

THE SEVENTY-THIRD STUDENT SENATE
Calendar: October 6, 2021
Location: HCB 208
Time: 7:30pm
Zoom Link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/92325341806>

This meeting of the 73rd Student Senate was called to order at 7:46pm by Student Senate President Harmon.

Senator Russell led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Senator Randall led the Senate in 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.

Members Present (First Roll Call): Edouard, Tackett, Roy, Barrett, Marcus, Myers, Hunter, Garcia, Bettley, Little, Bergen, Berger, Rossi, Randall, Thau, Stults, Arutt, Reeves, Noel, Nasworthy, Tsouroukdissian, Linsky, Fineout, Satizabal-Prieto, Gonzalez, Moriah, Naranjo, Moore, Russell, B. Murray, West, Wood, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Bowling, Remler, T. Murray

Members Absent (First Roll Call): Bouchard, Molina, Duperier, Rodgers, Nemeth, Melian, Thorpe, Hitchcock, Keyser, VanderLey, Guillamont, Stewart, Powell

Members Tardy (First Roll Call): DuChene

Verification of Quorum: Verified

Corrections and Approval of the Journal 9-29-21: **Tackett moves to approve the journal, T. Murray 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 hosting a debate with candidates from the two primary SGA parties tomorrow, October 7th, at 8pm. Questions have been decided by Torchlight Executive Board with input from students, and only Torchlight Executive Board knows what questions were chosen. We will have strict rules of decorum. Zoom link and rules will be posted online and on Instagram. Applications are open for student policy, policy research, and communications positions. Posted a piece on the 5 Constitutional Amendments that have passed the Student Senate. Elections are fun but also stressful; get some sleep, treat others the way you would like to be treated, and remember it is just student government.
- Victoria Paul, Director of The Power of We: The Longest Table, our signature event, will be October 13th at 5-7pm. RSVP on Instagram or at tlfsu.eventbrite.com. This event is to have conversations with people who are different than you; there will be assigned seating based on the information you provide. Learn about other identities and leave with new friends.

Special Introductions and Announcements: None

Messages from the Executive Branch:

- Student Body Vice President Thykadavil: Please take care of yourselves through midterms season, and always. The Executive Branch held a successful Town Hall last week; at the next Town Hall we would love to increase attendance and connect more with the student body. Secretary of Inclusion Williams is partnering with the FSU Civil Rights Institute to show an informative documentary about slave trade on October 12th at 6pm. Florida Student Association "We The Future" conference kicks off Thursday, October 14th with a rally and lobbying at the Florida Capitol, Friday will be a meeting at FAMU with leaders from 12 universities, and the conference is in Turnbull Conference Center on Saturday.

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

- Jewish Student Union Director Gabay: Committee chairs have been selected, excited to have committees up and running. Showing Shiva Baby next week at the ASLC on October 13th. Upcoming events with 3 other Agencies.
- Hispanic Latinx Student Union Director Sanchez: Collaborating with The Center for a celebration, there will be merchandise.

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 \$17,532.11, PAC \$54,908.00, RTAC \$38,975.00, and ORG Fund \$3,600

Report of Senate Liaisons:

- Nasworthy, Pride Student Union: Pride is hosting Allies & Safe Zones on October 7th at 6-9pm in the Globe Auditorium, and a National Coming Out Day event on October 11th at 11am-2pm on Landis Green.
- Gonzalez, Black Student Union: Held a march this past weekend to protest the discrimination of Black people at FSU. A few Senators showed up: Chair Roy, Senator Hunter, Vice Chair Tackett, and myself. Thank you to those who came, and next time would like to see better turnout to show support for students.

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary, report made by Chair Little: Met on Friday, October 1st to table Bill 50, pass Bills 55 and 56, and forward a Supreme Court candidate who passed unanimously.
- Internal Affairs, report made by Chair T. Murray: Met on Monday at 6:30pm to forward William Monroe for Pride Student Union. We were not able to hear the candidate for Deputy Supervisor of Elections.
- Budget, report made by Chair Gonzalez: Met Tuesday at 6pm. Tabled Bill 57, passed Bill 58.
- Finance, report made by Chair Randall: Met today at 6:15pm. Passed Consent Resolution 25 from PAC and worked on Finance Code Revisions.

- Student Life & Academic Affairs, report made by Chair B. Murray: Met Monday at 8:30pm, tabled Resolutions 18 and 70.
- Rules & Calendar, report made by Pro Tempore Wang: Met today at 5:30pm. Forwarded a candidate for Undergraduate Studies Seat 1 and passed Resolution 73 with amendments.
- Sweepings, report made by Chair Linsky: Held 62 hearings since September 23rd and deliberated for about 10 hours. The Sweepings Bill will be on 2nd reading next week because Statutes require that the bill be publicly available for 3 days before we vote. This bill plans to fund: commercial refrigerators for the Food Pantry, AEDs in 23 residence halls and training workshops for using the AEDs, 18 sets of professional clothing for the Pride Student Union closet, new computers for our advisors in SGA, a total overhaul of the old equipment at the WVFS 89.7FM radio station and enough money to keep them operational, new hot food serving station for The Globe, money for the Sports Club Council to compete nationwide this year, new bags for the Medical Response Unit, a freezer and gene-sequencer for FSU iGEM, an e-catalog of course materials for FSU Libraries, covering the rise in minimum wage for student workers at Campus Recreation and other departments.

Senate Confirmations:

Nicole Alvarado for Hispanic Latinx Student Union Secretary, Richard Sommers for Supreme Court Associate Justice, Lydia Fertil for Student Senate Undergraduate Studies Seat 1

- Opening Statements:
 - Alvarado: Goes by Nikki and she/her pronouns. 2nd-year student majoring in Accounting. Currently also an Orientation Leader. First year of college did not go as planned, but made a goal to get involved with an SGA Agency that would be meaningful to my college experience. Proud of my identity and it would be an honor to serve as Secretary. If given the opportunity, want to continue advocating for my community and foster friendships in the agency. Important to educate others on the challenges we face.
 - Sommers: FSU Law student, graduated from FSU undergraduate in 2019. Wanted to apply to this position for the past 6 years, but have not felt qualified enough until now. Applying now after working for the Florida Supreme Court, serving on the Elections Commission for a year and on FSU's Trial team.
 - Fertil: Double-majoring in International Affairs and Cyber Criminology. Senate is where change is enacted, want to be a part of the change. Understand that this will be only for a month, and this will be the perfect amount of time to understand Senate and decide if I want to continue in Senate at FSU.
- General Questions:
 - Marcus: For the Supreme Court candidate, do you have prior involvement in SGA at FSU?
 - Sommers: Aside from going to funding committees for World Affairs Program, no.
 - Randall: **POC**, did you not say you were on the Elections Commission last year?
 - Sommers: Yes, sorry.
 - Randall: For Candidate Fertil, Describe a time when you successfully communicated, even if you disagreed, and what was the outcome of that conversation?
 - Fertil: In high school, volunteered often and met a lot of people with different ideas and perspectives. It was difficult communicating when planning community service project in which I was volunteer coordinator; by respecting each other's opinions and listening, we left with both sides satisfied.
 - Randall: for the Supreme Court candidate, What have you found to be difficult about working as a member of a team as opposed leading a team, considering you will not be Chief Justice, and how do you handle that?
 - Sommers: At the Florida Supreme Court, had 2 different supervisors. Like working with teams because we all have one goal. Just because you are not a titled leader, does not mean you cannot be a leader in your community or team. Does not mean I would not advocate as strongly as in any other role.
 - Hunter: for the Supreme Court candidate, What is your approach to statute interpretation?

- Sommers: Look at the text first. If the text is clear, stop there, and interpret only when text is unclear.
 - Randall: for Candidate Alvarado, Can you describe your experience in HLSU and projects you have worked on in the past?
 - Alvarado: Sitting in HLSU meetings, learned a lot about what goes on at FSU. Never been a place where I can advocate for my community like in HLSU. We work on projects to discuss intersectionality, toxic masculinity, and other issues that we see in Hispanic Latinx countries.
 - Hunter: For the Supreme Court candidate: Do you have any conflicts of interest that would inhibit you from effectively serving?
 - Sommers: None that I know of and would remove myself if any arise.
 - Marcus: for the Senate candidate, are you financially certified, and if not, are you aware of that requirement?
 - Fertl: Aware of the requirement but not currently certified. Was told that there is a 3-week grace period.
 - Randall: for the HLSU candidate, One of the statutory requirements of your position is being in charge of all internal communication. What are the ways that you stay organized, and how do you hope to help the agency stay organized and communicate?
 - Alvarado: Stay organized with Google documents, especially Google Sheets. Organization is part of a functioning environment, so it is important to be able to share information easily with the Executive Board and HSLU members.
 - Hunter: for the Supreme Court candidate, Do you have thoughts on how to effectively improve court procedures and efficiency in the Judicial Branch?
 - Sommers: Yes, in short. Since serving on the Elections Commission, see a need to clear up Elections Code Statutes. The close nature of this past election was confusing for all parties, plan to work with Senate to recommend revisions for the Elections Commission's procedures and statutory code for elections.
 - T. Murray: For Candidate Alvarado, you were heard in the Internal Affairs committee back in July, how (if at all) have your view of the position and plans have changed since then?
 - Alvarado: Not much has changed, goal was to practice inclusive environment and maintain an organized agency.
 - Randall: For Candidate Sommers, Courtroom can be intense and a lot to deal with, how do you deal with stressful situations in the courtroom whether it be between opposing councils, councils and justices, or justices amongst each other?
 - Sommers: Saw a lot of conflict in previous positions. Both parties are there for a reason, because something matters to them a lot. I like stressful situations. Important to empathize and encourage conflicts to have a sidebar conversation to keep better decorum for the court.
- **Marcus moves to forward the candidates individually, Roy seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statements:
 - Alvarado: Looking forward to serving and uplifting the Hispanic community at FSU. It is Hispanic Heritage month and I encourage you all to come out to our cultural celebration this Friday.
 - Sommers: Believe my experiences will serve this position well. Hope to learn from you all.
 - Fertl: Would love to be a part of Senate because it enacts change and it is great to be amongst leaders and bring change to such a diverse student body.
- Vote:
 - Nicole Alvarado for Hispanic Latinx Student Union Secretary: **27-0-1**
 - Richard Sommers for Supreme Court Associate Justice: **30-0-0**
 - Lydia Fertl for Student Senate Undergraduate Studies Seat 1: **31-0-1**
- **RESULT: ALL CANDIDATES PASS**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Wang

- Opening Statement:
 - Monroe: 3rd year student majoring in Political Science and minoring in International Affairs. Been involved with Pride this year to familiarize myself with how they manage their budget. Financially certified and experienced with accounting, event management, and funding management on a spreadsheet. In 2019-2020, served as the Caucus Chair for the Democratic Club at FSU, and served in officer positions in high school.
- General Questions:
 - Wood: What led you to seek this position and become involved with Pride Student Union?
 - Monroe: Someone referred me, seemed like good opportunity to help people in the LGBTQ+ community.
 - Randall, with reservation for a follow-up: Are you familiar with the A&S fee budgeting process?
 - Monroe: Not how SGA builds the budget, but I know how Pride's budget is accumulated and allocated.
 - Randall: Have you spoken with current Pride Student Union Executive Board members about the budgeting process for this upcoming year, as it is one of the first tasks you would undertake as Treasurer?
 - Monroe: Talked about it but have not gotten into details. Was waiting to be confirmed before getting into that process.
 - T. Murray: Have you been involved with Pride Student Union before applying to this position?
 - Monroe: Went to some of their events during freshman year but did not go during the pandemic. Know what they do and what events they are planning, and will attend.
 - Randall: What are some of the big issues facing the LGBTQ community, and how do you think your role as Treasurer can help improve that?
 - Monroe: Issues include incidents we saw earlier this semester. Hopefully as Treasurer I can manage our money well to host as many events as possible to get the most people educated and encourage open-mindedness.
 - Randall: Executive Board members have to collaborate with affiliated agencies and other members of the board. This can be stressful and create conflict, can you talk about your approach to conflict resolution?
 - Monroe: Usually not afraid to speak my mind. As it pertains to meeting with other officers, everyone has been very nice. If there is a conflict of opinion, try to express how I feel but find middle ground to move forward.
 - T. Murray: Were you interviewed by the Pride Student Union Executive Board?
 - Monroe: Yes, then forwarded to Senate.
- **Marcus moves to forward the candidate, DuChene seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
 - Monroe: Hopefully we will have a great time getting back into in-person programming, there is lots planned for Pride Month. Hope to see some of you come to our events. Pride is a growing community and helps people safely find themselves.
- Vote:
 - William Monroe for Pride Student Union Treasurer: **32-0-0**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE MONROE PASSES**
- Administration of the Oath by Pro Tempore Wang

Consent Calendar:

- Resolution 25 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P)
Allocating funding from the Programming Allocations Committee to fund True Community Uplift at Florida State University. **PASSED IN FINANCE 10.06.**
Nasworthy moves to approve Consent Resolution 25, Pfeuffer-Ferguson 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, 09.21.**
- 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. TABLED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.22, 09.29, 10.06.**
- Bill 57 Sponsored by Senators Gonzalez (P) Berger, Bettley, Keyser, Lewis, Riguidel, Tackett (Co)
Representing the estimated amount in the budget to be submitted to the Student Senate President for Budget Committee Allocation in the fiscal year of 2022-2023. **REFERRED TO BUDGET, 09.29. TABLED IN BUDGET, 10.05.**
- Bill 58 Sponsored by Senator Harmon (P) Wang (Co)
Purchasing iClicker access codes to allow for easier voting process. **REFERRED TO BUDGET, 09.29. REFERRED TO SLAA THEN BUDGET, 10.06.**

DuChene moves to go enter SLAA Committee of the whole, Hunter seconds

President Harmon relinquishes the Chair to Pro Tempore Wang.

- Opening Statement:
 - Harmon: This bill is to purchase 127 iClicker codes so that we can vote more efficiently. We are also buying for COGS, they will buy something else for us because it is easier to put it all on one purchase order. Going through committees as a whole to get this passed as fast as possible, mistakenly referred it incorrectly. This will make the Pro Tempore's life easier. Codes are \$5 each, originally \$15 but we got a deal. \$635 total, which I think we can pay for easily with over \$17,000 in Senate Projects.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Nasworthy: Are the iClicker codes for in-person Senators only?
 - Harmon: Everyone can use them. Zoom attendees will put it in on their phone so everyone can vote together. We will figure out how to distribute after this passes.
 - Roy: How long is this expected to last?
 - Harmon: The codes only last 6 months, so this is a temporary fix to a bigger problem. However, the remotes are \$50 each. When people bang them on things, they break. This is the cheapest option available to us right now.
 - Marcus, with reservation for a follow-up: Are these done through a mobile device application?
 - Harmon: To my knowledge, yes. You put in a code, which links you to the system and shows the Pro Tempore your vote.
 - Marcus: What would happen someone does not have a device that supports such an application?

- Harmon: These are what the codes look like. Since we are in SLAA, this will benefit the student body by providing accurate and timely voting results.
- Vote: 29-0-2
- **RESULT: BILL 58 PASSES IN STUDENT LIFE & ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Pro Tempore Wang relinquishes the Chair to President Harmon.

DuChene moves to exit SLAA Committee of the whole, Edouard seconds; no objections

Nasworthy moves to enter Budget Committee of the whole, Hunter seconds; no objections

Randall: **POI**, Is Budget allowed to meet, since they do not have sufficient membership?

- Harmon: We are meeting as a whole.

President Harmon relinquishes the Chair to Pro Tempore Wang.

- Opening Statement:
 - Harmon: We have \$17,000 and this is only \$635 after the discount.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Tackett: Is iClicker an approved vendor?
 - Harmon: Yes
 - Gonzalez: Are you financially certified?
 - Harmon: I am.
- **Tackett moves to call the question, DuChene seconds**
 - **Roy objects, DuChene withdraws**
- **Nasworthy moves to pass by unanimous consent, Wood seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: BILL 58 PASSES BUDGET COMMITTEE BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

Pro Tempore Wang relinquishes the Chair to President Harmon.

Marcus moves to exit Budget Committee of the whole, Gonzalez seconds; no objections

Marcus moves to accept the decision of the committee as the decision of the whole, Hunter seconds; no objections

RESULT: BILL 58 PASSES

Bill 59

Sponsored by Senators Randall, Tackett (P) Nasworthy, Wang, Marcus, Roy (Co) Reinstating and altering the Student Government War Department in Chapter 611 to defend Florida State University's pride before any contentious athletic event and encourage charitable giving among our athletic rivals. **REFERRED TO SLAA THEN JUDICIARY, 10.06.**

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 54 Sponsored by Senator Linsky (P) Stults, Wood, Garcia, K. Hitchcock, VanderLey, A. Gonzalez, Bowling, T. Murray, Tackett (Co)
Representing the estimated amount in the budget to be submitted to the Student Senate President for Sweepings in the academic year of 2021-2022. **REFERRED TO SWEEPINGS, 09.22. PASSED IN SWEEPINGS, 10.05.**

Bill 55 Sponsored by Senators Randall (P) Gonzalez (Co)
Resolving issues with the Black Student Union election code and bringing the BSU election in line with the procedures for the SGA Spring Election. **REFERRED TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS THEN JUDICIARY, 09.22. AMENDED AND PASSED IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, 09.27. PASSED IN JUDICIARY, 10.01.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Randall: Came to me in April via President Harmon from Supervisor of Elections Abhari. For the Black Student Union, the debates are different than the spring election. This bill brings them in line. Election deadlines were way in advance of expectations. Statutes needed to be moved around to make things more efficient and clearer. There needs to be something that specifies that, absent of problems, you cannot change the date of the election. The election date was changed so closely to the election that it confused the student body and the candidates. Asked the Black Student Union President what else needed to be fixed, so we revised the duties for the Supervisor of Elections to add more notice to candidates and ensure office hours are accessible.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Roy: For the positions, as they all seem newly defined, did the Black Student Union outline what those roles should entail?
 - Randall: It was not formatted properly. The positions were all dropped into 1003(c) and could not be referenced in that state.
 - Marcus: was the current Supervisor of Elections made aware of these changes?
 - Randall, No, and they would not take effect until after this elections cycle, but will meet with them after this to let them know.
 - Roy: Were they already using the titles of President and Vice President? I see a few changes involving Director and Vice Director.
 - Randall: Yes, that is outdated language that this bill fixes.
 - Hunter: is the Black Student Union Executive Board aware of all of these changes?
 - Randall: The President sat in on a call where we went over the changes and personally recommended the second round of changes.
- Pro:
 - Marcus: **POI, 702.2(M)** says the second debate will include the President, Vice President, and Treasurer candidates. Why is the Secretary candidate not included?
 - Randall: You can move to amend, that may have been an accidental omission.
 - **Marcus moves to amend to add Secretary to 702.2(M), Hunter seconds; no objections**
 - **Sponsor finds the amendment friendly; amendment is adopted**
 - **Roy moves to amend to add Secretary above to be included in the first debate**
 - **Roy withdraws motion**

- Marcus: With that amendment being made, this bill is thorough. Black Student Union approves and was involved in the creation of all changes. Due diligence was done.
- Roy: Does a lot. Even includes notification to candidates and parties of the Supervisor of Election's office hours. It goes beyond what is needed to make this more accessible and better for the candidates. Names needed to be changed.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Hunter moves to pass by acclimation, Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: BILL 55 PASSES BY ACCLIMATION**

Bill 56

Sponsored by Senator Randall (P)
Revising the statute regarding the Senate Projects account to remove unnecessary procedures. **REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, 09.22. PASSED IN JUDICIARY, 10.01.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Randall: Do not like bureaucracy. Senate Projects is currently not formatted correctly and forces Senate to send Senate Projects bills to SLAA then Budget committees in that order. If one committee does not like it, they can just fail it. Removing the restriction, as well as a duplicative paragraph.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
 - Pro:
 - Marcus: Given the amount of times that legislation has been delayed due to this procedure, glad that the sponsor took the time to fix it.
 - **Tackett moves to amend to add Tackett as a Cosponsor, Pfeuffer-Ferguson seconds**
 - **Marcus objects**
 - **Marcus withdraws objection**
 - **Sponsor finds the amendment friendly; amendment is adopted**
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Roy moves to pass by unanimous consent, Pfeuffer-Ferguson seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: BILL 56 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

Constitutional Amendments: None

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, 09.14, 09.20, 09.27, 10.04.
- 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, 09.15, 09.22, 09.29, 10.06.
- 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, 09.27, 10.04. WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR, 10.06.**

Resolution 73

Sponsored by Senators Preshia, Tsouroukdissian (P)

Giving Senators the option to transfer sponsors and preventing legislation from sitting in committee for prolonged periods of time. **REFERRED TO RULES & CALENDAR, 09.29. AMENDED AND PASSED IN RULES & CALENDAR 10.06.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Tsouroukdissian: My first piece of legislation. Some items have been on the floor for too long and this is meant to help sponsors who cannot make certain committee times. This allows sponsors to appoint another sponsor who can attend in their place. Amended quite a bit in Rules & Calendar Committee, making it quite different than it was.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Tackett: How did you get the idea to write this bill?
 - Tsouroukdissian: There are some items that I have seen on the calendar multiple times, one in particular that has been there for a few months or more.
 - Roy: Do you still stand by this resolution given how it was amended in committee?
 - Tsouroukdissian: Yes.
- Pro:
 - DuChene: This is about Resolution 18, which has been in SLAA far too long. The primary sponsor does not come to SLAA and this will be a great help to get it out of SLAA.
 - Roy: Need to look at how this will be used in the future. We discussed in committee how this will solve other issues. When sponsors are not able to make it to committee, this provides a great way for new person to speak for it.
 - Marcus: **POI**, is it only the primary sponsor who can designate a new person?
 - Tsouroukdissian: Yes, those who are the primary sponsors can designate.
 - Hunter: **POI**, Why was the resolution amended in committee to strike 10.19?
 - Tsouroukdissian: At first, due to verbiage giving too much power to committees to kill a bill. Then I said I was open to striking committee meetings, but there was a dispute of 3 weeks being too short. People have seen items tabled for weeks at a time and then getting passed at the end of session. Was open to changing the time frame, but there was a motion to strike the whole thing.
 - Wang: This amendment was proposed by Gonzalez, and Little supported. 3 weeks is not realistic for those with conflicts, such as classes. Interferes with Senators trying to do their due diligence and who want to present their legislation.
 - Hunter: **POI**, in its current state, do you think this resolution addresses the problem?
 - Tsouroukdissian: No, not at all. This was to allow sponsors to appoint someone else if they have a conflict, and if a conflict is not at hand, the Senate as a whole can address an issue. Do not

- understand why certain things are staying on the calendar; maybe I am ignorant as to the reasoning behind it.
- DuChene: **POI** Spoke in Pro, but was reading the original. Does this get eliminate the solution for Resolution 18 and only allows sponsors to transfer sponsors?
 - Harmon: Yes
 - Marcus: **POO**, did we not just pass a Senate rule to say that someone cannot speak in Pro twice?
 - Rowan: It is allowed in the case of a change in information.
 - Randall: **POC**, has not been signed by the Senate President, so not final yet.
 - Roy: **POI**, given that there is a specific resolution in question, why is the resolution still in committee and unheard?
 - Gonzalez: Resolution 18 is irrelevant to the question at hand, but it is tabled because I have been trying to talk to as many people as I can. Have spoken to Hillel, and that conversation was cut short due to strongly-worded attack. Decided to hold off until tensions cooled down. Also talking to people on the other side, such as Director Abhari and other Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim people. When it comes to a resolution like this, there is no reason to rush it. Does not hurt anyone sitting there. I am Jewish, but I am not a part of Palestinian, Arab, or Muslim community. Trying to best represent them and understand their experiences to conduct this in a way that they would be proud of.
 - Randall: **POI**, when was Resolution 18 first tabled?
 - Harmon: February 16th.
 - Randall: **POI**, Resolution 18 aside, do you think this will improve Rules of Procedure in Senate?
 - Tsouroukdissian: Yes, can improve efficiency. If it was not ready, should not have been submitted.
 - Marcus: In pro of change to 10.18 because situations may have Senators removed from the chambers. This would allow a solution for that situation.
 - Hunter: **POI**, Is there not currently a way to switch sponsors? Can someone withdraw a bill and then reintroduce it with a new sponsor?
 - Harmon: You can do it that way, or President Daraldik and I both implemented the procedure that legislation with sponsors who have left the Senate can be picked up by current Senators. Not in Rules or Statutes. This happened with Resolution 18.
 - Rowan: **POC**, cosponsors can present with permission of primary sponsor(s).
 - Con:
 - Tackett: This does not help Rules of Procedure at all. The Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc formed to eliminate extra verbiage, and this refers to a Student Body Statute, which is unnecessary and creates confusion. Nobody came to us in the Ad Hoc or said anything on the floor, and that is when opportunity was.
 - Hunter: The situation in SLAA is unique as we have been tabling one resolution for 8 months. The initial intent of this resolution was to fix that problem. It has been noted several times that tabling a resolution for so long is harmful to students who have been coming to committee to speak on it. As the sponsor said, this no longer does what it meant to accomplish. Why would we pass something that no longer achieves the goal?
 - Randall: **POPP**, can more Senators on Zoom turn on their camera?

- DuChene: Teeth of the resolution have been taken out. It is inappropriate that this amendment was made by the Senator whose resolution has been sitting in committee for 8 months. Allowing it to sit does not lower tensions. Talk to the people in SLAA.
- Pro:
 - Randall: I think this will improve Rules of Procedure. There is not a formal process for adding sponsors aside from amendments. Teeth was taken out but still has impact. Disagree with another Senator; Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc was to fix rules, not restrict new ideas.
 - Hunter: **POC**, that is not what the other Senator said.
 - Roy: In Rules & Calendar, we were looking at future impact. You can agree or disagree with Resolution 18 and how long it has been there. Some legislation takes longer than 3 weeks, such as Bill 51.
- Con:
 - Linsky: Agree with the previous speaker in Con; we do not reference Statutes in Rules of Procedure. This topic came up; we wanted to keep it loose. Do not think this would have passed the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc, maybe an amendment can be made to fix.
 - T. Murray: Do not like that is mentions Student Body Statutes 401.2A. That statute only says that primary sponsors are who writes the legislation. Do not understand how you can primary sponsor something you did not write.
 - Tackett: This has no teeth. I encourage rule changes; we were not perfect. Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc was 4 white guys arguing for most of the meetings. This makes rules wordier.
 - Randall: **POC**, Senator Nemeth joined us near the end. Senator Tackett is correct; we do not include references to Statutes.
 - **Randall moves to amend to strike “.2A” and insert “Chapter” after “SBS”, Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
 - Hunter: **POI** for the Pro Tempore, why was “primary” stricken?
 - Wang: If you already have 2 primary sponsors, you cannot add a third. Makes it more vague to allow for the adding of cosponsors if there are already 2 primary sponsors.
 - Hunter: **POI**, how is this different than current process?
 - Wang: As it stands, adding a sponsor or cosponsor requires an amendment. This would clarify that the primary sponsor can add sponsors with the consultation of the Senate President.
 - Harmon: I only do this when the sponsor is not in Senate.
 - Randall: **POC**, Is it correct that the primary sponsor must show up to committee to add the other sponsor?
 - Harmon: Correct.
 - Bowling: Changes are not substantive
- **Tackett moves to call the question, DuChene seconds**
 - **Marcus objects; Tackett withdraws**
- Pro:
 - No speakers
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Tackett moves to call the question, Randall seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
 - Tsouroukdissian: This was not my intention. Do not want to encroach on anyone’s beliefs. Feel that I wasted time with this and should have warmed up with a simpler piece of legislation and researched more, but do not apologize because I am glad we brought up certain topics. With 10.19

stricken, this has no purpose. Original intent was not about Resolution 18, and baffled that it was targeted in such a way.

- Vote: 3-19-10
 - **Vote reaches abstention maximum; vote must be conducted again**
- Vote: Vote reaches abstention maximum; vote must be conducted again
- Randall: POI, what happens if the threshold is met again?
 - Harmon: Goes back to Rules & Calendar committee to be heard again.
- Vote: Vote reaches abstention maximum
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 73 IS SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE**

Unfinished Business: None

Linsky moves to enter Judiciary Committee of the whole, Stults seconds

- **Gonzalez objects**

Gonzalez: **POI**, is Bill 50 time-sensitive?

- Harmon: not in my opinion, but everyone has their own opinion.
- Linsky: Yes because session is about to end. Would feel more comfortable hearing it.

Wang: **POO**, stop having side conversations

Vote: 21-12-3

RESULT: MOTION FAILS

Statements of Dissent: None

New Business:

- September Senator of the Month
 - **Nasworthy moves to open the floor for nominations, Edouard seconds; no objections**
 - Hunter nominates DuChene, Wood seconds; DuChene accepts
 - Edouard nominates Linsky
 - Linsky cannot be nominated as he has already won within the past 180 days.
 - Pfeuffer-Ferguson nominates Hunter, DuChene seconds; Hunter accepts
 - Linsky nominates Tackett, Randall seconds; Tackett accepts
 - T. Murray nominates Stults, Wood seconds; Stults accepts
 - Edouard nominates Randall, Marcus seconds; Randall declines
 - **Gonzalez moves to close the floor for nominations, Marcus seconds; no objections**
 - Vote will be posted online after results are finalized

Closing Announcements:

Randall moves for a non-Senator to speak, Roy seconds; no objections

- Gabay: Would like address what happened this evening. Resolution 18 has been around since the first Senate meeting if you include the initial resolution that did not pass SLAA. I have been at committee meetings almost every week since the start of the spring semester to advocate against this resolution. Many other Jewish leaders were in attendance, but it got to the point where I told them not to come due to the emotional and mental toll it took on them. Understand wanting to talk to people and ensure it is what is best for communities, please consider withdrawing until you have spoken to everyone and are sure of what you want to do. SLAA is meeting every week when they do not need to because of this.
- Linsky: **POC**, as soon as 73rd Session ends and start the 74th, any pending legislation is discarded.
- Pfeuffer-Ferguson: Power of We is hosting The Longest Table on October 14th. Important for people in SGA to come speak as it is an opportunity to connect with our constituents.
- DuChene: This is the last week I will be here for a couple weeks due to Newsies performances, see you in 3 weeks. Would be great if Senators came to support.
- Linsky: Sample official ballot came out today, including those running for office and Constitutional Amendments. Remember why we passed these, remember the vote, and remind students that there are things other than people on the ballot. Information needs to be shared with the student body.

- Nasworthy: RTAC has money to give to RSOs and needs people to serve. Let RSOs know about this process. Please get your friends to apply to the at-large membership positions.
- Marcus: One of the first things I sponsored in Senate was the changing tables funding bill. Facilities reached out and created a task force for this. I am on it, as well as the students who came to me regarding the need for changing tables, architects, representatives familiar with ADA, and other university departments. Meeting on Friday to get this done, and might put forth another bill to put some more money towards this. Shoutout to JSU Director Gabay, PSU Assistant Director Soto, JSU Assistant Director Cohen, Senator T. Murray, Filipino Student Association President Bucag, and PSU Membership Coordinator Garway for helping a student in need last week. Homecoming Week is coming up, encourage you to participate. Concert artist will be announced soon.
- Randall: Today 1 week from elections, and I am going to campaign on Constitutional Amendment 10. It increases funding for research, travel, and RSOs for graduate students. Please tell your constituents because \$400,000 is on the line.
- Tackett: Budget applications are due October 11th at noon. All budgeted organizations, please apply. My War Powers bill is coming through soon, please look at it.
- Roy: Seminole & Indigenous Peoples Imagery & Education Ad Hoc is trying to meet Friday. We want to find ways to respectfully use Seminole imagery. On campus, we take it for granted or emphasize the wrong things because we do not know who they are or what their culture is. Advocating for education and for administration to do more, like establish a Center for Indigenous Studies. Working with faculty to address this. Went to the Black Student Union's march, it was a great event, and a resolution will be heard next Wednesday to reaffirm what they advocated for and commending them on their activism. Tyler Roy News has more information if you are interested.
- Marcus: Roy made his own newspaper with articles he wrote.

Officer Announcements:

- Rowan: Budget Committee is about to go into Budget Week. Typically we do not talk during voting and we stay seated during Senate, I hope we can keep decorum in the future.
- Wang: Congratulations to Sweepings for getting through 64 hearings not easy and you did a great job. Good luck to Budget Committee.
- Harmon: Budget has only 4 or 5 members, this is the best time to move to Budget if you are interested. The Senate Reset retreat is cancelled, we feel nobody is interested. If you feel differently and really want a retreat, please let us know. Would be great bonding, might come up with something else like a kickball game against the Executive Branch. Decorum needs to improve, try not to be disruptive. In a different room this time due to room reservation conflict. nobody cares enough to do it, why do it if nobody wants to, not going to force you to have to keep telling you to do your job. Would be great bonding. We could do a kickball game against exec. Decorum needs to improve, stay in your seats. In this room because the other room was reserved. Thank you all for being accommodating. Senator of the Month will be announced on social media.

Advisor Announcements:

- Dr. Williams: Be good to each other, be good to people.

Members Present (Final Roll Call): Edouard, Tackett, Roy, Marcus, Myers, Hunter, Garcia, Bettley, Little, Bergen, Berger, Rossi, Randall, Thau, Stults, Arutt, Reeves, Noel, Nasworthy, Tsouroukdissian, DuChene, Linsky, Fineout, Satizabal-Prieto, Gonzalez, Moriah, Naranjo, Fertil, Moore, Russell, B. Murray, West, Wood, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Bowling, Remler, T. Murray

Members Absent (Final Roll Call): Barrett, Bouchard, Molina, Duperier, Rodgers, Nemeth, Melian, Thorpe, Hitchcock, Keyser, VanderLey, Guillamont, Stewart, Powell

Nasworthy moves to adjourn at 10:48pm; meeting is adjourned.

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