

## THE SEVENTY-FIFTH STUDENT SENATE

Calendar: September 13th, 2023

Location: Senate Chambers

Time: 7:30 pm

### Call to Order:

### Pledge of Allegiance:

### Moment of Silent Reflection:

### Land Acknowledgement:

The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.

### Roll Call:

### Verification of Quorum:

### Corrections and Approval of the Journal 09.06.2023:

### Student and RSO Comments:

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- Jaden Khokhar, College of Business:  
Freshman are a class just like every other, and therefore should have a council representing them.
- Maxwell Popovic, College of Business:  
I fully believe a Freshman Class Council is a reasonable, fair, and equitable request to be approved. As a freshman eager to get involved on campus, and as one who is surrounded by other ambitious, talented freshman peers, I see plenty of opportunity for progress for both our class and the school as a whole with this council. Given every other class has a council, I also don't see it as being equitable to us simply given our age or inexperience, when, with that being said, we are still able to run for Senate and upper-level positions in other aspects of campus. A council would be a great opportunity to better freshman going forward on their path at FSU.
- Maegan Smarkusky, College of Social Sciences:

As a new student at the school, I have struggled, finding a way to join SGA. A freshman Council would make becoming a part of the senate much easier; I believe that both myself in my class have lots of new ideas about how to organize ourselves, and others, and if they were to be implemented it could help our school tremendously. Please vote to pass bill 82.

- Molly Russell, Undergraduate Studies:  
Hello Senators, My name's Molly Russell. Not only am I beginning my studies in Nursing at FSU, but I'm also committed to the ROTC program. Balancing both commitments is a challenge, and I believe a lot of first-year students face their unique set of challenges as well. The Freshman Class Council, as proposed in Senate Bill 82, could be a crucial support system for us. A dedicated group that stands for the interests and needs of freshmen? That's something I can get behind. It'd be a great way to ensure that every new student, regardless of their major or involvement, feels represented and supported. Thank you for your time, Molly Russell.
- Sarah LaRussell, Undergraduate Studies:  
Hey everyone, I'm Sarah, and I just started my journey in Nursing here at FSU. From what I've seen, being a first-year student comes with its own set of challenges. That's why I think the Freshman Class Council from Senate Bill 82 is a fantastic idea. We could really use a group that understands and speaks up for what we're going through. Plus, as someone aiming to care for others, I believe this council can take care of our freshman class, making our start at FSU even better. Thanks for considering this! Sarah LaRussell.
- Aidan Hettrick, Undergraduate Studies:  
I'm new at FSU and still figuring out what I want to study. I really think having a Freshman Class Council, like what's in Senate Bill 82, would be a great idea. It'd help us first-year students have a voice and settle into college life easier. It's a big change for all of us, and having a group that looks out for our needs sounds pretty cool. I also believe that starting leadership early means even better student leaders in the future, so the leaders of our grade can take legitimate stock in our class. Thanks for listening, Aidan Hettrick.
- Luke Meiers, College of Social Sciences and Public Policy:  
Good evening, honorable members of the FSU Student Senate, and all others in attendance at this meeting; my name is Luke Meiers, and I am here to express support for Senate Bill 82, the creation of a Freshman Class Council. To continue reading: [Click Here](#)
- Sarah Nemeth, College of Social Sciences and Public Policy:  
Hi Senate! My name is Sarah Nemeth and I serve as our SGA Cabinet Director. I apologize for not being able to make it in person, but I have a very exciting, non-SGA related announcement to share with you all. I have the pleasure of serving as the Director of Membership for The Nineteen Ten Honorary, and applications for our Fall 2023 member class are officially open! The Honorary serves to recognize women who have shown dedication to our values of ambition, compassion, and innovation. We strive to create an empowering community to inspire the next generation of women leaders. Any information you may need, including the application link, can be found on our instagram @thenineteentenhonorary. Please feel free to reach out to me with any

questions, and please share this opportunity with your friends and other organizations.  
Thank you!

- Jerome Michaud, Undergraduate Studies:  
6,000 students and no representation is crazy.
- Austin McClure, Undergraduate Studies:  
(Request to Speak)

Special Introductions:

Report of Senate Officers:

Messages from the Executive Branch:

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

Messages from the Class Councils:

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students:

Messages from the Judicial Branch:

Messages from the Union Board and Campus Recreation Board:

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: Remaining Balances: Senate Projects \$10,222.52, PAC \$78,000, RTAC \$78,000, and ORG Fund \$5,000

Report of Senate Liaisons:

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary
- Internal Affairs
- Budget
- Finance
- Student Life
- Rules
- Merchandise Ad Hoc

Senate Confirmations:

- Kole Kolasa–Judicial Branch, Chief Justice (1 applicant)
- Katherine Kennamer–Judicial Branch, Associate Justice (4 applicants)
- Taylor Kendall–Judicial Branch, Associate Justice (4 applicants)
- Zachary Klein–Judicial Branch, Associate Justice (4 applicants)
- Roshu Senthil–Transfer Leadership Institute, Director (1 applicant)
- Savanna Tobias–Transfer Leadership Institute, Assistant Director (3 applicants)
- Arthi Solayappan–SCURC, Assistant Director (2 applicants)
- Marie Weber–SCURC, Member-at-Large (2 applicants)

- Danny Alex–SCURC, Treasurer (1 applicant)
- Reese Hrannarsson–WSU, Director of Finance (3 applicants)
- Eva Galindo–WSU, Director of Administration (7 applicants)
- Grady Anderson–OGA, Board of Directors (12 applicants)

*Pending in Internal Affairs*

- Grant Golin–OGA, Board of Directors (12 applicants)

*Pending in Finance*

- Tory Kim–RTAC, Committee Member (1 applicant)

Consent Calendar:

- CR 19                      Sponsored by Senator Humberg (P)  
To fund the Undergraduate Art History Association and FSU Hillel.
- CR 20                      Sponsored by Senator Seeger (P)  
To fund the Sports Management Student Association, National Association of Business Economics, Florida State University Advertising Club, and Society of Women Engineers.

Constitutional Amendments:

Bills First Reading:

- Bill 81                      Sponsored by Senator Widmann (P) Barret, Behar, Brown, Crusey, Denning, Gummerman, Hellman, Khosh, Lento, LoBianco, Mendez, Meunier, Newsome, Nguyen, Randall, Salazar, Sparling, Staveski, Velazquez, Walerio, White (Co)  
This bill overhauls Title VII of the Student Body Statutes. **(Referred to Judiciary and Rules 09.06. Passed in Judiciary 09.12. Pending in Rules.)**
- Bill 82                      Sponsored by Senators Hellman and White (P) Cofer, Patel, Sparling, Khosh (Co)  
This bill shall create the Freshman Class Council. **(Referred to Internal Affairs, Judiciary, and Budget 09.06. Passed in Internal Affairs 09.12. Passed in Judiciary 09.12. Tabled in Budget 09.12.)**

Resolutions First Reading:

- Resolution 64              Sponsored by Senator Lento (P) Khosh (Co)  
This resolution sets the 2023 Apportionments.
- Resolution 65              Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P) Behar, M. Brown, Garcia, Humberg,

Lento, LoBianco, McEnery, Randall, Sparling, Staveski, Valdes-Herrera, Windlan (Co)

Supporting the recommendations of the 2023 Local Fees Committee.

Resolution 57                      Sponsored by Senator Diaz (P)  
Amending Senate Rules to change procedures for the consideration of candidates coming for Senate confirmation. **(Referred to Judiciary and Rules 09.06. Passed in Judiciary 09.12. Pending in Rules.)**

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 80                                Sponsored by Senator Lento (P)  
This legislation essentially allows the Student Body President to address the Student Body more informally to allow for further transparency within SGA. It removes the term "State of the Student Body Address" to simply be "Presidential Addresses." **(Referred to Internal Affairs and Judiciary 09.06. Amended and passed in Internal Affairs 09.12. Passed in Judiciary 09.12.)**

Resolutions Second Reading:

Resolution 59                      Sponsored by Senator Velazquez (P) Anandjiwala, Widmann (Co)  
This resolution addresses the urgent fentanyl crisis at Florida State University, recognizing the severe threat to student health and safety. It endorses the legalization of fentanyl test strips as a life-saving measure, calls for collaboration to make them readily available, and sends copies to key university officials for immediate action. **(Referred to Student Life 09.06. Passed in Student Life 09.08.)**

Resolution 61                      Sponsored by Senators Mendez and Salazar (P) Behar, Burton, Diaz, Garcia, Gorelick, Humberg, Jones, Khosh, Lento, LoBianco, Mcenery, Newsome, Nguyen, Randall, Sparling, Staveski, Velazquez, Widmann, Windlan (Co)  
Commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month and the Hispanic community on campus in honor of the upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month which begins September 15th. **(Referred to Student Life 09.06. Passed in Student Life 09.08.)**

Resolution 62                      Sponsored by Senator Lento (P) Staveski, Windlan (Co)  
This resolution honors children who are fighting childhood cancer as well as their families and healthcare workers that care for them. It encourages the Florida State community to raise awareness surrounding childhood

cancer and support them. **(Referred to Student Life 09.06. Passed in Student Life 09.08.)**

Resolution 63

Sponsored by Senators M. Brown and Staveski (P) Behar, Lento, Mendez, Randall (Co)

A resolution to recognize September as National Suicide Awareness Month and promote mental health resources both on and off campus. **(Referred to Student Life 09.06. Passed in Student Life 09.08.)**

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Statements of Dissent:

Closing Announcements:

Advisor Announcements:

Final Roll Call and Adjournment: