

THE SEVENTY-THIRD STUDENT SENATE
Calendar: September 15, 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 by Student Senate President Harmon at 7:40pm.

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

Moment of Silent Reflection

Senator Hunter 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: Flashman, Tackett, Roy, Barrett, Marcus, Myers, Hunter, Little, Bergen, Thau, Stults, Arutt, Nasworthy, Tsouroukdissian, DuChene, Linsky, Riguidel, Satizabal-Prieto, Lewis, Gonzalez, Moore, Nemeth, Russell, J. Hitchcock, Melian, B. Murray, West, Wood, K. Hitchcock, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, VanderLey, Botel, Puwalski, Bowling, Stewart, Remler, Zittrauer, T. Murray

Verification of Quorum: Verified

Corrections and Approval of the Journal 9-8-21: **Duchene moves to approve the journal, Marcus seconds; no objections**

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

- Shayna Cohen, Executive Director of Torchlight: Torchlight is a research-based organization that keeps students informed about current events, policy, state government, and student government. Requests for research are accepted through website only; take all suggestions for official requests. Applications are open for officer and general member positions; great for anyone interested in policy research, finance, event management, or legislation. We find a place for anyone interested in being involved and offer training. Applications can be found on Instagram @torchlightcenter or on our website. Last year, we hosted a fall SGA election debate; the recording is on our YouTube. We will host another debate this year and invite all parties and relevant candidates. Nothing in Student Body Statutes to require the Supervisor of Elections to moderate the debate. Even if only one party is interested in attending, we will host an event of some sort.
- Jackson Oberlink, Policy Coordinator of CLEO Institute: CLEO Institute is non-partisan and non-profit organization dedicated to fighting climate change. On Friday, September 24th, we will host a Global Climate Day of Action in various Florida cities. In Tallahassee, demonstration at the Florida Capitol from 1-3pm. Calling out government officials for inaction on the climate crisis. FSU SGA has done amazing work, like the renewable energy initiative and a resolution on divesting from fossil fuels. Unfortunately, some of this work is being held up by administration higher-ups. This is a great opportunity to call out people in power for their inaction. You can register for the event via website.

Special Introductions and Announcements: None

Messages from the Executive Branch: None

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

- Brandon Gabay, Director Jewish Student Union: Tonight is the beginning of Yom Kippur, the holiest holiday of the year, when we ask for forgiveness and repentance. Normally I would not be here on such a holiday, but must bring circumstances to your attention. As many of you have seen on social media, an anonymous student has spoken out on anti-Semitism. The post says, "My friend is a part of the Leadership program on our campus. The class discussion was about examples of good leaders, and another student said 'I think Hitler was a very good leader.' The teacher and the rest of the class laughed." While I have not yet been able to speak to the student who posted this, I have heard from another student who shared a similar story. Sadly, not the only event of anti-Semitism at FSU. It is not acceptable. We appreciate the Senators who already started speaking about this and have been allies to the Jewish community. FSU must improve on creating inclusive spaces for marginalized communities on campus. Given all the cases of hatred being displayed in the last few weeks, we need to take a strong stance against this hate, and the Student Senate has power to make change. No reason that any student should feel afraid to share their identity, but these situations make it hard for students to be open about Judaism. Please use your position to make FSU a safer place for everyone. To discuss further, find me in Thagard on Mondays & Wednesdays 10:30am-12:30pm, or email at jsu.director@gmail.com. For those fasting for Yom Kippur, g'mar chatima tova and have a meaningful fast.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet: None

Messages from the Class Councils: None

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students: None

Messages from the Judicial Branch: None

Messages from the Union Board and Student Engagement Ambassadors: None

Messages from the Campus Recreation Board: None

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: Remaining Balances: Senate Projects \$20,532.11, PAC \$60,000.00, RTAC \$45,000.00, and ORG Fund \$3,800

Report of Senate Liaisons:

- Barrett, Veterans Student Union: VSU is aware of Resolution commemorating 9/11, sponsored by Chair Roy. We are humbled by the 9/11 memorial display from those who volunteered.
- Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Asian American Student Union: AASU has had huge turnout so far this year. You all are welcome to come to AASU events!
- Nasworthy, Pride Student Union: PSU's first GBM will be a drag show on September 18th in the ASLC. Pride U Fellowship applications are still open until September 30th.

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary, report made by Chair Little: Met Tuesday at 7pm. Heard Bills 49, 50, & 51. Amended and passed Bills 49 & 51. Bill 50 is still tabled.
- Internal Affairs, report made by Chair T. Murray: Met Friday and Tuesday, forwarded a total of 13 candidates. Will now meet every Monday at 6:30pm. Please come to support the next generation of student leaders at FSU.
- Budget, report made by Chair Gonzalez: Did not meet, will meet next week.

- Finance, report made by Chair Bowling: Passed Consent Resolution 20. Need more members for PAC and RTAC. RTAC Chair elections are tonight
- Student Life & Academic Affairs, report made by Chair B. Murray: Met Tuesday at 8:30pm. Heard Resolution 48, but still working on amendments.
- Rules & Calendar, report made by Pro Tempore Wang: Met today at 5pm. Failed to pass a candidate for College of Social Sciences Senate Seat 5. Passed Resolutions 43, 58, 59, & 60, with amendments for 58, 59, & 60. Held suspension hearings for a few Senators, and they were all suspended or granted leave of absence.
- Sweepings, report made by Chair Linsky: We have \$1,005,578 to allocate. Received encouraging applications, hope every Senator will get the word out that these applications are due Friday at 12pm.

Senate Confirmations:

Kevin Angel for Medical Response Unit Director, Haley Olsen for Veterans Student Union Secretary, Kaitlynn Adams for Diversity & Inclusion Institute Director, Johanna Carpio for Asian American Student Union Treasurer

- Opening Statements:

- Angel: Medical Response Unit is a volunteer EMS organization on campus. Had the pleasure of serving as Director of Administration last year. Continuity is important, and now more than ever, public health and medicine are looked at for answers. I believe I will be a part of this organization for 7 of the 8 semesters I will be at FSU. This is what I am most fit for.
- Olsen: Sophomore majoring in Actuarial Science. In Army ROTC and Army National Guard working with combat engineers. Want to be involved at FSU, Veterans Student Union felt natural because of my military background, and feel it is important that veterans are a part of the community. Want to be Secretary because of love for the Veterans Student Union and the people in it, and experienced in Secretary's responsibilities. In high school, served as Executive Officer for our Air Force ROTC, and the Vice President of National Honors Society. Always adding to leadership and likes to help things be efficient and organized. Want to help VSU reach more people and accomplish goals.
- Adams: She/her/hers pronouns. Second-year student majoring in political science and social work. Passion for social justice, and Diversity & Inclusion education, was sparked by opportunities during my first year at FSU. Was in the Social Justice Living-Learning Community, served on first DEI board for FSU Alpha Chi Omega, and served with D&I Institute this past spring. As a white woman who has navigated the world with privilege, challenge myself to find my role in DEI advocacy. I can use my privilege to amplify others, call out others, hold others accountable, connect with others, and listen to minority communities to help them feel supported. Want to help members of majority identity groups realize that diversity & equity spaces are our spaces too. We, more than anyone, should be engaging, learning, and growing in these spaces. Want to bring together passionate students to discuss DEI, and create a safe space for people to explore their identities and use campus resources and trainings. Students will take this knowledge into the real world to advocate for DEI in future spaces.
- Carpio: Have been involved in Asian American Student Union for 2 years, as a general member and as Secretary. Joined to feel connected to culture and learn about other cultures. Treasurer position is a great opportunity for me to learn to advocate for the funding of major programs, while also participating and continuing to learn about cultures, issues, and intersectionalities. This organization has helped me grow as a leader and feel comfortable in my skin. Will help to ensure AASU has the resources necessary to continue providing these spaces.

- Questions:

- Marcus: For Candidate Carpio, are you financially certified for the 2021-2022 fiscal year?
 - Carpio: Yes

- **J. Hitchcock moves to forward the candidates individually, Roy seconds; no objections**

- Closing Statements:
 - Angel: This organization is a great opportunity for those interested in the medical field. This has allowed me to work in medical assisting, local urgent care, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, and Madison County Memorial Hospital. I also work on federal grants in Madison County because of this opportunity and experience. I bring all of these experiences to the table.
 - Olsen: Looking forward to this year, Veterans Student Union has great plans for Veterans Month. Hope to continue advocating for fellow Veterans.
 - Adams: If anyone is interested in getting involved, we will have information sessions in October.
 - Carpio: Thank you to SGA for providing the space for my identity and others. Look forward to serving and fighting for my community.
- Vote:
 - Kevin Angel for Medical Response Unit Director: **36-0-1**
 - Haley Olsen for Veterans Student Union Secretary: **38-0-0**
 - Kaitlynn Adams for Diversity & Inclusion Institute Director: **29-2-5**
 - Johanna Carpio for Asian American Student Union Treasurer: **36-0-0**
- **RESULT: ALL CANDIDATES PASS**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Wang
- Hunter: **POI**, Where are the most recent Internal Affairs minutes? They are not posted.
 - Advisor Jacalyn Butts: Ben Young is out sick, so they were not able to be posted.
- Hunter: **POI**, Can they be projected or something?
 - Clerk Connor: Posting them to Canvas now.
 - Pro Tempore Wang: Projecting onto the screen.
 - Round of applause for Senator Pfeuffer-Ferguson's minutes.
- Marcus: **POI**, Where are the minutes on Canvas?
 - Clerk: Under the Senate Floor module, under the forwarding letters.

Jackson "Jack" Hitchcock for Secretary of External Affairs, Kenley Adams for Mental Health Council President, Nicolas "Col" Stinson for Deputy Treasurer, Rawan Abhari for Office of Governmental Affairs Director, Ariel Trueba for Office of Governmental Affairs Deputy Director, Jason Puwalski for Office of Governmental Affairs Internal Assistant Director, Kana Lilly for Mental Health Council Executive Vice President, Ana Dolorit for Mental Health Council Vice President of Outreach, Caroline Ball for Student Council for Accessibility Advocacy Assistant Director

- Opening Statements:
 - J. Hitchcock: Tonight I am here as a Senator and as a candidate. If confirmed to this role, I will work very closely with the Florida Student Association. FSA is a council of 12 Student Body Presidents of Florida public universities, representing over 400,000 students. Our own Student Body President is governor of this council, so I will be working with FSA frequently with their lobbying efforts. My experiences are very well-suited for this position. In high school, along with Senator K. Hitchcock, performed outreach and spoke at dozens of clubs to raise \$90,000 for students who could not afford to go to college. Performed outreach and connected over 500 volunteers each year for 5 years to raise over \$40,000 for Salvation Army. My experiences and goals align perfectly for this position.
 - Adams: Junior studying Political Science and Psychology. Mental health and related policy is my life passion. Lots of experience led to this opportunity; as a Senator, Mental Health Council was just a statute as that time, and have been developing it ever since. This is the first year we will be fully operational; crucial that we lay a solid foundation for longevity. We will do this by working with various other groups on campus, such as the University Counseling Center and agencies.
 - Stinson: Junior Political Science major, minoring in Philosophy. Obviously, the previous candidate for this position did not pass, and I had several people reach out to ask if I would

be interested. Served on the Budget Committee in Senate and as the Finance Chair for the Student Foundation. Well versed in SGA funding and how students get those funds. Biggest challenge right now is making students aware that this funding is accessible for their organizations. Known Treasurer Gray since freshman year; he is a great guy and I have discussed my ideas with him since the start of his campaign. We work well together and can bounce ideas off each other.

- Abhari: She/her pronouns. Junior. Served in Office of Governmental Affairs for the past 2 years, and performed outreach this past year. I hold institutional knowledge that will be helpful in this position and help us get the tangibles we are advocating for from the state legislature. Served on the Anti-Racism task force, Power of We, and Executive Branch of SGA. Hope to show you how OGA can take issues from all across SGA to the Capitol.
- Trueba: He/him pronouns. Senior majoring in Political Science and Business Management. Served in OGA last year in student advocacy. In this position, worked to get more recognition for CARE and Unconquered Scholars. Lots to get done in very little time; legislative session starts in January. Look forward to reaching out to stakeholders on campus who will unite with us in getting the word out to the student body.
- Puwalski: Have experience with OGA through Noles Engaged in Politics. Budget & Policy intern at the Office of the Governor, worked on state and federal campaigns, and have policy experience and knowledge to work with my team to advocate for the tangibles we are looking for. Hope that legislation will improve FSU status beyond being a Top 20 Public University. Will collaborate with other organizations to ensure we are getting students registered to vote, that they have transportation, and that students can be heard on this campus and they know what is on our agenda. As a current Senator and Vice Chair of Judiciary Committee, will use connections to ensure a smooth transition of the legislative agenda and get the ball rolling.
- Lilly: Junior majoring in Political Science and double-minoring in English and Business. I am passionate about mental health because during my first semester, I was sexually assaulted and developed post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and anxiety. Through collegiate career, learned the importance of mental health and putting myself above all else. Prioritizes transparency, vulnerability, and integrity in upholding the institutions we value. My goal is to provide space for students to feel comfortable in confiding and learning more about how mental health affects us. Will use University Counseling Center resources to hold workshops, seminars, and activities to dissect how mental health affects us in our communities. Bringing mental health to the forefront and advocate in bigger spaces through the university, SGA, and student spaces as we all face challenges in this pandemic and beyond. This is my passion because I wish to advocate for women who look like me and have had similar experiences. Will educate, empower, uplift with my experiences. Have my own foundation to advocate for the mental health of Black women. Hope to further your knowledge as well as my own. Thank you for this space to speak on this story.
- Questions:
 - Tackett: For the OGA and Secretary of External Affairs candidates, the Secretary of External Affairs said they hope to work with OGA and legislators. Usually working with legislators is partisan, so how will you go about speaking with legislators?
 - J. Hitchcock: This work is not always partisan. I worked with a state representative this year, and on his wall he had grades from organizations. One that stood out to me was the Association of Builders and Contractors, who graded based on votes to expand the economy and help builders and contractors. Promoting education and funding for the university is what we would look at, for example.
 - Abhari: It is not about it being partisan; you need to know who you are representing and the legislator you are working with. We come from an FSU lens rather than a party lens. Our team has multiple political ideologies, as does FSU, so it would not be just to approach it in that way. We are under a legislature that is very Republican, so we know we will not be able to achieve all our agenda topics, and we would not achieve much if we only went to the Democrats. We need to understand what they

- want to pass as it relates to our agenda. We always say no to campus carry, advocate for more money, and support Bright Futures.
- Trueba: We are a non-partisan group to represent FSU students; we need to work with both sides. Usually work with Seminole Caucus, who has members of both sides, as well as our alumni.
 - Puwalski: It not in the best interest of either party for OGA to only work with one side of the aisle. We will do what is best for FSU, and that is being non-partisan.
- Hunter, with reservation for a follow-up: For the Mental Health Council President candidate, are you aware of the resources that the University Counseling Center currently has for out-of-state students?
 - Adams: For out-of-state students in particular, I am not sure.
 - Hunter: For the Mental Health Council President candidate, what is your plan, or do you have a plan, for mental health counselling for out-of-state students who take classes remotely and are not in Florida?
 - Adams: We are not mental health professionals and cannot offer those resources ourselves, but will partner with the University Counselling Center to help with whatever they can provide.
 - Hunter: For the Mental Health Council President candidate, are you aware that out-of-state students not in Florida cannot receive counselling from the University Counselling Center?
 - Adams: I was not aware of that, I do want to address that with our constituents.
 - Linsky, with reservation for 2 follow-ups: For Candidate Abhari, There was a bit of a hullabaloo about how last minute the OGA agenda was presented to Senate. Is it possible that it is presented earlier this year?
 - Abhari: My goal is to get it done as soon as possible, which will get it to the Senate floor faster. I believe it will be done faster this year because the candidates before you right now know what the student body needs, who will work with a very informed Executive Branch.
 - Linsky: For Candidate Abhari, with your knowledge of OGA, can you describe the highlights of OGA's work last year and things navigated successfully?
 - Abhari: Our agenda last year was very expansive, covered all student issues. However, struggled internally and in the ways in which we dealt with other areas of SGA. Very little came to fruition, but OGA never knows what to take credit for and when to advocate for specific issues. Agenda last year was too vague. Goal this year is to be more intentional and specific, and we are already working on this.
 - Marcus: For Candidate Trueba, in the Internal Affairs minutes you claimed to have no party affiliation on campus, is that true?
 - Trueba: The question referred to off-campus politics. I have no party affiliation off campus.
 - Hunter: For Candidate Hitchcock, part of the job title for the Secretary of External Affairs is to increase student knowledge on FSU SGA news. How do you plan to do that, you spoke a lot about FSA but I want to know how you plan to expand SGA knowledge on campus as well?
 - J. Hitchcock: Part of my job is looking at other schools and work with them to see what they do and how we can bring that here. In the past, the University of Miami has done a "Student Government Did That!" week, in which they go to their Landis-equivalent space and host tables showing what SGA has done. I think it would be amazing to do this, with a Senate tent, Union Board, agencies, Campus Recreation Board, Executive and Judicial Branches, and others. We often do not get recognition for what we do here, and this can increase visibility, recognition and awareness for students.
 - Gonzalez: For Candidate Hitchcock, are you aware what the Rise Up Taskforce is and are you planning to continue it?
 - J. Hitchcock: Is that the voting initiative?
 - Gonzalez: No.

- J. Hitchcock: Then I am not sure.
- Marcus: For Candidate Hitchcock, in the Internal Affairs minutes you explained that you wanted to increase A&S fees, why is that?
 - J. Hitchcock: When Jewish Student Union got reinstated, another great accomplishment, all the other agencies got less funding. Why is it that when we increase representation, we take away funding from others? More A&S fees would remedy this, and this can be accomplished through FSA and Student Body President Janvier's stake in the Board of Governors.
- Marcus: For Candidate Hitchcock, given that we have historically had leftover A&S money in Sweepings, how do you justify increasing the cost of attendance for students?
 - J. Hitchcock: Having money leftover in Sweepings is due to the lack of students' knowledge about Sweepings.
 - Marcus: The money in Sweepings is leftover A&S fees.
 - J. Hitchcock: Yes, there is a lack of RSOs requesting money from Sweepings.
 - Marcus: I am saying that Sweepings is leftover A&S money that was not spent in the prior fiscal year. It is not that people are not going to Sweepings, it is that the money is being swept. How do you justify increasing A&S fees when we already have leftover?
 - J. Hitchcock: It would be amazing if everyone got more funding. It would allow funds like Senate Projects, which could always use more money, to grow. It is not like we are not getting enough, but we could always use more to do more for the student body. Agencies need a lot more money; they request often and have been cut for a few years in a row. The excess that we have was allocated and not used where it was allocated. So, when it goes to Sweepings, it is used, so we have to have money for the organizations that did not get that money the first time around. Increasing the cost of attendance increases representation for other students. If the increase is 10¢ per credit hour, and students take about 14 credit hours, that is \$1.40 per semester. That will not place additional burden on any student.
- Hunter: For Candidate Trueba, how do you plan to increase communication between OGA and the legislative branch?
 - Trueba: Noticed the lack of communication last year. Will reach out to every Senator, hope to hear back with any ideas or specifics for what you would like looked at.
- Marcus, with reservation for 2 follow-ups: For Candidate Stinson, are you financially certified for the 2021-2022 fiscal year?
 - Stinson: Yes, took the test last week and got a 96%.
- Marcus: for Candidate Stinson, can you tell me what PAC and RTAC mean?
 - Stinson: PAC stands for the Programming Allocations Committee, and RTAC is Resources and Travel Allocations Committee.
- Marcus: for Candidate Stinson, have you ever gone through the funding process?
 - Stinson: I have never requested funds, but helped organizations and know the inner workings. It is a confusing process but I am familiar.
- Hunter: for Candidate Hitchcock, do you believe that working to raise A&S fees is within your jurisdiction as the Secretary of External Affairs?
 - J. Hitchcock: I think my jurisdiction is about as far as it can go. With outreach, the sky is the limit, and you can continue past that. Working with the Board of Governors and FSA will be hard, but something we can accomplish.

- Hunter: For Candidate Hitchcock, can you commit to surveying students to see how they feel about an increase in A&S fees before you bring it to FSA?
 - J. Hitchcock: Absolutely.
- Marcus: For both the Mental Health Council candidates, mental health is not very present on campus, as a student who has struggled with mental health, what concrete plans do you have to expand the conversation of mental health?
 - Adams: I plan to advocate at the university level for mental health and serve as a liaison to the university, as well as introduce a continuing structure of legislative advocacy at the state level with the help of OGA.
 - Lilly: Starting the conversation of how we can make it a more talked-about issue on campus, because any prior foundation was dismantled and dismissed during the pandemic. We need to go back and create a stronger foundation to create tangible solutions and bring these conversations into the identity-based organizations and to administration. Taking accountability for how it was handled in the past and creating tangibles for how we move forward.
- **T. Murray moves to forward the candidates individually, Tsouroukdissian seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statements:
 - J. Hitchcock: There is no limit to outreach, as it is not a set thing, it is a coordinated effort to expand everything. You can do that in any way possible, and I am ready to do that by working with FSA. Want to get on Landis and highlight the accomplishments all across SGA.
 - Adams: Excited for this role and for the connections the Mental Health Council will have to make a lasting impact. This is something that needs to be done well to be sustainable.
 - Stinson: You all will see more of me and excited to work on funding requests.
 - Abhari: I hope my promise to turn OGA around motivates you to believe I am qualified for this role. I hope to hear input from you all and to show that our board is accountable and will hold the legislature accountable.
 - Trueba: My door is always open and I will be reaching out to you, excited to hear your ideas.
 - Puwalski: We already have a great communication and motivation, hope you all will cooperate with us to get the foundation fully laid, looking forward to a smooth transition and advocating. Experience speaks for itself, will rebuild OGA's reputation.
 - Lilly: Thank you for allowing me the safe space to share my story and understanding my vision.
- Vote:
 - Jackson "Jack" Hitchcock for Secretary of External Affairs: **30-4-2**
 - **Jack Hitchcock resigns from Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 13**
 - Kenley Adams for Mental Health Council President: **31-1-2**
 - Nicolas "Col" Stinson for Deputy Treasurer: **34-1-0**
 - Rawan Abhari for Office of Governmental Affairs Director: **34-0-0**
 - Ariel Trueba for Office of Governmental Affairs Deputy Director: **31-0-4**
 - Jason Puwalski for Office of Governmental Affairs Internal Assistant Director: **35-0-0**
 - **Jason Puwalski resigns from Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 12**
 - Kana Lilly for Mental Health Council Executive Vice President: **34-0-0**
- **RESULT: ALL CANDIDATES PASS**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Wang

Consent Calendar:

- Resolution 20 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P)
 Allocating funding from the Programming Allocations Committee to fund food for a Mid-Autumn Festival Banquet by the Chinese American Student Association.
Hunter moves to pass Consent Resolution 20, Nasworthy seconds; no objections

Bills First Reading:

- 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. TABLED IN JUDICIARY, 09.14.**
- 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. AMENDED AND PASSED IN JUDICIARY, 09.14.**
- Bill 52 Sponsored by Senator Randall (P)
To transfer \$500 from Executive Projects to the Jewish Student Union to pay for the Jewish Student Union Director's Fall 2021 salary. **REFERRED TO BUDGET, 09.15.**
- Bill 53 Sponsored by Senator J. Hitchcock, T. Murray (P) Guillamont, K. Hitchcock, Nemeth, Powell, Puwalski, Remler, Russell, Tsouroukdissian, West (Co)
To amend Student Body Statutes to remove the requirement for a Student Senator to have served two years or more in the Student Senate in order to be awarded membership in the Student Senate Hall of Fame. **REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, 09.15.**

Bills Second Reading:

- 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. AMENDED AND PASSED IN JUDICIARY, 09.14.**
- Opening Statement:
 - Linsky: Slight variation of one that was previously passed. In the impeachment process of Former Student Body President Levin, and subpoena power played a prominent role in that. The current Deputy Treasurer Stinson reached out to me to work on this together. I would suggest to anyone who has a conflict of opinion with a fellow Senator, the best way to find common ground is to write legislation together. This bill as it was originally was vetoed by Dr. Hecht. Had a meeting with her to hear her point of view, and she was concerned that the legislative subpoena power would extend beyond the power of HIPPA and FERPA. The previous bill had a provision to specify that it was subject to federal and state law, but this is more explicit in saying that records protected by HIPPA and FERPA will not be subject to this. Additional amendments in Judiciary distinguish between investigative board subpoena powers and committee subpoena power.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
 - Pro:
 - Marcus: **POI**, has Dr. Hecht seen this version of the bill?
 - Linsky: No, we left the meeting with the understanding that this is a good thing. There was another miscommunication, this constrains the power a lot because the Constitution is broad. The Investigative

Board has a lot of leeway, but this will constrain that. Removing subpoena power entirely would have to be done via constitutional amendment, and I do not believe I can convince the Senate to give up this power, nor do I want to.

- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Tsouroukdissian moves to call the question, B. Murray seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
 - Linsky: Thank you for your faith, fingers crossed it is not vetoed again, and if it is, I am ready for round 3.
- Vote: 29-1-5
- **RESULT: BILL 49 PASSES**

Constitutional Amendments:

Resolutions:

- Resolution 18 Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez (P)
Calling on the FSU Administration and Board of Trustees to review and withdraw investments from corporations deemed unethical by the FSU student community.
REFERRED TO SLAA, 02.10. TABLED IN SLAA, 02.16., 02.23., 03.09., 03.16, 03.23, 03.30, 04.06, 06.09, 06.21, 06.05, 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. AMENDED AND PASSED IN RULES, 09.15.**
- Opening Statement:
 - Roy: Critical Race Theory examines the intersectionality between race and law. If a poll closes on a Sunday morning, it affects everyone, but disproportionately affects people of color. Looking at how the two interact is Critical Race Theory. This also covers things like poll taxes and voter ID requirements. People say that it wants to overthrow society, but it really is just looking at how we analyze the ways laws affect people and these are conversations we should be having. The resolution is condemning the Florida Board of Governors for amending the educational code to ban "examples of theories that distort historical events and are inconsistent with state board-approved standards, including the denial or minimalization of the Holocaust and the teaching of Critical Race Theory." These two things do not have equal standing. Critical Race Theory was developed in the 70s by academic scholars, and does not try to deny facts or truth. I have researched this a lot. This is depriving students in public schools from having these conversations.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
 - Pro:
 - Bowling: Banning Critical Race Theory is an attack on academic institutions. This was taught for years and is now being used as a catch-all term to shut down discussion about racism in America and how it affects people.

- Marcus: As the child of a public high school English teacher who was called racist, this needs to be passed. Took a class on Critical Race Theory and explores the Master Narrative, which is a theme found across American history textbooks that white washes history. We all had the same textbooks growing up that left out a lot of important details. Critical Race Theory challenges that. Stand up for academic integrity.
- Linsky: The Talmud, Quran, and Bible all say that to kill a man is to kill all of mankind. John Milton said to kill a book is to kill all of reason. The ban of Critical Race Theory is banning books. Being afraid of ideas that might catch on, and it is the coward's way out. Commies did this in the 50s and now there has been a political inversion where the other side is now afraid of ideas. The best remedy to bad speech is more speech, and there is a way to challenge theories: try to understand it and rebut it on its own merit instead of say it is too dangerous for society.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Tsouroukdissian moves to call the question, Bowling seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
 - Roy: This will help people have discussion. This is not saying this is everything that needs to be taught, just saying that this can be taught. Do not want to take away from curriculum.
- Vote: 30-0-2
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 43 PASSES**

Resolution 48 Sponsored by Senator Bowling (P), Hadley, Puwalski (Co)
Pledging support for native and indigenous rights movements. **REFERRED TO SLAA, 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. 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 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. PASSED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.15.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Linsky: The simplest change that the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc is making to the Rules of Procedure. It delineates the hierarchy of governing documents: the Constitution, Student Body Statutes, Senate Rules of Procedure, Robert's Rules of Order.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Bowling: if there are any editions of Robert's Rules that are released, would this rule depend on those editions or this present edition?
 - Linsky: Would defer to most recent, only where there is a conflict or gap in the other governing documents above it.

- Pro:
 - No speakers
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Roy moves to call the question, Marcus seconds**
 - **Roy withdraws**
- **Roy moves to pass by acclimation, Bowling seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 58 PASSES BY ACCLIMATION**

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. AMENDED AND PASSED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.15.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Tackett: The change at 10.1(C) redefines resolutions, thank you President Harmon for bringing up how Hall of Fame nominations conflicted with the definition. Also discussed germane rules. Most of the changes are grammatical or for uniformity.
 - Linsky: I like getting things passed by acclimation or unanimously, but would like to see pushback on these Rules of Procedure changes. The Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc is meant to do this once and then disband. Want this to have longevity. If you see anything you find objectionable, its good for the process and will not take offense, even if I get feisty.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- Pro:
 - **Pfeuffer-Ferguson moves to amend to spell “germane” correctly, Stults seconds, no objections**
 - **Sponsor finds the amendment friendly; amendment is adopted**
 - Roy: This resolution seems well put together.
 - Hunter: **POI** for sponsor, can you explain 10.14(E)?
 - Linsky: Topic of in-depth conversation in the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc. Parliamentarian Rowan suggested this to alleviate stress, procedurally, when we are amending amendments. When we have reached an impasse in the disagreement, we want to recreate measures to redirect. When it comes to a motion for reconsideration, it will be limited to the prevailing side of the vote in committee. Allows for people to change their minds upon learning new information. Would not allow a couple of disgruntled Senators to move for reconsideration because they did not like the way things were moving. Statements of dissent have a purpose.
 - Rowan: To explain an example and precedence; in the 72nd Student Senate, former Finance Chair took issue with the Judiciary Committee rejecting a candidate for the Supreme Court, and then moved to enter Judiciary as a whole to reconsider the candidate. Parliamentarian at the time ruled that they must have been on prevailing side of the vote in committee. The Finance Chair argued that they were not present, because they were not a member of that committee, and therefore did not vote against it. This puts the precedence of the Senate into Rules of Procedure.
 - Hunter: **POI**, is this not already in Robert’s Rules of Order?

allows them to speak so not recognize motion. Not in this rule put into an earlier rule we passed underneath heading rights privileges

- **Marcus moves to amend to add 11.7(B) as (A); Bowling seconds; no objections**
 - **Sponsor finds it friendly; amendment is adopted**
- **Roy moves to amend 11.1 to say “Senators may make a debatable objection to the motion”, Bowling seconds; no objections**
 - **Sponsor does not find the amendment friendly**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Roy: There are times when we want to have someone on the floor and someone objects. When this happens, it is not clear why they object. Making the motion debatable gives room for an explanation and people know what they are voting for and why. In the past, the Senate President has asked why there was an objection, and this is technically not meant to happen, but it happens because objections can seem to come out of nowhere. Even if this makes it a bit longer, it gives needed reason.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
 - Pro:
 - Marcus: **POI** for sponsor, Does an objection not already trigger debate?
 - Roy: An objection in this can would just trigger a vote.
 - Marcus: So it was non-debatable originally?
 - Roy: Yes.
 - Bowling: Important to maximize communication, especially because there were times in the past when we moved to a vote without knowing what was going on. Allows us to get on the same page.
 - Hunter: **POPI**, According to Parliamentary Procedure, if a Senator were to make an objection, would that be debatable or non-debatable?
 - Rowan: The question is whether the motion is debatable, not the objection. The objection spurs debate on the motion, if it is debatable.
 - Hunter: Without this amendment, is that in line with Parliamentary Procedure?
 - Rowan: Robert’s Rules does not cover this, the Senate must decide.
 - Con:
 - Linsky: Appreciate the debate, but think this amendment does the opposite of what we were trying to do in this process. It makes things more confusing and convoluted. I hear the points on the need to allow speech, but this motion does not typically see resistance. There is no vote unless there is an objection, so unless the objection is clearly the right thing to do, the body allows non-

Senators to speak. With this amendment, we have to stop for parliamentary uncertainty.

- **Hunter moves to call the question, Marcus seconds; no objections**
- Closing:
 - Roy: This, without the amendment, would have us randomly vote on the objection, if there is an objection. It shortens the time, but if there is an objection and a vote, there should be a discussion. The Senator next to you may know something that you do not, and such information may change your mind.
- Vote: 22-7-2
- **RESULT: AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED**

- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Duchene moves to pass acclimation, Stults seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 60 PASSES BY ACCLIMATION**

- 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 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, 09.07.**
- 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, 09.07.**
- Resolution 67 Sponsored by Senators Linsky, Little (P), Nemeth, Randall, Tackett (Co) To waive Student Body Statute 309(B)(2) and allow the Jewish Student Union Director to receive pay for the Fall 2021 semester. **REFERRED TO FINANCE THEN BUDGET, 09.15.**

Roy moves to place Resolution 69 on the floor.

- Resolution 69 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P), Barrett, Bowling, DuChene, Edouard, Flashman, Hunter, B. Murray, T. Murray, Nasworthy, Nemeth, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Russell, Stults, Tackett, Tsouroukdissian, VanderLey (Co)

Commemorating the lives lost on 09/11/01 and appreciating the Veterans Student Union, the Collegiate Veteran Association, and the Air Force and Army ROTC for their work to honor the event and create student spaces to respectfully remember events.

- Opening Statement:
 - Roy: Remembering the lives lost on the 9/11 attacks and acclaiming the work put forth by the Veterans Student Union, the Collegiate Veteran Association, and the Air Force and Army ROTC. Last Saturday (9/11/21) was the 20th anniversary, and they hosted a memorial at 8:46am on Powell Green. I attended, and want them to know their actions did not go unnoticed. Amazing that they put on this event for the community and want to raise awareness for their work.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- Pro:
 - Barrett: VSU puts effort forth to recognize not only the lives lost that day, but those lost in the subsequent wars as well. Know many who have served and this resolution honors them well. These organizations appreciate the recognition for their work to host this memorial.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Barrett moves to pass by acclamation, B. Murray seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 69 PASSES BY ACCLIMATION**

Marcus moves to place Resolutions 70 & 71 on the floor.

Resolution 70 Sponsored by Senator Marcus (P)
Condemning the conversion of parking spaces across to "Pay to Park" spots and recognizing the systemic inequalities this enhances across our campus. **REFERRED TO SLAA THEN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.15. TABLED IN SLAA, 09.20.**

Resolution 71 Sponsored by Senator Marcus (P) Lessard, Tackett (Co)
Encouraging FSU to adopt an interpretation of the Clery Act that includes incidents near campus in areas that FSU students frequently traffic and subsequently encouraging FSU ALERT to push notifications about these pseudo off-campus incidents. **REFERRED TO SLAA, 09.15. TABLED IN SLAA, 09.20.**

Unfinished Business: none

Statements of Dissent: none

New Business:

- RTAC Chair election
 - **Marcus moves to open the floor for nominations, Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
 - **Marcus nominates Nasworthy for RTAC Chair, T. Murray seconds; Nasworthy accepts**
 - **Tackett moves to close the floor for nominations, Roy seconds; no objections**
 - **Nasworthy is elected as RTAC Chair.**

Closing Announcements:

- Duchene: The School of Theater's production of Newsies has student tickets on sale for \$5, would be great to see some Senators there!
- Pfeuffer-Ferguson: A few of us attended the listening session last Friday; disheartening that so few showed up. This was an opportunity to listen to our constituents directly. Being AASU liaison, it left

me with a heavy heart. This is not the end, continue to listen and ensure we do what we are elected to do.

- Roy: PAC has \$60,000, please let organizations know so we can reinvest in the student experience. Need more PAC members, please let non-Senators know. Still looking at how Central Reserves will be designed for the future; will be meeting with Treasurer Gray on Friday about this. With Homecoming coming up, we should focus on and talk about Seminole imagery on campus. We as students are not taught much about it. Osceola is portrayed as a Chief even though he was not actually a Chief. We know little about the people and the tribe. Tribes were mispronounced in the Land Acknowledgement at an event. Would like to work towards teaching the history at orientation or seeing if Homecoming can host an event to focus on appreciating the culture. If we want to use the Seminole imagery, need to teach people why it is important instead of avoiding these conversations. Hope we can facilitate this as Senators and ensure this community has a voice.

Officer Announcements:

- Rowan: Thanks to Chair Roy, PAC is one of the most efficient and best working parts of SGA. World Affairs Program will have the first night of NoleMUN tomorrow night.
- Connor: Legislation packets for new legislation each week will now be available; apologize for this gap in legislation not being posted as I was not aware that this was a requirement. Regarding legislation being posted to the website after its passing in Senate, I appreciate the Senators who have been active in looking for the legislation and holding leadership accountable, but legislation has more steps to go through after it is passed. It takes longer than 48 hours, and longer than a week. From when it passes, I send it to the advisors, they send it to the Senate President to be signed, and then the Student Body President signs it, and to the other appropriate people for signatures and revisions. One of the biggest criticisms of democracy is that it is slow, so please bear with us. If you are concerned about holding me accountable, feel free to email me and ask if I have done my due diligence. The Thagard office is understaffed right now and so your patience is appreciated.
- Wang: Rules & Calendar Committee heard suspension hearings today. Mental health comes first, please talk to leadership if you have anything going on so we can work with you, we are here to help.
- Harmon: If you cannot make it to your committee, please email me or come to my office hours. That goes for anything else pertaining to business as well, please send an email rather than text unless it is urgent. Internal Affairs and Judiciary are short on members. Please speak to the people your legislation affects, that is how resolutions have power and it is rude to condemn someone you have not expressed your feelings to.

Advisor Announcements:

- Advisor Jacalyn Butts: Our staff works Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm, so if you send something after 5pm, they will not be in the office. Mental health is of utmost importance and I am concerned about you all because you do lots of good work. Please send emails, as President Harmon said, that is an important personal boundary. You all are here because you are students. Want to see you all be more proactive with legislation; often amendments are being made that are good but catching things too late after there has been a problem. Look at Statutes first when you have a question. If you are looking to do some outreach, get involved in family weekend; they are looking for student volunteers.
- Dr. Williams: Get involved with family weekend, it is a great opportunity for outreach.

Final Roll Call: Tackett, Roy, Barrett, Marcus, Hunter, Little, Bergen, Thau, Stults, Arutt, Nasworthy, Tsouroukdissian, DuChene, Linsky, Satizabal-Prieto, Lewis, Gonzalez, Moore, Nemeth, Russell, B. Murray, West, K. Hitchcock, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, VanderLey, Bowling, Stewart, Remler, Zittrauer, T. Murray

Bergen moves to adjourn at 10:34pm; meeting is adjourned.