



**73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate  
Internal Affairs Committee  
02/23/21**

**Call to Order: 6:04pm**

**Members Present: Russell, West, Nasworthy, England, Stults, Fineout, Gabadage, Hitchcock**

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Excused Absent:**

**Members Absent: Louis**

**Guests: Ash Soto, Ryan Villacorta**

**Announcements:**

- Chair England: Thank you all for being so adaptable for this week. I emailed Ben Young and he did not respond on Friday. Unfortunately, we could not meet yesterday, but we are meeting tonight. We are waiting for the Bill 4 sponsor who should be coming tonight.
- Senator Soto: Finance should be over shortly, and Senator Villacorta will join this meeting.

**Committee Business:**

- **Bill 4 sponsored by Senator Villacorta**
- **Opening** - Senator Villacorta: I have a class conflict on Mondays, so this date was perfect. This came after concern from students. Students were concerned that bias could exist between the SBP and Chief of Staff and the person they were interviewing. This bill would change the candidate screening process by mandating the SBP and/or Chief of Staff to recuse themselves if they have a personal relationship or bias towards the interviewee. I look forward to your questions.
- Senator Nasworthy moves to enter into roundtable, Senator Gabadage seconds.
- **Questions:**
- Senator Nasworthy: For the nonbiased actor, does it have to be someone involved in SGA?
- Senator Villacorta: The way that we hope this is interpreted is that the power should be delegated to someone within the Executive Branch or Cabinet.
- Chair England: Could you give me an example of a personal relationship that would mandate a recusal?
- Senator Villacorta: This is based on legal language. For example, if you are a fraternity brother or if you have been in the same Executive Board or if you have an established friendship. This can extend to romantic relationships.
- Senator Hitchcock: Who decides whether the tie is too close?

- **Closing** - Senator Villacorta: This would be up to the discretion of the interviewing officer. If the Senate feels this statute is violated, then they could enforce it.
- Senator Nasworthy moves to call to question, Vice Chair Stults seconds.
- Senator Villacorta: Always nice to be back in IA. I appreciate the questions and I hope you support it.
- Bill 4 passes unanimously, 7-0 (Russell, West, Nasworthy, Stults, Fineout, Gabadage, Hitchcock)

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- None

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Final Announcements:**

- Chair England: I will repost the when2meet to fill out for our brunch at KeKe's.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm**

**Adjourned: 6:24pm**



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Signature of Chairperson, Internal Affairs Committee