

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH STUDENT SENATE

Calendar: October 11th, 2023

Location: Senate Chambers

Time: 8:00 pm

Call to Order:

- President Diaz calls the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Conducted.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

- Conducted.

Land Acknowledgement:

Senator: 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:

- Conducted.

Verification of Quorum:

- Verified.

Corrections and Approval of the Journal 09.06.2023, 09.20.2023 09.27.2023 10.04.2023:

- None.

Student and RSO Comments:

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Special Introductions:

- None.

Report of Senate Officers:

- None.

Messages from the Executive Branch:

- Jack Folwell: As you know, the student body vice presidency is vacant, and so we have split up some of the duties. Because of that, I'm serving as some sort of liaison between the MHC and Executive Council. Today there will be a request for some funds, and I

want to signal my support for this. Since its founding in 2020, it has struggled. We owe allegiance to the MHC and this money will help them secure their legitimacy for the future.

Messages from Agencies, Bureaus, Affiliated Projects, and SGA Organizations:

- MHC: We'll keep this brief, but we wanted to speak in support of Bill 85. We are requesting \$285 for our organization. We need tablecloths and name tags for our promotional events, and these will help us show we are an entity of SGA. As a bureau, we deserve to be seen by the student body as a part of SGA. We want to see our budget go as far as possible and serve the student body, rather than something that should've been done a long time ago.
- IRHC: We have some upcoming events in the next two weeks. Thank you!
- Jason Pawalski, NolePac: I'm here to speak on Resolution 75 and 77. These are related to the same thing and this is something really important to make sure we're condemning hate in any form. It's important to make sure we're standing by everyone and please vote yes.

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 Campus Recreation Board:

- None.

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: Remaining Balances: Senate Projects \$10,222.52, PAC \$67,373.69, RTAC \$51,277.72, and ORG Fund \$5,000

Report of Senate Liaisons:

- Kosh, FSL: IFC and Panhelennic both opened their leadership applications and the NPHC Step Show is next week. Definitely go if you can. Freshman class council applications are now open.
- McEntyre, BSU: BSU just posted their lineup for homecoming week and it's a great week.
- Randall, OGA: **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**.
- Gunnerman, Homecoming: There are a lot of events coming up and keep an eye out on our Instagram.
- Windlan: **(RECORDING INAUDIBLE)**.

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary
 - Passed all our resolutions.
- Internal Affairs
 - Met yesterday and passed one candidate.
- Budget
 - Met Monday and passed Bill 85.

- Finance
 - Met yesterday and passed CR 26, 27, and 28.
- Student Life
 - Met on Friday and passed Bill 85 and Resolution 72.
- Rules
 - Passed two candidates for student senate.
- Sweepings
 - Called to order, did not meet.
- Merchandise Ad Hoc
 - Did not meet.

Senate Confirmations:

- Denise Perez–Student Senate, Arts and Sciences Seat 11 (fall) (0 applicants)
- Opening Statement:
 - Good evening, I'm a sophomore. I've wanted to be in SGA ever since middle school. I've always been intimidated but I'm very grateful to finally be here. I was SGA President in high school and I think the more people work together, the more ideas can be made, and the more students can be impacted. There are so many opportunities and great things to do and every student should be able to do them.
- General Questions:
 - Widmann: Do you have any goals you'd want to implement immediately?
 - I want to use this time to get to know everyone and see how this Senate operates. I plan on running for re-election in the future and I want to make sure every student on this campus knows about this Senate.
- Closing Statement:
 - I want to take this time, even if it is only 5 weeks, to familiarize myself with the Student Senate and make my future time with the Senate worthwhile.
- **Voting results for Denise Perez-Candidate for Student Senate:**
 - **41 yesses, 0 nos, 1 abstention.**
 - **The Candidate passes.**
- Sara Larancuent–Student Senate, Undergraduate Seat 18 (spring) (5 applicants)
- Opening Statement:
 - Thank you for this amazing opportunity, I am a first-generation Hispanic Woman. I am a very passionate person and like to be involved. I just want to amplify student voices and make sure the student body is being heard and make legislation that improves the lives of the student body. With all that being said, I'm also in the legislative certification program so I have some prior experience that I can't wait to implement.
- General Questions:
 - Gorelick: How familiar are you with the election code?
 - I've looked over the code several times at this point, and I passed the certification yesterday and got 100%. But I'm certainly well-informed.
 - Widmann: Have you met with the current Supervisor of Elections and how do you see yourself working with him?

- **CR 26 is tabled.**

CR 27 Sponsored by Senator Humberg (P)
 To fund Themed Entertainment Association, Classical Guitar Society, South Asian Student Association, Connecting Experimental Lab and Life Sciences, and National Society for Black Women in Medicine

- Opening Statement on the Classical Guitar Society Line Item:
 - They're looking for funding for a music festival that they go to every year and it's a great success.
- General Questions on the Classical Guitar Society Line Item:
 - They've done fundraising in the past but they're dealing with a new professor so they haven't done any this year.
- **Gorelick moves to call the question. Lobianco seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- Closing Statement: Thank you guys, I know this means a lot to many of our students.
- **Voting results for the Classical Guitar Society Line Item:**
 - **43 yesses, 0 nos, 0 abstentions.**
 - **The Line Item passes.**
- **Salazar moves to approve CR 27 as a whole. Meyer seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Without objection, CR 27 is approved as a whole.**

CR 28 Sponsored by Senator Seeger (P)
 To fund Chabad, Friday Night Live, and MEDLIFE Health.

- Opening Statement on MEDLIFE Health Line Item:
 - MEDLIFE Health is going on a trip next year to Peru where they will set up mobile clinics and help local communities. As of right now, each student has to pay \$2,500, per student, out of pocket. RTAC believes this is a great opportunity to give back to the community and shows FSU is doing a lot of outreach.
- Closing Statement:
 - RTAC found this fiscally responsible, we think it's a great opportunity for them.
- **Voting results for the MEDLIFE Health Line Item:**
 - **44 yesses, 0 nos, 1 abstentions.**
 - **The line item passes.**
- **Salazar moves to approve CR 28 as a whole. Randall seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Without objection, CR 28 is approved.**

Constitutional Amendments:

- None.

Bills First Reading:

Bill 88 Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P)
 Removing language from the finance code pertaining to iClicker Equipment. **(Referred to Judiciary and Finance).**

Bill 89 Sponsored by Senator LoBianco (P) Diaz (Co)
 This Senate Projects transfer will allocate money towards a mobile

distribution that will take place during finals week while also assisting in support of FSU by earning university points for the beat UF food drive. **(Referred to Student Life and Budget).**

Resolutions First Reading:

Resolution 74 Sponsored by Senator Windlan (P) Anandjiwala, Barresi, Burton, Chinn, Garcia, Gomez, Gorelick, Hine, Lento, McEnery, Meier, Staveski, Valdes-Herrera (Co)

This resolution endorses the Student Statement of Sustainability Support and urges FSU Administration to develop a Sustainability and Climate Action Plan, as well as allocate resources to create and implement this plan. **(Referred to Student Life).**

Resolution 75 Sponsored by Senator Hellman (P) White (Co)

This resolution condemns the terrorist attacks in Israel. It honors the lives lost during this difficult time and supports the Jewish and Israeli community at Florida State.

- **Widmann moves to enter the Rules Committee. McAllister seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Without objection, the Rules Committee is entered.**
- Opening Statement:
 - As the liaison for JSU, we really wanted to get this pushed through tonight. We just came back from our vigil and this is really important to us.
- **Brewer moves to pass by acclamation.**
 - **Without objection Resolution is approved by acclamation.**
- **Widmann moves to accept the decision of the committee as the decision of the whole. Staveski seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Without objection, Resolution 75 is approved as a whole.**

Resolution 76 Sponsored by Burton (P) Anandjwala, Chinn, Garcia, Goberlick, Hellman, Hine, McEnery, McKinney Meier, Windlan(Co)

This legislation reaffirms the Florida State University Senate's commitment to supporting all students, regardless of their views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It emphasizes the importance of open and respectful dialogue among students, provides resources and support to those affected by global conflicts, and calls for a commitment to diversity, inclusivity, and the rejection of discrimination within the university community. Additionally, the resolution will be shared with the university community to underscore the Senate's unwavering dedication to the well-being and unity of all students and promote a culture of respectful dialogue and inclusivity in the face of complex global issues.

- **President Diaz places Resolution 76 on Second Reading.**

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 84 Sponsored by Senators E. Brown and Staveski (P) Lento (Co)

This bill adds working with the Executive Branch social media team to

create a PAC and RTAC post when funding requests open to the Deputy Treasurer's responsibilities. **(Referred to Judiciary and Finance 10.04. Passed in Judiciary 10.06. Passed in Finance 10.10)**

- Opening Statement:
 - This bill is to better advertise PAC and RTAC funding.
- **Brewer moves to pass Bill 84 by unanimous consent.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Without objection, Bill 84 passes by unanimous consent.**

Bill 85 Sponsored by Senators Randall and Staveski (P)
A transfer of \$286.64 From Senate Projects To the Mental Health Council to purchase a tablecloth and 7 name tags. **(Referred to Student Life and Budget 10.04. Passed in Student Life 10.06. Passed in Budget 10.10)**

- Opening Statement:
 - As the liaison for MHC, this bill will help them get name tags and tablecloths to be able to outreach more effectively.
- General Questions:
 - Velasquez: Do you know how much their budget is for the fiscal year? \$400?
 - Yes, and they will definitely run through that very quickly.
- First Round of Pro:
 - None.
- **Gorelick moves to call the question. Anandjiwala seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- Closing Statement:
 - They shouldn't have to wait for their money when the events are occurring now.
- **Voting results on Bill 85:**
 - **41 yesses, 0 nos, 1 abstention.**
 - **Bill 85 passes.**

Bill 86 Sponsored by Senators Diaz and Cofer (P)
Restructuring the chapter in Statutes pertaining to Senate Awards. **(Referred to Judiciary and Rules 10.04. Passed in Judiciary 10.06. Passed in Rules 10.11)**

- Opening Statement:
 - This doesn't change much, it just reduces some redundancy. Super easy, super simple to learn.
- General Questions:
 - None.
- First round of Pro:
 - None.
- First round of Con:
 - None.
- **White moves to pass by unanimous consent.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Without objection, Bill 86 passes by unanimous consent.**

Bill 87 Sponsored by Senator Widmann (P)
This bill amends current language pertaining to the SGA Legislative Agenda to better serve the student body within all branches of government. **(Referred to Judiciary and Internal Affairs 10.04.**

Amended and passed in Judiciary 10.06. Passed in Internal Affairs 10.10)

- Opening Statement:
 - This allows OGA to lobby on behalf of all students and SGA and fixes some wording issues.
- General Questions:
 - White: How do you intend to change this in the federal body?
 - I want to get SGA involved with the Florida House. When I was in D.C, everyone I worked with were FSU people.
- First round of Pro:
 - Randall: As the liaison for OGA, we are in full support of this bill.
 - Kosh: This is just going to allow us to start planning on getting involved at the federal level.
 - Lobianco: I am in pro and I did want to point out that this has always been one of the Sponsors' biggest goals and it's great to see him follow through on that.
- **Gorelick moves to call the question. Someone seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- Closing Statement:
 - Happy Birthday President Diaz.
- **Voting results for Bill 87:**
- **41 yesses, 0 nos, 0 abstentions.**
- **Bill 87 passes.**

Resolutions Second Reading:

Resolution 69 Sponsored by Senator Velazquez (P)
Amends the Rules of Procedure to provide clarification regarding the unsuspending of an individual on the Senate floor. **(Referred to Judiciary and Rules 10.04. Passed in Judiciary 10.06. Passed in Rules 10.11.)**

- **Velasquez moves to table Resolution 69. Gorelick seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Without objection, Resolution 69 is tabled.**

Resolution 71 Sponsored by Senators E. Brown and Staveski (P) Lento (Co)
This resolution amends the Senate Rules of Procedure to add posting when PAC and RTAC funding requests open as well as links to access these resources to the duties of the Press Secretary. **(Referred to Judiciary, Finance, and Rules 10.04. Passed in Judiciary 10.06. Passed in Finance 10.10. Passed in Rules 10.11.)**

- Opening Statement:
 - This just amends the duties of press secretary, as I previously mentioned.
- **Anandijwala moves to call the question. Windlan seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you guys.
- **Voting results for Resolution 71:**

- **43 yesses, 0 nos, 0 abstentions.**
- **Resolution 71 passes.**

Resolution 72 Sponsored by Senator McEnergy (P) Gorelick, Chinn, Windlan, LoBianco, Humberg, Newsome, Hine, Meier, M. Brown, Baez, E. Brown, Sparling, Valdes-Herrera, Salazar, McAllister (Co)
Formally recognizing October as LGTBQ+ History Month. Celebrating the LGTBQIA+ community at FSU and the Pride Student Union for their contributions to the well-being of the LGTBQIA+ community on campus and in Florida. **(Referred to Student Life 10.04. Passed in Student Life 10.06)**

- **Opening Statement:**
 - I'm the liasion for PSU and this is just to make sure everything is up to date.
- **Anandijwala moves to enter Pro/Con debate. Widmann seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Without objection, Pro/Con debate is entered.**
- **First round of Pro:**
 - Hine: It's national coming our day, so we should totally pass this.
 - Salazar: As a member of the community, I think it's really important to show our support for this.
- **First round of Con:**
- **Meyer moves to call the question. Salazar seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Without objection, the question is called.**
- **Voting results for Resolution 72:**
 - **41 yesses, 1 no, 1 abstention.**
 - **Resolution 72 passes.**

Resolution 76 Sponsored by Burton (P) Anandjwala, Chinn, Garcia, Goberlick, Hellman, Hine, McEnergy, McKinney Meier, Windlan(Co)
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- **Opening Statement:**
 - I'm going to let the words of the resolution speak for itself.
- **Widmann moves to call the question. Anandijwala seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- **Closing Statement:**

- Thank you guys. I yield.
- **Voting results for Resolution 76:**
 - **44 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions.**
 - **Resolution 76 passes.**

Unfinished Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Fall Senate Awards
 - Brandewie Student Life Award
 - Meunier
 - Burton
 - Hellaman
 - New/Underclassmen Senator of the Year
 - Dlugos
 - M. Brown
 - Larancuent
 - Russell Hellein Award for Exemplary Dedication and Service to Student Government
 - Diaz
 - Gunnerman
 - Burton

Statements of Dissent:

- White: Withdrawn

Closing Announcements:

- Brewer: It is raining outside, so if anyone needs me to drive/walk them somewhere, I do have an umbrella.
- Parliamentarian Reghan: Just to clarify-a Point of Information is when you are asking a question, a Point of Clarification is when you are making a factual statement. If you have any questions about points, ask me or anyone on leadership.
- Historian Klostreich: This isn't Senate related, but I will be out of town on Saturday and need someone to watch my dog. If anyone wants to watch a very cute, well-behaved yellow labrador for like, 8 hours, I will buy you dinner wherever you want.
- President Diaz: We have a lot of cupcakes left so please take some home.

Advisor Announcements:

- Happy birthday Mr. President.

Final Roll Call and Adjournment:

- Conducted.
- **Adjourned at 11:02 p.m.**