



**73rd Student Senate
Judiciary Committee
Date: February 22nd, 2021**

Meeting recording:

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Call to Order: 8:10

Members Present: Chair Little, Vice Chair Boole, Senator(s) Arutt, Lewis, Linsky, Gerdt, Murica, Protemp Wang

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Members Excused Absent: Senator(s)

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Guests: Soto, Randall, Stults

Announcements:

- Chair - Exec Debate is happening right now, thanks for showing up

Boole: Move to recess until 8:40pm

Linsky: Seconded

- Vice Chair - The advisors of my bill never got back to me with advice so we will probably have to table.
- Members - none.
- Guests - none

Committee Business:

- **Bill 3** - Sponsored by Senator Villacorta - Updating the list of major offices to preserve checks and balances and address conflicts of interest
- **Bill 10** - Sponsored by Senator Boole - To implement an instant runoff voting method for elections. This will help improve voter freedom and help fight insincere voting.
- **Bill 14** - Sponsored by Senator Randall - To revise Chapter 207 to fix formatting issues and add professional development requirements for Student Senators.
- **Bill 15** - Sponsored by Senator Randall - To revise Chapter 203 to fix grammatical issues and mandate at least two minutes of time per student speaking in public comment at all SGA meetings at which official acts are to be taken.

Old Business:

- **Bill 3** -
- **Tabled, sponsor not present**

- **Bill 10 -**
- Opening Statement:
 - Boole: I sent it to bowden and it was then sent to williams who has yet to get back to me. If you haven't seen this bill before this bill seeks to make a ranked voting system for all fsu elections. Helps make voting more sincere.
- Technical non-debatable:
 - None
 - **Linsky: Move to enter round table**
 - **Lewis: Seconded**
- Round table:
 - Linsky: This is starting to seem like death by a thousand paper cuts. I was in favor of tabling it last week so that it could be spoken about to the advisors. The real question is this a system the SGA webmaster can implement? If this bill passes and then gets vetoed, that would give us more information. We have given an opportunity to round out those corners and so I am not in favor of tabling but I am in favor of passing.
 - **Murica: Move to call the question**
 - **Lewis: seconded**
- Closing:
 - Boole: If you have any questions let me know before Wednesday night.
- Vote:
 - **Y(Linsky, Arutt, Murica, Lewis, Boole) N (x) A (Wang)**
 - **Bill Passes**

New Business:

- **Bill 14 -**
- Opening Statement:
 - Randall: This bill would do two things. Formatting issues in chapter 207. The second thing is adding a specific statute to require the Protemp to record who is doing what training and requires people do two trainings.
- Technical non-debatable:
 - Boole: Does this bill broaden the original statues?
 - Randal: No, explains.
 - **Linsky: Move to enter round table**
 - **Lewis: Seconded**
- Round table:
 - Linsky: What was the changes that the bill add structurally?
 - Randall: None but you can amend it however you like.
 - Linsky: I have notice that a lot of statues have the issues that you fix formatting bill, I am in support of this bill.
 - Wang: I was told that there was things that were too difficult to require senators. to do and that there was some type of unconstitutionality
 - Randall: I think that you could change the statue to not require but recommend
 - Boole: I do not like requiring trainings but I think you said that could be amenable so Ill look for that as I take minutes.
 - Murcia: Coming from a psych background I think requiring training is not productive. It is unfortunate but I will be voting no.
 - Randall: This sponsor would look very favorably on amendment.

- Linsky: there is an opt out clause in the mentor section of statues. Speaks about specific amendments, expresses concerns about providing the opt out clause making the statue superfluous.
- **Murica: Move to amend change 207.4(C)(a) change required to encouraged**
- **Change 207.5(A) change required to encouraged**
- **Boole: So Seconded**
- **No objections and the bill is so amended**
- Murcia: I believe that this bill now is great and I think that the trainings are great. I will be voting yes on this.
- Linsky: Proposes several amendments that were eventually withdrawn
- Wang: Advises specific amendment
- **Linsky: I Move 207.5(A)(1) "Shall inform new senators within one (1) month of their taking office of the dates and times of upcoming training workshops sponsored by the University or Student Government Association."**
- **Boole: So Seconded**
- **Found friendly no objections bill is so amended**
- **Murcia: Move to call the question**
- **Linsky: Seconded**
- Closing:
 - Randall: I appreciate you all looking over this legislation
- Vote:
 - **Y(Linsky, Murica, Lewis, Arutt, Boole) N (x) A (Wang)**
 - **Bill Passes**
- **Bill 15 -**
- Opening Statement:
 - Randall: Talks about how bill helps change
- Technical non-debatable:
 - Murcia: This would make sure that more speaking time would be given to students?
 - Randall: No
 - Murcia: would this limit students to only two minutes?
 - Randall: No
 - **Linsky: Move to enter round table**
 - **Lewis: Seconded**
- Round table:
 - Boole: I think that this is great. In Robert's rules, the chair has the ability to allow the speaker to speak for as long as they see fit past the two minutes. This helps us be productive while also protecting the rights of our students.
 - Murcia: I am very much happy that students will not only be limited to two minutes. I am glad that the two minutes minimum is there.
 - Boole: It sounded to me as when you spoke that you thought this legislation would not put a limit but I think it allows the minimum to be lower.
 - Murcia: Can senator randall clarify?
 - Randall: Senator Murcia is absolutely correct. Senator Boole you are mistaken. We are changing it from a 5 minute aggregate to a 2 minute minimum per individual. Clause A says that If you want to place a limit you can with 2/3rds vote.

- Boole: First of all I would like to say that section a is redundant because RR. I would wonder if the sponsor is amenable to allowing both a limit on the individual and to the aggregate.
- Linsky: I read this similarly to how the sponsor read this. I think this bill is great. I would wonder if we could change people to students.
- Randall: In our definitions a person is a student. To vice char Boole's point it allows the body to vote instead of the chair.
- Boole: I have been so enlightened, I was very confused. I do have my reservations about this. I was a sitting senator during the time in which the public comment went on for many many hours. It may be bad for decorum to allow for an infinite number of times. A small portion of the student body could shut down the senate. Without any laws to restrict we could be shut down.
- Randall: The words "per person" I thought would only extend to each individual and not to people being recognized multiple times.
- Boole: Often it is two minutes that people speak. So I can imagine a meeting where people speak for 30 minutes and then the chair begins limiting to two minutes. And then you have 20 - 30 people that want to speak and it goes on for another hour. I know that the student body always likes to use the powers that they are given in statues to their fullest extent
- Murcia: I understand the concern, have sat through multiple meetings where all the time is given to student comments. But that means that they are passionate students about certain subjects. I would object to an amendment because I think that this piece of legislation is very well written.
- Boole: To that, I agree that the senate has often been a point of conflict with the student body. The meetings are not the only place in which the student body can voice their opinions. 5 committee meetings and one general body meeting a week 30 minutes each would be quite a lot of speech. And ultimately the general body meetings have a purpose and that is to cover the orders of the day, and pass legislations for the student body. Its very easy for a minority opinion to control what the senate does.
- Randall: This would apply to all SGA meetings
- Murcia: I have been at exec meetings where the public comment is cut off at 5 minutes and there were people there to say something but they were cut off.
- Boole: I don't think that the correct response to a very harsh limitation of 5 minutes is to make no limitation. Maybe I am the only one who feels this way and I really do want to common ground, maybe I am being too cautious here. Its easy for things to get out of hand if there is not limit, so there should be some limit. Maybe not 30 minutes or maybe an hour. There should be a statutory ability for the chair to limit meetings.
- Linsky: Let's say I was having a meeting and I wanted to suppress public comment. I would have my buddies come in and talk until the aggregate. This helps make it harder to shill public comment. I like that there is a 2/3rd majority vote to change the speaking time. As we have seen at recent meetings that it might not be the best decision is to hammer away at the same point for a long duration. I will be voting yes.
- Boole: I have been swayed I will vote yes
- **Murcia: Move to call the question**
- **Linsky: So Seconded**
- Closing:
 - Randal: I really appreciate this statue change and I think that it is important that student speech is heard and recognized.

- Vote:
 - Y(Linsky, Murica, Lewis, Arutt, Boole) N (x) A (Wang)
 - Bill Passes

Unfinished Business:

None.

Committee Legislative Round Table:

None.

Final Announcements:

- Chair: It warms my heart to hear such good debate. If you have any question like always contact me.
- Vice Chair: If you develop a problem with my bill contact me please so we can talk.
- Members:
 - Murcia: I think we had one of the best committee debates ever. I wish senate could be more like this. Look over the sweepings bill please.
- Guests:
 - Randall: If you know any RSOs trying to go to professional conferences let RTAC know. Make sure to look at the Jewish student union bill.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday, 22 February, 2021

Adjourned: 9:58

Gabrielle Little

Signature of Chair