

THE SEVENTY-SIXTH STUDENT SENATE
Calendar: November 29, 2023
Location: Senate Chambers
Time: 7:37PM

Call to Order:

- President Cofer calls the meeting to order at 7:37PM.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Conducted

Moment of Silent Reflection:

- Conducted

Land Acknowledgement:

Senator Lento: 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:

- Refer to attendance.

Verification of Quorum:

- Verified.

Corrections and Approval of the Journal:

- None.

Oath of Office for Senators-elect Absent from Inauguration:

- Alondra Munoz.

Student and Non-Budgeted RSO Comments:

https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9EVvRotPr4y03r

- *Student Alumni Association:* Maddie King & Mia Nicholson
 - I'm here to speak on behalf of the Student Alumni Association in regards to Executive as well as Ambassador applications closing on Friday, December 1. SAA is here to bridge the gap between alumni and students, to connect students with alumni, and nourish the traditions that FSU continues to hold from our alumni.
- *Market Wednesday Tabling:* Sam Diaz

- Theater final project to recreate performance art; improvement booth. Tabling with Senate at Market Wednesday on December 6, 2023. People can come to put Sticky Notes stating what they love about FSU, and what they want to see improved about FSU. Looking for two or three volunteers to table at this event.
- 75th Student Senate T-shirts have come in.

Special Introductions and Announcements:

- None.

Report of Senate Officers:

- *75th Student Senate:* Veto of Bill 100 has been resolved.

Messages from the Executive Branch:

- *Cabinet Director:* Sarah Nemeth
 - Congratulations to all the new senators in the 76th Student Senate.
 - Created a Google Form for senators to use in order to contact the Executive Branch with any questions. Under the home page in Canvas, where it says, "SGA Contacts."
- *Director of Health and Wellness:* Malena Romero
 - Speaking on previous accomplishments during the 75th Student Senate.
 - Opening the floor for the 76th Student Senate to reach out with any questions or ideas that Romero might be able to help with.
- *Director of Sustainability:* Kolby Gawlik
 - SGA Garden Event that senators are open to volunteer at.
- *Director of Communications:* Autumn Anderson
 - Thank the Sweepings committee.
 - PIRG collaboration with SGA to create a textbook drive. Happening on Monday, December 4, 2023.
- *Policy Director:* Jack Folwell
 - Civic Engagement Program to increase voter turnout on FSU's campus.

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

- *IRHC Associate Director:* Genevieve Reynolds
 - Salley ARC, last IRHC semester event on Friday, December 1, 2023. Get study tips, and speak with Academic Trainers to get help on final projects or work.

Messages from the Class Councils:

- *Senior Class Council Treasurer:* Jerryson Cirise
 - Conducted the interviews for the Freshman Class Council.
 - Selected the Executive Board members for the Freshman Class Council.
 - Held first meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 with Freshman Class Council to give them the overview of Class Councils moving forward.

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students:

- None.

Messages from the Judicial Branch:

- None.

Messages from the Union Board and Campus Recreation Board:

- *Union Board Member: Amy Erickson*
 - On Friday, December 1, 2023, FSU's Union Board will be traveling to Gainesville to meet with UF's Union Board to exchange ideas and projects for upcoming.
 - Contact Senator Lento or Erickson in regards to any questions about the Union Board.
- *Campus Recreation Member: Cassie Hiatt*
 - Elected Chair and Vice Chair of Campus Recreation.
 - Chair: Lauren Mayo
 - Vice Chair: JJ Marsh

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: Remaining Balances: Senate Projects \$6,323.44, PAC \$42,035.91, RTAC \$40,000, and ORG Fund \$1,038.24

Report of Senate Liaisons:

- *76th Student Senate: President Cofer*
 - Formally appoints all liaisons to all organizations:
 - Ben Salazar: HLSU
 - Jalisa McEntyre: BSU
 - Megan McEnery: Pride
 - Devon Carr: VSU
 - Geetanjali Srivastava: WSU
 - Sela Teplin: JSU
 - Aashna Anandjiwala: AASU
 - Alexis Staveski: Mental Health
 - Christian Velazquez: OGA
 - Faisal Lalani: IRHC
 - Blake Pu: SCURC
 - Yasamin Khosh: Executive Branch
 - Ashtin Hine: COGS
 - Morgan Brown: Childcare Center
 - Ella Garcia: Food Pantry
 - Ella Windlan: Sustainable Campus
 - Delaney Lento: Union Board
 - Luis Méndez: Campus Rec
 - Ana Valdes: Arts & Sciences
 - Caden Vandermeulen: Business
 - Charlie Blackwell: Communication
 - Noah Baez: Criminology
 - Ashlyn Barresi: Education
 - Briana Rodriguez: Fine Arts
 - Amelie Olson Gavin: Education, Health & Human Sciences
 - Zac Syska: Nursing
 - CJ Chinn: COSSPP
 - James Simkins: Engineering
 - Delaney Lento: Elections Office
 - Ben Salazar: SB Treasurer
 - Yasamin Khosh: Class Councils
 - Yasamin Khosh: OFSL

- Madison Grant: IFC
- Ben Salazar: MGC
- Alexis Lansdale: Panhellenic
- Deyona Burton: FAMU Senate
- Aashna Anandjiwala: SASA
- Emma Valderrama: NPHS
- Jonus Goldstein: FSUPD
- Anakha Vargheese: MRU
- Jalisa McEntrye: Diversity & Inclusion Institute
- Sara Larancuent: Homecoming
- Jalisa McEntrye: FL PIRG Students
- Roberto Gomez: Renegade Boxing Club
- Lisbeth Castellanos: CARE
- Give monthly reports of your organization during the 76th Student Senate meetings.

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary
 - None.
- Internal Affairs
 - None.
- Budget
 - None.
- Finance
 - None.
- Student Life
 - None.
- Rules & Calendar
 - None.

Senate Confirmations:

- Entered IA as a whole, due to IA committee not being established at this time.

1. Thais Diaz – Homecoming Overall Director

● Opening Statement:

- Hi everyone, my name is Thais Diaz. I am currently a Junior, studying Writing Media, with a minor in Communications. I am excited to be here today. I can truly say Homecoming is an organization that I have loved to see grow. I joined my Freshman year. From going from Communications Chair, to then Communications Director, I can say that I have grown both professionally and personally. This upcoming year, I have a lot of goals and ideas to really make Homecoming a place

that is accessible to all students. This starts with increasing our participation in events through our communications and outreach teams. I will also push for diversity within our organization, as well as outside, by prioritizing this, and other organizations on campus. For example, such as our CARE program. I would love the opportunity to take on as Homecoming Overall Director and thank you so much!

- General Questioning:

- Pro Temp Gorelick to the Candidate for Homecoming Overall Director: Do you have any ideas or plans to help maybe bring more students into the Homecoming events?
 - One thing that I am really pushing for is Homecoming being more connected with other agencies on campus, because I'd love for them to be more involved during the week of Homecoming, because I feel like they hold such a big group of people. It is diverse with majority of the students, so I definitely think that establishing those connections with those organizations, for them to be included, for them to see however they see fit, to just be included, that would be beneficial.
- Senator Kosh to the Candidate for Homecoming Overall Director: One of the bigger roles as Homecoming Overall Director is your relationship with the Student Alumni Association, how all of these events will come together for the homecoming parade, so can you just talk about any relationships you have with the SAA, and how you plan to continue to develop that in your new role.
 - So, I currently work with the SAA as the Marketing Development Assistant. This has helped me meet the advisor for SAA, Landon, and build my connections. He is absolutely wonderful, and I think this is a great position to allow me to make direct connections with the Alumni Association as well as their events.
- **Senator Hine moves to enter Roundtable on the candidate for Homecoming Live Director, Senator Anandjiwala seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Senate enters Roundtable on the candidate for Homecoming Live Director.**

- Roundtable:

- Senator Nguyen: I would like to speak in pro of the candidates for Overall Director and Assistant Director. I was in a communications study with both of them, and I believe it really spoke to their experience. They are going to do amazing things!

- Closing Statement:

- I would just like to say thank you for considering me for this position. I'm actually really really excited, because I truly love

Homecoming so much. I am really excited to work alongside these amazing people beside me, so once again thank you!

- **Voting Results:**

- **62 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.**

- **The candidate for Homecoming Overall Director passes.**

- President Cofer entertains a motion to exit IA as a whole.
 - Seconded.
- President Cofer entertains a motion to accept the decision of the committee as a decision of the whole.
 - Senator Meier moves.
 - Senator Garcia seconds.
- *[The President Pro Tempore administers the Oath of Office.]*

2. Alexis Rister – Homecoming Assistant Director

- **Opening Statement:**

- Good evening everyone, my name is Alexis Rister. I am a third year student, studying Criminology and Sociology. *Inaudible (31:38-32:57).*

- **General Questioning:**

- Senator Anandjiwala to the Candidate for Homecoming Assistant Director: How are you going to hold being able to balance being the Assistant Director as well as holding an OPS position?

- I do hold an OPS position, sorting through records, and files through the library. I do uphold up to 29 hours a week, but have already spoke with OPS to get approved to work less hours, in order to put my all into this AD position.

- **Senator Hine moves to enter Roundtable on the candidate for Homecoming Live Director, Senator Anandjiwala seconds.**

- **No objections.**

- **Senate enters Roundtable on the candidate for Homecoming Live Director.**

- **Roundtable:**

- Senator Nguyen: I would like to speak in pro of the candidates for Overall Director and Assistant Director. I was in a communications study with both of them, and I believe it really spoke to their experience. They are going to do amazing things!

- **Closing Statement:**

- *Inaudible (48:27-48:58).*

- **Voting Results:**

- o Senator Lento moves to use majority voting rules.
- o Senator Staveski seconded.
- o The candidate for Homecoming Assistant Director passes.

- President Cofer entertains a motion to exit IA as a whole.
 - Seconded.
- President Cofer entertains a motion to accept the decision of the committee as a decision of the whole.
 - Senator Meier moves.
 - Senator Garcia seconds.
- *[The President Pro Tempore administers the Oath of Office.]*

3. Olivia Chandler – Homecoming Live Director

- Opening Statement:

- Hi Senate, I am Olivia Chandler, running for the position of Homecoming Live Director. I am really excited to be here today, and excited to hopefully become a part of Homecoming. *Inaudible (33:23-34:49).*

- General Questioning:

- o Senator Kosh to the Candidate for Homecoming Live Director:
You mentioned that you don't have any previous experience with Homecoming, so could you just explain how you plan to navigate that role without the background.

- I'm really excited to work with SGA, previously I have communicated with SGA on prior projects, but am interested and excited to learn more about SGA and Homecoming along the way.

- o Senator Blackwell to the Candidate for Homecoming Live Director: How do you

- My big goals for this year are to build the brand of Homecoming, and make it to where every student knows that this event is. I really think that building the brand is extremely important. I hope to take advantage of the resources we have for the Outreach committee, since social media is a big part of that.

- o Senator Méndez to the Candidate for Homecoming Live Director: As Homecoming Live Director, I am guessing you would have an opinion on who you would bring as a guest. Do you have any ideas on who we might be getting next year?

- First off, I would like to meet my committee, but after this I would like to start sharing some ideas. I think it is important to find someone who is universally, for lack of a better word, recognizable. Whether it is just that one song, or a whole album. Like a Carly Rae Jepsen.

o **Senator Hine moves to enter Roundtable on the candidate for Homecoming Live Director, Senator Anandjiwala seconds.**

▪ **No objections.**

▪ **Senate enters Roundtable on the candidate for Homecoming Live Director.**

● **Roundtable:**

o Senator Hine: *Inaudible (46:44-47:15)*

● **Closing Statement:**

o Thank you all so much for this opportunity. I am so excited to join this team, and if you all have any suggestions feel free to email!

● **Voting Results:**

o **The candidate for Homecoming Live Director passes.**

- President Cofer entertains a motion to exit IA as a whole.
 - o Seconded.
- President Cofer entertains a motion to accept the decision of the committee as a decision of the whole.
 - o Senator Meier moves.
 - o Senator Garcia seconds.
- *[The President Pro Tempore administers the Oath of Office.]*

Consent Calendar:

- None.

Constitutional Amendments:

- None.

Bills First Reading:

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| Bill 01 | Sponsored by Cofer, Gorelick (P)
A budget transfer for the Jewish Student Union, transferring \$2000 from the contractual services category to the expense category.
Will be going to the Budget Committee. |
| Bill 02 | Sponsored by Gorelick, Velazquez (P)
This bill reforms the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission to become the Civic Engagement Forum.
Will be going to Internal Affairs, Judiciary, and Student Life Committees. |
| Bill 03 | Sponsored by Windlan (P)
To change statutes so that the annual Bureau Review in the Internal Affairs committee occurs in the Fall semester.
Will be going to Internal Affairs, Judiciary, and Student Life Committees. |

Bill 04

Sponsored by Lento (P)

To remove the name "Oglesby" from statutes.

Will be going to Judiciary, and Student Life Committees.

Resolutions First Reading:

Resolution 01

Sponsored by Senator Bevis (P)

This resolution thanks the Wakulla County Board of Commissioners for taking steps to protect Wakulla Springs and encourages future protections.

Will be going to Student Life Committee.

Bills Second Reading:

- None.

Resolutions Second Reading:

- None.

Unfinished Business:

- None.

New Business:

- *Committee Elections*
 - President Cofer to show all Student Senators what committees they are assigned to.
- *Funding Board Elections*
 - Judiciary:
 - Chair: Valazquez
 - Vice Chair: Anandjiwala
 - Internal Affairs:
 - Chair: Windlan
 - Vice Chair: Larancuent
 - Budget:
 - Chair: Salazar
 - Vice Chair: Meier
 - Finance:
 - Chair: Lento
 - Vice Chair: Navarro
 - Student Life:
 - Chair: Kosh
 - Vice Chair: Blackwell
 - PAC Chair:
 - **Vice Chair Anandjiwala moves to open the floor for nominations for PAC Chair.**
 - **Chair Salazar seconded.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Floor is now open for nominations.**
 - Senator Bevis nominates Senator Staveski.
 - Senator Lento seconded.
 - Senator Staveski accepts the nomination.

- No objections.
 - The new PAC Chair is Senator Staveski.
- PAC Vice Chair:
 - **Chair Salazar moves to open the floor for nominations for PAC Vice Chair.**
 - **Senator Bevis seconded.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Floor is now open for nominations.**
 - Senator Anandjiwala nominates Senator Ahuja.
 - Senator Meier seconded.
 - Senator Ahuja accepts the nomination.
 - No objections.
 - Chair Salazar nominates Senator Valderrama.
 - Senator Lento seconded.
 - No objections.
 - Ahuja
 - Opening Statement: *Inaudible (1:44:11-1:46:12)*
 - Speakers in Pro:
 - Chair Windlan: Um ya, I think this candidate has really great qualifications. Especially considering her previous that she has worked with PAC before, so I think that helps show her fiscal responsibility.
 - Vice Chair Anandjiwala: Yes, I fully support the candidate for Vice Chair. I worked with her last semester and this semester to help her with her orders numbers wise, and I think she has great qualities to offer as PAC Vice Chair. So I support her and I hope you guys will support her as well. Thank you!
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 - Valderrama
 - Opening Statement: Good evening senators, *inaudible (1:48:50-1:49:42)*
 - Speakers in Pro:
 - Chair Lento: I would speak in pro of this candidate, due to the fact that she has experience being secretary and being vice chair, she has a lot of experience taking notes already. Especially, I loved the fact that she mentioned her role with different organizations. PAC Vice is a ton of different orgs and the fact that she knows what this takes is extremely vital, so she knows the specific knowledge that we will need for each line item. So I am definitely going to support.
 - Chair Salazar: Yea, so as someone who has known and worked alongside this candidate for quiet a while now. She is great with coming up with things on the fly, and really dealing with anything that might come her way. She has really put herself in a lot of situations, in which the experience she needs to be Vice Chair, she is ready for. She is very confident and proud in what she does. I think she is an excellent candidate for this.
 - The new PAC Vice Chair based on the ballot voting is Senator Ahuja.
- RTAC Chair:

- **Vice Chair Anandjiwala moves to open the floor for nominations for RTAC Chair.**
 - **Senator Lento seconded.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Floor is now open for nominations.**
 - Chair Salazar nominates Senator Bevis.
 - Seconded.
 - Senator Bevis accepts the nomination.
 - No objections.
 - The new RTAC Chair is Senator Bevis.
 - RTAC Vice Chair:
 - **Senator Hine moves to open the floor for nominations for RTAC Vice Chair.**
 - **Chair Valazquez seconded.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Floor is now open for nominations.**
 - Chair Salazar nominates Senator Vandermeulen.
 - Senator Staveski seconded.
 - Senator Vandermeulen accepts the nomination.
 - No objections.
 - Senator Anandjiwala nominates Senator Garcia.
 - Senator Windlan seconded.
 - Senator Garcia does not accept the nomination.
 - The new RTAC Vice Chair is Senator Vandermeulen.

Statements of Dissent:

- None.

Closing Announcements:

- Chair Kosh:
 - I'm sure everyone saw the message that President Cofer put out, but Student Foundation is having an event. If you guys don't have anything else going on, if you could just come out and show your support. It is going to be a great event to highlight on Philanthropy. If you can make it I would really appreciate it, I've spent like four months planning this thing!
- Vice Chair Anandjiwala:
 - *Inaudible (2:00:33-2:00:49).*
- Chair Staveski:
 - I am the liaison for the mental health council and tomorrow at 6:00PM in Thagard 211 they are doing a GBM! It will be super fun, and I would love to see you there!
- Chair Salazar:
 - I just want to say congrats to all the new chairs and vice chairs, like y'all did that! I am excited to work with all of you, and work collaboratively! If you guys have any questions, I am always here to answer, my contact information will be on the senate website. Yea, exciting! Have a good night!
- *NAACP x Black Student Union (BSU) x South Asian Students Association (SASA)*
 - **Town Hall:**
 - Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 from 6:00pm-8:00pm @HCB 312.

- *“Focus on the topic of colorism and how it affects minorities in different aspects of our lives.”*
- *Union Board*
 - **“Study Union:”**
 - Dec. 11-15 (*Finals Week*), 8am-11pm every day @1284, 2211, 2212, 2213, and 2214 & Senate Chambers.
 - Other aspects of this event include the implementation of quiet hours in the Union. Access to the grand piano on the mezzanine from 6pm to 11pm will be disabled each day.
- *Office of Governmental Affairs (OGA)*
 - Upcoming policy proposals.

Executive Announcements:

- President Cofer:
 - I know there is a lot of stuff going on right now, but I just wanted to let you all know to not be intimidated right now, a lots going on, but we will get into the rotation of things as we go.
 - We will have a senate exec for you to see pretty soon!
 - Our next senate meet is going to be themed, it is ugly holiday sweater themed. It will be posted. You can do Santa hats!
- Pro Temp:
 - Please read the announcements that President Cofer sends out!
 - We have a GroupMe, so please get on it.
 - Whoever was inaugurated, you have till December 11 to complete your Financial Certification or you will suspended.
 - Congrats to all Chairs and Vice Chairs!

Advisor Announcements:

- Andy:
 - Thank you Mr. President, can I borrow your laptop to show the chambers something. Good evening everybody, I just wanted to echo but congratulations to all you Chairs and Vice Chairs, it is very well deserved. Thank you to everyone who came to the New Senator Orientation, I know it was kind of long, so I appreciate you hanging in there. Last thing I have for you all is something really exciting. So returning members, you have heard me talk about this a little, but we recently signed two contracts with Civic+ and MuniCode. MuniCode is a company based in Tallahassee in the 1950's by a guy named George Langford. This will help put FSU SGA in a good spot to share best practices for student affairs. We are the 2nd University SGA in the entire country to use MuniCode. So here is OU's SGA MuniCode. We are going to take the statutes, the senate rules of procedures, COGS rules of procedures, bylaws for boards, and upload them all to MuniCode. So rather than keeping them in a PDF or word to upload to the website, we are going to be able to directly upload any updates to MuniCode right away. This will also allow you to get directly to all of the bills and resolutions are that have been passed. We can also generate bills and other legislations directly out of MuniCode. In terms of timing, this is the easier one of the two, so

before winter break I want to make final updates on the constitutions, and all other documents updated, and feed them over to the MuniCode, and over break they will format them as shown. The other one is called Civic+, for their agenda and meeting minutes. Our target is to have it rolled out for Summer Senate. Once we get towards implementation there will be training sessions. The cool thing about it is, if you are the person taking the minutes, you'll be able to go in and timestamp minutes. It will tie it up with the video we are doing for it. Each person will have their own log in, and enter notes on any of the calendar updates. So here's an example from Lake County. This shows the towns commission, so if you want to find a meeting, it will show you the agenda packets and the minutes right away, after they have been approved. We will do video links and have them saved in Civic+, that will not expire. You'll be able to go to a drop down to just look at filter items you want to view, such as different boards, and minutes. Over the summer we will test it out, fix it up, so that by fall we will be ready to go. Through these apps, you can edit and upload every document that goes up to the websites, instead of going through Ben Young. I am so excited, and this is going to speed up all these processes. Anyhow, you can tell I am pretty excited. My plan is to have all the old bills, all the way back to the 1st Student Senate, uploaded to these apps. I also want to make it searchable eventually. Any questions? Proud of you all!

Final Roll Call:

- Conducted.

Adjournment:

- **President Cofer adjourns Senate at 10:01PM.**

- *The Senate is adjourned at 10:01PM.*