



## **76<sup>th</sup> Student Senate Student Life Committee**

**Saturday July 13th, 2024 at 6 P.M. | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/91249334471>**

**Call to Order: 6:09 P.M.**

**Members Present: Chair Parry, Vice Chair Wizda,**

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:**

**Guests: Senator Goldstein, Senator Fronczak, Senator LoBianco**

### **Land Acknowledgement**

The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We recognize this land remains scarred by the legacies of violence and removal, we recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land, and we 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.

### **Announcements:**

- Our last meeting will be in two weeks, just keep going at it with bill writing and show up to our last meeting, and know your parliamentary procedure.

### **Committee Business:**

- **Bill #86**
- **Bill #89**
- **Bill #90**
- **Bill #87**

### **New Business:**

- **Bill #86 - Sponsored by Senator Goldstein**
  - Opening Statement (5 minutes):

**Goldstein:** Hi guys, it's a Saturday so I'll keep this really short. This bill is just something that Campus Rec requested, so it's in line with what Union Board kind of has, it'll just kind of comply their statutes to be so, if someone wants to run for Campus Recreation they also have to go to one of the mandatory interest meetings because they had a lot of people that were applying and

trying to run for campus rec that hadn't gone to an interest meeting before or had no idea what campus rec even was. This is a way to add a check to make sure that people that are running for that position actually know about it before they file for the supervisor for elections. But, yeah, that's about it. I yield.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
- **Chair Parry moves to enter round-table discussion**
- Round-Table Discussion:
- **Castellanos moves to call the question; Girard seconds**
- Closing Statement:

**Goldstein:** Thanks guys, I'll yield.

- Vote:
  - Yes: [5 ] [Wizda, Girard, Castellanos, White, Adebaworin]
  - No: [0]
  - Abstain: [0 ]
- **RESULT: BILL #86 PASSES**

- **Bill #87 - Sponsored by Senator Fronczak**

- Opening Statement (5 minutes):

**Fronczak:** Okay, well, that you guys for having me. I sincerely apologize for being late, I'm at my sorority's convention. My bill is to honor the legacy of south Florida student Aiden Perry who in 2021 died tragically after jumping in a lake to save a victim from a car crash. The bill is basically to implement a life ring and signage at the FSU lakefront Rez. In order to prevent any more tragedies across our waterways I wanna take the extra step for safety at our university. The FSU lakefront property could benefit from an accessible sign post. While the property has its own safety precautions with lifeguards on duty, installing a life ring post by the lake will help diminish any possibility of danger in the waterways. Life rings have proven to save lives, they are very effective and also even, it may be simply but its only \$150 to implement and it will provide an extra safety measure and just physically being there for someone else, rather than diving in themselves just throwing it, they don't put themselves in danger and also it's a lot easier to save someone. Living in Florida we are surrounded by water and it might be students' first time in an open lake, so just making sure that we are protecting our students, a simple precaution like this and also honoring Aiden Perry in that way by implementing that, so I am happy to take any questions, concerns, or clarification, but I yield.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
- **Chair Parry moves to enter round-table discussion**
- Round-Table Discussion:

**Castellanos:** I would like to speak in pro of this. I feel like this is something we should consider and it's only \$150 and it's going for a good cause. So I will vote yes for this.

- **Wizda moves to call the question; Girard seconds**
- Closing Statement:

**Fronczak:** Thank you guys for hearing me out today, and yeah, I yield.

- Vote:
  - Yes: [5] [Wizda, Castellanos, Girard, White, Adebaworin]
  - No: [0]
  - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: BILL #87 PASSES**

- **Bill #89 - Sponsored by Senator Goldstein**

- Opening Statement:

**Goldstein:** Hey guys, so this has been kind of like three months or so in the making in partnership with the executive branch. At the beginning of Jackson's time as student body

president he spoke in front of the student senate and said that he wanted to start an internship program or something like that for the executive branch to have more staff, just more hands on things, because they have a lot of projects that go on so having more staff and students to be helpful, so this is why it has come to fruition. Originally it was gonna be a certification program, when I talked to Andy and the rest of the executive branch it seemed easy to make it an institute model, because the institutes kind of already have a back end set up for them from the management side of them so it would just be easy to add it like this. On top of this starting in fall I will be working with Jackson on a policy breakdown of this institute so it will be more streamlined so senate can know how it's supposed to function on a monthly basis. But this is just to get the rough framework out so it will have the ability to release applications in the fall. But yeah, more than happy to answer this specifics on this I have it all pulled up.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

**LoBianco:** I guess I want a more in-depth breakdown of why it's going to be an institute and not something like the legislative certification program because from my understanding of what the program is gonna be it doesn't really function to similar like the other institutes. I understand that the vice president will mainly be responsible for it but if so, where are the duties of the vice president in regards to leading this institute in this bill. I feel like it's just kind of broad so I'm wondering why it's getting pushed now instead of when it's fully built out.

**Goldstein:** I originally had it under leadership that had the actual structure of it that would go over what the meetings are about, who does what. After speaking with Student Body President Jackson Boisvert and Student Body Vice President, they wanted to be more broad to give them more time to get the specific items and also use this period in like the first semester of fall to get actual in depth policy to see, and put it in statutes later, and not follow through with a program that might not work well. Additionally with the certification program, why we didn't take that approach, it doesn't have the back end stuff that an institute would have. An institute also allows them to have a funding line in the budget. So eventually they want to have a structure set up where they have funding so they can buy funding, polos, and materials for those in the program. This will also be a standard internship program if you hold a position like that if you wanted to work in the executive branch and the student body president in making real change happen. It would give them the ability to have that long term structure certification programs just don't have. I am more than happy to answer more questions.

**LoBianco:** Thank you, that was a really good response. So in this first semester that it is going to be functioning, does the senate have any idea when Boisvert and Ben actually plan on when this institute will be in statues or is the first semester going to be acting with students with more rules, statues, and guidelines than just this.

**Goldstein:** So I talked to Boisvert about that and he said that he would like the policy to be written sooner than later. But he wants to be able to open applications regardless of the timeline of the policy, so I will be getting the policy done day one of fall if this passes in senate but I didn't want to prohibit them from being able to start the institute and getting students into the program. If I didn't pass it this time we'd have to wait until fall and then that would set back the whole application process so policy-wise that will be my responsibility to work with Boisvert on. I already have the language of what would be in the policy it's just if they want anything added or subtracted depending on how it will start off.

**LoBianco:** So it's not defined who is director and assistant director? It's kind of whoever picks it up in the fall, I guess I just want to see straight guidelines of who is running this and who is running that.

**Goldstein:** Yeah I get what you mean. The entire intention of not assigning a person to that role is because we can't. The executive branch has new positions every single year, so if we were to put in the statutes the chief administrative officer in the office of the vice president needs to run this, that position probably won't exist next year because the cabinet changes every single year. We would have to amend it every single year, or halfway through the year.

- **Chair Parry moves to enter round-table discussion**
- Round-Table Discussion:
- **Wizda moves to call the question; Girard seconds**
- Closing Statement:

**Goldstein:** More than happy to answer any questions, you guys can text me if you have any concerns about this. Thank you. I yield.

- Vote:
  - Yes: [4] [Wizda, Castellanos, Girard, White]
  - No: [ (vote count) ] [voter names]
  - Abstain: [1] [Adebaworin]
- **RESULT: BILL #89 PASSES**

- **Bill #90 - Sponsored by Senator LoBianco**

- Opening Statement:

**LoBianco:** So this is a bill to take money from senate projects for relay for life, they will have a trip August, no October 11th through 12th to visit the hope lodge, it's one of the most impactful cancer society programs where cancer patients are able to stay for free while getting treatment and basically. This is usually something that would come from RTAC, one of senate's funding boards. RTAC is the funding board that handles anything travel oriented for RSOs however it's inactive during the summer, so the money that will be taken out of senate projects right now will be getting reimbursed from RTAC in the fall. Relay for life originally came to senate requesting \$6,330, it was \$4363 for hotel rooms, \$62 for mileage reimbursement and then \$366 for conference rooms. We decided to cut the mileage and conference room and just fund the room and board so they can stay overnight for this trip. It is 36 students as well and I have already talked to the director for relay for life and Stormi McGiven and she's a program director with SOI, so they all approve of this amount. Feel free to ask me any questions, thank you.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

**Castellanos:** Do they have any funding left over from previous semesters?

**LoBianco:** That was my first question to relay for life. It is a 100% non profit organization, so they aren't able to fundraise anything. Any money they receive is solely on donations or money given to them. Or students helping to pay for things and stuff.

- **Chair Parry moves to enter round-table discussion**
- Round-Table Discussion:

**Castellanos:** I would like to speak in pro of this bill. Relay for life does a lot of programming throughout the semester and they do a lot for our campus and a good cause so I will be voting yes for this.

**White:** I would also like to speak in pro of this. I've worked for relay for life since I was in highschool so I feel like it's important to support.

- **Castellanos moves to pass by unanimous consent; no objections**
- **BILL #90 PASSES**

**Closing Announcements:**

**Chair Parry:** I want to correct the record by saying that I said that our last meeting would be the 27th of July. I realize that we can't really meet to discuss business after the last senate meeting, which is on the 24th, so therefore this is our last student life meeting. It has been a pleasure to work with you guys and it has been a pleasure to see you. I really like to see everyone's involvement and we've been able to come together every other Saturday and do things that really change things on campus, and keep moving forward as a student body. I think student life is one of the most noble committees for what it pertains to. So thank you guys for trusting myself and vice chair Wizda to chair this committee and have a great rest of your summer. I look forward to seeing everyone in the chambers on the 24th.

Adjourned: 6:32 P.M.

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Signature of Chair

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