

THE SEVENTY-FOURTH STUDENT SENATE

Calendar: June 8th, 2022

Location: HCB 216 & Zoom

Time: 7:30pm

Zoom Link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/92325341806>

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Call to Order:

- President Diaz calls meeting to Order at 7:35pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Casiple

Moment of Silent Reflection: Conducted

Land Acknowledgement: Led by Marting

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

Roll Call: Conducted

Verification of Quorum: Verified by Pro Tempore Drackley

Corrections and Approval of the Journal 04.04.2022, 04.13.2022, 04.20.2022, 05.25.2022, 06.01.2022:

- No new Journals to Approve

Student and Non-Budgeted RSO Comments: None

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Special Introductions and Announcements:

- President Diaz: Hello, Senate! Long time no see, nice to see you all again. I want to thank you all again for the trust you've placed to lead you all. Before we begin this meeting in earnest, there are a few things I want to share with you all. First off, this is an

issue that we've had since honestly since I got here, and probably even before that. Whenever we introduce legislation, we need to be consulting with people on them. Anyone who is affected by a bill or resolution should have a say or at least be informed of its introduction and what's going on in the process. And secondary to that is the fact that we should try to not continue the trend of passing things immediately, on second reading. Of course, I cannot unilaterally decide what the Senate does, as a majority of you can do basically whatever you want, but part of me being your President is me being honest with you about how I feel this Senate is operating. And I feel that when I have to reach out to organizations about this Senate passing things that may or may not have been properly researched, or people that haven't been consulted with on legislation, that puts the Senate in a not-so-great place. Not only does it look bad on me, but it does look bad on the Senate and makes it so that we lose our credibility to a certain extent. So again, and I know a lot our new senators may not be aware of the process either. But in the normal course of events, whenever we have legislation, they are placed on first reading, and when they are put on first reading, they are sent to the committees I assign them to for proper review. When we skip that process, and sending legislation to committee so they can review them, we may end up passing something that may not be the best or strongest piece of legislation that we can possible produce. And placing things on second reading doesn't give the public and Student Body the opportunity to provide public comment with adequate warning or foresight. Of course, there is a time and place to put things on second reading, but we should do so judiciously, and under certain circumstances, particularly if it's time sensitive. On the format and process for tonight's meeting, I have 3 priorities put up for us today. My plan for today is: we want to go ahead and confirm 9 agency director and assistant director candidates that I have invited here today. The process involved moving into Internal Affairs as a whole, so that everybody can get confirmed in an expeditious amount of time so that our agencies can begin the process of working on their business. I would also like you all to be aware that one of our candidates is in Israel, which is a 7 hour positive time change, so it's about 2:45 in the morning over there, and I'd like to get them done first so that JSU can have their agency people confirmed. When we keep delaying people further, that just keeps piling things on to the next meeting and the next meeting, and we may get to a certain point in time where we are having to go back to weekly Senate meetings because people keep getting back. Second to that, I have invited the Director of Parking and Transportation Services to Senate today to speak to us about the proposed amendments to the parking regulations that are being proposed at the FSU Board of Trustees in 2 weeks from now, so you all will have an opportunity to ask him questions as you wish. And the third thing we will be doing is committee chair and vice chair elections – we will get to that when we get to that. That's kind of everything I wanted to share with you, I just wanted to forecast the meeting for today. On financial certifications, you all need to be doing that within 15 school days of being confirmed to Senate, especially for our new people. I will be emailing you all about that according to your progress and how things are going.

- Jacalyn Butts, SGA Advisor: I encourage you to ask all the questions you had last week to Mr. Richard Rind, who is coming to speak to you all. We've opened it for your questions and feedback you have, and for you to consider solutions moving forward now that you have the proper knowledge, whether that's another resolution or something else you need to do to move forward.

- President Diaz: On Mr. Rind, I would like for us to be diligent, but quick, as we have a lot of important business to get to this meeting. He is not here yet, so we will get back to him after confirmations.
- Richard Rind, Director of FSU Parking & Transportation Services
  - Opening: Let me just begin by thanking you for inviting me to tonight's meeting and giving me the chance to explain what we're attempting to do with this new permit. I will leave as much time as I can for questions. Certainly the posting that went up last week didn't contain a whole lot of information, so certainly it spurs questions, and I'm here to answer them. Certainly any time you're considering a resolution that involves my area, talk to me first. I'll give you all the information you need to make an informed decision, and then you decide what you decide. In this particular case, this permit that we're proposing involves the idea of reserved student parking, which is something we've never done before to my knowledge. It comes about mostly for two different reasons. One, through observation and data gathering throughout the school year, we discovered pockets of parking in several different areas of campus that were not being used day in and day out. Certainly the perception is that parking is full all the time every day, and it's simply not true. But some of the areas that it's in, the available parking is in faculty and staff areas. This particular proposal involves four different locations that we're proposing to implement this reserved parking for students. Three of those areas are faculty and staff areas currently that simply aren't being used. The fourth is currently what is the Pensacola hourly lot – it's at the corner of Pensacola and Copeland. It's currently a Park Mobile location, and it's not being used. We're seeing 1 or 2 cars a day park there. So that's one of the locations, and the other three that we're proposing are a portion of the faculty/staff level of the Pensacola garage, the St. Augustine Garage, and the Call Street Garage. These are parts of campus where we have identified a desire for 24/7 overnight parking from students. These are areas where we get complaints about that topic. You're probably thinking, "why don't they just give that to us and make it 24/7 overnight parking? Why does there need to be a fee associated with it?" I would have the same question if I were you, so I'll try to head that off. Certainly, free overnight parking, we're already providing many thousands of spaces, and they're still filling on a nightly basis in particularly these areas of campus. So providing more overnight parking for free in those same areas will likely fill very, very quickly. Then we'll be right back where we started, where late at night, when you come back from your off-campus job, as an example, at 2am, you're not going to be able to find a space because it'll be filled. So we found, and experts have told us that if you implement a measure of price in the equation, that helps control the demand for the parking, and that's something that we haven't done at FSU with students either to this point. So the idea is that this is an additional permit on top of the free student permit that you already have the ability to get. So we're not taking away any current student parking, we're not changing the rules related to the current free permit in any way, shape, or form. This is simply an overlay if you could refer to it that way. For the students and parents who desire a reserved parking place, particularly for those that are trying to park late at night, is where we see the need the most. They can buy this permit, and that would give them access to the specific area that they chose, of the 4 that we have to offer. And then, if given the approval to implement this, we would then very tightly control how many permits we sell for these areas so that the student that buys a permit for this area can be sure that no matter what time of the day or

night, 7 days a week, they're going to be able to find a space in that reserved area. So for example, if we had 100 spaces available in a given area for this program, we'd only sell probably 90 permits to start, see how that goes, and this is assuming that demand is going to be there – and that's honestly something we don't know. We think there's going to be demand because certainly a lot of students, probably some of you on this call, pay to park at off-campus apartment complexes already. So we know there is demand for parking close to where you live, so we think there's going to be demand for this. But we really don't know, and we really won't know until we try. That's why this is labeled a pilot, we expect that we may have to make changes as we go, there might be something we overlook or a particular area that's not selling at all or we get feedback that perhaps a different part of campus wants to have an option like this, and certainly we're willing to consider those things, but we have to start somewhere, and the idea is this is an optional permit, it is on top of the regular free student permit that you already get, and the spaces, with the exception of the Pensacola hourly lot, are coming from faculty/staff areas, not student areas. We expect, if this program is successful, that some of the students that buy this permit, some may come from the apartment complexes, where our price is perhaps lower than what they've been paying at their apartment. So they might switch. We expect a lot of the people that buy this permit are ones that currently park in the free 24/7 overnight areas that we already provide, which are near or above capacity, and they are of the hunting license approach. So for example, if you want to park at the roof of St. Augustine Garage at 2am, you're not guaranteed to find space there, which is obviously very frustrating if it's that late at night and you're faced with a dilemma: "Do I park illegally in a commuter area, do I park in a 'must vacate by 7:30am' area?" So most faculty/staff areas throughout campus are available to park overnight, with the caveat that you must leave by 7:30am Monday through Friday only. So if you're just getting back from work, for example, at 2am, I can understand why students aren't really anxious to wake up at 7:25 to move their car to avoid a citation. We're looking at this as a way to pull some of the cars out of the current 24/7 overnight areas and put them in this reserved area, which will increase the capacity of 24/7 overnight parking for all parkers, and also generate some revenue for the Transportation and Parking Services department, which is much-needed. The revenue that is generated is to pay the expenses to provide parking services and to improve the parking that we offer. It goes to our upkeep and maintenance. We can use it for things like bike-sharing and elective vehicle chargers, paving gravel lots, which is why we're always looking for ways to generate some new revenue. And thirdly, we've done a number of strategic plans over the years, and the most recent one is actually from 2016, which is a long time ago, and I've only been here for 2 years. When I got here, I read that, it was one of the first things I did, to see if it was still accurate. The recommendations from the experts we hired were still valid, still need to be done, and one of the primary ones was having to introduce price as a demand management tool. Up until now, we haven't done so. We distributed over 25,000 parking permits to students this last school year – we don't have nearly that many spaces. So we're trying to control the demand in a measured way. By the introduction of price, we can start to reduce that demand and shift it. The culture here for a long time has been, "anybody that wants to bring a car can bring it." They do, and they try, and that's what has led to most of the capacity issues that we have on campus. So we're trying to improve the system. This is one way that we can go about it, by going with an optional program as opposed

to a mandatory program. It certainly would be easier to stomach for a lot of students, but would also hopefully meet a demand that we know is out there. We hear from parents, we hear from students, “where am I supposed to part at 2:00 in the morning?” Well, I want to give them a guaranteed place to park, and the only way to do that is to create a special area and then sell a permit for it. That’s what we’re proposing to do, so that in a nutshell is what this proposal is about.

- Folwell: You said you distributed about 25,000 parking passes this past year. Relative to that, how many parking spaces do we currently have, and how many reserved spaces are you proposing that we create?
  - We have about 15,000+ spaces campus-wide, however, during restricted hours, which is Monday-Friday, 7:30-4:30, only about 8,000 of those are for students. About 4,000 is for faculty and staff, and there are a lot of special spaces, reserved spaces, ADA spaces, reserved vehicle spaces. There is a small number of spaces relative to the number of permits that are out there. That’s what I meant by the hunting license approach. We’ve distributed about 25,000 permits, and they’re trying to fit in 15,000 spaces. During the school day, even fewer spaces than that. So obviously, some people are going to be disappointed – they’re not going to be able to park where they want to park. They’re not going to be able to park close to where they want to park. We believe the fact that those permits are free and unlimited is what is driving those issues. Related to how many spaces we’re talking about for this program, it’s actually a small number – about 268 spaces total, and as I mentioned, we’re not going to sell every one of those. We want to leave a little buffer for the occasional, and dare I say it, violator, who parks in an area they don’t belong in. If there is 100 spaces and we sold 100 permits, if there was even one violator in that lot, then someone is not going to get the space that they paid for, and we can’t have that happen. We’re going to do it in a measured way, sell fewer than capacity, and take a waitlist if we have to, and then just observe and count. We want to sell as many as we can because obviously if there’s a demand for it, we want to make those customers happy and give them what they want.
- Casiple: With respect to expansion of this program, you did say this is a pilot, so if this is an effective program, would you be able to clarify the lots, would you only be expanding the lots into those that you’ve already mentioned? I feel that expansion would innately mean going into student parking.
  - That’s really hard to say at this point because we don’t have any data to go off of, but certainly we could expand it, we could contract it, we could move it, based on need, capacity, and demand. We intend it to be very flexible, and the way our regulations are written, they’re not very flexible and require advanced notice and getting regulation language changed ahead of time, so we try to give ourselves some wiggle room in the way we word things, but a lot of the changes going forward would have to be done through this same process: posting ahead of time, going to the Board of Trustee meetings to get language changed. But we’re really going to look at data to drive that, and feedback from parkers themselves.
- Harrell: You mentioned that the Pensacola garage would be one that we would consider adding the special lots, but you also said there would be 3 faculty-only lots that would be chosen. Have these 3 lots been chosen, and how will you combat students searching these lots for overnight parking only when you’re taking away spots for the reserved?

- I mentioned the Pensacola hourly lot, which is currently not being used by anyone, so we're not displacing anyone there. Level 1 of Pensacola Garage is currently a faculty/staff parking area, so we're proposing to take a portion of it – not all of it, because there is some faculty/staff that do park down there. So we don't want to impact them either. So we really want to take the empty spaces. So we've done a number of counts over a number of different days to determine how many spaces to use, and we left a buffer for faculty and staff. Pensacola Garage levels 2 through 7 are designated as student parking and also overnight parking, so essentially, what we'd be doing is level 1 – which is not designated as 24/7 overnight parking – we would designate a portion of that for this program, and it would be reserved for students. So we're taking it from faculty/staff and offering it to students in the other 3 cases. 2 other locations are a portion of level 1 of Call Street Garage and a portion of level 1 of the St. Augustine Garage. All of those are examples of faculty/staff areas currently. We are not impacting current overnight parking at all, other than perhaps adding to that capacity.
- Rowan: You mentioned a little over 200 spots being contemplated and you also talk about having a buffer for those spots, so that being said, do you have a number you could ballpark about how many permits you think are going on sale?
  - We expect somewhere around 90% of the capacity is what we would put on sale for starters in each of the lots, and see how the sales go and monitor it carefully. We would start a waiting list thereafter. Any spaces where there don't appear to be many violators can be opened up to those on the waitlist. These will be separate permits for the separate locations, and will not allow for cross-parking. This is because we won't be able to guarantee spaces anymore. You will only be able to park in the area for which your permit was purchased.
- Rowan: Regarding the Pensacola Garage, how does this interact with the spots for Game Days? Will students who paid for these parking spots have to vacate their spots for Boosters during Game Days?
  - The only location that is impacted by Game Days would be the Pensacola Garage, and unfortunately, that will be a requirement – that on Game Days, they will have to vacate. We will not allow them to stay there. You would be made aware of that before buying the permit if approved by the Board of Trustees.
- Anand: Could you share the number of times that a student uses the Blue Light system on campus?
  - I couldn't, that fall under the FSU Police Department. I have no information on that, even though I do report to the Chief of Police.
- Anand: With offering parking opportunities in garages such as Call Street and St. Augustine, many students risk a parking citation due to the overall safety in and around these garages because many students just want to get home, and don't want to work with FSU Police, which would be the case if we did use these blue lights. Could we use these funds to figure out alternative methods of safety?
  - Sure. The funds that this program could generate haven't been earmarked for anything in particular other than operating expenses for parking services. It could be used for anything. Safety is certainly something I am always looking to find revenue for.
- Rivers: To my knowledge, this is the second time you've been invited to Senate due to it being unhappy with the decisions of Parking and Transportation

Services across campus. My question is, you spoke a lot about teacher spaces being underutilized on campus. If that is the case, what is the need to introduce a paid parking permit when you can simply allow students to park in these underutilized spots, and not to create a hierarchical parking system on campus?

- I did touch on this in the beginning of my opening. If we make these spaces free for students, they would be filled in an instant, and we'd be right back where we started. Students coming home late at night would not be able to find a space. So the ability to find a guaranteed space requires a fee to be associated with it, because if it's free, it will be overused. That's just a supply and demand principle. And in parking, it really works like that, and nobody will be able to use them when they need it.
- Suarez: I'm now not vehemently opposed to the parking proposal, but as previously mentioned, but buffer system, when making sure nobody parks in these reserved spaces, could we apply the same idea to the current parking problem, and create that waitlist since we're handing out 25,000 spots, and we're only using 8,000 of them during an active student day?
  - The problem with that is we would have to implement some sort of lottery system as to who is going to get the first 8,000 spaces, and then on a particular day, if only 6,000 students show up for example, I have 2,000 empty spaces that nobody can use. It's not the most efficient use of parking that way. To do this kind of system for the whole campus would be unwieldy at best. We would end up with a lot of unused space.
- Suarez: When the original email came out to FSU students and I started speaking with other students, the same question came up of why we can't build another parking garage, which doesn't seem like a very easy alternative.
  - If we built another parking garage and issues the same number of permits, it would fill really fast. When we're not collecting any revenue for the vast majority of those permits, I don't know where the money would come from to build such a garage. Rather than build another garage, we are looking for ways to control the demand. We believe that not every student needs to have their car here. We know it's a matter of convenience, and certainly if my kids were attending FSU and they had a car, I would tell them to bring it. We cannot build our way out of this problem, unless we built 50,000 parking spaces, in which case, this would not be such a beautiful campus to walk anymore, with cars all over the place. We are fortunate enough that this campus is dense and walkable – you can walk from the stadium to Call Street Garage in 20 minutes. It's very compact, and we need to take advantage of that. And look at alternate ways of getting around.
- Tucker: **POPP:** Those have been the 10 minutes that President Diaz set. I think it's appropriate that we continue conducting our business. We have confirmations to do. You can direct any more questions to Mr. Rind if you have them. If it's alright with y'all, I think we should resume questions at a different time.
- Rowan: **POPP:** As someone intending on having a meeting, I would ask that we be able to continue our questioning, because this is not just important to the Senate itself, but to members of the Student Body, and they will not get these answers from each of us submitting our own personal questions to Mr. Rind. This is a very important issue to every member of the Student Body.

- Richard Rind: I just want to close by thanking you once again for the invite, and again my door is open, my email is open, my phone line is open. Fire away, I'm happy to talk to all of you.
- Pedraja moves for the orders of the day
  - No objections
- *Senate resumes the 'Orders of the Day,' moving back to Senate Confirmations.*

Messages from the Executive Branch: None

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

- Brandon Gabay, JSU Director: I am currently serving as the Executive Director of the Jewish Student Union, hopefully for only a couple more hours. That's because a new candidate for JSU Executive Director is here before you tonight, so I just want to take a moment and thank Senate for giving JSU a chance. A year, in Spring Inauguration 2021, JSU became a Student Government agency. In this past year, we've been able to so much to better Jewish life at FSU, and I wanted to run through all of this with you. This past year, my board and I have been able to put on over 25 events. Part of this was done by establishing the first-ever Jewish Heritage Month, which takes place in January. Throughout this year, we've gotten to put on movies with Student Life Cinema, partnered with agencies on several different events, participated in FSU Night and had our first annual banquet with over 200 people in attendance. Not only this, but we've also worked with Seminole Dining to get Kosher-style dining for guests on Passover, which we are now working on expanding to other cultural food options for other holidays. Throughout this, we've been working towards ridding FSU of anti-Semitism. Without the Senate giving us the change to be an agency, none of this would have been possible. I would also like to take the time to remind the Senate that our Assistant Director candidate tonight – it's currently 2:48am in her time – so please be conscious of that throughout confirmations. Good luck to all the candidates tonight, and for potentially the last time as the Executive Director of JSU, please reach out if you have any questions and have a great Senate. Thank you.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet: None

Messages from the Class Councils: None

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students: None

Messages from the Judicial Branch: None

Messages from the Union Board and Student Engagement Ambassadors: None

Messages from the Campus Recreation Board: None

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: Remaining Balances: Senate Projects \$3,818.81, PAC \$40,741, RTAC \$0, and ORG Fund \$0



## Report of Senate Liaisons: None

## Report of Committees: Committees have not met since last meeting, skipped.

- Judiciary
- Internal Affairs
- Budget
- Finance
- Student Life
- Rules & Calendar

## Senate Confirmations:

- Tucker moves to enter Internal Affairs as a whole, Casiple seconds
  - Rowan objects
  - Tucker does not withdraw
  - Opening statement on the motion:
    - Tucker: I've heard a couple good reasons of why we should go into Internal Affairs as a whole. Typically, I do like to keep things to committee work and not doing everything on the Senate floor, but we're in a spot right now where we don't have committee leadership set up. And there is a little bit of time sensitivity in that we have someone that stayed up until almost 3am their time to come and get confirmed. She's put a lot of emphasis and priority in attending this meeting, so I think we should show her the same amount of prioritization and respect. That's all I have to say.
  - Technical Non-debatable questions: None
  - Pro Debate:
    - Casiple: I'm in pro of moving into Internal Affairs as a whole because we have so many directors that have been waiting for weeks for the ability to be confirmed today. So I would like to get these guys going and be able to start their work.
    - Folwell: It's kind of unfortunate that we have to do this, but if you think about it, if we don't do this now, we'll have to go into IA next week, and the week after that, we'll have to bring it up before the entire Senate, and it seems ridiculous to make these agencies wait so long, so while it kind of sucks, it's the least we can do to help out our fellow SGA organizations.
    - Suarez: I am very much in pro of entering IA as a whole. We have done this plenty of times before in regular session Senate, and I think it's disrespectful to even go and proceed to waste people's time, because it's not just senators – it's not just people that want to get confirmed that are multiple hours ahead. So there's no reason why we shouldn't be confirming these people that have waited an abundance of time. That's all.
  - Lois moves to call the question, Casiple seconds
    - Rowan objects
    - **Motion to call the question fails**
  - Pro Debate: No more speakers
  - Con Debate:
    - Rowan: Thank you, Mr. President. I know this isn't the most popular thing to do, but I think it's necessary to object to this motion, and I ask that you vote no on moving into the committee as a whole. Let's start with what

was just said minutes ago by the President, in which he told us that legislation should go through proper committee process, because if it doesn't, then it can be rushed and we can have problems with that legislation. But now, immediately upon saying that, we are now being asked to take candidates and push them out through the committee process, not have a committee process, and just push them through the floor tonight. Now, why? What's the need for this right now? We have committees. We may not have committee chairs right now, but we're going to have them tonight. We're going to have committee chairs, we're going to have committee vice chairs. IA and Rules can meet next week. That's the proper process that these things are supposed to go through. Any we shouldn't just rush through it. These are important things. They're agency directors, these people are going to be in these positions for a year from now. They deserve the proper amount of due diligence from Senate, and that includes the committees. Furthermore, especially when it comes to directors, the directors can't even serve right now. The budget that we have in SGA does not allocate wages to the Directors during the summer – they cannot work. We only give them money for the fall and spring. That's the budget we have now, that's the budget we'll be under July 1st. The Directors cannot serve because they don't have wages to be covered during the summer. We've been through this issue before; we confirmed agency directors in the summer, and then they signed wage contracts, and they were paid wages that we didn't give them money for, and we had an issue where they didn't have enough money to make it through the fiscal year. This would cause a lot of problems if we tried to push this through tonight. And while I have a great deal of respect for the candidates, and I wish the best for all the candidates, and I will likely be voting up on these candidates tonight if this goes through, I don't think this should go through tonight. Let's put it into the committees, let's let this go through the proper procedure, because that's what this Senate is supposed to do. That's what the Senate is supposed to do. Thank you, I yield.

- Kariher: I just want to say that I also agree, especially from someone who's in Judiciary – if there was a motion that said “let's push through all the Supreme Court nominations right now,” it's bypassing the process – why would we – like why would we even be in that committee if we don't do this? And for those of you in Internal Affairs, I'd be kind of pissed about this because it's like – this is what your job is, is to do this, in committee. Like that is the whole committee's job, is part of this. So I think it's bypassing the process and I think it's **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** **00:21:32** to be able to answer all of your questions.
- Pro Debate: No speakers
- Pedraja moves to call the question, Marting seconds
  - No objections
- Closing Statement:
  - Tucker: Yeah, so you know, like I said in the very beginning, I'm a big, big fan of going through the proper procedures for things like this. But I believe every single one of you guys is capable of doing the job of IA. You've been doing it last week, and some of you were doing it the week before. Being in summer puts us in a very special position, and one that's a little different, where we have a lot of work to do, and not a whole lot of

time to do it. So we get put in weird situations like this where sometimes we have to think, “OK, maybe we don’t have to do this 100% by the book; instead we can do something that’s efficient and respectful of the students here. Our job is not to be some dislocated body making decisions that are going to affect the students, our job is to be servants of the students. They elected us, they put their trust in us – we’re supposed to be giving back to them, not prohibiting them from doing things. Now, just because they don’t have their wages yet and they can’t start spending money, it doesn’t mean they can’t go ahead and start plans. Once they get into their positions and confirmed, they can start writing out plans and meeting with the right people. I think this gives us the ability to do it, rather than waiting until committees to happen next week – in which all these people may get confirmed – then they come the next week. That’s 2 weeks out from here that they’re going to have to wait. That gives them about a week or two before they are in the position, not a whole lot of time planning. So what I ask y’all to do, is to just keep in mind we’re servants of the students, we’re servants of these agencies, we’re servants of RSOs, and our job is to help them out, so I think we should go ahead and do that tonight. Thank you guys.

- **Voting Result:**
  - 21 yes, 2 no, 3 abstentions
  - **Motion to enter Internal Affairs as a Whole passes**
- *Senate enters ‘Internal Affairs as a Whole.’*
- **Confirmations conducted in group order**
  - Erick Jarquin – HLSU Director (1 Applicant)
    - **Opening Statement:** Good evening, everyone. I’m Erick Jarquin, my pronouns are he/him, and I’m a third-year student studying International Affairs, and I’m the Director-elect for the Hispanic/Latinx Student Union (HLSU). During my first semester at Florida State, HLSU quickly became a home. Within HLSU spaces, I was able to learn about my community, while also being able to serve as a teacher for those who cared to learn about the Hispanic/Latinx community. Being involved in HLSU is important to me because it’s where I was able to learn the important of wearing my culture on my sleeve. I know the impact this space can have on students because I’ve been able to experience it. I’ve watched students learn through HLSU’s professional development programs, or grow into appreciating their cultural backgrounds, or even understand the experiences of Hispanic/Latinx people. I am applying to be HLSU’s Director because I’m passionate about being able to give back to the community that allowed me to feel validated and comfortable navigating a predominately white institution. I hope to be able to allow students to feel comfortable entering FSU spaces while ensuring I advocate for my community by listening to the the issues that they have. Throughout my time on the executive board, I’ve held two positions: I was the Outreach Coordinator and the Programming Coordinator. Within both of these positions, I have worked on providing different programming opportunities for HLSU. So in this work that I’ve done, I’ve been able to see the impact that it has on FSU students, and also the Tallahassee community. I hope

to represent and serve Florida State University's Hispanic/Latinx community to the best of my ability Thank you for your time.

- Victoria Carroll – JSU Assistant Director (3 Applicants)
  - Opening Statement: Hi, my name is Tori Carroll, and I just finished my sophomore year at Florida State University. Some of my qualifications for the Assistant Director of the Jewish Student Union (JSU) include the fact that I was the Outreach Committee chair in the fall semester for the JSU, and additionally, I have served in the past two – this will be my second year - as the incoming Greek Life intern for Hillel at FSU, which is another Jewish organization. In addition, I had experience creating programming for Nifty in high school, which is also Jewish-based programming, and I am financially certified. My goals for my position as assistant director include bringing in more guest speakers through increased partnership with other Jewish organizations, more programming that focuses on Judaism on a global level and educational programming that highlights Jewish artists. My final goal for this position is to increase Holocaust programming year-round.
  
- Yesenia Yataco – HLSU Assistant Director (4 Applicants)
  - Opening Statement: I'd like to thank the Senate for inviting me here today to speak. Again, my name is Yesenia Yataco, my pronouns are she/her/ella, and I am a third-year student, majoring in political science and criminology. I am the candidate for the assistant director position for the HLSU. I previously served as the Public Relations officer for the HLSU, and I was part of the spring 2020 cohort for the Diversity and Inclusion Institute. HLSU is what I call my home away from home. It is the first place on campus that welcomed me with open arms. HLSU has served as a safe place for many students, including myself. It has allowed me to be more open about my Peruvian background and given me a sense of community being away from home. I want HLSU to continue to be a center of resources for all of our affiliates, the Hispanic/Latinx community, and the student body. My goal is to continue to uplift the voices of our community, and do my best to let their voices be heard. Thank you.
  
- Emily Boden – JSU Director (1 Applicant)
  - Opening Statement: Good evening, everyone. If I do not have the pleasure of knowing you already, my name is Emily Boden, and I am looking to be confirmed as the next Executive Director of the JSU. This past year, I was lucky enough to serve as the JSU's first treasurer and then Assistant Director. In these past roles, I've been able to grow as a leader and peer. If confirmed as the Executive Director, I plan to keep a cohesive and communicative board, and continue to expand on the Jewish – on Jewish education, outreach, and the combat of anti-Semitism. But most importantly, be a trusted person that all students feel they can come to if need be. I recognize the delicacy and confidentiality of this role, and the importance it has within our Jewish and FSU community. I have short and long-term goals for the FSU for this upcoming year to be the best it can be while also setting a foundation to ensure its future. Thank you all for taking the time to be here tonight and set forth our confirmation. I look forward to answering any questions you may have, and with that, I yield my time.

- Technical Non-debatable questions:
  - Rowan: To all candidates, are you financially certified?
    - Candidate Jarquin: Yes, I am.
    - Candidate Carroll: Yes, I am.
    - Candidate Yataco: Not currently, no.
    - Candidate Boden: Yes.
  - Rivers: To all candidates, how long have you guys been operating in the agency space?
    - Candidate Jarquin: I have been in the agency space for 2 years now.
    - Candidate Carroll: 1 year.
    - Candidate Yataco: 1 year.
    - Candidate Boden: 1 year.
  - Rowan: To all candidates, are you aware of Chapter 203, the SGA Sunshine Act?
    - Candidate Jarquin: No.
    - Candidate Carroll: No.
    - Candidate Yataco: No.
    - Candidate Boden: No.
- General Round of Questioning:
  - Tucker: To candidates Boden and Carroll, in your first year, you saw some tremendous growth on campus and the JSU presence absolutely took off. Both of you mentioned wanting to combat anti-Semitism in your new roles. I just want to hear some of your ideas and how you plan to do that.
    - Candidate Carroll: For me, the best way to combat anti-Semitism would be to have increased programming on the Holocaust year-round. I know that we have a lot of Holocaust programming during Jewish Heritage Month, and it was amazing and informative, but I think that having that programming year-round would better inform the entire community of what – of why there shouldn't be anti-Semitism.
    - Candidate Boden: We have been fortunate enough to work with FSU's administration in the past to help combat anti-Semitism. I hope to proceed and continue forward with that – working with administration, having those meetings and working with Tori since she is spearheading Jewish education for the JSU on anti-Semitism education, you know, all of Tori's goals and what she just stated.
  - Kariher: For Emily Boden, I know a lot of times, people equate anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism. Will you as a Director treat both the same or what is, I guess, your view of anti-Zionism with its relation to anti-Semitism?
    - Candidate Boden: As the JSU, because we are an agency space, we do not partake in any political views, so the JSU does not take any political stance when it comes to the Middle East conflict involving Israel. Sometimes anti-Zionism is confused for anti-Semitism, and so if there is presence of anti-Semitism that

someone is spewing, and trying to spew anti-Zionism, then it can be addressed when it is anti-Semitism, however, I will not be dealing with anti-Zionism or pro-Zionism, just because we are not taking a political stance, being an agency and safe space for all Jewish students, regardless of their political views.

- Rivers: For the Director candidates, during your time in your agency space, what is one achievable action you've accomplished that you're most proud of?
  - Candidate Jarquin: I believe the one I'm most proud of is the event that I planned and ran this past semester, it was Nole For A Day. We brought out high school students to learn about FSU's resources, to be able to know what FSU is like, what opportunities they could have here, and that has been my favorite event so far.
  - Candidate Boden: This past year, I was most proud of being able to be a part of our first executive board, and kind of giving the JSU a foundation to take off 4 years to come. And in that, one of my favorite accomplishments was planning our first ever banquet.
- Rivers: For the candidates for assistant director, do you guys know your director candidates, and if so, how do you plan to work efficiently with them in your role?
  - Candidate Carroll: I do know Emily. Last fall when I was on campus, I served as the outreach committee chair for the JSU, and I plan on working with her through clear communication, and I know that she was the previous assistant director, so I will definitely – I have a lot to learn from her, and I'm excited to start working with her in the fall.
  - Candidate Yataco: I do know Erick. We recently did serve on the HLSU board together as public relations to him as outreach coordinator. For us to work together, we are very much open, very much adamant on open dialogue, open communication, and currently as we've spoken so far, honestly, that has been the best communication skills for us. We hope to continue to work with that with each other.
- Harrell: To candidate Jarquin, what are some specific things you want to see done or changed within the HLSU?
  - Candidate Jarquin: I hope to be able to do more opportunities where people are able to volunteer and help the Tallahassee community. I think it's important to support our community, and not make it exclusive to supporting FSU's Hispanic/Latinx community, but Tallahassee as a whole, so ensuring that we do community service so we can actually see the change – the effects of the volunteering in Tallahassee, and not just FSU.
- Casiple: To candidates Jarquin and Yataco, I noticed that HLSU, alongside AASU and BSU, both did Bazaar. What is your direction – do you plan on continuing different collaborations with different agencies like this?
  - Candidate Jarquin: I would love to have so many collaborations with the other agencies. I think it's very important to have events where the agencies are collaborating because we know that we talk a lot about intersectionality, but we need to see it practiced as

well, and being able to celebrate and recognize the people on our campus that are intersectional people – that are Asian-American as well as Hispanic. And being able to acknowledge that they exist.

- Candidate Yataco: One of my biggest points when applying for the Assistant Director position was that concept of intersectionality. We always talk about it, but one of the big things obviously, through our Nole For A Day event, where we brought all the agency leaders together into one space, and we're able to talk about it, it kind of just gave me hope that as myself through this position, we contain that bond with the other agencies, we work on programming with them, because we advocate for our own communities, it's important to make sure our whole Student Body is represented so they don't feel left out. That includes BSU, AASU, WSU, JSU, Pride, and all other agencies and other places on campus.
- Rowan: To all candidates, relating back to my technical non-debatable from earlier, I guess I owe you a bit of explanation. Chapter 203 of our Student Body Statutes is the SGA Sunshine Act, which mandates that all meetings in which official acts are carried out, must be publicly noticed on the website, has to be open to the Student Body, there has to be public comment, and minutes of the meetings have to go on the website. Taking a quick glance at all of the agency pages, and I looked at the JSU page, and the new page for HLSU. I could not find any minutes on the JSU page, I know that's currently being rectified. With the HLSU page, there is only one set of minutes, from the August 26th meeting from last year. I was just wondering that if confirmed tonight, how do you intend to comply with your obligations under our statutes, specifically in regards to Chapter 203?
  - Candidate Jarquin: If publicizing our meeting minutes is how we are able to follow this act, then that's exactly how I would go about it.
  - Candidate Carroll: For me personally, this is actually very important. I attended almost every single board meeting I could before I was actually a board member. I would do everything in my power to ensure that the minutes and location and times or board meetings are public information.
  - Candidate Yataco: I believe that transparency is super important, especially within the Student Body, so I would 100% make sure that those minutes and the times and locations are up.
  - Candidate Boden: We do plan on following all statutes and legislation that is passed, and we look forward to being informed of any new legislation that is passed that we need to be informed about.
- Rowan: Thank you. Candidate Boden brought up a really good point in response to Senator Kariher's question regarding how agencies are supposed to be non-political spaces on this campus because the communities that these agencies represent have a vast swath of ideological views, and these agencies need to be a home for every student on our campus who are in these identity areas. If confirmed, will

you commit to ensuring your agency does not engage in party political behavior on local, state, and national elections and in FSU elections?

- Candidate Jarquin: Yes, it will not be an issue.
- Candidate Carroll: Yes, educational programming will not be biased in any sort of way.
- Candidate Yataco: There will be no issue with that, everything will be neutral.
- Candidate Boden: We will remain unbiased.
- Rivers: For the Director candidates, with the opening of the new student union in the fall, how will you work with your board to properly utilize the agency space you will be given? In reference to expanding opportunities given to people in your agency.
  - Candidate Jarquin: I would love to have events. Something like homecoming, which is big for HLSU, bringing people to the Union to help work on the homecoming float, being able to paint stuff and actually having a part in homecoming, that's just one example of how I would go about it.
  - Candidate Boden: I can second that. Being able to host stuff at the union as well as the office space that we'll have – being able to utilize that for office hours, having an open-door policy, just being extremely welcoming in that space.
- Rowan: For the director candidates, with the new union space the agencies will have, Pride Student Union has Pride Closet, which is a good example of the ways in which agencies can make this space their own and make it home – how do you intend to use this agency space and physically help make it home?
  - Candidate Jarquin: Ensuring the space is somewhere that is comfortable and inviting for all students to come in, tailoring it with Hispanic music playing, ensuring it's just welcoming to students there – like I said, hosting events in there or small gathering where students can come and just hang out and get to interact with other students that are in that space, just ensuring we have those plans.
  - Candidate Boden: I agree with making it a comfortable space. I would love to talk to the next board about making sure we can come up with the best ideas in how we can make this space physically represent Judaism there.
- Tucker: **POPP**: I think we've heard a lot of really good responses from these candidates today and I think we should keep on with the trend and keep us efficient. We have more candidates, more speakers, and I think we should get into debate on these guys.
- Round of Deliberations:
  - Tucker: I think each of these candidates are really strong. They all have a lot of experience, they have a lot of good ideas, they're driven, they are intelligent. Every single one of them has got my support.
  - Folwell: Like the previous senator said, these are some very competent, passionate, and driven people, and oftentimes, I try and pick apart how people say and how they respond, but I was satisfied with their responses. I want to thank them for their time, especially those that it's rather late for right now.



- Rowan: I was happy with the responses I heard from these candidates. I think they will do a good job. You will hear me bringing up some of these points again in the next couple rounds, I think these are some important points that need to be touched on, specifically when it comes to the Sunshine Act. Lots of agencies don't follow that, lots of bureaus don't follow that. Basically, everyone except the Senate doesn't follow that. We need to make sure that everyone is following it, so I think this is a good first step. The ball is still in our court as a Senate to make sure that we are actively engaging with these agencies moving forward to make sure they are following the rules that we set out here. Same way goes with the question I raised about party political activities by the agencies. I think there was a little bit of an issue with it in the last couple of years, we've seen agencies take steps that could be read as party-political. I think it's important that we as a Senate do the work to make sure these agencies are homes for everybody, and that no matter what they believe in, if they're a member of that identity group, that they can have a home at this University, and a home away from home. I'm thankful to the candidates for answering these questions.
- Suarez: I am in full support of all of these candidates. I've had the pleasure of working with both director candidates in a DSO capacity. Their work ethic is unmatched, and I'm excited to see what the 2 assistant director candidates have to hold, and what they'll continue bringing to our bureaus and agencies.
- Hellman: On behalf of Emily Boden, I've had the pleasure of serving under her on the JSU Board, and I believe there is no one better fit for this position. She has taught me so many things. She has made JSU a home for me any many other students. I think that no one else is more passionate about the position than she is.
- Tucker moves to forward the candidates individually, Marting seconds.
  - No objections
  - **Motion to forward the candidates individually passes**
- **Closing Statements:**
  - Candidate Jarquin: Thank you to the Senate for taking time to be in tonight's meeting. I look forward to potentially serving as HLSU's Director.
  - Candidate Carroll: Thank you everyone for your time. I'm excited to potentially work with everyone in the future, and I waive my time.
  - Candidate Yataco: I'd like to thank the Senate for their time and for letting my speak here today. Hopefully, I am able to serve HLSU as our Assistant Director.
  - Candidate Boden: I'd like to thank you all for taking the time to hear me out tonight. Becoming the next Executive Director is something that truly means a lot to me. I'm most confident this next Executive Board will produce lots of success for the JSU.
- **Voting Results:**
  - **Candidate Erick Jarquin PASSES 20-0-0**
  - **Candidate Victoria Carroll PASSES 19-0-1**
  - **Candidate Yesenia Yataco PASSES 22-0-0**
  - **Candidate Emily Boden PASSES 18-1-0**
- Tucker moves to exit Internal Affairs as a Whole, Rivers seconds
  - No objections
  - **Motion passes**

- *Senate exits 'Internal Affairs as a Whole.'*
- Rowan moves to accept the decision of Internal Affairs as the decision of the Whole, Vossler seconds
  - No objections
  - **Candidates Jarquin, Carroll, Yataco, and Boden are confirmed by the full Senate.**
  - Pro Tempore Drackley administers the Oath of Office to the candidates
- Kariher: **Point of Parliamentary Inquiry:** For the confirmations, I'm pretty sure the candidates do not get an opening or closing statement unless we move for pro/con debate, and then they get a closing.
  - President Diaz: Can you cite that?
  - Kariher: Rule 10.10 in Rules.
  - Rowan: **POC:** The wording of the rule indicates that we go into debate or if we just forward the candidates individually, they still get their closing statement. And we were also in committee of the whole, where we were under the IA Rules. So under the IA rules, there is still time for an opening and closing, even if it's reduced to 3 months.
  - Diaz: I would make that point of clarification to you, Senator Kariher, because we were in IA as a whole, we were governed by the IA rules of procedure, which are slightly different from the Senate rules of procedure.
- Kariher: It still doesn't say anything about an opening or closing statement. It just says that we are supposed to interview question them, and forward them to the Student Senate.
  - Rowan: **POC:** The full text of the Rule is ...
  - Diaz: First of all, I just wanted to make it clear, the decision that the Pro Tempore and I have made is that we're going by the November 2020 version, which is the last version of Rules that were adopted, so we're going by what's posted on the website, not necessary by that's on the resolutions.
- Rowan: **Point of Order:** These are Rules of Procedure duly passed by the Senate with resolutions posted on the website. I can send you the Word Doc copy that I have with updated Rules. I don't know why they haven't been on the website. Senators are able to have a copy of our new rules, and we should be going by the most recent copy.
  - Diaz: Our interpretation, and what we've been going by, is that those Rules, and that copy, have not been adopted as the official Rules of the Senate. At the very first organizational meeting of the 74th Senate, we adopted the rules from 2020. And they have not been updated since then.
- Rowan: **Point of Order:** The resolutions enact the changes, we don't need adopt new rules of procedure. The idea of there being a March 2nd rules, is simply that that's the last time that a rule change resolution was passed, not that it was adopted. We are still technically operating under the rules that were adopted in the organizational session, however, they have been amended by these resolutions, which gives us what we have in front of us.

- Suarez: **POI:** Can you clear up what's happening, because the OWL isn't doing a good job of letting the online senators know what's going on.
  - Diaz: We have a Rules of Procedure (ROP). The ROP have not been updated on the website since February 2020. At the very first meeting of the 74th Senate, which was last November, the Student Senate adopted the version from February 2020. So our interpretation is that we should follow those rules that are on the website and that in theory. And that resolutions passed by ROPAH and that were passed in the 73rd Senate don't have legal force because resolutions are simply opinions of what the Senate should adopt. Once we adopt a rule by 2/3 vote of the Senate, with the new Rules, then we can be governed by whatever document the Senate decides to adopt.
  
- Rowan: **Point of Order:** I don't mean to be difficult with this, but this is an important note. That is completely antithetical to what the statutes say – or what the Rules say. The Rules say, "these Rules may be amended in the form of a resolution by a 2/3 vote of the Senate," so the Rules themselves give those rule change resolutions force of law. When we pass them, they say in the resolutions themselves, the ROP are duly changed to that. It's just that in this Senate, we have chosen that our way of amending our Rules be by resolution, which still have the force of law because we have set ourselves that they should have the force of law.
  
- Pro Tempore Drackley: **POC:** There was an issue with Rules. We went through the judicial side, who were unable to give us an answer, and they basically said it would be up to the parliamentarian to figure the issue out regarding the resolutions that were passed, as they had a bunch of language that was just missing – not even struck out or anything. And then, there is also statute 100.10, which states that the Student Body Constitution, Statutes, Rules of Procedure, and COGS Code must be updated and published not to exceed six months. So the acting parliamentarian (President Diaz) has now taken that as, since it was not updated after 6 months, the resolutions were null and void.
  
- Rivers: **POPP:** We have many guests tonight, we have many nominees for directors for positions. It is the summer, we are trying to do our best to get this stuff done and to get our work done. That is what we are here for, to do work. We are here to pass legislation, we are here to forward nominees, we are here to vote on nominees. We have presenters in the Zoom meeting right now, we have SGA officials in the Zoom meeting right now, and for the sake of the 74th Student Senate, I would just wish that we can continue on with our orders of the day, and let's go through what we need to go through. I do not want a repeat of last week, where we had this room booked until 10pm, we were in the Senate until 11pm, and we had to fight during that time. I just wish that the Senate can continue with what we have going on tonight, and let's get out of here.
  
- Kariher: **POPP:** I think we'll get through these without an opening and closing statement. Woo!
  
- Tucker moves to unlock the calendar and move to Special Introductions and Announcements, Rivers seconds
  - No objections
  - **Motion to Unlock the Calendar passes**

- *Senate moves to Special Introductions and Announcements*
  
- Casiple moves to enter Internal Affairs as a Whole, Rivers seconds
  - No objections
  - **Motion to enter Internal Affairs as a Whole passes**
  
- *Senate enters 'Internal Affairs as a Whole'*
  
- Kariher: I move to enter questions
  - Diaz: We are in Internal Affairs as a Whole, therefore we are governed by the internal rules of IA.
    - *Diaz explains the interview procedures for the following candidates by citing the Internal Affairs committee's Rules of Procedure.*
  - Diaz: Those are the rules of IA, those are the rules we will go by.
  
- **Confirmations conducted in group order**
  - Haley Olsen – VSU Assistant Director (2 Applicants)
    - Opening statement: Hi, I'm Haley Olsen. I am currently the Assistant Director, and I am also the Assistant Director-elect for this coming year. I wanted to thank you guys for giving me this opportunity. I am going into my junior year and I am majoring in Business Management. I'm also in Army ROTC, which that, plus my service in the Army National Guard, working with combat engineers, is that sparked my interest in the Veterans Student Union (VSU) in the first place. I joined in the spring of my freshman year, so I've been in the VSU for a year-and-a-half, and I've also had the position of secretary, and when I first went to FSU, I wanted to be involved in something, and I found VSU, and I think it's really important that we provide kind of the bridge that makes veterans feel as part of this campus because as we all know, it is hard to veterans to adapt to the civilian lifestyle after serving. We have a wide range of ages, I want to create more events that cater to all of our veterans on campus and help expand our outreach, which we have done a lot of this past year, and I hope to continue that. I will also be the secretary of the Collegiate Veterans Association, so I have that connection to help bridge the two communities together. I hope to involve our alumni more and create some sort of summit-type event to help with networking opportunities for our veterans for career opportunities.
  
  - Emma Daly – WSU Director (2 Applicants)
    - Opening statement: Hello everyone, my name is Emma Daly, and I use she/her pronouns. I'm a rising senior at FSU majoring in Management Information systems, and I am the nominated Director for the Womens' Student Union (WSU). Last year, I transferred from American University in Washington, DC. I was incredible active in the Womens' Initiative, which is the women student union there, and I was chosen to serve as the press and media outreach coordinator for 2 years. As the coordinator, I was tasked with reaching out to organizations for large-scale events that would be open to cosponsoring and fundraising. I also wrote press releases and managed the press at large-scale events. I worked to

maintain strong connections with AU affiliated organizations and nonprofits in DC. My favorite part, though, was the events I held. One event I held was centered around raising awareness for period poverty, which was called Pads on the Quad. I partnered with the local Days for Girls chapter in Virginia to teach AU students how to make sustainable menstrual kits, while I explained the effects of period poverty. We had over 1,000 AU students come to make period kits and learn how period poverty affects people. These kits were donated to a rural region in Peru. Also, during my time at AU, I helped coordinate and host a virtual Phoebe Bridgers concert. I worked with her management team and moderated the whole event. It really gave me insight on how to host a large-scale event and help students feel connected with an artist who inspires them through the Q&A discussion. I loved this project so much that I hope to bring a womanx artist to WSU programming this school year. Women's Initiative introduced me to intersectionality, which has become one of my core values these past few years. Everything we did was inclusive and acknowledged everyone's identities, and to be quite frank, I cannot imagine a world without intersectionality anymore. I'm excited that the WSU at FSU prioritizes intersectionality as well as that our values align. I hope I can continue Sarai Palacio's push for intersectionality through WSU. Being Assistant Director for WSU last semester has become such a full circle moment for me, and I am so grateful I was given the opportunity to continue my advocacy at FSU. One project I worked on was the menstrual product drive we held for Womens' History Month, where we were able to donate over 2,000 products to the womens' center in Tallahassee. I helped coordinate and assist on four different GBMs, which included sustainability and fashion, gender-inclusive capitalism, period poverty, and self-love. I hope I can continue my advocacy work at FSU and with the WSU, creating a positive change and making an impact on my community is what motivates me every day. I hope I am given the change to continue that. Thank you.

- Maureen Canelo – WSU Assistant Director (7 Applicants)
  - Opening statement: Hi everyone. My name is Maureen Canelo and my pronouns are she/her. I'm a rising senior, and being that I served as Womens History Month coordinator last year, I firmly believe that I am the best candidate for this position. I was placed in a role where I had to exercise leadership by leading the committee and delegating tasks to both them and my executive board, and we received ground-breaking numbers in attendance and gained lots of engagement on social media, especially with our movie night at the Student Life Center, where we had over 400 people show. My mission as assistant director will be to amplify womenx's issues on FSU's campus, provide developmental programs for womenx, and increase campus engagement while also building a united exexutive board to accomplish these goals. The WSU has been a sisterhood for me on FSU's campus, and I truly appreciate the inclusiveness of this organization. It is essentially a safe space on

campus for anyone who identifies as a woman, which I treasure very dearly.

- Nina Chong – AASU Director (2 Applicants)
  - Opening statement: Thank you so much, Sam. Hello everyone, my name is Nina and I'm trying to be the next director of the Asian American Student Union (AASU), and I'm excited to be in front of you all tonight. Thank you so much for your time and just considering all of us. I wanted to start with some introduction in case I haven't met all of you. I'm from Clarkesville, Tennessee, I'm Chinese-American, and my family is Malaysian Chinese, to be even more specific. This is a big part of why I love the AASU. I wanted to talk about how it's been so integral to me college experience. I'll be starting my third year in the fall and actually the first person to reach out to me from FSU was the outreach coordinator for AASU. They reached out the summer before I started my freshman year, and to me, it was some important for them, it was probably a copy-paste DM, and they were like "Oh, do you want to get involved with AASU? It's a place where there's Asian-American students on campus, and that means the world to me, because for someone who grew up in Clarkesville, Tennessee, it was a small town and I was the only Chinese kid in my high school. I was looking so much for that belonging, that sense of acceptance, and exactly where I found that was at AASU at Florida State. So there's really so much beauty in the shared experience and this is something that everyone's kind of looking for, and I want to bring this to so many more students in the coming year, and even after that. This has been a crazy part of my journey at FSU in leadership. I got to be programming coordinator last year, the year before that, I was co-chair for the sports committee, and I've also worked with the event planning committee along with Makayla, who is also on this call. It's been so much fun – these positions taught me everything that I know about leadership, I got to meet so many amazing people, but more importantly, AASU is a family, it's home. So many people talk about this when they talk about agencies. These are places where you meet some of your closest friends, your greatest mentors, and people that I feel that I'll know for the rest of my life. And that's just something that is so much more important than a resumé boost for some sort of position. This isn't about work experience for me, this is about knowing that more students will be able to feel that sense of belonging that I felt when I joined AASU. I just want to do my best and bring it to every student that I can on campus, and I hope to just be a part of it all and do my best to foster growth, encourage others, and help out a little bit and learn along the way. Thank you so much.
  
- Makayla Evans – AASU Assistant Director (1 Applicants)
  - Opening statement: Hi, it is so wonderful to meet you all. As you mentioned, I'm Makayla Evans, I use she/her pronouns, and I am the assistant director-elect for the AASU this upcoming year. I'm so excited about it. I am a third-year getting a degree in psychology and social work. AASU has serves as a community and family to me during my time at FSU. It has allowed me to grow within my own ethnic identity and learn

about and appreciate others as well. My biggest goal for this year is to create a safe and affirming space for Asians and Asian-American students on campus. Along with this, I hope to create a space where others feel comfortable to come to events and meetings to learn about Asian and Asian-American culture. Last year, also, with Nina, served as the programming coordinator, and the year before that, I was an active member of the sports committee as well. As programming coordinator, I oversaw all of the homecoming events, planned Asian Americans in Music, Poetry, and Dance, whom we brought a special guest. I led the event planning committee with Nina, and as she mentioned, we planned several banquets, including the Lunar New Year banquet, the opening and closing ceremonies for our heritage month, and have been an active member of our affiliate organizations as well as being the Japanese Language and Culture Association vice president last year. This organization means the world to me, and I would feel so honored to the assistant director position.

- Technical Non-debatable questions:
  - Rowan: To all candidates, are you financially certified?
    - Candidate Olsen: Yes.
    - Candidate Daly: Yes.
    - Candidate Canelo: Yes.
    - Candidate Chong: No, but I will be.
    - Candidate Evans: No, but I will be.
  - Rivers: For candidate Daly, as a transfer student myself, I would love to hear about your experience in the agency space here on campus as a transfer.
    - Candidate Daly: It's pretty different here. I think it's a lot bigger, and it was a lot smaller at my old school. We also didn't have as many agencies, but I've really enjoyed my time here and learning kind of how the student government system works here, because it's so much different. And I just love that there's so many more students that I'll be able to work with and meet along the way. That's kind of my favorite part about being part of the WSU – is that there's so many people to meet and so many people to help. I've been really grateful and honored to be able to help further.
  - DeChick: For all the candidates, have you read or are familiar with the Sunshine Act, according to the Senate Statutes?
    - Candidate Olsen: I know what was discussed with the previous candidates.
    - Candidate Daly: Only what was discussed with the other candidates.
    - Candidate Canelo: Yes, only what was discussed with the previous candidates as well.
    - Candidate Chong: Yes, I'm familiar.
    - Candidate Evans: Yes, only what was discussed with the previous candidates as well.
- General Round of Questioning:
  - Rowan: To all candidates, how will you ensure that your agency, if confirmed, is staying in compliance with the Sunshine Act, which requires open meetings, public comments **[RECORDING INAUDIBLE 02:05:31]** on the website, as well as all other requirements given to you by statutes, including statutes for your own agency?

- Candidate Olsen: We did keep track of our previous meeting minutes, but I do not believe they were posted, so I will ensure we get our previous ones posted and continue to do that, as well as just ensure that our future board and everyone knows to do that and also publish when our meeting dates will be so everyone can know when they shall be.
  - Candidate Daly: Same thing here, I know we kept track of all of our minutes during e-board meetings, but I will ensure that our Director of Administration, our new one, will be made aware of how serious it is to have good minutes, and also post them.
  - Candidate Canelo: Same, I am in agreeance with Emma. We will ensure that our DOA is also publicizing those minutes and making other are of when we have our meetings as well.
  - Candidate Chong: I will make sure to have the minutes on the website, and also all members of AASU and students are always welcome to come to our e-board meetings. I'll make sure those times are posted as well.
  - Candidate Evans: I do believe that our meeting minutes from last year are posted on the website, but for this upcoming year, we will absolutely update those and be sure that everybody who is wanting to come to the executive board meetings is absolutely welcome to.
- Vossler: As someone of Asian and Pacific Islander descent, I had no idea there was an AASU until very recently, and I'm a rising senior. Do you have any plans to increase outreach for our agencies to our Student Body so they're aware of their resources on campus? Question goes to the AASU candidates.
  - Candidate Chong: Thank you so much for that question. This is something that we've definitely been facing, especially amidst the pandemic – it was really hard to market things because people weren't on campus at that time, so there is a big gap of students that we completely missed, and they weren't invited to AASU events .... weren't aware of this organization existing ... master, and that was something that was really unfortunate. In order to make sure that we don't miss anyone and nobody forgets about AASU existing, I really want to make sure there is an emphasis on first-year leadership and cultivating our Outreach Coordinator and making sure there are people reaching out to everyone – even people who were just accepted, transfer students, graduate students, we're working really hard to make this more inclusive and we'll be working with our Outreach Coordinator and our Outreach Committee with that.
  - Candidate Evans: I will second a lot of what Nina said. The only visual representation we have on campus is – we do have a flag on Legacy Walk that says AASU, but unfortunately, that is our only visual that I know of on-campus, and we can definitely do better on. So that's something we can definitely implement this next year. We do a lot of our outreach on social media, but it's definitely important to take into account that not everybody has social media, as popular as it may seem nowadays. We still won't be reaching everybody through that route. So working with our Outreach Coordinator and their committee, we will definitely take into account the people that we missed during the pandemic, unfortunately, and hopefully we'll do better so we don't miss as many people.
- Casiple: Directed to Director-elect Chong, I know that AASU has added 2 more affiliates this coming year: the Arab Student Union, and the Asian-American



Music Association. With this growing amount of affiliates, how do you plan to accommodate for the rest of your affiliates?

- Candidate Chong: This is a great question. The Assistant Director actually runs the affiliates, but I'll say as much as I can about this. We're so excited to have these 2 new affiliates, and personally, I would love to have even more, because the mission statement of AASU also talks about how we want to be working as an umbrella organization with every Asian-interest organization on campus, and currently, we're still missing a few, and I would love for them to become affiliates. But I'm really excited to have more students. Honestly, the more, the merrier. That means more people coming to our events, more people who can help with committees, and it's really exciting to get to foster growth and be reaching even more students that we weren't before. I really want to work with them to ensure that all of these committees are filled and all of the affiliates have their own time. We will be setting up presidents' meetings and working with all of the executive boards, and especially anyone who's new, we want to help train them on financial things and programming plans, so we'll be doing our best.
- Rowan: For all candidates, will you ensure if you're confirmed tonight, that your agency does not engage in party political activity, whether it be in regard to national, state, local, or university politics?
  - Candidate Olsen: I will definitely ensure that we do not get involved in that. I think everyone knows that with everything that's going on overseas reading military and wars, it's definitely important for us not to be involved in anything political.
  - Candidate Daly: Yes, I can also ensure that.
  - Candidate Canelo: Yes, I know that currently, with abortion laws that are happening currently, there are a lot of women and people that identify as women, have things to say about that, but we will ensure that we don't associate ourselves with anything political.
  - Candidate Chong: Yes, I will ensure that we will not be involved in anything political. We want to make sure this is a safe space for everyone, so we don't want to disinclude anyone by choosing a party or anything.
  - Candidate Evans: Yes, I can ensure we will not include anything political.
- Rowan: How do you intend to make the Union physically, a home for the groups that you are going to be representing, especially with the upcoming funding rounds that will be helping to furnish the union. How do you intend to help make it a physical home for students at the Union?
  - Candidate Olsen: Our intent is to have our office be somewhere that all veterans can come to either do their schoolwork or keep it stocked with food or all sorts of goodies to help veterans have a safe place other than the library to do their schoolwork. A lot of them have children, so making the area helpful for if they have a child that has to be there, so they can so their schoolwork and other things like that. As well as fostering more events where veterans can get together and get to know each other better.
  - Candidate Daly: At my old school, we did have a Union space, so I am familiar with how utilizing the Union space should go. Along with candidate Olsen, I think it should be a place where people can come and study, use it as a safe space, make it as reliable as possible. I would

really love to have the WSU headshots on the door or next to the door, wherever – just so that people can kind of put a face to our name. That was something that we had in our old union, and I absolutely loved that. It really just kind of helped personify the organization.

- Candidate Canelo: I agree with Emma’s response; I would also like to add that due to the period poverty drive that we had, I would also like to have menstrual products available there for women as well, and to just have resources for women on-campus: things like condoms available, and just resources on STD testing and things like that.... Our Organization of Women Leaders on campus, so that other people can get involved ...  
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- Candidate Chong: I also want to make sure this space is very comfortable for everyone, and physically, we have a lot of decorations and things that are just sitting in our closet in Thagard right now, so I’d love to be able to put those up and show the history of AASU – we’ve got tons of pictures of people and I want to make sure it’s super inviting. Also, open office hours, I know someone else mentioned that, and just a place for people to study and eat and be together.
- Candidate Evans: I agree, we have lots of pictures we went through last year of previous years in AASU, and if we could make maybe a picture collage or have access to some of our previous years’ yearbooks, I think that would also be really interesting for students to be able to come in and see and get to look through and feel the history with us. I also think that just being there and being present would be something so that there is somebody physically to welcome them like, “hey, please come in, let’s talk or study.”
- Closing statements:
  - Candidate Olsen: I just wanted to thank you all for giving me this opportunity. I really look forward to continuing in the VSU and helping us grow and become more involved with the other Unions. I’ve had the opportunity to see a lot of the “elects” today, and hopefully, we can all work together to help build all of our unions together and increase intersectionality. I look forward to this coming year, thank you.
  - Candidate Daly: I also want to thank everyone today for listening to us speak. This will be my fourth year on the WSU (two years in American, two years here), and I hope that if I’m given the opportunity, I can give back and leave the same positive impact on someone else. Thank you.
  - Candidate Canelo: I would also like to thank Senate for taking the time to consider my nomination. I’m excited to get to work alongside my appointed Director, and also my elected executive board, and yeah, thank you all.
  - Candidate Chong: I’m really looking forward to serving this upcoming year. Thank you so much, Senate. I just want to say that if you ever want to come to an AASU event, you’re all invited. Please come, it’s a part of SGA, so it would be great for you all to support. If you ever have any questions or want to talk to me personally, I would love to be able to help you out. I think Sam has my contact information, so you can get it from him but thanks y’all.
  - Candidate Evans: I wanted to say, profoundly, thank you so much for coming out tonight. I know it’s been a rather long evening, but we do really appreciate you hearing us out. I am just excited to either continue in

AASU in a leadership position, or just as an active member. One way or another, it's a great organization, and as Nina said, everyone is more than welcome. Please reach out, we'd love to see everyone there.

- Round of Deliberations:
  - No speakers
- Rowan moves to call the question, Tucker seconds
  - Rivers objects
  - Rowan withdraws motion
- Round of Deliberations:
  - Pedraja: **POI:** For Sarah Johnson for VSU Director, as we still voting on her?
    - Diaz: She is not here today, she couldn't be here today.
  - Rivers: I just wanted to talk about the candidates for the WSU positions. I had the honor of working with WSU a lot this year to put on events with the Senior Class Council, and nominee Daly was my contact, so I got to know her, and I don't think anybody else could be the Director candidate – or do the job of WSU Director better than Emma. My heart goes out to her, fellow transfer student. And for the Assistant Director candidate, you have to give her props; she was able to stand out among 7 other applicants, so I'm really looking forward to the. Work that especially WSU is going to be doing in the following year.
  - Casiple: I'd like to speak on behalf of the AASU candidates. I think both of these candidates are very passionate people, and they all do their job extremely well. I have been working with both of them throughout the last school year, and I don't see anyone better fit for these roles.
  - Kariher: I just want to say I really love what the WSU candidates had to say, especially focusing on womens' health. I think that's one of the most important things that you guys can do on-campus. I look forward to seeing what you guys do.
  - Pedraja: On behalf of candidate Olsen, I've had the pleasure of working with her in VSU, and I think she's a tremendous candidate. I worked with her in Army ROTC as well, and she's both competent, time – and just overall a great candidate.
- Rivers moves to call the question, Rowan seconds
  - No objections
  - **Motion to call the question passes**
- Voting Results:
  - **Candidate Haley Olsen PASSES 17-0-0**
  - **Candidate Emma Daly PASSES 20-0-0**
  - **Candidate Maureen Canelo PASSES 19-0-1**
  - **Candidate Nina Chong PASSES 19-0-0**
  - **Candidate Makayla Evans PASSES 21-0-0**
- Rowan moves to exit Internal Affairs as a Whole, Tucker seconds
  - No objections
  - **Motion to exit Internal Affairs as a Whole passes**
- *Senate exits 'Internal Affairs as a Whole'*
- Tucker moves to accept the decision of Internal Affairs as the decision of the Whole, Lois seconds

- No objections
- **Candidates Olsen, Daly, Canelo, Chong, and Evans are confirmed by the full Senate.**
- Pro Tempore Drackley administers the Oath of Office
  
- Tucker moves to Unlock the Calendar and move to New Business, Rowan seconds
  - Rivers: **POI:** Are we still going to confirm Caitlyn Seavers tonight?
    - Diaz: Pro Tempore, have we spoken to candidate Seavers tonight?
    - Pro Tempore Drackley: She informed a while ago that she might have had to go at 9:00.
    - Candidate Seavers: I'm still here
    - Diaz: Is there a motion to enter Rules as a Whole?
  
- Rivers moves to enter Rules as a Whole, Tucker seconds
  
- *Senate is now in 'Rules as a Whole'*
  - Caitlyn Seavers – Student Senate, Education Seat 1 (1 Applicant)
    - Opening statement: Good evening. My name is Caitlyn Seavers, and I am nominated for Education Seat 1. I'm currently a combined bachelor's/master's special education teaching major, a College of Education Elevated Ambassador, the current Internal Vice President of FSU Best Buddies, and a recruitment counselor for Panhellenic's recruitment in the fall. Through these opportunities, I have fostered skills such as communication, determination, organization, integrity, and creativity. I put 110% into everything I do, always upholding my responsibilities. As a member of Student Senate, I would like to make a direct change and impact at FSU. I would like to prioritize the mental health of our students because I truly believe that students do not perform to their best academically if they are struggling mentally. I would like to work on uniting the 4 Greek councils by working towards having more education and more cohesion. Lastly, I would like to focus on making the campus more accessible for students with disabilities. In turn we would make our Florida State community more inclusive for all. Thank you.
  - Technical Non-debatable questions:
    - Vossler: Are you financially certified?
      - Not this time, but I will be.
    - Kariher: You said you were in your bachelors and your masters? How does that work?
      - How the program works is, we do 2 years of our bachelor's and 1 year of our master's. I'm currently entering in the fall as a senior of my bachelor's, and then I will graduate spring 2023, and I start master-level courses starting summer 2023. I will graduate with a masters in spring of 2024.
  - Rivers moves to call the question, Tucker seconds
    - No objections
    - **Motion to call the question passes**
  - **Voting result:**

- **Candidate Caitlyn Seavers PASSES 17-0-0**
- Rowan moves to exit Rules as a Whole, Rivers seconds
  - No objections
  - **Motion to exit Rules as a Whole passes**
- *Senate exits 'Rules as a Whole'*
- Rowan moves to accept the decision of the Rules Committee as the decision of the Whole, **[RECORDING INAUDIBLE 02:34:00]** seconds
  - No objections
  - **Candidate Caitlyn Seavers is confirmed by the full Senate**
  - Pro Tempore Drackley administers the Oath of Office
- Diaz: **POI:** To Senator Seavers, are you comfortable being placed in the Finance committee?
  - Seavers: Sure.
  - Diaz: I will be appointing Senator Seavers to the Finance committee, as we are expecting some vacancies.
- Rowan moves to recess until 10:15pm, Kariher seconds
- *Senate is in recess until 10:15pm*
- *President Diaz call meeting back to order at 10:19pm*

Sarah Johnson – VSU Director (1 Applicants)

- Candidate is tabled by chair

Ashley Allen – Deputy Supervisor of Elections (1 Applicant)

- Candidate is tabled by chair

Consent Calendar: None

Bills First Reading:

Bill 48                      Sponsored by Senator Diaz and Senator Russell (P) Downing, Hautrive, Fronczak, Pardee, Anderson, Crocker, McMahon, Roogow (Co) Abolishing the Office of Student Sustainability following the Internal Affairs' bureau review deliberations. **(Referred to Internal Affairs, Judiciary, and Rules & Calendar 4.20)**

Bill 49                      Sponsored by Senator Diaz and Senator Russell (P) Hunter, Drackley, Hautrive, McMahon, Downing, Roogow, Fronczak, Anderson, Vollick, Crocker (Co)

Providing clearer guidelines for the annual process of bureau review conducted by the Internal Affairs committee. **(Referred to Internal Affairs and Judiciary 4.20)**

- Bill 51 Sponsored by Senator Folwell (P) Kariher, Rivers (Co)  
To fix an error that stipulates two different thresholds for overruling the minimum time served to be considered into the Senate Hall of Fame, and increasing the standard for nominees who have served less than two years. Also, to fix several grammatical and formatting errors. **(Referred to Judiciary and Rules & Calendar 6.01)**
- Bill 52 Sponsored by Senator Rowan (P)  
A bill to formalize the processes for the opening, operation, and report of the Central Reserves Committee. **(Referred to Finance and Judiciary 6.08)**
- Bill 53 Sponsored by Senator Suarez (P) Anand, Boisvert, Casiple, Hautrive, Hellman, Rivera (Co)  
Sending the remaining PAC funds to the Union Funds so the senate chambers can have better AV packages and to provide the senate chambers with conferencing and streaming capabilities. **(Referred to Student Life and Budget 6.08)**
- Bill 54 Sponsored by Senator Suarez (P) Boisvert, Casiple, Hautrive, Rivera (Co)  
To send the remaining senate projects funds to the Union funds to cover the rest of the costs. **(Referred to Student Life and Budget 6.08)**

Bills Second Reading:

- Bill 45 Sponsored by Senator Drackley (P) Diaz, Hunter, and Russell (Co)  
To move the duties of the Senate newsletter from the Senate President to the Senate Press Secretary and Senate Historian. This will allow the Senate newsletter to be done more consistently as well as open more transparency of what the Student Senate does to our constituents in the Student Body. **(Referred to Student Life and Judiciary 3.30. Passed in Student Life 3.30. Amended and Passed in Judiciary 4.05. Tabled on the Floor 4.20, 5.25, 6.01)**
- Rivers moves to table Bill 45, Rowan seconds
    - No objections
    - **Bill 45 is TABLED**

Constitutional Amendments: None

Resolutions:

Resolution 36 Sponsored by Senator Tucker (P) DuChêne, Beall, Nemeth, Wang, Hautrive, Myers, Boisvert, Anderson, Kariher, Schindler, Garner, Diaz (Co)  
This resolution encourages active communication between Florida State University Administration and Florida State University Student Senate when it comes to matters of student traditions and safety. Following this encouragement, a plan is outlined as to how the two entities can cooperate on the subject of student traditions and safety. **(Referred to Student Life 4.20)**

- Tucker: I would like to withdraw Resolution 36.
  - **Resolution 36 is WITHDRAWN by sponsor**

Resolution 41 Sponsored by Senator Tucker (P) Rowan, Folwell, P. Rodriguez, Hellman, Rivers, Benn (Co)  
This resolution seeks to express the Senates condolences, admiration, and support to FSU Chabad who have recently lost their Chabad House to a fire, as well as the Jewish community at Florida State University. **(Referred to Student Life 6.08)**

Resolution 42 Sponsored by Senator Kariher (P)  
This piece of legislation outlines the history and current state of the LGBTQ+ community and the evolution of Pride Month and the Pride Student Union. The legislation recognizes both the nationwide Pride Month in June and the Florida State University Pride Month in October. This legislation also urges the administration to address healthcare inequities present on campus and in the health insurance plans provided to students, faculty, and staff. **(Referred to Student Life 6.08)**

Unfinished Business: None

Statements of Dissent: None

New Business:

Committee Leadership Elections

- *President Diaz explains the process to committee leadership chair and vice chair elections and describes how the room will be broken up into committee caucuses. Diaz also explains the procedures for chair and vice chair elections per the Senate Rules of Procedure.*
- Rowan moves to enter committee caucus, Rivers seconds
  - No objections
  - **Motion to enter committee caucus passes**
- Committee Leadership Election Results:
  - Judiciary:
    - Chair: Jaxson Tucker
    - Vice Chair: Cole Kariher

- Internal Affairs:
  - Chair: Jack Rowan
  - Vice Chair: Brayden Harrell
- Budget:
  - Chair: Jake DeChick
  - Vice Chair: Deyona Burton
- Finance:
  - Chair: Khamare Garner
  - Vice Chair: JT Marting
- Student Life:
  - Chair: Jack Folwell
  - Vice Chair: Paula Rodriguez

#### Closing Announcements:

- Rowan: Thank you, Mr. President, and I thank my committee for their trust in me. I just want to talk a little bit about what we heard tonight from the parking thing, and to bring up some things to keep on your radar for the future. I don't know about you all, but I was personally – my fears, my issues, my concerns were not assuaged by what we heard tonight. If anything, they are exacerbated, especially in regard to some of the issues about parking during Game Day, and the sheer smallness of the issue. I hope that in follow-up meetings, we can talk about this issue further, and also alternatives. But in the meantime, this proposal is going through the Finance and Business committee of the Board of Trustees tomorrow, it will be heard tomorrow from 1pm to 3pm. That is the committee that will be hearing this regulation change, and if they approve it, it will go to the full Board of Trustees 2 weeks from today for a final debate and vote. As we know, our Student Body President is a trustee on the Board, though he is not a member of the Finance and Business committee. I'm going to try to attend. I will say, there is no information yet of it, or where the meeting is on the website, whether that's an issue with Sunshine – that's a great question. But nevertheless, I ask – I suggest that you come out to bat since we won't be meeting in the full Senate before the Board of Trustees meeting, I would ask that you look on the Board of Trustees website, they will have a link to the meeting in there – I believe it's an all-Zoom meeting. Please come out to it and let your voice be heard. They have to have public comment on this stuff and use your voice as senators to represent members of the Student Body and voice your opposition to this terrible, terrible change to our parking regulations
- Kariher: I just wanted to say it is Pride Month –
- Suarez: **Point of Order:** It is past bedtime and nobody called an extension of bedtime, so we have to go into a Roll Call.
  - Diaz: Is there a motion to extend or suspend bedtime?
  - Rowan: I move to extend by 10 minutes to allow for close of business, Tucker seconds
    - No objections
    - **Motion to extend bedtime by 10 minutes passes**
- Kariher: I just wanted to say that it is Pride Month, and I hope you guys all read the resolution and I look forward to presenting it at the next Senate meeting. Thank you.
- Rivers: I just wanted to say with the committees done, we can actually get to business and not be here, hopefully every Wednesday until 11:00 at night, and I also want to speak on the parking situation. I do not like anything I heard from Mr. Rind. This is the second time in a year he has come to Senate to alleviate concerns that it



had with Parking and Transportation Services, and the program they're trying to implement. But at the end of the day, it is important to remember that the only student who has a voting say in that amendment is our Student Body President Nimna Gabadage. So if any of you guys have really pressing comments or concerns over that, I would say to reach out to President Gabadage and have your opinions be heard, and hopefully the student voice be displayed in the vote on June 22nd.

- Tucker: All you new senators, you have been doing a really fantastic job and I'm really proud of everyone – you're all picking it up way faster than I did. But going off of that, if you ever have questions or feel like you don't know what you're doing – I didn't really know what I was doing until 3 months in – reach out to me. My first few months, I was talking to guys like Rowan and Diaz over here, and they walked me through the process and taught me how to be a senator. I just wanted to offer my hand out if you guys ever have any questions, let me know. I'll give you all my number. Speaking of Student Body President Gabadage, he is actually in town this summer, and he has been working his butt off every week, and so if you want to go to his office, you can meet with him then, or probably meet with him outside of his office hours and voice your concerns and what you want to see done. So use your voice.

#### Officer Announcements:

- Pro Tempore Drackley: I know we had some technical difficulties in the beginning, however they got majority fixed. It's some things, but they will be fixed by next meeting. So hopefully everything will be running smoothly for next meeting [**RECORDING INAUDIBLE 03:27:01**]
- President Diaz: I just wanted to say I'm very proud of the Senate. We basically did everything I guess. I understand we didn't get to have Mr. Rind for as long as we wanted to, but I did want to keep the pace moving. I will provide you with his contact information, probably in a Canvas announcement. We can set something up where I can email him your questions or solicit questions from you guys, or we can get email responses – there are plenty of other options that we have. I do encourage all of you to not only perhaps watch the Board of Trustees meeting that are taking place, not just tomorrow, but on the 22nd. Use your voice: if you all want to speak out in favor of, or against, these proposals. I'm simply offering Richard Rind to you today so that he can share what his perspective is, and so that you can ask him questions, but there's only so much we can do. So I do encourage all of you to use your voice, ask him questions, and if we want to set something else up, I can facilitate that at a later time. With respect to financial certifications, if you haven't done those already, please do those ASAP. I will be in contact with you all and have a good night.

#### Advisor Announcements:

- Jacalyn Butts: Congratulations to the new chairs and vice chairs. I'll be sending an email to you all with a template for how you can set up your meeting minutes and other details and who to contact to post your stuff and to have your names updated on the website for the summer, and just in general if any of you have questions, reach out to me. As was mentioned earlier, if you are passing legislation, make sure you are talking to the individuals and departments that they relate to. I think this is a great conversation that could have been had before the resolution. We want to make sure we are working on the rapport with the departments, with Registered Student Organizations and building that communication and rapport with them before we create legislation. For example, I gave this example to leadership today. If you all told me that you're thinking of having

something special in Senate, we're going to name it a "riot," and I just take it as that's what you're all saying, and I say "oh, they're having a riot," and I go write it up and I reprimand you and write it up. I think you all would be pretty upset with me if I wrote it up, and that I didn't ask more questions and more details about why you are naming your event tonight "riot." I want you all to think about that when you're drafting legislation – the only time sometimes that these departments and RSOs find out about is when you all send it to them. So I can imagine if you would all be upset with me for talking about "riot," it would be pretty hard for us to have a conversation after that about communication with **[RECORDING INAUDIBLE 03:29:52]** and I just want to make a note that you all think about that and consider that when you're drafting things. Think about those things beforehand, because you can get your ideas **[RECORDING INAUDIBLE 03:30:00]** If you have questions about how to do that, I know that you all see the staff, well the faculty side more often, but I think there is sometimes some confusion about who is "staff." You all can ask advisors, ask me for contact information, for emails, we've done that before, we can set up meetings to get you in contact with people. That's what I ask of you all moving forward, if you need anything, you can just let us know.

- Dr. Williams: Hi, Senate. I hope you all heard the information that your advisor Jacalyn Butts just mentioned. I just want to reemphasize that we really need you all to have these conversations before you write legislation. It is important that you communicate. I think one of the discussions that we had, and I know we have new senators, was that we are looking at what our relationship is with the University, and improving our internal relations and also our external relations as well. The way we improve our internal and external relations in Senate, in life, in relationships, is to communicate and ask questions. You all have to ask questions. I would not be honest if I wasn't curious to know what you all feel about – as a whole – as a Senate, after you've heard all the information. It is really hard to come to a conclusion when you don't have all the details. And you all did that. And I would just like to ask that you all continue to ask the questions, get the information, and then make an informed decision. I have a PhD. When I did my research, I had to research heavily before I could come to the conclusions that I was able to come to with the information, and still, there's room for some difference within that research and those conclusions that I came to. But it took a lot of research to get to that point, right? I'm not telling you all to take forever to make decisions, but what I am telling you all is to be the individuals that were accepted into this institution with the knowledge they said you all had, to use that knowledge to make sure you are making informed decisions. We had someone that mentioned, "had I known this information, I may not have voted this way." That's important – you all speak as a unit when you all do give that information to what we post on the website for resolutions, legislation, and bills and things like that. I just wanted to make sure we had that discussion, and everything else that was mentioned. I'm excited about the new leadership, I'm excited about the fact that we have a full Senate. Thank you all for volunteering in you summer. Those of you who are new – and thank you all for doing the work of the University as students and student leaders.
- Diaz: I will be extending bedtime by another 5 minutes to allow for final roll call.

Final Roll Call: Conducted

Adjournment: 11:12pm