



**72nd Student Senate
Judiciary Committee
Date: October 13th, 2020**

Call to Order: 6:32 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Leckie, Vice Chair Wang, Senator(s) Soto, Little

Members Tardy: Senator(s) Murcia

Members Excused Absent: Senator(s)

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

Guests: President Daraldik, Senator(s) England, Gonzalez, Dean, Randall, Jack Rowan, Kelvin Ready

Announcements:

- Chair - X
- Vice Chair - X
- Members - X
- Guests - X

Committee Business:

- **Bill 82** - Sponsored by Senator England - To reorganize the composition of the Executive Office of the President
- **Bill 97 (misnumbered as bill 98)** - Sponsored by Senator Dean - To rename the "FSU Student Senate Award for Excellence" to the "Danielle Acosta Student Senate Award for Excellence," in honor of all the work done by Dr. Danielle Acosta.
- **Bill 101** - Sponsored by Senator Leckie - To enact the Emergency SGA Rent Relief Fund Act of 2020
- **Bill 103** - Sponsored by Senators Gonzalez and Adamyk - To reform the Veterans Student Union Statutes to allow them to interview and choose their own non-major positions, add a public relations coordinator, and revise removal proceedings for Board members
- **Bill 104** - Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez - To solidify the current process and precedent that has been established by the 70th , 71st , and 72nd Student Senate and it's standing committees.

Old Business:

- **Bill 82** - Sponsored by Senator England - To reorganize the composition of the Executive Office of the President
 - Opening Statement
 - England: We heard you when you said there were problems including Director of Cabinet Affairs in statutes, and future admins wanting to change things in statutes. We've re-written parts of the bill, and we can

figure out what amendments we'd like to make. It will not include the Director of Cabinet Affairs in statutes at all.

- Technical, Non-Debatable
 - None
- Senator Little moves to enter Round Table Discussion
- Senator Soto seconds
- Round Table
 - England: First thing we'd like to discuss is 302.1C. We would like it to read "The Executive Cabinet shall be composed of the Student Body President, the Vice-President, and Cabinet Secretaries. All cabinet members of the Executive Cabinet shall be considered under the "cabinet officers" mantle of major offices."
 - Little: What was the reasoning for choosing this language?
 - One thing we kept hearing was "what is the chain of command?" The executive cabinet contains more than just the secretaries, so we want to make sure SBP and SBVP are included.
 - Little: Where does the director of cabinet affairs fit into this scope?
 - England: It functions the way any secretary position would. Not all secretaries are in statutes. SBP can create cabinet positions, and we have already confirmed the director of cabinet affairs.
 - Little: With the director of cabinet affairs, you want them to run meetings correct? How can the director of cabinet affairs be considered equal if the rest of the cabinet members report directly to them?
 - England: Not sure. A little bit further down in the bill, in 302.3,
 - Little: The cabinet reports to the Director, but the director is appointed by the SBP but reports to the SBVP?
 - England: Yes.
 - Wang moves to amend
 - Little seconds
 - **Sponsor finds friendly. Amendment is adopted.**
 - England: Now moving onto 302.2. We would like to strike the words "or Vice President." The problem is that the SBVP does not actually have the power to delegate
 - Wang: If this is written into statutes, why does the SBVP not have the power?
 - Randall: Can you explain that Senator England? If SBVP is elected by students, they obviously have powers and they oversee the
 - England: As statutes read, the cabinet powers come from the SBP and not the SBVP.
 - Wang: What if the authority comes from the SBP through the SBVP?
 - England: I think that would be fine as long as it comes from the SBP.
 - Little: You want to remove or add Vice President?
 - England: We want to remove.
 - Wang: I just don't want to take away powers from the SBVP.
 - England: This isn't taking anything away from the position.
 - Soto: The wording of this amendment doesn't sit right with me. The wording seems to me that it demotes the SBVP in some way.
 - England:
 - Little: My concern is with section 4 of the student body constitution. It says SBVP gives enumerated powers. I think what we're running into is a discrepancy in what the exec branch wants and what constitution allows.

- England: This deals with powers and not duties which is what section 4 of the constitution deals with. The only person who has the power is the SBP.
- Randall: Do you interpret that section as SBP gives cabinet power and authority to act is given by SBP? I think that may talk about duties and not just powers.
- England: The acting is the duty, yes. The duties of the SBVP shall coordinate the efforts of the cabinet. My problem here is the word authority. We're not talking about what the duties are. We are talking about who gives them the right to do those duties which is the SBP.
- Wang: Instead of removing SBVP from it, can we add something where it says the SBVP can delegate duties as directed by the SBP?
- England: What if we say on "advice of the Vice President"? This means the President gives authority and the SBVP can advise.
- Leckie: Can the SBVP not already advise?
- England: This would be setting it in stone because the committee doesn't seem to want to remove SBVP.
- Wang moves to amend to add "on advice of the Vice President".
- Little seconds
- **Sponsor finds friendly. Amendment is adopted.**
- Daraldik: Is it bad that statutes say the SBP and SBVP should be working together to direct the Cabinet?
- England: The SBVP doesn't actually have the power to direct the Cabinet. Only the SBP does. How can the SBVP do something they don't have the power to do?
- Murcia moves to amend 302.1C to add "Meetings of the cabinet are under the auspices of student government and must adhere to statute 203.3."
- Little seconds
- England: Can you explain why you want to add this?
- Murcia: Just to ensure meetings and minutes are public.
- England: Do we need to add this if this is already in statutes?
- Sponsor does not find amendment friendly.
- Murcia: Important to add because it makes sure minutes will be posted, and meetings will be public. This is just an extra security blanket.
- TNDQ: None
- Wang moves to enter roundtable
- Little seconds
- Little: What is the issue with this amendment?
- England: In common practice, minutes are published on the SGA website.
- Soto: I can't find minutes at all for the Executive Cabinet. I am in favor of this amendment.
- England: Right now, they're not required to publish minutes. All it says that these minutes must be kept on record, so that's why the committee opted to add SGA website.
- Leckie: If you request minutes from Exec, you should be able to receive minutes?
- England: Statutes are very clear that the meetings and minutes are public. What is open and available is not up to me to decide.
- Soto: If you're saying statutes say meetings are public, and we've asked for minutes. Why wouldn't you support this amendment?

- England: It's down to redundancy. It's in 302.2E of this bill.
- Murcia: POC: This amendment would also add that the cabinet is under the auspices of Student Government.
- Soto: If we are not currently posting minutes, I feel like redundancy is needed.
- Soto moves to call the question
- Little seconds
- **Vote:**
 - Little: Y
 - Murcia: Y
 - Soto: Y
 - Wang: Y
 - **4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions, Amendment passes**
 - England: The membership clause of this bill does not exist in its current form. We want to add a chapter back to statutes. SBP would lead the cabinet with the assistance of the SBVP. Cabinet also has secretaries.
 - Little: When this amendment to strike membership was proposed, yourself and the former cosponsor found it friendly. Why is this coming up again?
 - England: At the time, we were looking to add Director of Cabinet Affairs as a named position. If that had been added, this section would service no purpose. This section also refers to the Chief of Staff.
 - Little: Isn't the power of appointment of the SBP already enumerated in Statutes?
 - England: Yes
 - Little: Isn't this redundant then?
 - England: This isn't about appointment. It solves the problem that the committee does not want to enumerate the Director of Cabinet Affairs, but it also answers the question of what is the chain of command.
 - Soto: Overall, I think this is a good amendment. The last part makes it seem like the SBP can select someone to run meetings
 - England: We can remove the word appointed. We can also change the word "or" to "else". Changing that would follow the chain of command.
 - Randall: If "appointed" isn't there, does that still mean that the person is not confirmed by the Senate and runs the cabinet?
 - England: Yes
 - Little: Is putting this verbiage going to mandate that future administrations appoint a director of cabinet affairs?
 - England: Yes and no. If SBP is not there, SBVP manages it. If SBVP is not there, someone will be appointed to manage the cabinet. The appointed person can be anyone and does not have to be director of cabinet affairs. Future administrations would have to appoint someone to manage the cabinet, but not the director of cabinet affairs.
 - Soto moves to amend
 - Little seconds
 - **Sponsor finds friendly. Amendment is adopted.**
 - England: We are looking to strike the word secretary from 302.4B. This holds the SBP accountable.
 - Little moves to amend
 - Soto seconds
 - **Sponsor finds friendly. Amendment is adopted.**

- England: This is 302.4. Not every position is a secretary.
 - Leckie: Did we just add SBP and SBVP to the cabinet?
 - England: Yes, I think I see where you're going with this.
 - Daraldik: POI: In conjunction with a former amendment, what is the goal of this bill?
 - England: The cabinet derives power from SBP, but it is led and coordinated by SBVP. It's customary in practice for SBP and SBVP to be absent from these meetings. There is usually a separate individual to run the meetings.
 - Daraldik: POI: With these statute changes, is this going to be in violation of the constitution?
 - England: The power and authority can only come from SBP and not SBVP.
 - Wang moves to allow non-senator to speak.
 - Little seconds
 - Ready: If the committee wants to remove SBP and SBVP from the verbiage.
 - England: We can add a subsection to make sure SBP and SBVP are exempt Senate confirmation.
 - Wang moves to amend
 - Little seconds
 - **Sponsor finds friendly. Amendment is Adopted.**
 - Wang moves to amend
 - Little seconds
 - **Sponsor finds friendly. Amendment is Adopted.**
- Senator Soto moves to call the question
- Senator Little seconds
- Closing:
 - England: Thank you all for being open to working for us. I really hope you pass this onto the full Senate.
- Vote
 - Little: Y
 - Murcia: Y
 - Soto: Y
 - Wang: Y
 - **4 Y, 0 No, 0 Abs**
- Bill PASSES
- **Bill 101** - Sponsored by Senator Leckie - To enact the Emergency SGA Rent Relief Fund Act of 2020
 - **WITHDRAWN**

New Business:

- **Bill 97 (misnumbered as bill 98)** - Sponsored by Senator Dean - To rename the "FSU Student Senate Award for Excellence" to the "Danielle Acosta Student Senate Award for Excellence," in honor of all the work done by Dr. Danielle Acosta.
 - Opening Statement
 - Dean: This is just a simple bill to honor Dr. Acosta's time in SGA. Jake Alvarez helped guide me in which award to choose to change. In Senate, we should always strive to encompass what Dr. Acosta stood for.
 - Technical, Non-Debatable

- None
 - Senator Wang moves to enter Round Table Discussion
 - Senator Little seconds
 - Round Table
 - Little: This is a common sense bill. The resolution passed by acclamation.
 - Senator Wang moves to call the question
 - Senator Little seconds
 - Closing:
 - Dean: Thank you guys. The resolution has already passed, so this is just a matter of format.
 - Vote
 - Little: Y
 - Murcia: Y
 - Soto: Y
 - Wang: Y
 - Bill PASSES
- **Bill 103** - Sponsored by Senators Gonzalez and Adamyk - To reform the Veterans Student Union Statutes to allow them to interview and choose their own non-major positions, add a public relations coordinator, and revise removal proceedings for Board members
 - Opening Statement
 - Gonzalez: This is about adding a public relations coordinator and takes away non major offices having to go through the Senate. This would be just like every other SGA agency. This also changes it so that the board cannot remove people from positions rather major SGA officers would be the ones to remove them.
 - Technical, Non-Debatable
 - None
 - Senator Little moves to enter Round Table Discussion
 - Senator Murcia seconds
 - Round Table
 - Wang: This is simple. Other agencies do this.
 - Little: This is common sense.
 - Senator Little moves to call the question
 - Senator Soto seconds
 - Closing
 - This is just to help Harrison out. Thank you.
 - Vote:
 - Little: Yes
 - Murcia: Yes
 - Soto: Yes
 - Wang: Yes
 - **4 Y, 0 No, 0 Abs**
 - Bill PASSES
- **Bill 104** - Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez - To solidify the current process and precedent that has been established by the 70 th , 71 st , and 72 nd Student Senate and it's standing committees.
 - Opening Statement

- Gonzalez: This changes the wording for confirmation by committees. This solidifies what committees have been doing.
- Technical, Non-Debatable
 - None
- Senator Little moves to enter Round Table Discussion
- Senator Soto seconds
- Round Table
 - Little: This would give the power of confirmation or denial to the committees?
 - Gonzalez: This would solidify what these committees have already been doing.
 - Little: The definition means that the candidate does not move onto full Senate?
 - Gonzalez: Yes
 - Little: This makes sense. It's our precedent.
 - Wang: This is in line with our precedent, and it's time to change statutes to reflect that. If this statute change passes, and seeing that the rule change last week failed, how are we going to change rules using different wording that would be different from statutes?
 - Gonzalez: Although we are required to change wording for something that was already proposed, it doesn't specify how much needs to be changed.
 - Leckie: Statutes is always above rules.
- Senator Soto moves to call the question
- Senator Little seconds
- Closing
 - Gonzalez: This is just solidifying what the committees have been doing.
- Vote
 - Little: Y
 - Murcia: Y
 - Soto: Y
 - Wang: Y
 - **4 Y, 0 No, 0 Abs**
- Bill PASSES

Unfinished Business: X

Committee Legislative Round Table: X

Final Announcements:

Little: Board meets Friday at 3! I got another email about the appointment process.

Daraldik: OGA Director Diaz has resigned.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: X

Adjourned: 8:54 p.m.

Griffin Leckie

Signature of Chair