



**72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate  
Investigative Board  
Date: October 16, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 3:12 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Little, Senator(s) Leckie, Wang, Pro-Tempore Harmon (Ex-Officio)

**Members Tardy:** Senator(s)

**Members Excused Absent:** Senator(s) Soto, Murcia

**Members Absent:** Senator(s) Ross, Recht, Ascanio

**Guests:** Parker Ridaught, Shayna Cohen, Sam Jacobsen

**Announcements:**

- Chair - Welcome. Thank you all for being here.
- Vice Chair - None
- Members - None
- Guests - None

**Committee Business:**

- **Hearings:**
  - **Sam Jacobsen**
- **Deliberations**

**Hearings: Sam Jacobsen**

- Opening Statement
  - Jacobsen: I am the senior class council treasurer. I was not serving in this capacity in the summer. There's been some confusion regarding NolePac. We advocate for the US and Israel relationship. We are not affiliated with AIPAC. I feel that publicly supporting the IHRA definition was acceptable due to the fact that other entities support this definition. I asked for any concerns at that time, but no one stated any. I did not want to pressure anyone into voting a certain way on Res 59. I forgot to re-add Senator Gonzalez. I saw in the minutes that I was accused of removing people from the Nole-Pac group chat, and that was a complete lapse on my end. I would like to note that there was another senator who voted no on that resolution that was readded to the group chat.
- Technical, Non-Debatable
  - Leckie: Did you actually remove people from the NolePac chat?
  - Jacobsen: That was an old group chat. It wasn't me actively removing the group chat, so it was just me making a new one. I asked if anyone wanted to be added to the new group chat and added those who liked the message.

- Leckie: So, you didn't actually remove anyone from the original group chat before moving over to the other groupchat?
- Jacobsen: Yes, this is correct.
- Harmon: Does NolePac have any affiliation with SGA?
- Jacobsen: No.
- Senator Leckie moves to enter questioning.
- Pro-tempore Harmon seconds
- Questioning
  - Leckie: Were there any senators in the group chat?
  - Jacobsen: Yes
  - Wang: For the senators who claimed they were removed, did they reach out to you afterwards?
  - Jacobsen: No
  - Little: Did you communicate with those specific senators regarding the new NolePac group chat?
  - Jacobsen: To my knowledge, it was only Senator Gonzalez who was not re-added, and I did call her and explain the situation.
  - Little: When was the issue discussed?
  - Jacobsen: It was last week
  - Wang: Was that before or after the last IB meeting?
  - Jacobsen: Before
  - Leckie: Which senators were in that group chat? I'm asking because I want to know if there was a pattern of senators who voted no being punished
  - Jacobsen: I would not feel comfortable revealing that. I don't want to misspeak, and I don't think someone's affiliation with NolePac is of interest because it's not an SGA entity.
  - Leckie: Did the other senators who voted no get added to the group chat?
  - Jacobsen: Yes
  - Little: So just to clarify, you were not serving as a member of the executive branch when this message was sent in the group chat.
  - Jacobsen: Yes, I was not taking classes this summer.
- Senator Leckie moves to end questioning
- Pro-Tempore Harmon seconds
- Closing Statement
  - Jacobsen: Thank you for the questions. I wasn't taking classes when this happened, so I was not acting in my position on Senior Class Council.

### **Deliberations:**

- Senator Leckie moves to enter Deliberations
- Pro-Tempore Harmon seconds
- Deliberations:
  - Harmon: Why was Sam invited?
  - Little: After testimonies last week, the board made a list of who we wanted to invite to our meeting to clarify. I had hoped for more executive branch members to be here to speak.
  - Leckie: I don't think there's really anything of interest to us.
  - Little: I agree since she wasn't a part of the Executive Branch over the summer. I did get emails back from AG Ready and President Levin saying they cannot attend, but they will accept questions in writing. This isn't in our rules, so I personally think chances of getting them in a meeting are slim to none. I think we

should send them questions, so let's begin on making a list of questions for Levin.

- Leckie: Have you ever asked a private citizen to reach out to an applicant for an SGA position? Has the executive branch taken minutes at executive cabinet meetings?- If so, where can they be accessed? Have you ever directed a student to represent themselves as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court when they did not hold that position, either on a temporary or permanent basis? In your capacity as SBP, have you ever inquired as to how senators have voted on legislative matters? Have you ever asked a senator to vote a certain way?
  - Wang: Do we want to address anything that President Daraldik brought forward in his testimony specifically SBP asking to see his garnet and gold key application and asking Daraldik to "take care" of senators?
  - Little: I don't want to put the SBP on the defensive for something one person said since there was no evidence that those things happened.
  - Wang: Should we ask about the instances of "hazing" during interviews?
  - Leckie: I think that is something that we should ask the SBVP.
  - Little: I don't know if SBP was there at the time, but that is something that we could ask him.
  - Leckie: Have you ever witnessed an applicant for an SGA position be asked to sing in an interview? If so, did you believe that this constitutes a "professional interview" per statute 304.3.C.3?
  - Wang: Let's move onto questions for SBVP.
  - Leckie: Have you ever asked an applicant for an SGA position to sing for their interview? If so, how many applicants were asked to sing? If so, did anyone who was asked to sing decline? If so, what is the purpose of this question.
  - Leckie: Should we ask Levin if he has ever failed to reach out to applicants for SGA positions?
  - Little: SB Statutes 304.3.C.1 and 304.3.C.5 mandate that all applicants for SGA positions shall receive an interview for the position. Have you or your Chief of Staff ever failed to interview any applicant for an SGA position?
  - Leckie: Let's move onto questions for AG Ready. Why was he put on our list for questions?
  - Little: It originated from when President Daraldik testified about allowing two members of the Florida Legislature to speak to us about Resolution 59. He felt that he had been coerced to allow them to speak on the Senate floor and that he felt he would have been taken to court if he did not.
  - Leckie: I personally don't think we have enough to ask AG Ready any questions.
  - Little: I agree. I don't think there is anything that we can constitute as statute violations.
  - Leckie: I want to update you guys on that I filed an injunction in the Supreme Court for Executive Branch minutes, and AG Ready filed a motion for dismissal.
  - Little: When we invite individuals to testify in our committee, they are under oath according to statutes. Is there a way to enforce that because technically they are replying to our questions through email.
  - Leckie: If you just put something in the email that asks them to respond in their official capacities, so they are still bound by that statute.
- Senator Leckie moves to exit deliberations
  - Senator Wang seconds

**Final Announcements:** Little: Get ready for next meeting, I will send out those emails.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Friday, October 30 @3pm

**Adjourned:** 4:19 p.m.

*Gabrielle Little*

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Signature of Chair