10,600 graduate students on campus, which is close to 25% of the student population. There is a distinct difference between graduates and undergraduates; the average age of an undergraduate student at FSU is 20.7, while the average age of a graduate student is 29.7, which is almost a decade of difference. This results in different needs when it comes to personal and professional development, understanding specialties that we can choose from, etc. We spend well over \$200,000 on travel, and my goal for this bill is to expand that even more. Want FSU to be a recognizable name all over the nation in regards to research, and this travel money gets graduate students to conferences where they can learn from experts, dictate their own curriculum, and network. As the Law School stated, their Mock Trial is award-winning. But, this is not only about what this bill can offer for graduate students. COGS has demonstrated what we can do for the betterment of all students; last year, we facilitated \$150,000 that we repurposed from our travel budget to the TOMProject to install new life-saving AEDs and maintain them for the next 20+ years. Funded the Center for Global Engagement to provide umbrellas for their International Student Luncheons. Working with the Student Body President to create a graduate student mentorship program. If you are considering attending law school, you should be able to know that you can walk into the law school and be welcomed with open arms. With extra funding, we will be able to expand all of our events, offer food for everybody, and this is something I have been trying to do all year but cannot achieve with such limited resources. I hope you consider this bill and understand the impact it can have for graduate students and all of campus.

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 \$20,532.11, PAC \$60,000.00, RTAC \$45,000.00, and ORG Fund \$3,800

Report of Senate Liaisons:

- Gonzalez, Black Student Union: In addressing Sunday's football game, read directly the statement that Black Student Union released. Dr. Hecht and Student Body President Janvier are hosting a listening session on Friday and you all are encouraged to attend and listen to students. We are called on to vote on these issues, but also directly listen to and advocate for the students who were affected and the communities who are hurt. If you are able to attend and listen, it would mean a lot to a lot of people.

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary, report made by Chair Little: Met today at 4pm, passed Bill 46 and Constitutional Amendment 10
- Internal Affairs, report made by Chair T. Murray: Met Tuesday night at 8pm to amend and adopt Rules of Procedure, pass Bill 46, and forward candidate Spencer Greenwood for Supervisor of Elections. Will meet again on Friday at 7pm to hopefully forward 12 more candidates.
- Budget, report made by Chair Gonzalez: met at 3pm today to pass Constitutional Amendment 10, and will be meeting again on Tuesday at 6pm to have orientation, talk about Budget Week, and discuss any legislation assigned.
- Finance, report made by Chair Randall: Met Tuesday, passed Bill 48 and talked about Finance Code and changes we will make in the coming weeks.
- Student Life & Academic Affairs, report made by Chair B. Murray: met Monday at 8:30pm to pass Resolutions 43 & 46.
- Rules & Calendar, report made by Pro Tempore Wang: Met Tuesday at 5pm, passed Resolutions 50, 51, 52, 53, 56, 57, & 64. Several of them have amendments, so please look at them. Shoutout to the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc for your diligence and come out next week to discuss the rules changes.

Senate Confirmations:

Spencer Greenwood for Supervisor of Elections, Omer Turkomer for PAC

• Opening Statements:

- Greenwood: Transferred to FSU from USF; first semester here. Completed freshman year at USF, and really wanted to get involved in student government, so I joined the Student Supreme Court. I was the only freshman on the Supreme Court, and took part in writing many opinions (sometimes dissenting opinions). Many of the cases we heard involved elections, and while USF and FSU have variations in their election codes, there are many similarities and aspects that I am already familiar with and have experience with. Dealt with many specifics and procedural instances that did not make much sense. The most important case I heard involved the disqualification of the winning candidate for Student Body President due to bribery. Knowledgeable on how elections work. Love FSU so far, everyone has been so welcoming. Reviewed Student Body Statutes regarding election code, and it is very similar to USF's with a couple differences.
- Turkomer: Served on PAC last year for a short time, and served as Vice Chair for some of that time. Familiar with how PAC functions, what the rules are, what PAC does, and what we look for in funding organizations. As Vice Chair, took minutes and learned some of the logistical intricacies of running PAC.

• Questions:

- Linsky: For Candidate Greenwood, in reviewing the election code, did you review any subsequent legislation passed by the Senate that alters the relevant statutes?
 - Greenwood: There were a couple of inconsistencies with the election code, and this happens with election codes because people do not always get the specifics right when they amend the statutes. I have not noticed any egregious differences.
 - Linsky: The election code, as written in statutes right now, is not the actual code that is going to be used and that you will be using as your governing document for this election. Have you reviewed any of the legislation that is going to be in the governing document?
 - Greenwood: I have not, I was not given that.
- Lessard: for Candidate Greenwood, what made you choose FSU?
 - Greenwood: FSU was my first choice, first campus I toured when looking for colleges, and I did not get in on my first try. Still had a burning desire to come to FSU after attending USF for a year. Made a lot of good friends at USF and enjoyed my time in student government there; was offered the position of Chief Justice, but turned it down to come to FSU. Political Science major, and USF focuses more on STEM than other majors. My freshman year at USF was during the pandemic, it stunk, and I often heard great things about every Florida university

other than USF in terms of COVID-19 restrictions and policies. Do not have regrets about this decision.

- Roy: For Candidate Greenwood, with reservation for a follow-up: are you familiar with the FSU Supreme Court case Lynch v. Amplify?
 - Greenwood: Yes, that was on the election website and I am familiar with it.
- Roy: For Candidate Greenwood, how would you deal with wrongful and defaming allegations against a candidate in a SGA election?
 - Greenwood: I would not tolerate it. Fairness is instilled in me and I believe in it deeply and it is important to treat people the way you want to be treated. I do not take slander lightly, it is wrong and hurtful, and hurts the elections process. It is a Schedule 2 violation in the elections code; would be comfortable with it being a Schedule 3 violation.
- Marcus: For Candidate Turkomer, are you financially certified for the 2021-2022 fiscal year?
 - Turkomer: Was financially certified last year but will retake the test today.
- Marcus: For Candidate Greenwood, How did you find out about this position being open?
 - Greenwood: Love SGA, best way to get involved in campus and make change. Was in SGA in high school as Student Body President. Served as Associate Justice of the USF Supreme Court last year, was one of 153 applicants. Went to FSU SGA website to see what positions were open and where I could best put my abilities; at first, applied to Attorney General position, but I was unfortunately not given that position. My skills can be put to use in the Supervisor of Elections position, since it still deals with statutory violations, considering how people need to treat each other, and working in the realm of elections. Elections are one of the most, if not the most, important aspect of SGA. People get to vote! Too many do not take that as seriously as they should.
- Tackett: For Candidate Greenwood, with reservation for a follow-up: This position can be messy and has historically been disorganized. Previous people in this position have not gotten the job done in full. Are you aware that this will require a lot of your personal time, more than what we allocate for it, and will you commit to getting the job done, especially the constitutionally required obligations?
 - Greenwood: That is what draws me to this position the most; I heard there were issues with people who held this position in the past, and what drives me to apply is to try to succeed where others have failed. I would have an immense time commitment towards this position. On the USF Supreme Court, I helped write many opinions on my own time. We had court meetings right after my classes, and I would help write decisions and be present on our conference calls. I am from Tampa and a huge fan of the sports teams from Tampa; we heard the case that disqualified the Student Presidential ticket on the Rays opening day, and I was on the call hearing the case and taking notes while watching the game. I take this job very seriously; it reflects upon me, but also on the Executive Branch and Senate for selecting me. I understand the task in front of me and I will not fail.
- Tackett: For Candidate Greenwood, Another issue we had with this position is transparency with the election financial code and financial documents. Can you commit, right now, to providing those financial documents in full, and if you notice a donation from a 501(c)(4) organization to report it to be investigated?
 - Greenwood: Sure. I interned in my City Hall over the summer with my city manager's office, and I did an entire audit of the city website. Our city council has recently held an election, and all the election financial disclosure statements were on a specific part of the website, and everyone had to sign it. I thought it was a great idea to have financial disclosures of all candidates and all donations posted on the website. Important to know who the candidate is supported by and who the candidate would have ties to or relationships with, and this would easily be made clear with this transparency. So, yes, to answer your question.
 - Tackett: We have a financial disclosure statement that gets published by the Supervisor of Elections for each party, and the problem is that they were not posted for the last election. I have an unofficial document of it, and they were never posted on the website. Can I get a "yes" or "no", will you commit to publishing them after the next election?
 - Greenwood: Of course, yes.

- **President Harmon relinquishes the Chair to Pro Tempore Wang**
- **Marcus moves to forward Candidate Turkomer, Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statements:
 - Turkomer: Will take financial certification exam either today or tomorrow and expects to pass easily.
- Vote:
 - Omer Turkomer for PAC: **44-1-2**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE TURKOMER DOES PASS**
- **Pro Tempore Wang relinquishes the Chair back to President Harmon.**
- Harmon: The Supervisor of Elections Candidate must be tabled until this Elections Exam confirmation.
- **Lessard moves to table the Supervisor of Elections candidate, Tsouroukdissian seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE GREENWOOD IS TABLED**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Wang

- Lessard: **POI**, did the candidate pass their Elections Exam?
 - Harmon: Yes
- **Randall moves to un-table the candidate, Hunter seconds; no objections**
- **Randall moves to forward the candidate, Edouard seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
 - Greenwood: Thank you for forwarding the nomination. This year, elections will run as smoothly as possible. I will not tolerate slander. I will have an open door policy in my office and my phone number will be on the door if you ever have questions.
- Vote: 42-0-0
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE GREENWOOD PASSES**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Wang
- **Edouard moves to return to the orders of the day, T. Murray seconds; no objections**

Consent Calendar: None

Bills First Reading:

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| Bill 49 | Sponsored by Senator Linsky (P)
To elucidate the legislative subpoena powers vested in the Senate by the Student Body Constitution, subject to limited oversight by the Student Senate President.
REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, 09.08. |
| Bill 50 | Sponsored by Senator Linsky (P)
To amend statutes which concern the discretionary veto power granted to the Vice President of Student Affairs by the SGA Senate. REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, 09.08. |
| Bill 51 | Sponsored by Senator Randall (P)
To amend the Student Body Statutes to eliminate the Budget Committee in its entirety and restructure its current duties to the purview of the Finance Committee.
REFERRED TO JUDICIARY THEN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.08. |

Bills Second Reading:

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| 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 |
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JUDICIARY, 09.01. PASSED IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, 09.07. PASSED IN JUDICIARY, 09.08.

- Opening Statement:
 - Randall: This is the first piece of legislation in this process. Expands Graduate Student vote on issues of SGA funding by adding an ex-officio voting position for the Congress of Graduate Students speaker to Central Reserves, Sweepings, and the Budget Committee. Ex-officio voting comes from Rules of Procedure. This bill also reformats the entire statute to improve readability and future amendments. Adds specific provisions to include collaboration between COGS and other facets of SGA, reducing the statutory burdens.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- Pro:
 - Marcus: Graduate students have been vocal in our chambers tonight in their support for this bill.
 - Roy: This simply expands where COGS has a vote. As the former Chair of Central Reserves, it was an honor working with Speaker Hagemeyer and they should have a voice in more spaces
 - Hunter: This bill came through the Internal Affairs Committee and we loved it. We do not only represent undergraduate students, even though most of us are undergraduates, we represent everyone at FSU. Expanding ex-officio membership to COGS and giving graduate students more of a space in our Senate is of utmost importance. It has been made clear to us tonight that this is wanted by many.
 - Tackett: When you see these 2 Senators on a bill together, they did good work. This is a well-written bill and we need to help COGS.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Marcus moves to pass by unanimous consent, Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: BILL 46 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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. AMENDED AND PASSED IN FINANCE, 09.07.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Randall: Also related to the Congress of Graduate Students as it was recommended by one of their representatives. Long overdue change and this is the best idea we have at this time to improve accessibility for clothing. Currently, clothes that are not one-size-fits-all are capped at \$8 per piece of clothing. 3XL shirts are more expensive than that, so this bill increases the limit to \$10 for 3XL clothing. \$8 limit is kept for S-XL sizes. Dramatically improves accessibility across the university, and fixes the hard deadline for RTAC and PAC to allow some discretion to the Chairs to speak to the business manager about requests that come in after the statutory deadline. This has a lot of support from COGS.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- Pro:
 - Hunter: As an executive member of an RSO who has ordered shirts for an organization, we have had challenges with this in the past and had to pay out-

of-pocket to ensure size inclusivity. Companies charge more for extra fabric. Thank you to the sponsor for working to improve size inclusivity. Thank you from RSOs.

- Bowling: As someone who has been affectionately referred to as a “big man,” I appreciate this wholeheartedly. A step in the right direction for size inclusivity. Looking over this in the Finance Committee, it removed red tape for the Chairs and streamlines things.
- Roy: As PAC Chair, this is need. If an RSO requests 100 shirts and cannot afford 20 of them with the \$8 limit, that becomes \$400 that the RSO must pay out-of-pocket. We know they cannot afford that.
- Wood: Heard this in Finance Committee, and the sponsor pointed out all the reasons why this should be passed. He did a great job streamlining this and was thorough in his explanation.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Nasworthy moves to pass by unanimous consent; no objections**
- **RESULT: BILL 48 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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. PASSED IN BUDGET, 09.08. PASSED IN JUDICIARY, 09.08.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Linsky: Have been in Senate for almost a year and presented a lot of legislation, but this is the first time I speak in front of you in person, and this is the most important piece of legislation that I have sponsored so far. Graduate students have only been getting 30% of A&S fees that they are paying in. I may be a progressive, but 70% taxation is too high. This is our chance to do something right and good for the university. We want to be a Top 10 Public University in the country, and we must do that through out Masters programs, PhD programs, and research. Getting research published, getting grants, showing the country that FSU is reputable. We cannot do that under the way it stands because there is not enough money. You heard how many RSOs are affiliated with only the Law School, but the Law School Council only gets \$44,000 a year to represent over 800 students. That is less than 25% of what they pay in, not accounting for Sweepings or Central Reserves because graduate students do not utilize those either. I personally think the ratio should be 70/30, but as my fellow sponsor pointed out, we do not want to go too far too fast. Giving them 50% is a 60% increase of what they currently receive. The budget for COGS will be \$1 Million. If we pass this here tonight, the student body will make their decision at the ballot box. I hope they make the decision we intend, and at the very least, we owe the opportunity.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- Pro:
 - Lessard: Most of us are undergraduate students, including myself, but we do have graduate students in the Senate. I did not know that COGS only got 30% of their A&S fees. To me, that is ridiculous. SGA is for the entire student body, COGS does so much in their specific field that they need money for. Research is important; my aunt got her doctorate and research was a big part of her

work and time spent getting her degree. She needed money from her university to travel, and COGS does not have that money to give because we are hoarding A&S fees. Research is what pushes the university forward and puts FSU on the map. I love the arts, I represent Fine Arts, but STEM research is what puts FSU on the map and we need to put more money into it. Did not realize that the Medical School & Law School had so many RSOs, and they cannot get enough done with only \$600,000. We need to give them more money.

- DuChene: As a Senator for Fine Arts, our graduate students do some of the best work that the College of Fine Arts puts out, and we need to support them.
- Preshia: As a graduate student, did not know that we only get 30% of the A&S fees. As someone who has had to secure funding for research, I agree that this is a great advance.
- Marcus: This is an excellent bill, but in the past we have had difficulty getting constitutional amendments passed as there is not much turnout, so make sure your friends are aware of this.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- Pro:
 - Roy: Cannot speak any more highly on this. As Chair of Central Reserves, COGS came to us for money. Law School Council came to us for money. The way our A&S fees currently are, they have to find money elsewhere. We want and need to invest in the student experience, this money should go to students. Do not want to see this money sit around for 10 years, just to be divvied out to the Student Union.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Lessard moves to call the question, Tsouroukdissian seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
 - Linsky: I hope this passes tonight, but the real challenge will be at the ballot box. We need advocates from all parties and areas of campus to agree on these basic principles of equity, that graduate students deserve autonomy for at least half of A&S fees. Spoke with Student Body Treasurer Gray, and he said that they will recommend that A&S fees be raised from \$12.86 per credit hour by the maximum amount, 5%, so our budget will increase by \$687,000. If we pass this, we still gain \$200,000, and COGS will be in a position where they can support their students.
 - Randall: It has been an honor to sponsor this. At the State of the Student Body Address, there was nothing to indicate that COGS was thought about, no name plate or designation. COGS does not even get a seat at the table at the State of the Student Body. Where is their spot, where is the spot for graduate students at FSU, where can they receive the funding they need, where can they be supported?
- Vote: 44-0-0
- **RESULT: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 10 PASSES**

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, 09.06.

Resolution 43 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P), Marcus (Co)
Condemning the Florida Board of Education's banning of the discussion of Critical Race Theory in Florida Public Schools. **REFERRED TO SLAA THEN RULES & CALENDAR, 07.07. TABLED IN SLAA, 07.19. AMENDED AND PASSED IN SLAA, 09.06.**

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. AMENDED AND PASSED IN SLAA, 09.06.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Puwalski: The amendment made in committee was to change the Pro Tempore's name from Hunter to Wang, since this was written over the summer. This was more timely when it was written, but due to the timing of the events and the circumstances of summer Senate, but it is still important. The resolution addresses the political unrest that occurred in Cuba and the oppression the Cuban people faced from their government. As a democratic institution in a state and country that strives to be democratic, we have a duty to speak up on this. Mentions the Cuban rights abuses and non-governmental organizations that have identified several-hundred activists and journalists who were affected by this. We have a responsibility to voice our support for Cuban students at FSU and the people of Cuba facing oppression.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Edouard: Did you reach out to student organizations, such as the Cuban Student Association, regarding this?
 - Puwalski: Reached out to the Cuban American Student Association and invited them to edit, did not receive any response but they had access to view the resolution. Not sure whether or not they saw it.
- Pro:
 - Puwalski: **POO**, someone wanted to ask a technical non-debatable question.
 - J. Hitchcock: This is beautifully written. Some may say that FSU Senate should not take a stance on foreign relations, Florida at its closest point to Cuba is a shorter distance than I am right now from my home. This issue is very local to us and this resolution addresses it perfectly.
 - T. Murray: This is still timely and important, even though it is no longer trending on social media, it is still important to advocate for these students.
 - Hunter: **POI** for the sponsor, what is the purpose of the 6th Whereas clause and why is it necessary to the resolution?
 - Puwalski: We wrote this resolution due to our position on FSU's campus. The candidate up for confirmation tonight spoke very highly of FSU as a public institution. We have self-determination, we decide who represents us on campus and in the state of Florida through local and state elections, and we have the same rights throughout the United States. As a democratic institution, state, and country, we have the responsibility to say something about this. That clause specifically says that the United States is a beacon of democracy and has a responsibility to support freedom, justice, independence, and self-determination worldwide, and I believe that to be true.
 - Guillamont: Being from Florida, I know many people who are Cuban or of Cuban decent, and this incident hit close to home since I am from Miami. I am from Spain, and many people in Spain have dual citizenship in Cuba since it used to be a Spanish colony and they have family there. Many of them have

been feeling the effects of this communist regime, whether they were there or they have family there. Urge you all to vote in favor.

- **Hunter moves to amend to strike “as a beacon of democracy”, DuChene seconds**
 - **Guillamont objects**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Hunter: Support the sentiments of the resolution and has good intentions, but this part is unnecessary. Considering that we had an insurrection at the National Capitol in January, I do not see this phrase as necessary or correct.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Guillamont: Did the January 6th insurrection prevent the election from being confirmed?
 - Hunter: No.
 - DuChene: Did the events of January 6th undermine our democracy?
 - Hunter: Yes.
 - Preshia: Would the sponsor of the amendment find it friendly if it said “which should act as a beacon of democracy” instead?
 - Hunter: Sure.
 - Randall: **POPP**, can everyone please speak louder and towards the camera.
 - **Preshia moves to amend the amendment to say “which should act as a beacon of democracy,” Nemeth seconds**
 - **Puwalski objects; Preshia does not withdraw**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Preshia: We should make this amendment because there is clear disagreement on whether the United States represents a beacon of democracy, so this amendment would be open to interpretation and allow us to still say that we have a responsibility to support freedom. This amendment to the amendment is a way to represent all of our ideas.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Powell: Do you holistically believe that this small phrase alters the meat of the resolution?
 - Preshia: I do.
 - Pro:
 - Lessard: We all know that the United States has not necessarily been a beacon of democracy as of late, January 6th being an example, but we are the model of democracy for much of the world. Even when we do not live up to that standard, we should be that beacon and strive to do so.
 - DuChene: There are students who come from Cuban immigrants in the college I represent, and I know they would support this resolution, but I also know that American has also harmed these students. While we all support the idea that we should uphold democracy, of course there is controversy as to whether or not we actually do. Let’s stick with this since it is not controversial; we should be a beacon of democracy.
 - Roy: I respect fellow Senators’ opinions on this. This is a matter of respecting how people view it, and of course we

should be a beacon of democracy. I believe that it is, even though we do not afford the right to vote to Puerto Rican and D.C. citizens. We have our problems but we should be acting as a beacon of democracy, and that is how it should be worded. Vote yes if you respect how these people see it.

- Marcus: The subjective nature of this allows it to be open for interpretation, which is good because the latter parts of this clause also fail to apply.
- **Powell moves to amend the amendment; motion denied as we are too far into debate**

■ Con:

- Puwalski: Not meant to be adversarial, but I wrote it this way for a reason. Not saying every part of America is the greatest, not saying that people who walk into the Capitol with Viking helmets on are the best people out there. There is more to America than that. I understand the insurrection has clouded some people's views of America and democracy, and I am not for that, I think very few are. I am not saying that American is the greatest nation, even though I do believe that America is the greatest nation, I also believe that there are many elements to this that we must consider. As a son of immigrants, my mother was not able to vote. I appreciate the processes we have in our country. There is work that needs to be done, but in over 2 and a half centuries of American history, we have done what is best overall for our people and democracy. It is important to note that when discussing this situation. They are under a dictatorship; that is not something I support, largely because of my upbringing in this country and my ability to vote.

■ Pro:

- Stults: In full support, but we are missing the point. January 6th was one day. What about voter suppression of people of color in Georgia? What about suppression of womens' rights to choose in Texas? America is not living up to being a beacon of democracy.
- Bowling: Historically, only white land-owning males could vote in America from the start. Women could not vote until 1920, and African Americans could not vote until the 1960s, and still had literacy tests and Jim Crow laws acting as barriers. We still experience voting restrictions. We are not perfect, but we should be a beacon of democracy. I respect this country, I am also a child of immigrants as my mother fled the Soviet Union, but America has never truly been a beacon of democracy. There is room to improve, and I think we will get there, so I am in support of this amendment and resolution.
- Lessard: Great points have been made, rights are being suppressed in Texas right now. Anyone with a uterus, their bodies are being attacked by Texas law. Is that what democracy is? Is democracy governing someone's body? It is not, we are not acting like a beacon of democracy, but we should be.

- Roy: We are going into a lot of issues now, but I want to non-controversially say that the United States is the greatest country in the world. Of course there are many things we have done wrong, and I respect the opinions of others. We should be a beacon of democracy; that is our goal.
- Con:
 - Powell: Getting lost in the semantics and debating ideological differences. It would be in the best interest of those we serve to pass this. They will not look at this and condemn the United States for saying “as a beacon of democracy.”
 - Linsky: Trying to split the middle; see the problems with both sides. If you say it is a beacon of democracy, people who disagree will get upset. If you say it should be a beacon of democracy, you are saying with a normative term that it is not a beacon of democracy. If it were to say “which aspires to be a beacon of democracy,” it is left vague whether it is or is not. We can all agree that the United States does aspire to be a beacon of democracy, and with this we artfully dodge the core of the argument we have been having. I will likely abstain from this vote, but I hope we can amend it to say this later.
 - Randall: **POI**, Is the sponsor of the amendment allowed to change the amendment during this time?
 - Rowan: No, that is not in line with Rules of Procedure. The sponsor would need to withdraw and move to amend again, restarting debate.
 - Hunter: **POI**, what is the purpose of a resolution?
 - Harmon: The purpose of a resolution is to express the opinion of the Senate. If we pass this, it is the express opinion of the Senate and we agree on everything that is said within the legislation. If you disagree, you can submit a statement of dissent.
 - Puwalski: Rising to speak again, not in an adversarial manner. When writing this bill, did not imagine that there would be a Texas abortion ban. Did not imagine that we would be discussing the Capitol insurrection or the abortion ban. My sole intention was to, as someone who appreciates democracy in a room of people who appreciate democracy, voice support for the Cuban people. Would like to find a compromise, maybe just strike the section in question. Do not want this to be a contest of who loves America more or a battle of ideological differences.
- Randall: **POI** for the sponsor, will you withdraw this amendment?
 - Preshia: Yes.
 - **RESULT: AMENDMENT IS WITHDRAWN**
- Pro:
 - Linsky: Glad that we are working to compromise, please vote yes.
 - Tsouroukdissian: **POPP**, this has gone on long enough, can we please just pass it and move on?
 - Harmon: We are still in Pro/Con, you can make a motion to call the question in Con if you would like.

- Puwalski: I believe this is a good compromise. Not the happiest that this part is being taken out, but it is important that we speak out for the people of Cuba and against dictatorship. As someone who lives under democracy, I am glad I do not have an oppressive dictatorship limiting my ability to speak on this and write this. Those of us who served during the summer saw how divided we were at times; I wanted this to serve a double purpose as something to bring us together. In my wildest imagination, I did not think this would start a discussion of abortion or anything like that, and that has nothing to do with the bill. Abortion, only white males being allowed to vote, no American history like that is mentioned in the bill. It simply supports humans and denounces their communist government. I hope you will vote yes.
 - Harmon: Stick to talking about the amendment, we are only discussing the amendment right now.
 - Con:
 - No speakers
 - **Roy moves to call the question, Flashman seconds; no objections**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Hunter: My intention behind striking this section was to avoid the whole debate we just had and remove discourse that is not necessary to this conversation. Thank you to the sponsor for taking on such an important and difficult topic at a crucial time.
 - Vote: 36-3-2
 - **RESULT: AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED**
 - **Roy moves to pass by acclimation; Guillamont seconds; no objections**
 - **RESULT: RESOLUTION 46 PASSES BY ACCLIMATION**
- Powell: **POI**, Can I use the iClicker app to vote?
 - Harmon: We are working on that.

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. PASSED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.07.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Tackett: Spent hundreds of hours working through these rules, and this is the first rule. This one has some name changes and clarifies dates for run-off elections. We all worked diligently on this.
 - Linsky: Spent a lot of time on these rules late in the spring and through the summer. Hopefully we get all of these amendments through before inauguration, because that is when they will take effect. Our goals with the Rules of Procedure changes was to simplify, shorten, and remove redundancy. I like the way Rule 1 is structured because it is the first rule that is enacted when the Senate convenes for the first time in a new session. It deals with the election of the Student Senate President and Pro Tempore. Look forward to answering any questions.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A

- Pro:
 - Roy: Heard this in Rules & Calendar committee. This is very well-put-together, it addresses issues that we have seen in the past, even with the election of our current Student Senate President.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Roy moves pass by unanimous consent, Little seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 50 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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. PASSED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.07.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Nemeth: Rule 2 deals with the Student Senate President's duties and powers. Not many big changes, mostly just simplifying, specifying, and clarifying. Biggest change is the deletions in 2.5 and 2.6.
 - Linsky: We are trying to grant a lot of discretion to the Student Senate President. Being Senate President is a difficult job with lots of rules. In going over the Rules of Procedure, we learned that we are out of compliance with a lot of them. To me, that does not say that we are doing something wrong; it says that the rules are archaic and obtuse, in need of simplification and improvement.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- Pro:
 - Marcus: Thank you to the Senators who served on the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc. They put in their due diligence. This revision provides clarity in an instance which the Senate had some chaos in the past. Some of you may not be aware, but there was confusion on if the Senate President had discretion in allowing public figures to Senate. This is a necessary change.
 - Little: One of the issues we ran into in the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc is that many things were repeated from our other governing documents. For this rule in particular, several of the deletions were already in Statutes or the Constitution. This makes the Rules of Procedure clearer, and less daunting to read and understand.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Lessard moves pass by unanimous consent, Powell seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 51 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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. AMENDED AND PASSED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.07.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Tackett: We discussed this for a long time in the ad hoc. Thank you to the current PAC Chair for his personal story on the Clerk position and for these amendments. I hope you can pass this, and the rest of the Rules of Procedure changes, by unanimous consent.
 - Linsky: This was amended in Rules & Calendar, and drastically improved. We have an amazing Clerk right now, and we think all Clerks can do what she has

been doing, but it is foolish to think that just because we have someone who is great, everyone else to come will be great also. Makes more sense to give these things to the President to delegate at their discretion. Story from the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc: every time we would go over a rule, Senator Randall would read every single word. Please vote yes.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Roy: Were there any sections that Chair Randall did not read?
 - Linsky: No
- Flashman: **POI** for the sponsor, would striking 4.4 cause any issue with the public request of information?
 - Linsky: No. This document is subordinate to the Constitution and Student Body Statutes. Being that information requests are covered in Florida law with the Sunshine Act and in Student Body Statutes, it is unnecessary to have it restated here.
- Randall: **POC**, the webmaster, as described in Statues, takes note of all final bills, committee minutes, etc. The only thing the webmaster does not currently do is record the amended versions. Any storage method for amended versions would be difficult to pass on from Clerk to Clerk. It has been brought to our attention that the Administrative Assistant for SGA, Natalia Rivera-Hernandez, does that.
 - Harmon: That is not her job but she has been doing it.
- Lessard: **POI** for the sponsor, we do not need the deleted part of 4.4 because it has already been accounted for in Statutes?
 - Linsky: For the last sentence of what was removed, yes. The other 2 sentences are not the responsibility specifically of the Senate Clerk. They will be delegated by the Student Senate President, and we encourage that they delegate it to the Clerk if they have one, but if we do not have one, then we must rely on Ms. Butts and Dr. Williams to do those things, and that is not their job. Want to ensure that we put our leaders and staff in a position to do business without overloading one person.
- Pro:
 - Roy: Happy that the sponsor found the amendments friendly. As a former Clerk, our Clerk does a ton. The longer I talk, the more work she does. Wanted to ensure this does not overload one person.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Lessard moves pass by unanimous consent, Guillamont seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 52 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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. AMENDED AND PASSED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.07.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Nemeth: This rule pertains to the Student Senate Pro Tempore. Several of the amendments are similar to Rule 2. Amendments take out unnecessary language and specifying certain things.
 - Linsky: When it comes to impeachments, Judiciary Committee is typically the venue for that, but Rules & Calendar has a responsibility to track absences and hold a hearing if a Senator has been absent too many times. However, there is not specification for who is responsible for drafting articles of impeachment. Judiciary should not be responsible for this, because then they are submitting to themselves a charge that they will then conduct a hearing

on. This clarifies that the Pro Tempore, the Chair of the Rules Committee, who will draft articles of impeachment.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- Pro:
 - Puwalski: This makes sense and the authors put a lot of thought towards preventing potential issues.
 - Little: As someone who served on the Rules & Calendar Committee last semester, there was confusion about who is responsible for drafting articles of impeachment, should the need arise. This provides needed clarity. Have consulted with the Pro Tempore, and she is in support of this.
 - Hunter: As the Pro Tempore this past summer, I prayed to not need to refer to this document. Providing clarity for someone like me, stepping into the position temporarily, is so important.
 - Marcus: There have been instances in which people have had to step into this role, such as Chair Linsky. This provides clearer guidelines for them.
 - Wang: As Pro Tempore, I beg you to vote yes on this.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Hunter moves pass by unanimous consent, Tsouroukdissian seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 53 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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. TABLED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.07.**

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. TABLED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.07.**

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. AMENDED AND PASSED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.07.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Linsky: This is one of the bigger structural changes we are making: the Rules & Calendar Committee will now just be the Rules Committee. Rules Committee will be responsible for reviewing the calendar, but not setting it. Setting of the calendar will be left for the Student Senate President to delegate to the Clerk, or whoever they deem best to handle that. Adds “Student” before each instance of “Senate President” to keep the wording consistent.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- Pro:
 - Randall: I have heard many Senators and people familiar with Senate, that they do not understand why it is called the Rules & Calendar Committee, because it never deals with the calendar. After discussions with staff, students, and Senators, we decided it is important for the Chairs to review the calendar. This is to ensure that all updates and notations are correct.

- Wang: amendment made in Rules & Calendar will keep us more accountable for doing the calendar in advance
- Randall: **POC**, a key change we have made is specifying the “Student” Senate President, Pro Tempore, etc. Please continue to use the word “Student” in reference to the Senate and the officers as it is all the same now.
- Roy: This resolution amends that when PAC and RTAC Chairs are not present at the Rules Committee, we can send our liaison, who is a Senator. As it stands, we are supposed to send our Vice Chair, but they are not Senators.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Nemeth moves pass by unanimous consent, Lessard seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 56 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.01. AMENDED AND PASSED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.07.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Linsky: This is meant to make Rule 8 simpler, easier to read, and more accessible. If we need to reference the Rules of Procedure to solve a problem, it should be clear. Some amendments fix repetition; why do we have messages from the Executive Cabinet on the calendar, separate from the Executive Branch, although the Cabinet is part of the Branch? This also changes the 11pm adjournment rule to be non-debatable, so that we do not waste time in long meetings debating on whether to go to bed. Round of applause for Senators Randall, Nemeth, Tackett, and Parliamentarian Rowan for contributing to these changes. If this passes, we have 6 rules down, 9 to go!
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- Pro:
 - Marcus: As someone who has battled the bedtime rule multiple times, glad to see this amendment to it.
 - Little: Have been in several meetings that have gone until 2am. Appreciate eliminating the debate on the motion because debate on this is often repetitive. Eliminates bureaucratic slowness.
 - Lessard: As the Senator who sponsored this rule last spring with former Senator England, we made it debatable but I now appreciate that it will be non-debatable.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- Lessard: **POI**, Does striking 8.12 allow the Senate Chambers to be used by anybody?
 - Linsky: Any Senator.
 - Lessard: So, if a Senator wanted to use the Chambers on a random Tuesday, they can do that?
 - Linsky: They can make a closing announcement, fill out an upcoming events card to be put on the Senate email list. This is less restrictive to the student body who may want to use the Senate Chambers when we are not. Large barrier that seems to say “No non-Senators allowed, find space elsewhere.” It is a waste of space.

- Randall: **POC**, the university has different people who oversee different spaces. In the event that we are unsure how Guest Services (those who oversee our spaces) may want to do this, this allows leeway for university policy to dictate that. Before, it was at the Senate President's discretion.
- Harmon: **POC**, Dr. Bowden told us on the Union tour that the Senate President will keep that discretion, so it will stay the same regardless of this rule.
- Hunter: POPP, can you repeat what you just said about the rule still being in effect?
 - Harmon: Dr. Bowden said the Senate President will still have that authority.
 - Randall: **POC**, by striking this, we are allowing it to default to university policy. If policy changes, this does not become irrelevant, it just does not exist.
 - Harmon: Furniture in the Chambers is expensive, so we do not want just anyone in there.
- **Roy moves pass by unanimous consent, Marcus seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 57 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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. TABLED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.07.**

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. TABLED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.07.**

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. TABLED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.07.**

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. TABLED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.07.**

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. TABLED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.07.**

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. TABLED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.07.**

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. PASSED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.07.**

- Opening Statement:

- Guillamont: Without diving into the details on the situation in Afghanistan, since I think everyone here has been able to keep up with what is going on, this resolution condemns the terrorist attacks. 13 U.S. personnel were killed, over 100 bystanders were injured. Unbiased resolution to honor the sacrifices of military; they gave their time, and their lives, for this country. Whether you agree with our involvement with Afghanistan, these soldiers did not have an option. An FSU graduate died serving in Afghanistan, he was 28.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Flashman: The 3rd whereas clause from the bottom addresses the FSU graduate who was killed, were there any other FSU graduates who were killed?
 - Guillamont: Not to my knowledge.
- Pro:
 - Lessard: Whether or not you agree with the military presence in Afghanistan, they were following orders. The military does not care if you agree with them, you must follow their orders. 13 men and women gave their lives for this country. This honors them, including the FSU graduate Captain John Tinsley. Wish we could pass by acclamation but we must vote because this resolution condemns. These peoples' lives matter.
 - Thorpe: Condemn the Taliban and support these troops.
 - Puwalski: Thank the sponsor for bringing this to our attention, especially that an FSU graduate was killed by the Taliban. Whether or not you agree with military action, this is to honor the people who served and did what they were told to do. Hope we can all come together and pass this to say their lives meant something to us.
- Roy: **POC**, it was ISIS-K, the terrorist cell, not the Taliban explicitly.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Flashman moves call the question, Lessard seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
 - Guillamont: Appreciate everyone who spoke in pro. We have a moral obligation to condemn these attacks and honor those who served.
- Vote: 42-0-2
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 64 PASSES**

Resolution 65 Sponsored by Senator Randall (P)
 To amend the Rules of Procedure to eliminate the Budget Committee in its entirety and restructure its current duties to the purview of the Finance Committee.
REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.08.

Resolution 66 Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Little (P), Nemeth, Randall, Tackett (Co)
 Amending Rule 14 of Senate Rules of Procedure to revise the process for censures and simplify disciplinary actions. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.08.**

Unfinished Business:

- Candidate Spencer Greenwood for Supervisor of Elections
 - **Marcus moves to to unlock calendar and return to confirmations, Pfeuffer-Ferguson seconds; no objections**

Statements of Dissent: None

New Business:

- RTAC Chair is vacant; election is next week and will take place during new business
 - Roy: **POPP**, are there any current requests in RTAC?

- Harmon: There are requests in PAC, not RTAC.
- Pfeuffer-Ferguson is appointed as Asian American Student Union liaison
- Tackett is appointed as the Childcare liaison
- Edouard is appointed as Women Student Union liaison
- Bowling is appointed as the FSU Democrats liaison
- Nasworthy is appointed as the Pride Student Union liaison

Closing Announcements:

- Lessard: As a member of SL&AA, implore Senators with tabled legislation to come and let us hear your legislation. Students want this legislation heard, and when it sits in committee for months it gives the indication that we do not care.
- Marcus: resigned from position as RTAC Chair due to personal circumstances. Taking a step back, will stay in Senate but cannot commit as much time.
- Nasworthy: excited to serve as Pride liaison. Pride has written a formal statement regarding the events that occurred at the football game. If you are in the LGBTQIA+ community, Pride-U Fellowship applications are open until September 30th.
- Hunter: I was elected by the College of Arts & Sciences, the largest college. I also represent Black women on campus. Thank you Seminole Student Boosters President Kyle McLaren and Student Body President Janvier for suspending the panhellenic sorority in question regarding their behavior at the football game. Thank you for taking these concerns to heard. Actions taken by these sorority members were deplorable and need to result in systemic change. Disheartened that members of my community no longer feel welcome at one of our school's biggest traditions. Overwhelming amount of our football players are of minorities, and the cognitive dissonance that exists to treat minority students poorly at the game while cheering them on in the field highlights the inequalities in the system. Encourage you all to speak but also listen at the listening session this Friday at 9:30am in Turnbull 108. Asking specifically that white people go to listen, to work, to hear the hurt this caused the Black and LGBTQ communities. This is a strain that many of you will never have to face at this school. Minority leaders, it gets better and know that we are fighting an uphill battle that does not end in Turnbull on Friday. Quote from Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel: "We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must - at that moment - become the center of the universe." The center of our universe now as student leaders is here, what happened at the football game, what will be said in Turnbull 108, and what can continue to happen to minorities if we do not speak out. Neutrality for Black and LGBTQ students, and minorities has never been an option. If you do not want to speak, listen.
- T. Murray: Invite you all to Internal Affairs on Friday night, we will potentially hear 12 candidates, including the Deputy Treasurer candidate, Executive Board of Office of Governmental Affairs, Executive members of agencies, Mental Health Council, Medical Response Unit, Diversity & Inclusion Institution. Encourage you to come.
- Puwalski: Have a responsibility to address what happened during debate on my resolution that passed. Proud of the democracy we did tonight, glad we came to consensus. Resolution was written about a month ago and does not relate to any of the domestic issues that were brought up during debate.
- Guillamont: AS IFC liaison, would like to address the events of Sunday's game, since Panhellenic mirrors IFC. The comments made at the game were deplorable, uncalled for, and disgusting. However, there is the danger that we now associate all Greek life with being non-inclusive and discriminatory. Reminder that we are always open for dialogue and there is much more that we need to work on.
- J. Hitchcock: Thank you to each member of the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc. Love you all and I am thankful for the changes that you made; it is necessary work. Sad that you all are doing this work in Student Senate; you should be in the federal of state government doing this.

- Roy: PAC will have first meeting on Monday at 5 or 6pm. We have 2 confirms and need a 3rd. We will have several requests, including a huge one. With PAC, we fund organizations and help them get money for their events, shirts, etc. If interested, reach out because I would like to find a PAC liaison. This person would be a Senator who will serve on the committee to a degree and represent me in Rules Committee in my absence.
- Randall: RTAC and PAC applications are open, they have thousands of dollars to give to organizations upon request and approval. Funding in-person, virtual, in-state, and out-of-state requests. Please encourage RSOs to apply. Reach out if you have questions about what it takes to be RTAC Chair. Finance meetings are 6:15pm on Wednesdays; it is important the RTAC Chair can attend or that we get an RTAC liaison who can attend. Heard distasteful language at the football game, particularly insensitive comments regarding sexual assault and slurs for the LGBTQ community. Asked the Student Senate President to have Senate host NCBI training again to talk about the actions we can in support of our minority communities. For the sexual harassment comments, asked the President to host a Green Dot bystander intervention training for power-based personal violence. I have been through this and may attend again to refresh my knowledge. It is important that we address these issues with tangible action. Hope to invite organizations, including IFC and Panhellenic, to participate in these specific trainings. In the future, may want to work with Greek life and other RSOs to incorporate rules and require a degree of certification for a percentage of members. Finance is doing a big overhaul of the finance code; all members of Finance have chosen a section of the code to work on. There are still a few sections available that nobody is currently working on, so contact me if you would like to work on Finance Code.
- Linsky: Sweepings is open for applications, we have \$1,005,587 and we want this money to go to student organizations and university affiliates. If you are in an RSO and think you might need money, please consult with your Treasurer and apply. Tell your friends, we want as many applications as possible.

Officer Announcements:

- Rowan: Congratulations to the new Supervisor of Elections. Thank you to everyone who served on the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc, still have a little bit of work to get done, it has been amazing working with them. We want to be a family in this Senate, we should not be holding each other to a level of perfection, because we end up swallowing each other for hours and people leave this space hurt. We are here to work with the student body, so look out for each other and try to give respect.
- Wang: Congratulations to the new Supervisor of Elections Greenwood. Please come to committee prepared, I heard that some are still asking where the legislation is. When you make a motion, please say "I move," not "I motion." Resolutions note the opinion of the Senate or Rules changes. Rules & Calendar will release a statement as Senate leadership regarding the events of the football game on Sunday.
- Harmon: Good meeting, enjoyed the participation, good discussion with minimal frustration and we are doing better. Thank you for holding a proper level of professionalism. Big round of applause for our Clerk, who works very hard and we would not be able to do this without her. She keeps everything organized, Canvas is always up-to-date, and I really appreciate that. Parliamentarian Rowan, we would still be in the first round of Pro without you, thank you for being here. Thank you to Pro Tempore Wang for everything you do, I know it is not easy. Grateful for the team that we have. The Clerk cannot do her job if you are not communicating to her, so Chairs and Vice Chairs please do not forget to either text or email her to let her know what happens in your committee. This Sunday reflects how great the FSU community is in response to disgusting behavior; the fact that so many students from all backgrounds have come together to acknowledge that this behavior has no place at FSU and does not reflect students at FSU. Senator Hunter put it very well.

Advisor Announcements:

- Dr. Williams: It is bedtime, goodnight.

Final Roll Call: Edouard, Flashman, Tackett, Roy, Marcus, Myers, Hunter, Garcia, Bettley, Little, Bergen, Preshia, Randall, Thau, Stults, Arutt, Nasworthy, Tsouroukdissian, Lessard, DuChene, Duperier, Rodgers,

Linsky, Rigidel, Fineout, Satizabal-Prieto, Gonzalez, Moriah, Naranjo, Nemeth, Russell, J. Hitchcock, Melian, B. Murray, West, Wood, Thorpe, K. Hitchcock, Keyser, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Guillamont, Puwalski, Bowling, Stewart, Remler, T. Murray, Powell

Duchene moves to adjourn at 11:08pm; meeting is adjourned.