



**72nd Student Senate
Rules & Calendar
Date: October 7th, 2020**

Call to Order: 5:04 p.m.

Members Present: President Pro Tempore Harmon, Chair(s) Adamyk, Gonzalez, Martin, Randall, Vice-Chair Wang, Senator Gonzales

Members Tardy: Martin, Leckie, Gnanam

Members Absent: Dean

Guests: Jacob Dell, Jack Rowan, Cassidy Branch, Abril Hunter, President Darldik

Announcements:

- President Pro Tempore - New voting system! It will be through qualtrics that should be set up next week.
- Judiciary - None
- Finance - None
- Oversight - Interviewed one OGA Board of Directors and AASU Treasurer
- Budget - Hearings are going well
- SLAA - None
- RTAC - Heard request on Monday. Consent Resolution passed through finance.
- PAC - None
- Guests - None

Committee Business:

- Resolution 58
- Resolution 86
- Resolution 87
- Bill 92
- Constitutional Amendment 2
- Constitutional Amendment 3

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Candidates for confirmation:**
 - **Abril Hunter-** College of Arts & Sciences Seat 6
 - Opening: Environmental and Science policy major. I'm a second-year here at FSU. Senate is something that has been very impactful. I am a presidential

scholar through the Honors program. I am involved in several RSO's on campus on E-Board for several of them. I welcome all of your questions.

○ **Technical, Non-Debateable:**

- Gonzalez: Are you financially certified?
- Hunter: I saw the email, but I have not had a chance to look over the financial manual.
- Gonzales: What are the requirements of the presidential scholarship?
- Hunter: I was selected in high school. You have to meet the base level requirement for honors, and you have to come interview. After that, you have to remain in good academic standing and participate in our public service initiative.
- Randall: Have you attended any trainings within SGA? Mainly Green-Dot
- Hunter: No, I have not.

○ **Questions Regarding Position:**

- Gonzalez: Given that elections are coming up, why did you decide to apply now?
- Hunter: I actually applied back in the summer. I didn't plan on taking that many classes in the summer. I have always wanted to get involved in Senate. I've seen a lot of what senators stand for on campus. I want to be an environmental lobbyist in the future, so I really want to be involved in Senate to get an understanding of legislation.
- Randall: POI for the candidate. What year are you?
- Hunter: I am a second-year, so I am in the class of 2023.
- Randall: Tell us about ideas you may have regarding legislation and initiatives you may want to start.
- Hunter: Something that I really want to focus on is composting on campus. I know a lot of RSO's on campus are also working on sustainability. I hope to pass an initiative regarding environmental sustainability. I want to also represent the minority communities on campus.
- Randall: How do you plan on doing that?
- Hunter: My first step would be to understand the reasoning as to why their voices aren't currently being heard. That would mean talking to people to understand what issues they want to see done and see if Senate can do anything about it. I don't want to make assumptions as to what exactly I can do in this position.

○ **Questions Regarding Character:**

- Gonzalez: Can you unpack your character and how it relates to conflict resolution?
- Hunter: I was a camp counselor two years ago. I was in charge of middle schoolers which meant a lot of conflict. Being equitable and fair in all situations. Whether it was bullying or distasteful language, I would say my character was always to be someone who could act as a liaison. No matter what the situation is, it is always your job to not take sides and to listen. We were all a community within that camp, so community is very important to me. As a person who is integrous, it's important to maintain a community, but it's also important to let people know when something is wrong. Boundaries need to be set, and equity needs to be distributed. That experience taught me how to treat everyone fairly.
- Martin: How do you work with people that you might not have the same ideas as or see eye to eye with?

- Hunter: It's something that I had to do in a program that I'm in. In Presidential Scholars, we need to come together to do our public service initiative. As long as you're treating someone with respect in a group project, I don't think it would be an issue.
 - Randall: Can you talk about your leadership style?
 - Hunter: I love being a leader, but I've also learned to follow those who have been justified to lead. I would say my leadership style is grounded in reliability. I don't commit to things unless I know that I have the time and ability to accomplish. Whether it's something I'm doing personally or in school, I only take on what I can bear.
 - Closing: Thank you for your questions. I am excited to be considered for a Senate seat. It is something I've been wanting to do since Freshman Year. I think I could do a lot with this position and also learn a lot from all of you as well.
 - **Gonzalez moves to enter Roundtable, Martin seconds**
 - Gonzalez: I speak very highly of her. Her application was stellar, and her interview matched her application. She has so much experience in government and politics. I would be so excited to see her in this position.
 - Gonzales: She seems to have an amazing attitude for what she wants to do within Senate.
 - Martin: Phenomenal interview. I haven't seen someone have such a great interview. I really like her idea about composting. She has my full support.
 - Randall: One thing we need to bring into Senate is attention to detail and active listening. It's clear this candidate has both.
 - **Gonzalez moves to call the question, Randall seconds**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 6
 - No: 0
 - Abs: 0
- Cassidy Branch - Undergraduate Studies Seat 17
 - Opening: From Tallahassee. I was on SGA for four years at my high school. I loved SGA, and I was SBVP my senior year. We spent most of our time planning events which is different from what FSU's SGA does. My major is political science, so I've grown up around politics, and I would love to get involved with SGA. I was in Key Club, Dance Marathon, and Relay for Life. I was a part of the Senate Page Program in high school.
 - TNDQ:
 - Gonzalez: Are you financially certified?
 - Branch: No.
 - Randall: Have you attended any SGA trainings like Green Dot and Allies Safe Zones?
 - Branch: No, I am just a freshman, so I am still getting involved in everything.
 - Randall: What organizations are you involved in?
 - Branch: I'm a part of Relay Tribe and in Dance Marathon.
 - Questions Regarding Position:
 - Gonzalez: You talked about your interest in politics. What other communities do you plan on advocating for in this role besides your college?
 - Branch: I'm in Dance Marathon and Relay for Life, so I would like to advocate for organizations outside of just my college.
 - Gonzalez: What initiatives do you want to start in Senate?

- Branch: This year is election year, so I want to push voter registration. Tallahassee is the capital of Florida, so I want to make sure others know they have the ability to change their addresses to vote for policies and candidates that affect the Tallahassee community.
 - Randall: How will you represent your constituents as if you were elected?
 - Branch: I'd like to represent those areas I mentioned previously. The freshman class has a smaller voice than the rest of those on campus because we are affected by COVID. I want to be able to talk to you all regarding their perspectives on that.
 - Randall: How will you improve the FSU experience for your constituents?
 - I'd like to figure out ways that we can encourage more involvement following social distancing guidelines, so they can get some of the college experience.
- Questions Regarding Character:
 - Gonzalez: Can you unpack your character and how it relates to conflict resolution?
 - Branch: I'm a very blunt person. I am a very honest person, so sometimes it can come off aggressive. When conflicts like that arise, I always try to realize what the impact of my words had. I want to give back to my community. One of the things I ran on in high school for SBVP was giving back to my community, and I want to bring some of that to FSU.
- Closing: Thank you so much for this opportunity. Regardless of this outcome, I will continue to pursue and join SGA at some point. I'd love to help out in my community and FSU.
- Gonzales moves to enter roundtable
- Randall seconds
- Roundtable
 - Gonzalez: POI Is this a spring seat?
 - Harmon: No, this is a fall seat.
 - Leckie: I came into SGA freshman year. There's not a whole lot of first semester freshman involved in Senate. I think it would be beneficial to have her voice considering that we're going to vote on the budget bill soon.
 - Gonzalez: I have my reservations, but she's a first year. Especially since she's a fall seat, it's a good opportunity to get involved and see what we do. She has a lot of potential.
 - Gonzales: I wanted to second Leckie and Gonzalez. Even if the candidate doesn't stand out, it would be to capture that freshman demographic. As we graduate, we will be leaving SGA, and we need more from the younger demographic. It wouldn't hurt to let the full Senate vote on this candidate.
 - Randall: I respect the views of my colleagues, and I see your point. I'm concerned about her ability to understand the issues. She's supposed to speak for all undergraduate studies. I didn't hear any concrete initiatives.
 - Gnanam: I understand all of the concerns. I came into Senate needing to learn. I don't think it's a bad thing, and my time in PAC has shown me that a lot of senators come into Senate not knowing what they want to do. I want to address the very clear bias in this committee regarding green senators coming in.
 - Gonzales: She might not know what she wants to do. She may learn in her position, and her interview was a

- Adamyk: What's best for the future of SGA is letting people prove themselves in this capacity.
 - Gonzalez moves to call the question, Gonzales seconds
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 5
 - No: 1
 - Abs: 1
- Robert Harrell - College of Business Seat 3
 - Opening: Thank you guys for giving me this opportunity. I love FSU and grew up in a town just east of Tallahassee. I transferred here in 2019 as a junior, and I am now a senior majoring in Finance and minoring in Mathematics which inspired me to join SGA. I love this university, and I want to see students succeed. I'm involved within the College of Business and am familiar with what the students within the College of Business would like to see.
 - TNDQ:
 - Gonzalez: Are you financially certified?
 - Harrell: Yes
 - Randall: Have you attended any SGA trainings like Green Dot and Allies Safe Zones?
 - Harrell: No, I have not.
 - Questions Regarding Position
 - Gonzalez: What tangible things do you want to do with this position?
 - Harrell: I want to allocate more of the budget for RSO's. RSO's allow for students to get involved and professional development. I also want to give incentives for people to go to the FSU Reservation and encourage recreation. I want to propose a free rental policy at the Res.
 - Gonzalez: What other communities do you hope to represent?
 - Harrell: FSU is building on a tradition of success. I was a part of the COSSPP before the COB. I have a unique perspective as I am a transfer student. I can fully commit to representing other students not within the COB.
 - Randall: How will you improve the FSU experience for your constituents?
 - Harrell: That increases my responsibility even more than being elected given the fact I was appointed by those who were elected. I want to ensure that RSO's have the resources that they need to provide the services that you can't get anywhere else.
 - Gonzalez: You stated that you had a calling to public service. How do you plan on doing that within your role?
 - Harrell: Most students are interacting through social media nowadays. Social media is a really great way to hear students' concerns. I am a part of all of the facebook groups and would love to try discern what we as Senate could do about those concerns.
 - Questions Regarding Character:
 - Gonzalez: Can you unpack your character and how it relates to conflict resolution?
 - Harrell: I have been on officer teams in youth organizations since middle and high school following up through my community college and FSU. If there's conflict among the members, I always try to give them a call rather than doing it publicly. Give praise in public and if there are issues, do that privately.
 - Gonzales: What personal values drive you to be a part of SGA?

- Harrell: I am passionate about this university, and I will work diligently to address the concerns of all students.
 - Closing: Thank you all for your time and this opportunity. I will work diligently to represent all of the students here at FSU.
 - Gonzales moves to enter roundtable
 - Martin seconds
 - Roundtable
 - Gonzales: Candidate knows what he wants. He came into the meeting telling us what he wants to do. It shows his initiative.
 - Wang: I think he has a really special perspective being that he is a transfer student.
 - Randall: I appreciate his perspective as a transfer student, and I appreciate his involvement within RSO's. RSO's really do offer so much professional development.
 - Gonzales: Chair Gonzalez how do you think his ideas will be implemented into Senate?
 - Gonzalez: I was trying to pull out something more from his interview, but it felt a little bit repetitive. I resonated specifically with having to call people separately, because I've been doing that a lot.
 - Gonzalez moves to call the question, Gonzales seconds
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 4
 - No: 3
 - Abs: 1
- Bills:
 - **Bill 92 - Sponsored by Senator J. Alvarez, Chabot (P) and Murcia (Co):** Amending Student Body Statutes Chapter 304.3 with regards to the candidate screening process.
 - Remains tabled as the sponsor is not present
- Resolutions:
 - **Resolution 58 - Sponsored by Senator Murcia (P):** Amending Student Rules of Procedure 13.8 regarding Senator absences.
 - Remains tabled as the sponsor is not present.
 - **Resolution 86 - Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez (P):** Changes to the 72nd Student Senate Rules of Procedure about the Senate Oversight Committee having the authority to confirm or deny all nominees for appointments approved by the committee
 - Opening: This addresses the forwarding of all candidates to the Senate floor. It aims to reform the rules to affirm the process that Senate has been using for years which allows committees to deliberate and vote on candidates similar to a piece of legislation and deny them from being forwarded to the Senate if enough reservations exist. Rules of Procedure are simply the governing documents of the Senate and no other entity. It gives us full authority to reassess and restructure them. The confirmation process is designed in a way to allow the legislative branch and exercise its authority. My committee forwards candidates that we deem up to par. This rules change reaffirms our basis for existence and supports the valuable work we do in committee.
 - TNDQ:
 - Gonzales: This resolution places more power in the hands of the committees?

- Gonzalez: The way we've already been doing it is that the committees have the authority whether or not to forward the candidates to the full Senate.
 - Martin: Why didn't you make this a bill?
 - Gonzalez: It's a rule change.
 - Randall: Do you believe this violates 201.1?
 - Gonzalez: No. There's also a statute change on first reading concerning that statute.
- Leckie moves to enter roundtable
- Gonzales seconds
 - Leckie: This is necessary. We've been doing this for many years. This was brought up in light of the supreme court justices. In the advisory opinion, I thought it was inappropriate that they commented on this legislation, so you shouldn't take that into account. Yields in support
 - Gonzales: I've never ever seen the appeal of committee decisions on the floor go well. I think this is a necessity.
 - Martin: It would have been different if the committees were doing it differently. Senators should be attending different committees if they do have
- Gnanam moves to call the question, Gonzales seconds
- Closing: This reaffirms the process we've been doing for more than three years.
- Vote:
 - Yes: 5
 - No: 1
 - Abs: 1

Harmon relinquishes chairship to Leckie.

- **Resolution 87 - Sponsored by Senator Harmon (P):** Explaining Rule 14.3 and 14.4C about Filing of Complaints.
- Opening: Deals with complaints against senators that they can bring to me as chair of R&C. Should anyone have two complaints deemed acceptable by R&C, the senator should be censured. Gerdt's has brought forth 3 complaints regarding President Darldik. He states that the Senate President has violated rules 5.4, 10.13, 15.1. Although this needs a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Senate, this is a condemnation so it needs to come to Rules.
- TNDQ:
 - Randall: Can you explain a committee caucus?
 - At the beginning
 - Gonzales: What is the purpose of a censure?
 - Censure is disapproving of what the senator has done. Two censures means that you are suspended and forwarded for impeachment.
- Gonzalez moves to enter roundtable
- Gonzales seconds
 - Gonzalez: POI Did former President Jack Denton do this in the summer?
 - Leckie: To my recollection, yes.
 - Gonzales: Being the president of the student senate, you have more mobility with your decisions.
 - Harmon: POC I'm doing this simply because it's my job and facilitating this process.
 - Randall: Who made the
 - Gonzales: Why are you putting forth this censure?

- Gerdts: Caucus were not held as they normally are. I was unable to attend Finance and therefore unable to vote for chair and vice chair.
 - Gonzales: My takeaway is that you could not attend the meeting, so you could not vote?
 - Gerdts: Yes, that is
 - Gonzalez: POI Did you reach out to President Darldik to express that you had a conflict?
 - Randall: Can I ask the opinions of the more experienced chairs?
 - Gnanam: This is a matter of inclusivity. Gerdts was entitled to the right to vote for chair and vice chair. I understand his frustration. It may not have been Darldik's intention, but it was definitely what happened.
 - Gonzalez: No one made a fuss when Jack Denton did this. It wasn't malicious on Darldik's part.
 - Randall: I represent Gerdts as the graduate studies senator. I am conflicted.
 - Gnanam: Senator Gerdts, what would you like to see happen?
 - Gerdts: I was not present during summer senate. I would like to see the rules of the senate upheld. I have no ill-will towards Daraldik. I care about my rights as a person and a senator. I would like to see the chairs take out their own personal opinions and ask if these rules were broken.
 - Gonzalez: POPP I ask that Senator Gerdts only answer the questions that have been asked.
 - Martin: I understand where Gerdts is coming from. This would have been different if we had been in person. I'm thinking about efficiency and what's happening with COVID right now.
 - Gonzales: You make a good point Gerdts about personal preference. Whenever you take action on something, you have to consider the consequences. It's going to affect our President Darldik in the end and no one else.
 - Randall: Senator Gerdts, why did you choose to do a censure instead of a condemnation?
 - Gerdts: It is not within rules for us to condemn ourselves, so I filed a complaint.
 - Gnanam: There are mechanisms in place to waive rules. You should be able to waive. Rules were blatantly ignored and not waived. The concern that there may be another censure in the future is even more concerning because it seems like we don't know our own rules enough that this is something that will happen again soon.
- Gonzales moves to call the question, Randall seconds
- Closing: All I ask is that you think about the precedent this will set.
- Vote:
 - Yes: 2
 - No: 4
 - Abs: 1
- **Leckie relinquishes chairship to Harmon.**
- Constitutional Amendments:
 - **Amendment 2 - Sponsored by Senators Murcia (P) and Chabot (Co):**
Amending the Student Body Constitution with regards to the number of Student Senators.
 - Remains tabled as the sponsor is not present.

- **Amendment 3 - Sponsored by Senator Murcia:** Amending the Student Body Constitution to limit the number of students needed for a petition of recall.
 - Remains tabled as the sponsor is not present.

Unfinished Business:

Final Announcements:

- Thank you all for coming to Rules!

Date and Time of Next Meeting: X

Adjourned: 7:08 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Harmon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Signature of President Pro Tempore