

THE SEVENTY-THIRD STUDENT SENATE
Calendar: October 13, 2021
Location: HCB 103
Time: 7:30pm
Zoom Link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/92325341806>

This meeting of the 73rd Student Senate was called to order at 7:48pm by Student Senate President Harmon.

Senator Nasworthy led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Senator T. Murray 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.

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

Members Absent (First Roll Call): DuChene, Satizabal-Prieto, Fertil

Members Tardy (First Roll Call): Rodgers, Guillamont

Verification of Quorum: Verified

Corrections and Approval of the Journal 10-6-21: **Nasworthy moves to approve the journal, Marcus seconds; no objections**

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

Special Introductions and Announcements:

- Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Hecht: Sharing the Division of Student Affairs Booklet. The Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Bowden, Angela Chong, the Assistant Vice President, Alanna Brady, Myrna Hoover, all report to me. Several boards cover everything in student affairs, which encompasses almost everything outside the classroom besides parking and dining. Focus areas are to include and value all people, student development, health & wellness, and campus environment. Strategic plan timeline shows who is doing what and where we are in the process. Diversity & inclusion accomplishments include a religious holiday calendar, expanding the National Coalition Building Institute to 48 facilitators, naming Dr. Bowden the Chief Diversity Officer for Students, the creation of the Representation, Inclusivity, & Student Equity Office and hiring Dr. Turner as the Director, preferred pronouns and names in Canvas, LGBTQ+ On-Campus Housing, standard signage and expansion of gender neutral restrooms, intentional collaborations with FAMU, Diversity

Talks Podcast, dialogue sessions, and identity-specific student life task-forces. Staff-specific initiatives include accountability, training & development, recruitment & retention of diverse staff, and an Inclusivity Conference. Coming soon is a 3-tiered diversity training, restorative justice efforts in student conduct, university-wide land acknowledgement, NPHC Memorial Park to commemorate historically Black fraternities and sororities and the Divine 9, acknowledge the use of slave labor in building campus, Seminole Tribe of Florida art and education, and the recommendations of the anti-racism task force. Jacalyn Butts, Laurel McKinney, and the COGS advisor report to Dr. Williams, who then reports to Dr. Bowden, who reports to me. I am the final guardrails for SGA. Have rarely needed to use veto, but have done so more recently. Used to only need to weigh in during elections. My role is to advocate for the things you want and need, but have a long-term mindset and ask challenging questions about what will happen. Central Reserves is not meant to be adversarial; bill has been voided and funds have not been moved. We must work towards a process to allocate and wait until the opening of the Union to determine if there are needs that could be funded. Last time we tapped Central Reserves was 2010; still getting information on how it was accessed. With the possibility of change to the formula that funds COGS, how will the Senate handle the roughly \$500,000 shifted from A&S Budget to COGS? There is already not enough money; we have known this for 13 years and not hopeful that we will be able to get an increase this year. Will the Senate create a task force to examine the impact of the minimum wage increase on A&S funded entities? Do not expect you to answer these questions on your own; we need to come together to figure it out. Coffee Chats are in my office (Westcott 313) every Friday at 10am. There is a lot that student affairs does that people do not know about, but you should know so you can give feedback.

- Marcus: Will the university land acknowledgement apply to athletic events?
 - Dr. Hecht: The land acknowledgement has been crafted. There have not been instructions or mandates on when to use it. Before any significant event, such as banquets and awards, we will use it. President McCullough wants to physically acknowledge with placards in important entrances on campus.
- Gonzalez: The land acknowledgement bill was vetoed; if we were to put it forward, would that do anything?
 - Dr. Hecht: The bill was vetoed by the previous student body president because there were concerns about mandating speech, and we wanted you all to use the same one as the university. If put forward, would love to have a conversation with our general counsel to ensure we are within free speech. We were ranked #5 in free speech. I believe it was a requirement to read the land acknowledgement if you are a funded organization, and I believe Senate has precedent for that with requiring logos, but want to be within bounds.
- Gonzalez: What is restorative justice in student conduct?
 - Dr. Hecht: Restorative justice will not apply if you are in trouble with the code of conduct and going through a hearing. It is an alternative resolution that seeks amends and is mutually agreeable. Students are going to make mistakes, goal is to grow.
- Office of Governmental Affairs Director Abhari: Will more textbooks be available online?
 - Dr. Hecht: Not under me, but there was misinformation on what there is access for, good question. Driving down the cost of education is a hot topic right now that students are advocating for, so raising A&S fees has been challenging.
- Randall: What is your plan to increase the Victim Advocate Program?
 - Dr. Hecht: We have 4 Victims Advocates right now, not enough. Have been talking about increasing graduate student Victim Advocates so they are less expensive, but the challenge is the longevity of our graduate assistants. Some serious and prolonged issues need to be handled by full-time staff. Had a conversation with FAMU. Also need to expand case managers. These positions are not paid enough to do the work that they do.
- Randall: Adding graduate students to this program will also add emotional stress for them,
 - Dr. Hecht. The graduate students doing this would be graduate students going into social work; this is the less expensive plan and can be paid for from a different budget

- than a long-term salary, but also brings concerns of confidentiality. Every year I ask for Victims Advocates and Case Managers to get full-time salaries with benefits; been successful in getting one case manager in 4 years. Your advocacy last summer brought it up again, but could not be achieved with the Presidential transition.
- Randall: Would you be open to working to get that to happen?
 - Dr. Hecht: Absolutely.
 - Randall: Can you talk more about how Student Affairs is supporting graduate students?
 - Dr. Hecht: Graduate students can use all of our services. We know that if we want to move up in the rankings, increasing our graduate student population will be essential. Currently there is a staff member in the graduate school of education on medical leave. Been talking about the need for more and different graduate student life. Some graduate programs do not experience the same comradery, events, or support as others. We need to do a better job helping graduate students find where to live, what to do here, etc., especially those who did not complete their undergraduate degrees here. There are unlimited opportunities; should graduate students have separate space and what does that look like? Graduate housing is another facet, including international students. Need counselors who understand graduate student life. Last year's data shows an increase in graduate students, but a higher percentage of withdrawals.
 - Randall: What is the plan for offering NCBI training more regularly?
 - Dr. Hecht: NCBI training is 8 hours; we are pushing them to condense it because an 8-hour commitment is difficult to incorporate into a week. We are pushing the badging system because it is at your own pace and there are levels. Some student organizations have expressed preference in this, and we believe students would do it earlier in their FSU career. We cannot mandate it, but organizations can.
 - Gonzalez: Heard that block seating is coming back, and nothing has happened to KD, can you speak on that?
 - Dr. Hecht: Block seating has not been at FSU for over 10 years. Student Boosters, the Ticket Office, and myself have been meeting for about a year discussing how to bring it back. It was not done well, and the allegations are not just against KD. Not mine to suspend but I did because an event that is meant to bring people together should not leave anyone feeling ostracized. I am not supportive of block seating, we are not ready to do it well. Even though it is open to all RSOs, the size of some fraternities and sororities dwarfs RSOs and it will appear to be a fraternity & sorority life initiative. Some people would like to bring it back. The way in which we ticket for games is difficult for students, and block seating makes it easier to get a ticket. Met with the named sororities; they are going through their private processes, and we are doing an investigation which should conclude tomorrow and report will likely be available next week via public records request. If words were said, they are still protected. If anyone was physically harmed, we can act on that in terms of Student Conduct Code. FSU cannot do anything about speech because it is protected.
 - Edouard: Are you saying that FSU supports the protection of hurtful speech?
 - Dr. Hecht: No, I am saying that FSU must follow the U.S. Constitution and cannot punish someone for using their free speech. It is the right of an individual as long as they do not call for people to harm someone. If both parties are interested in restorative justice, we want to bring them together for a conversation on why the language is hurtful and learn from it. Proud of the Black Student Union for their protest; the remedy is more dialogue, learning, coming together, promoting an inclusive campus. The Longest Table is another great event for further dialogue.
 - Edouard: I do not think hate speech should be protected, especially against Black people. It is sickening that FSU allows it and I am embarrassed.
 - Dr. Hecht: It is protected at every higher education institution in the United States.

- Roy: Regarding Central Reserves, did you void the full \$1.7 million, or just the amount that was going to RSOs?
 - Dr. Hecht: The full amount is voided. I vetoed everyone but the \$1.4 million for the Union, so it was only going to be \$1.4 million. Funds were never moved. We are going to restart that process and have a conversation about what Central Reserves will be going forward. The deposits being made in it should be less; deposits depend on enrollment. Need to look at it together and prioritize.
- Linsky: Thank you for voiding Central Reserves. It seems that FSU and the Board of Trustees are interested in building up Master's and PhD programs and investing in research. How can we do that with only 30% of A&S fees going to the Congress of Graduate Students, and what do you think happens between graduate school leadership when they are fighting over 30% of their A&S fees? Do you think they are likely to get along or are they being put against each other?
 - Dr. Hecht: What is your question; is it if graduate students are getting along?
 - Linsky: How likely do you think it is? They only get 30% of their A&S fees to the Congress of Graduate Students. It is a fixed amount of money they compete for.
 - Dr. Hecht: I think your underlying question is if I support the constitutional amendment, which is for students to decide.
 - Linsky: That is not what I asked. I appreciate how open you have been this evening and it seems like you are a bright person, so what do you think happens when about 10,000 people must fight over 30% of their A&S fees?
 - Dr. Hecht: They probably should have 100%, but that is for you to decide as a Senate. I did not create the formula, it is in your Constitution. When it was created, it was done to support services that all students can use. There are institutions that have the funding completely separate, and if they decide they do not want certain services they do not pay, or they only pay for the percentage of graduate students that use those services. Our graduate students use the FSU Childcare Center much more than undergraduates, and graduate student life has very different needs. Make sure the decisions made are sustainable. A&S has not kept up with the cost of living, and some pieces need to be rethought as students pay for services they cannot use. I am sure the graduate school is not happy with the 30% allocation; are they using the resources enough? Are we blending graduate students with undergraduate, or keeping them separate? Current situation is a mix and creating tension.
- Linsky: The A&S fee has been stagnant at \$12.86. In 2013-2014, the Senate budget was \$13.9 million and there were about 41,000 students. Now, there are 2,500 more students taking 75,000 more credits, but our budget has gone down by \$110,000. By basic math, our budget should have gone up. I understand there are carve-outs for expansion and the transition to virtual learning. I know you have to run the main campus' numbers rather than those of the entire university, but it does not make sense. Graduate students have increased; the 2015-2016 budget was \$605,000 and 2019-2020 had a budget of \$580,000. What gives?
 - Dr. Hecht: That is not accurate, last year it was 1.151 and in 2018 it was 1.104. It has gone up as numbers have gone up. However, overhead has gone up in the last 5 years, but that is still a line item in Senate's budget. There has been a modest increase most years, with the exception of 2018-2019. I would be happy to share the A&S numbers.

- Supervisor of Elections, Spencer Greenwood: When I was confirmed, I had a vision to set a higher standard to the elections office. I am happy to say I ran the smoothest election possible. Total turnout for this election was 4,393 students. Results will be posted online and inside Thagard tomorrow. Final expense statements are due for all candidates by Friday. Any incomplete statements must be resolved by Monday. Campaign materials must be removed within 24 hours, by 8pm tomorrow. Arts & Sciences Senate Seat 1 was uncontested, Tyler Roy won with 513 votes. Gigi Berrouet, an independent candidate, won Arts & Sciences Senate Seat 11 by 357 votes. Francesca Edouard from the Progress Party won Arts & Sciences Senate Seat 3 with 346 votes. Skye Fox from the Progress Party won Arts & Sciences Senate Seat 5 with 358 votes. Jack Allaman from the Progress Party won Arts & Sciences Senate Seat 7 with 310 votes. Luke Nasworthy from the Progress Party was uncontested for Arts & Sciences Senate Seat 9. Nicole Masters with the Forward Party won the Business Senate Seat 1 with 253 votes. Jake Williams with the Forward Party was uncontested for Business Senate Seat 3. Raj Himatsingani with the Forward Party was uncontested for Business Senate Seat 5. James Ritzel with the Forward Party was uncontested for Business Senate Seat 7. James Barberis with the Forward Party won Communication & Information Senate Seat 1 with 74 votes. Brooke Murray with the Forward Party was uncontested for Communication & Information Senate Seat 3. Jaxson Tucker with the Forward Party won Criminology & Criminal Justice Senate Seat 1 with 92 votes. Spencer C. Hautrive with the Forward Party won Criminology & Criminal Justice Senate Seat 3 with 78 votes. Engineering Senate Seat 3 was uncontested, Nick Grant from the Forward Party won with 99 votes. Delaney Taylor with the Progress Party won Fine Arts Senate Seat 1 with 57 votes. Renee Wang with the Progress Party won Hospitality Senate Seat 1 with 34 votes. Ryan Wills with the Forward Party ran uncontested for Human Sciences Senate Seat 1 and had 95 votes. Liam Fineout with the Progress Party won Motion Picture Arts Senate Seat 1 with 13 votes. Khamare Garner from the Progress Party won Music Senate Seat 1 uncontested with 53 votes. Makayla Downing with the Forward Party won Nursing Senate Seat 1 with 38 votes. Sarah Nemeth with the Forward Party won Social Sciences & Public Policy Senate Seat 1 uncontested. Alden Drackley with the Progress Party won Social Sciences & Public Policy Senate Seat 3 with 223 votes. Bella Suarez with the Forward Party won Social Sciences & Public Policy Senate Seat 5 with 231 votes. Keagan Barrett with the Forward Party won Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 1 with 811 votes. Nate Woolverton with the Forward Party won Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 3 with 748 votes. Everley Marie Soares with the Forward Party won Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 5 with 784 votes. Teddy Fronczak with the Forward Party won Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 7 with 792 votes. Katie Russell with the Forward Party won Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 9 with 819 votes. Cassidy Rider with the Forward Party won Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 11 with 774 votes. Austin Wyatt with the Forward Party won Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 13 with 782 votes. TJ Kaminsky with the Forward Party won Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 15 with 776 votes. Addison Beall with the Forward Party won Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 17 uncontested with 1,245 votes. Sara Weintraub with the Forward Party won Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 19 with 827 votes. Tyler Pardee with the Forward Party won Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 21 with 798 votes. Sam Diaz with the Forward Party won Undergraduate Studies Senate Seat 23 uncontested with 1,223 votes. All Congress of Graduate Students seats were unopposed, independent candidates; Shibu Adhikari won Arts & Sciences COGS Seat 1 with 48 votes, Christian Gfatter won Arts & Sciences COGS Seat 2 with 45 votes, Athanasios Ethan Vouzas won Arts & Sciences COGS Seat 4 with 47 votes, Rachel Neale won Arts & Sciences COGS Seat 5, Ben Horner won Business COGS Seat 2, Hannah B. Smith won College of Fine Arts COGS Seat 1, Oluwatoyin Sangokunle won Health & Human Sciences COGS Seat 1, Nicole Ryan won Law COGS Seat 1, Rory Creigh won Music COGS Seat 1, Katelyn Wiley won Social Sciences & Public Policy COGS Seat 1, Chris Hagemeyer won Graduate Student Housing Advocate Seat 1, Gaurav Harashe won International Student Advocate COGS Seat 1, Micah Hirsch won LGBTQ+ Student Advocate COGS Seat 1, Nella C. Delva won Minority Student Advocate COGS Seat 1, Sara Collins won Students with Disabilities Advocate COGS Seat 1. For Campus Recreation Board, Ana Grande with the Forward Party won with 2,250 votes, Madeleine Moore with the Forward Party won with 2,237 votes, Lydia Fertil with the Forward Party won with 2,050 votes, Amy Erickson of the Forward Party won with 1,996 votes, Arthi Solayappan of the

Forward Party won with 1,883 votes, Antonio Knight of the Forward Party won with 1,790 votes, Tiana Cates with Progress Party won with 1,756 votes, and David Couloff won with 1,756 votes. Constitutional Amendment 1 passed with 3,176 votes in the affirmative. Constitutional Amendment 2 passed with 3,330 votes in the affirmative. Constitutional Amendment 4 passed with 3,346 votes in the affirmative. Constitutional Amendment 10 passed with 3,026 votes in the affirmative. For Opinion Question 1 Do you approve of the work done by student government?, 2,984 students voted Yes. For Opinion Question 2 Do you approve of the work done by the Student Senate?, 2,914 students voted Yes. For Opinion Question 3 Do you approve of the work done the Executive Branch?, 2,915 students voted yes. For Opinion Question 4 Do you approve of the work done by SGA Agencies, Bureaus, Identity Student Unions, Office of Governmental Affairs, and the Student Council for Undergraduate Research & Creativity? 3,105 students voted yes.

Messages from the Executive Branch: None

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

- Office of Governmental Affairs Director Abhari: Going to lobby with the Florida Student Association tomorrow. Currently working on legislative agenda, including fighting against campus carry, restoring the Bright Futures book stipend, and renaming B. K. Roberts Hall. If other issues matter to you, bring it to our attention. Want to restore Office of Governmental Affairs to its full capabilities and travel to D.C. to lobby the national government starting next year.
- Jewish Student Union Director Gabay: My Assistant Director is graduating this semester, so applications for Assistant Director are open until October 22nd at 11:59pm. We are hoping to have a candidate by November 10th. We had over 70 people at our event this evening and gave out lots of merch.
- Senator Marcus, speaking in place of Pride Student Union Assistant Director Soto: Trigger warning for the topic of suicide. For those who do not know, I am a resident assistant in Cawthon Hall. A resident made me aware of 2 incidents that occurred this past weekend at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. 2 students died by suicide, and they both lived on campus. As students, we need more days off school to focus on mental health.
- Supervisor of Elections Greenwood: This was a great election and I am happy with the turnout. It was just me in the Elections Office; there is a Deputy Supervisor candidate coming through, and having help is integral to the ideal functioning of this office. There are several things in Elections Code that can be refined, fixed, or added, and I look forward to working with you all and the incoming senators to make these changes. Have a list of ideas. The Elections Office's work is not done; there are 2 days left to file violations and I still need to certify the election results upon all violations being resolved.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet: None

Messages from the Class Councils: None

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students:

- Congress of Graduate Students Speaker Hagemeyer: Constitutional Amendment 10 is huge for graduate students. Your support means a lot to us, and I thank Senators Linsky and Randall for their work on this amendment. Dr. Hecht brought up valid questions that we need to answer upon this taking effect; this is a lot of money shifting between organizations and A&S fees have not increased. Been working with Budget Chair Gonzalez on a plan for COGS to fund FSU Childcare Center, Center for Global Engagement, and potentially more organizations. This is our university too; we do not want to see organizations fail when this money moves. Cannot make any guarantees as I am stepping down as Speaker, but I will continue to serve in COGS as a representative and ensure a smooth transition. Our Deputy Speaker of Finance will be continuing to serve and will take part in these discussions as well. Will fight to ensure this is done in good faith.

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 \$16,897.11, PAC \$53,550.00, RTAC \$38,975.00, and ORG Fund \$3,400

Report of Senate Liaisons:

- Nasworthy, Pride Student Union: October is Pride Month, and Pride has whole month of events planned. Tomorrow they are showing Moonlight at the ALSC at 6:30pm. March to the Capitol on October 17th at 4-6pm, meeting at Westcott. Will also participate in Homecoming events, including the parade. More information is on Instagram.
- Gonzalez, Black Student Union: Annual pageant in ASKEW on October 17th. Bridge the Gap Pep Rally on October 20th at the Civic Center. Powderpuff Football on October 19th at the IM Fields. Scholarship applications are open until October 17th.

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary, report made by Chair Little: Met Tuesday, amended passed Bills 50 and 59, and forwarded a senator for impeachment.
- Internal Affairs, report made by Chair T. Murray: Amended Rules of Procedure and decided to conduct Bureau Review before the end of the session.
- Budget, report made by Chair Gonzalez: Tabled Bill 57, which will become Bill 2022. Amended Rules of Procedure and discussed Budget Week. Need more members.
- Finance, report made by Chair Randall: Passed Consent Resolution 26, amended and passed Consent Resolution 27. RTAC needs members.
- Student Life & Academic Affairs, report made by Chair B. Murray: Met on Monday at 8:30pm to amend and pass Resolution 69.
- Rules & Calendar, report made by Pro Tempore Wang: Met at 5pm today. Tabled Bill 51 and Resolution 65. Failed Resolution 73. Forwarded 2 senators for impeachment.
- Seminole & Indigenous Peoples Imagery & Education Ad Hoc, report made by Chair Roy: Met last Friday at 5:30pm. Orientation Leaders, VP Thykadavil, Dr. Hecht are interested in working with us. Discussed what it means to have Land Acknowledgements, making a list of organizations that deal with Seminole culture and education, and reaching out to groups.

Senate Confirmations:

Nasworthy moves to go to Internal Affairs committee of the whole, Linsky seconds; no objections

President Harmon relinquishes the Chair to Chair T. Murray.

Gonzalez: **POI**, where is the forwarding letter for the candidate?

- T. Murray: I received the forwarding letter 2 weeks ago.
- Connor: It is on Canvas.
- Rowan: It is the October 1st forwarding letter.

Andres Cubillos for Deputy Supervisor of Elections

- Opening Statements:
 - Cubillos: Second-year Political Science and International Affairs major. Served as PIRG's New Voters Project Campaign Coordinator and grew voter turnout by sending emails and engaging students. Now, want to make sure that students are making their voices heard in SGA. Students do not know what is happening in student government and do not know how to get involved; want to work with the Supervisor of Elections Greenwood to change that.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- Gonzalez: Are you financially certified?
 - Cubillos: Yes.
- Roy: Have you spoken with Supervisor of Elections Greenwood about what this position would entail?
 - Cubillos: No, but I have read Elections Code.
- Gonzalez: Have you attended any diversity trainings?
 - Cubillos: No.
- General Questions:
 - Guillamont: Can you specify what elections you participated in with PIRG and your involvement?
 - Cubillos: Primarily the 2020 Presidential Election. PIRG is non-partisan; did not advocate for any political party or candidate. Developed plans for students to vote and registered them.
 - Gonzalez: Have you passed the Elections exam?
 - Cubillos: Yes.
 - Marcus: Have you ever run for student government office or participated in any political parties on FSU campus?
 - Cubillos: No.
 - Gonzalez: Will you commit to staying non-partisan while in this position?
 - Cubillos: Yes, I am happy to make that commitment.
 - Nasworthy: Are there any problems you see with how elections are run currently, and if so, what would you do you plan to improve?
 - Cubillos: I would not say there is anything wrong, but there is opportunity to do more on campus. We can do more with the on-campus political parties and would like to see more connection when parties are in open spaces so students can learn more about them.
 - Marcus: How would you go about doing that in the context of the Deputy Supervisor position?
 - Cubillos: Getting in contact with leadership, creating space for involvement and communication.
 - Gonzalez: How familiar are you with Elections Code?
 - Cubillos: Read through the code twice and passed the exam.
- **Marcus moves to enter round-table debate, Nasworthy seconds**
 - **Randall objects; Marcus withdraws**
- General Questions:
 - Randall: Can you talk about your plans to increase voter turnout?
 - Cubillos: Agencies are a great way to help students get engaged, and we can contact RSOs as well to inform people about SGA and get those students more involved. These organizations are not very involved in our process even though they receive funding from us.
 - Randall: One of the important things about the Elections Office is getting people to run for office, and contested elections are better for the democratic process. Can you talk about your efforts to increase candidate engagement?
 - Cubillos: Candidate involvement is a byproduct of student involvement. If students are not coming out to vote and do not know what is happening, they are not running either. We have some uncontested elections. Educating the campus is the way to go about solving that.
 - Randall: The COVID-19 pandemic and remote learning has changed the way that students engage with student life. Can you talk about the ways in which you will ensure high voter participation, beyond working with RSOs?
 - Cubillos: That is what I did for the 2020 Presidential election. Communicating directly with students and student leaders, via email or other channels, creates a network of engaged students.

- Randall: A key role of this position is ensuring nonpartisanship and equal application of Elections Code. Can you talk about a time that you disagreed with someone but was still able to successfully talk to them, without being disrespectful.
 - Cubillos: Last year, was in contact with the American Conservative Coalition, an organization that does not align with my views, and we worked through our differences to get them informed and out to vote in the election. Important to focus on students and ensure the message is there for all students.
- **Edouard moves to forward the candidate, Guillamont seconds**
 - **Marcus objects, Edouard withdraws**
- General Questions:
 - Marcus: You mentioned wanting to connect agencies to political parties; however, I do not view agencies as political playgrounds and do not think we should be introducing political parties. How do you plan on doing so in a way that keeps those spaces neutral.
 - Cubillos: Not saying our agencies should directly contact the parties. Parties should work together to educate agency members. They will not campaign with the agencies, and I agree that agencies should not be political playgrounds. They should be a place to educate.
- **Gonzalez moves to forward the candidate, Edouard seconds**
 - **Gonzalez withdraws**
- **Tsouroukdissian moves to enter round-table debate, Linsky seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statements:
 - Cubillos: Have experience with non-partisan work that will be applicable if confirmed. Look forward to working with RSOs, agencies, finding non-partisan spaces, and informing students.
- **Edouard moves to forward the candidate, Gonzalez seconds; no objections**
- Vote:
 - Andres Cubillos for Deputy Supervisor of Elections: **28-0-1**
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE CUBILLOS DOES PASS**

Gonzalez moves to exit Internal Affairs Committee of the whole, Guillamont seconds; no objections

Chair T. Murray relinquishes the Chair to President Harmon.

Gonzalez moves to accept the decision of the Internal Affairs Committee as the decision of the whole, Nasworthy seconds; no objections

Administration of the Oath by President Harmon.

Consent Calendar:

Resolution 26 Sponsored by Senator Nasworthy (P)
 Allocating funding from the Resources & Travel Allocations Committee to fund the Ophthalmology Interest Group. **PASSED IN FINANCE, 10.11. Randall moves to pass Consent Resolution 26, Gonzalez seconds; no objections**

Resolution 27 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P)
 Allocating funding from the Programming Allocations Committee to fund the Cuban American Student Association, Themed Entertainment Association, and the Pre-Dental Society. **AMENDED AND PASSED IN FINANCE, 10.11. Nasworthy moves to pass Consent Resolution 27, Tackett seconds; no objections**

Bills First Reading:

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, 10.13.

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, 10.12.

Bill 60 Sponsored by Senator Tackett, Linsky (P)
To fund the ACE Learning Center for monies to improve outreach and promote their services to the student body. **REFERRED TO SLAA THEN BUDGET, 10.13.**

President Harmon relinquishes the Chair to Pro Tempore Wang. Chair Little is Acting Pro Tempore.

Nasworthy moves to recess for 5 minutes, Tackett seconds; no objections.

Chair Wang calls the meeting back to order at 10:08pm and asks for a quorum call.

Members Present (10:11pm Quorum Call): Edouard, Tackett, Roy, Marcus, Myers, Hunter, Garcia, Bettley, Little, Bergen, Berger, Rossi, Preshia, Randall, Thau, Arutt, Reeves, Noel, Nasworthy, Tsouroukdissian, Rodgers, Linsky, Fineout, Gonzalez, B. Murray, Wood, VanderLey, Bowling, Remler, T. Murray

Members Absent (10:11pm Quorum Call): Barrett, Stults, DuChene, Satizabal-Prieto, Harmon, Moriah, Naranjo, Fertil, Moore, Nemeth, Russell, West, K. Hitchcock, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Guillamont, Stewart, Powell

Quorum is verified.

Bills Second 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. AMENDED AND PASSED IN JUDICIARY, 10.12.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Linsky: This bill would adjust Dr. Hecht's veto power by making it overridable by the Student Senate. It was very gracious of her to come this evening and instruct us on provision, strategic plan, and voiding the Central Reserves bill. We could have done this ourselves with a two-thirds vote months ago had this been in place. Instead, it took a lot of aggressive posturing and networking with administrators to send the message that it was not conducive. Wanted to take away the veto power in its entirety, because the only source of veto power given to Dr. Hecht is in our statutes that we control. She has it because we give it. When something is not used properly, the thing to do is limit it or take it away. After hearing from Senators who say we want to repair our relationship with administration, full removal is not the best solution. If we do overturn a veto, that legislation would be enacted immediately.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Gonzalez: Have you talked to Dr. Hecht?
 - Linsky: No.
- **Gonzalez moves to enter Pro Con debate, Tackett seconds; no objections**
- Pro:
 - Nasworthy: **POI**, would a 2/3rds vote to override be on legislation or on the motion?
 - Linsky: By a motion on the Senate floor.
 - Marcus: **POI** to the sponsor, what would you do if Dr. Hecht vetoed this?
 - Linsky: That would bring an interesting situation, and something I thought about when writing this. It would be a bit of a paradox, because you cannot veto yourself, unless you have supreme power over all documents. In order for her to do that and for it to be lawful, we would be treating a statute as if it were a constitutional amendment or higher governing authority. That is what courts are for.
 - Marcus: **POI**, are you referring to the student court? Does Dr. Hecht also have final say over the student court?
 - Linsky: No, I was not.
 - Gonzalez: **POI**, most of the vetoes made are based off of the law, so what if something is illegal?
 - Linsky: Senator Stinson and I put together a bill that constrains the legislative power of subpoena, and it was vetoed. The questions I got from Dr. Hecht were pertaining to FERPA and HIPPA, and I pointed to the provision that acknowledges federal and state law. She asked if I could remove the legislative subpoena power, and I told her only by constitutional amendment, and I am not sure that I could or want to convince the Senate to give up its legislative subpoena power. The general counsel does weigh in on things, but I have found that administrators will give students a catch-all answer that general counsel says no. Students do not have direct access to general counsel to confirm this, so students give up. I am not saying that every veto has a made-up reason. Regarding Central Reserves, the question of legality surrounding Dr. Hecht's line item veto is still open in my mind. There should be checks and balances. If it is illegal, that is what courts are for too.
 - Roy: **POI**, why was Dr. Hecht not told about this legislation, to give her an opportunity to speak to you or the Senate about it?
 - Linsky: I did not want to.
 - Wood: **POI**, would you continue to defend this legislation in court if it is vetoed?
 - Linsky: I do not have an answer to that.
 - Gonzalez: In support, Budget and other money related legislation has been vetoed several times recently. We feel that the threat of a veto is being used to try to control how we allocate money. We do not want to assume that, but that is how we feel with the pressure of veto over our heads. Glad this does not remove it entire but gives us the power to overturn. We can ask our Student Supreme Court if something is illegal.
 - Tackett: Fully in support. Been a part of several funding committees, and the threat of veto weighs on us heavily. It is stressful. Was on Central Reserves, car got towed, and then it got vetoed which was very defeating.
 - Bowling: As someone who has been on funding committees, the threat of veto was an issue and had to consider. Central Reserves veto was disheartening and confusing. Adding this check and balance would be

beneficial and give us more power to override a veto we do not agree with. They do that at the federal level and state level.

- T. Murray: **POI**, Line D says “If a vetoed bill by from either the Student Body...” Is this a mistake?
 - Linsky: Yes, the by should be deleted.
- **T. Murray moves to amend to strike “by”, Gonzalez seconds, no objections**
 - **Sponsor finds it friendly; amendment is adopted**
- Nasworthy: This is great for when the Senate is very against a veto and gives students a greater voice in funding and statutes.
- Randall: Initially was not in support of this, but we talked in Judiciary and made some changes. Emphasized the importance that student affairs professionals provide to SGA. Still important to have checks and balances.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- Pro:
 - Roy: I am in a position that was very much affected by veto power. Even in drafting how Central Reserves will look in the future, I think about if it will be vetoed. Ran decisions by advising and students to ensure it was done fairly, and received no notice about the veto, why it happened, or how to remedy. Was not until today that I felt better knowing that money was not given in a way that we did not mean to allocate it. Believe the Division of Student Affairs does and should have a voice over our organization. This bill has compromise, and we can address strong concerns in the Senate. Believe in our power as student representatives to respect them and what they say. This is not something we will use out of spite.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Tackett moves to call the question, Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
 - Linsky: FDR famously said there was nothing to fear but fear itself. This is not the same scale as fighting a world war, but cognitive dissonance came in during Sweepings that affects our decision-making. “Will this get vetoed?” As long as it is unchecked and arbitrary, the only thing to fear during the budgeting process is what Dr. Hecht will do. We do not have much access to what Dr. Hecht thinks. When I am at my coldest, I think to myself, “if she wants this much say, she should enroll as a student, get elected as a Senator and vote like us!” I have to acknowledge that the VP of Student Affairs plays a prominent role in our university. The state legislature has contemplated who should have veto power when it comes to budget bills, and they decided only the University President does. Dr. Hecht is not the University President, she gets her veto power because we chose to give that to her office, and now we choose to keep it or adjust it.
- Vote: 28-0-1
- **RESULT: BILL 50 PASSES**

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.**

- Opening Statement:

- Linsky: I decided to chair Sweepings because of Central Reserves, and I am glad that has been resolved and we can move on with our funding priorities. We had 60 hearings, more than the last 3 years combined, to allocate \$1,005,568. The challenge was to reduce the amount of requested money, about \$1.7 million, to go under budget and be within the 2% cap for clothing and awards. Difficult choices were made to send some requests to PAC. Tried to fund organizations who have nowhere else to go as much as possible. With this allocation, PAC will be back where they were in terms of budget. This will give new fridges to the Food Pantry, and many other big-ticket items for students.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- **Nasworthy moves to enter Pro Con debate, Edouard seconds; no objections**
- Pro:
 - Roy: This process takes so much work from so many Senators. Funding a diverse group of organizations and this will help so many. Until we have the veto stuff figured out, that thought will loom, but the Senate should still support.
 - Marcus: **POI**, the only organization listed that was funded \$0 is the Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers, can you explain that?
 - Linsky: This is one of the 5 hearings that I did not attend, but was told that they did not provide any quotes and information. Tried to give all organizations the most due process as possible. They did not follow up with documentation to support their request.
 - Randall: **POC**, this is a pattern, and I will reach out to them to help.
 - Wood: **POC**, I was in that hearing, and they did not have anything together.
 - Gonzalez: **POI** to the sponsor, do we need to change the name for the Center of Global Engagement to Globe Building?
 - Linsky: I would be friendly to that if that is what they want.
 - Gonzalez: **POC**, they are budgeted as Center for Global Engagement, but they reached out to me saying that Globe Building is overarching and makes it easier for them to get their money.
 - Randall: **POPI**, are there any statutes pertaining to making Sweepings different than the Budget bill?
 - Rowan: the requirement of a 2/3rds vote.
 - **Randall moves to amend to change Center for Global Engagement to Globe Building, Nasworthy seconds; no objections**
 - Vote on amendment: 28-0-0
 - **RESULT: AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED**
 - Nasworthy: Appreciates the hard work done by the Chair and all of Sweepings. 60 hearings in the span of a week and a half is such an accomplishment and they have a well-thought-out and well-written bill.
 - Randall: Sat in on a few hearings and can attest to the diligence of the committee. Congratulations to the Sweepings members.
 - T. Murray: Recognizing the work of the Sweepings committee, this is a high standard of work. Sat in on hearings and deliberations, they did a great job.
 - Marcus: This is a great bill.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Nasworthy moves to call the question, Marcus seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:

- Linsky: Had no idea what I was getting into with Sweepings. Was only expecting 20-25 applicants. On the last day of applications, 40 more came in. Could not have done this without such a dedicated committee. Learned that I had never had a macro-view of the university and an understanding of why students are doing what they are doing with their spare time. The most important question we asked was their motivation, and it was beautiful to see their missions. This is a learning experience for everyone. Vice Chair Stults had the hardest job of anyone to type minutes for all the hearings and deliberations.
- Vote: 28-0-0
- **RESULT: BILL 54 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. AMENDED AND PASSED IN SLAA, 10.11. AMENDED AND PASSED IN JUDICIARY, 10.12.**

- Opening Statement:
 - Tackett: Originally, this was a joke when I discovered there used to be a war department, in the form of what is now the Office of Governmental Affairs. The best way to bring this back is to support our Athletic Department. Even though our student life revolves around athletics, SGA has no connection. This allows for state-wide initiatives to build connections with other SGAs, and promotes charitable giving to organizations such as the Food for Thought Pantry.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Marcus: Did you speak with the Student Body President about this?
 - Tackett: No, she will see it when it hits her desk.
 - Randall: Attempted to.
 - Preshia: Did you speak to the Athletic Department about this?
 - Tackett: Did not, but we do not believe this will impede them in any way. This has no control over their functioning and is solely an SGA thing.
- **Gonzalez moves to enter Pro Con debate, Edouard seconds; no objections**
- Pro:
 - Nasworthy: Did not take this seriously at first, but it is very well-written and this will be great for building connection. It is something fun.
 - T. Murray: **POI**, why are we not required to declare war against University of Florida?
 - Randall: We are here to work with everyone.
 - Edouard: **POI**, why was this not discussed with the Student Body President?
 - Tackett: Emailed twice and she was also not present during office hours.
 - Preshia: Can you declare war against multiple schools for one event?
 - Tackett: Yes, an amendment in Judiciary was made by Senator Linsky that allows war against all.
 - Randall: In Section D.3.b.
 - T. Murray: **POI**, why did you not try to reach out to the Secretary of Internal Affairs or someone else in the Executive Branch?
 - Tackett: Probably should have, but wanted to speak to the President directly.

- Randall: The President is the one who signs the legislation into statutes.
 - **Chair Wang extends the adjournment time to 11:45pm.**
 - Marcus: This will be the start of a new tradition. This is a great way for us to bond with each other and we can all agree on supporting our athletic teams. The sponsor has been joking about this since the start of his term.
 - Wood: As a member of our university's nationally-ranked sailing team, in full support.
 - Roy: Carl von Clausewitz said, "war is a continuation of politics by other means." This supports great causes to raise money and puts ourselves out there in the community. Would like to see us declare war on Jacksonville State University.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Nasworthy moves to call the question, T. Murray seconds; no objections**
- Closing Statement:
 - Randall: The Student Body President has a very busy schedule and we did not get a response, but that does not mean she does not approve. At the bottom of the bill, 611.5 War Games will promote charitable giving and especially help minority communities.
- Vote: 28-0-1
- **RESULT: BILL 59 PASSES**

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, 10.11. WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR, 10.13.
- 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. TABLED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 09.15, 09.22, 09.29, 10.06, 10.13.
- Resolution 73 Sponsored by Senators Preshia, Tsouroukdissan (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. AMENDED ON FLOOR AND RETURNED TO COMMITTEE, 10.06. FAILED IN RULES & CALENDAR, 10.13.**
- Resolution 74 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P) Tackett, Gonzalez, Hunter, Edouard (Co)
 Acclaiming the Black Student Union for their March and Blackout Event on Saturday, October 2nd and standing behind their demands to make FSU a safer space for Black and minority communities, given recent events on campus.
- Randall: **POI**, did this go to SLAA?
 - Wang: No.

- Randall: Is it commending?
 - Wang: No, it says acclaim.
- Opening Statement:
 - Roy: Addresses issues on campus that SGA has not yet addressed. Black students have spoken of issues on campus and had a blackout event at the football game against Syracuse, and a march on Parents' Weekend. Had the opportunity to attend with Senators Hunter, Tackett, Gonzalez, and Parliamentarian Rowan, and heard advocates for better security measures, diversity & inclusion curriculum included in extracurriculars made with consultation from agencies. We are all familiar with the flyer that was posted outside Hillel's door, and the Black Student Union was slandered with racist profanities that same evening. Advocating for the university to define hate speech and discourage it.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Randall: Did you talk to the Black Student Union about this?
 - Roy: Yes.
 - Marcus: Did you speak to Homecoming or the Student Alumni Association about this?
 - Roy: No.
- **Nasworthy moves to enter Pro Con debate, T. Murray seconds; no objections**
- Pro:
 - Marcus: **POPP**, the Student Alumni Association and FSU Homecoming have met in regards to the first whereas clause.
 - Nasworthy: The sponsor has done exactly the work that Senators need to be doing. Recognizes that this campus is not equally safe for everyone.
 - Randall: **POI** for the sponsor, if this passes, what are you going to do to ensure this actually happens?
 - Roy: The main point of this is for it to be sent to the people it will be sent to and to encourage them to address this. This is to give them more of a voice. If anyone would like to work with me to find ways we can address this, I would be happy to.
- Con:
 - No speakers
- **Nasworthy moves to call the question, Edouard seconds**
 - **Marcus objects; Nasworthy withdraws**
- **Marcus moves to pass by acclamation, Gonzalez seconds; no objections**
- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 74 PASSES BY ACCLIMATION**

Resolution 75 Sponsored by Senators Marcus, Hunter (P) DuChêne, Tsouroukdissian (Co)
 Condemning the conversion of previously free student parking spaces in commuter lots and garages to a now paid luxury, while recognizing certain instances in which Pay to Park can increase community accessibility and visitor interaction. **REFERRED TO SLAA THEN RULES & CALENDAR, 10.13.**

Unfinished Business: None

Statements of Dissent: None

New Business:

- Impeachment of Senator Destine
 - Opening Statement:

- Destine: I have not been coming to Senate meetings due to recent emotional distress. Took responsibility of a child and that has been taking up a lot of my time, along with academic burdens. Going through FSU Counseling and Victims Advocate to get the help I need. I have neglected my responsibilities as a Senator and would like to resign if I may, instead of being impeached.
- **Jackson Destine resigns from College of Business Seat 5**
- Appointing Senator Hunter as Office of Governmental Affairs liaison
- Appointing Senator Bettley as Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) liaison

Closing Announcements:

- Nasworthy: RTAC still does not have any members and had to wait 20 minutes for the organization to be heard. We want to be able to fund these organizations efficiently, so please encourage people to apply.
- Roy: Senator DuChene is not here this evening because he is performing in Newsies with the College of Fine Arts. Their performance started tonight and will be running until October 24th; you can find tickets online. PAC will now have a bigger budget and would love to hear more organizations.
- Marcus. Homecoming is next week, go out to the events and vote for Homecoming Court!
- Randall: As a graduate student, the passing of Constitutional Amendment 10 makes a huge impact.

Officer Announcements:

- Rowan: Congratulations to the winners of the elections. Thank you Pro Tempore Wang for smoothly assuming the Chair. Make the end of this Senate the best we have seen yet.
- Little: Serving as Pro Tempore was a fun experience.
- Wang: VP Thykadavil encourages us to attend the Power of We's Longest Table. Congratulations to reelected Senators.

Randall: **POI**, who was the Senator of the Month for September?

- Wang: You will find out when the graphic comes out.

Advisor Announcements:

- Dr. Williams: Congratulations to those who one tonight. Shoutout to Jacalyn for all her work on this election.

Members Present (Final Roll Call): Edouard, Tackett, Roy, Marcus, Myers, Hunter, Garcia, Bettley, Little, Bergen, Berger, Rossi, Preshia, Randall, Arutt, Reeves, Noel, Nasworthy, Tsouroukdissian, Rodgers, Linsky, Fineout, Gonzalez, B. Murray, Wood, VanderLey, Guillamont, Bowling, Remler, T. Murray

Members Absent (Final Roll Call): Barrett, Thau, DuChene, Satizabal-Prieto, Harmon, Moriah, Naranjo, Fertil, Moore, Nemeth, Russell, West, K. Hitchcock, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Stewart, Powell

Nasworthy moves to adjourn; meeting is adjourned at 11:28pm.

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