



**72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate  
Judiciary Committee  
Date: October 6th, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 6:34 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Leckie, Vice Chair Wang, Pro-Temp Harmon, Senators Soto, Murcia

**Members Tardy:** Senator(s)

**Members Excused Absent:** Senator(s)

**Members Absent:** Senators Recht, Ascanio

**Guests:** Jack Rowan, Jonathan Marcus, Senators England, Gnamam

**Announcements:**

- Chair - Supreme Court Advisory opinion is out. Court said that our committee “operates in the shadows”. If any senator either on the committee or not has any problems with how this committee is run, please come to me and let me know. It is not my intention to operate in the shadows.
- Vice Chair - None
- Members - None
- Guests - Rowan: Supreme Court just released an advisory opinion. I read all 10 pages, and it feels less that of a legal scholar and more of someone in the political field. I take a very big issue in that, and I hope this committee takes a big issue in that. I hope this committee takes measures to patch the holes the Supreme Court has tried to poke. One another note, I urge no amendments on Bill 82. Any further amendments would place unnecessary restraints on Executive Branches going down the line.

**Committee Business:**

- **Bill 82** - Sponsored by Senator England - To edit the composition of the Executive Office of The President
- **Bill 101** - Sponsored by Senator Leckie - To create the Emergency SGA Rent Relief Fund of 2020

**Old Business:**

- **Bill 82** - Sponsored by Senator England - To edit the composition of the Executive Office of The President
  - Opening Statement
    - England: I'd like to provide the committee with an update as to where we are. I'd like to table this for another week. The Attorney General sought an advisory opinion from the Supreme Court in regards to Bill 82. The Supreme Court did not want to issue an advisory opinion since there is no current conflict of law. They believe stepping in now would influence the legislative process. If it is unconstitutional, they will issue an opinion after

passage of the bill should there be a complaint regarding legality. Exec and I heard your concerns from last week, so we are working on that. We plan to bring forth several amendments later solving the issues with the Director of Cabinet Affairs and placement of restraints on future Executive administrations. The language would be more vague, and the Director of Cabinet Affairs would not be a named position in statutes. Instead, it would be a Cabinet Secretary position.

- Technical, Non-Debatable
  - None
- Senator Murcia moves to enter Round Table Discussion
- Vice Chair Wang seconds
- Round Table
  - Murcia moves to table Bill 82, Pro-Temp Harmon seconds

### **New Business:**

#### **Leckie relinquishes chairship to Wang**

- **Bill 101** - Sponsored by Senator Leckie - To create the Emergency SGA Rent Relief Fund of 2020
    - Opening Statement
      - Leckie: Thank you everyone! This bill has been something I have been with Pro-Temp Harmon and the COVID Task Force. Rent relief is something that other student governments have given to students. This bill allows us to have a mechanism to distribute money back to the student body. The VP of Student Affairs would appoint 4 members, the SBP would appoint 2, and the Student Body Treasurer would serve on a committee. This would also create an application for rent relief, and the committee would be in charge of distributing the money. The bill has a minimum stipulant that if there is a need for students to pay rent, then they would be able to apply for rent relief. Students will probably not do so well in school if they cannot pay for rent, groceries, and other things.
    - Technical, Non-Debatable
      - None
    - Senator Murcia moves to enter Round Table Discussion
    - Senator Soto seconds
    - Round Table
      - Pro-Temp Harmon: Dr. Bowden came to us with some concerns regarding this in an email. This is not to say I am against this. I've been helping Chair Leckie in all of this. We've been trying to work with administration. He just wanted to make sure we took all of this into account.
      - Leckie: That was the first time since I have seen that email. Let me see if I got it. Oh no, I did not get the email, but I guess if the University is unwilling to approve this, then we should table this and talk to Dr. Bowden about it.
    - Senator Murcia moves to table
    - Senator Soto seconds
- Wang relinquishes chairship back to Leckie**

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Committee Legislative Round Table:**

Leckie: Bateman and I are going to submit a bill to give two grand to the MRE for PPE, so look out for that.

Gnanam: Is Bowden's email claiming that part of the rent relief that was provided by FSU came from the CARES Act? CARES was dispersed, but it came directly from the federal government not from FSU.

Pro-Temp Harmon: Chair Leckie and I will probably have another meeting with Dr. Bowden in the future.

**Final Announcements:**

Leckie: Seems like we will hear Bill 82 with final amendments next week.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** TBD

**Adjourned:** 6:55 p.m.

*Griffin Leckie*

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Signature of Chair