



**72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate  
Rules & Calendar  
Date: October 14th, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 6:06 p.m.

**Members Present:** President Pro Tempore Harmon, Chair(s) Adamyk, Gonzalez, Martin, Randall, Leckie, Dean, Gnanam, Adamyk

**Members Tardy:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** Vice-Chair Renee Wang, Senator Quentin England, Secretary Rawan Abhari (briefly), President Daraldik, Jack Rowan

**Announcements:**

- President Pro Tempore - None
- Judiciary - An open letter has been written about Bill 93 being vetoed. If you want to sign onto it, give it a read-- i'll drop a link in the chat.
- Finance - None
- Oversight - None
- Budget - None
- SLAA - None
- RTAC - None
- PAC - None
- Guests - None

**Committee Business:**

- Confirmation for Jaelyn Ellis - Motion Picture Arts Seat 1
- Bill 92
- Bill 98
- Resolution 58
- Resolution 91
- Constitutional Amendment 2
- Constitutional Amendment 3

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- **Candidates for confirmation:**
  - **Jaelyn Ellis - Motion Picture Arts Seat 1**
    - Opening:

- Hi! I'm from South Carolina, I'm a Film Major and I've been wanting to get involved in SGA for a while. Once I got more familiar with the process I decided to get involved in the Senate. I'd like to get more funding for fine arts and help make FSU as inclusive as possible. I'd like to make SGA more accessible to the student body and I feel as though if you're not familiar it's difficult to find information. The website is clunky so perhaps that's something we can change. I'm the Outreach Chair for the Diversity and Inclusion group for the Film school. I don't have much previous experience with the Senate but I have other experience with RSOs. I'm also financially certified.
- Technical & Non-debatable questions:
  - Randall: What year are you in the film school?
    - 2nd year of film school but I'm a junior
- Questions regarding position:
  - Gonzalez: You touched on how you want to make FSU more inclusive. Do you have any actual, tangible, goals on how to do this?
    - I mentioned free menstrual products which will be helpful.
  - Randall: Every appointed position is different. Senator positions are especially different. We still have to advocate as if we're elected. My question is how would you represent your constituents as if you were elected?
    - I have interaction with all of the film boards. Outside of my classes I've made an effort to have interactions with the graduate students and the classes above and below me to get their opinions on how things are going. I'd try to propose legislation and support things I feel would directly benefit them.
  - Randall: You talked about some of the actions you talked about. You mentioned you were in the college- were you able to act on any of this?
    - Yes, this summer we had some student-only meetings where we had people come and talk to us about how we're doing and how Zoom classes were going, etc. There wasn't as much interaction with people as some wanted so we came up with an action plan to help promote interaction.

- Leckie: Obviously this year is a crazy year. What do you think the biggest problem facing our student body is right now?
  - I think that my experience has been a little different as most of my classes have been in-person. I feel as though mental health is a big issue right now. A general lack of social interaction.
- Gonzalez: Have you participated in any training programs?
  - I have not participated in those yet but I do plan on it.
- Randall: We've talked about your excellent involvement with the college. Outside of that, what communities do you identify with?
  - I have attended events with the Black Student Union (BSU) and have gotten involved with the W. Dubois honor society. Also community service. I recently got involved with the School of Theatre as the director for them.
- Randall: Now that you're in that director role, etc, how do you feel as though SGA can better serve these people?
  - I did say that one of my goals is to secure more funding for fine arts. I think that's a tangible way we can better serve these communities. For BSU, bolstering the partnership would be beneficial.
- Questions regarding character:
  - Gonzalez: Can you unpack your character for us real quick and how that plays into conflict resolution?
    - I try to keep the middle ground and be a problem solver. For example on set, problems are bound to arise. On a recent set I was in a more production role and it was a very tense environment. Making sure everyone was listened to was very important for me. Even though there were some disagreements, we remained civil.
  - Randall: What is your leadership style?
    - I would say my leadership style is really trying to make sure everyone feels as though they're part of the team. I don't want my intent to be taking over, especially if other people on the team have ideas. I always want people to feel comfortable sharing those things. It's very important to me to listen to people and try to understand things from their perspective.
- Closing:

- I don't have much to say but I have been very excited to get more involved in SGA. I am excited for the opportunity to work with people and meet people from other colleges.
- Gonzalez moves to enter round-table discussion. Martin seconds. No objections. **MOTION CARRIES.**
- Deliberations:
  - Gonzalez: I like her! She definitely brings a factor to campus that isn't very represented at all. I think that we're definitely missing the advocacy from the music and the arts. She's a good candidate for her position and brings a good perspective.
  - Martin: Is this a fall seat?
  - Harmon: Yep
  - Leckie: It'd be cool to have a motion picture Senator present for when we vote on the budget next week. Very important decision to make and it's great she'll represent her college on that.
  - Randall: I'm a sucker for a great creative. I love film students! I think it's most importantly her accomplishments and what she wants to do that make her the most qualified. She's already had conversations with students and acted on what they've said. She's reaching out to other communities, even if she doesn't identify with them, and so she'll be representative of that. I am more than happy to put an excellent candidate in a position of power.
  - Dean: Love the enthusiasm here! I feel the vibes through the computer. She answered the questions well. She'll be able to learn the how because she knows the why.
  - Gonzalez moves to call the question. Martin seconds. No objections. **MOTION CARRIES.**
- Vote:
  - Adamyk: Yes
  - Gonzalez: Yes
  - Martin: Yes
  - Randall: Yes
  - Leckie: Yes
  - Dean: Yes
  - Gnanam: Yes
  - Daraldik: Abstain
  - Vote reads 7-0-1 (Yay/Nay/Abstention). Candidate **PASSES** committee.
- **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.
  - Leckie is added as a sponsor at the request of Senator Murcia
  - Sponsor has *withdrawn* the bill.
- **Bill 98 - Sponsored by Senator Dean:** Amending Student Body Statutes Chapter 413.3 regarding renaming of the Student Senate Excellence Award to the Danielle Acosta Student Senate Award for Excellence.
  - Opening:
    - Pretty straight forward! We've heard the sister bill to this. This just changes statutes to rename the Senate Excellence Award to include Dr. Acosta's name to recognize her contributions.
  - Technical & Non-debatable questions:
    - None
    - Martin moves to enter round-table discussion. Gonzalez seconds. No objections. **MOTION CARRIES.**
  - Deliberations:
    - Leckie moves to pass by acclamation. Gonzalez seconds. No objections. **MOTION CARRIES.**
  - Vote: Bill **PASSES** by **ACCLAMATION.**
- **Resolutions:**
  - **Resolution 58 - Sponsored by Senator Murcia (P):** Amending Student Rules of Procedure 13.8 regarding Senator absences.
    - Leckie is added as a sponsor at the request of Senator Murcia
    - Sponsor has *withdrawn* the bill.
  - **Resolution 91 - Sponsored by Senator Wang (P) and Soto. (P):** The impacts Phase 3 reopening on the FSU and Tallahassee Community.
    - Opening:
      - Thanks for being here tonight to hear this. We had a moment of silence a few weeks ago. One of our school's students has now passed away from Covid-19. I feel as though it's important of us to recognize we're in the poorest zip code of Florida. The Governor's guidelines are really hurting the community around us.
    - Technical & Non-debatable questions:
      - None
      - Gnanam moves to enter round-table discussion. Leckie seconds. No objections. **MOTION CARRIES.**
    - Deliberations:
      - Leckie: Question, is the one amendment there (total cases) the only change made in SLAA?

- Wang: Yes
- Randall: Point of Information -- Have you been in contact with University Relations or the Office of Governmental Affairs to see if we can advocate on this at all? Would you be okay with adding their offices to the list of people to send it to?
- Wang: We haven't been in contact with them as we threw this together quickly. I'd be alright with adding them though.
- Gonzalez: Point of Information -- What disciplinary actions are you looking for?
- Wang: The email we referenced was the email from Dr. Hecht and Thrasher about suspensions for people gathering. Senator Gnanam is a co-sponsor on this as well.
- Gnanam: I haven't heard of this actually being enforced. It's important to acknowledge a statement has been made about suspensions.
- Leckie: I don't think the idea is to go after people but there's no consequence at the moment for going to a party or something. There hasn't been much action from the university. We just need some kind of consequence for violating the guidelines really.
- Gonzalez moves to amend to add "Sophia Herrera" (OGA Interim-Director) to the list of names this will be sent to. Daraldik seconds. No objections. Sponsor **DOES** find it friendly. Resolution is **AMENDED**.
- Daraldik: Point of Personal Privilege - Do we have anything else to work on tonight?
- Harmon: There's the two Constitutional Amendments which I believe will be withdrawn.
- Randall moves to amend to add "Kathleen Daly" (Associate Vice President for University Relations) to the list of names this will be sent to. Leckie seconds. No objections. Sponsor **DOES** find it friendly. Resolution is **AMENDED**.
- Randall moves to amend to add "Be it further resolved: The Student Senate recommends that University Relations and the Office of Governmental Affairs pursue advocacy efforts to return bars and restaurants to 50% capacity statewide." before the final "be it resolved". Gonzalez seconds. Leckie objections.
  - Leckie: Why specifically 50%?
  - Randall: One, it's political. The Governor won't go for anything below that. I'm open to having it be 75% though.

I'm just not sure we're at the place where we can say 100%.

- Opening:
  - Just like the university has an obligation to ensure that every student feels safe in every facility, so does this body. For some, walking into a bar or restaurant could mean death. Who knows what's next? We're not talking about the elderly or the sole wagers for their family, parents who need to take care of their children, etc. I feel as though this amendment helps us say we stand firmly behind students and behind health and safety.
- Technical & Non-Debatable questions:
  - Leckie: Is 50% a scientifically chosen number at all?
    - It was previously used in Phase 2 so that's where I picked it. Tallahassee clearly isn't ready for Phase 3. Purely on observational studies.
- Deliberations:
  - Gonzalez: Point of Personal Privilege -- Why did you object Leckie?
  - Leckie: If we're going to ask OGA to lobby for something, I want proof we're using the right number. I'm very against these businesses being open at 100%, I think that's really bad for Tallahassee. If we're going to mandate a number, I'd appreciate some scientific evidence to support such a move.
  - Randall: What if we changed it to a reduced capacity or something about working with health professionals?
  - Dean: I'm honestly not a fan of this resolution. I think combining all of this into one is a little bit too much. I think this could be a separate bill/resolution.
  - Leckie: Point of Clarification -- Based on my reading, it doesn't say anything about the student who passed away.

- Harmon: Yeah I believe it was just mentioned in the opening as it's a recent event.
  - Randall: Point of Information -- Was this put together to put action after the death of a student?
  - Wang: Yeah, so it was asked we write it on behalf of the Oceanic department. Her cause of death wasn't officially released; it was just told to us by professors.
  - Leckie: If we take the number away I'll be okay with this.
  - Randall: I withdraw the amendment. Amendment is **WITHDRAWN**.
- Randall moves to amend to add "Be it further resolved: The Student Senate recommends that University Relations and the Office of Governmental Affairs pursue advocacy efforts to return bars and restaurants to a reduced capacity in Tallahassee." before the final "be it resolved". Gnanam seconds. No objections. Sponsor **DOES** find it friendly. Resolution is **AMENDED**.
- Gonzalez moves to call the question. Randall seconds. No objections. **MOTION CARRIES**.
- Closing:
  - Thanks everyone so much. It's so disheartening to see people at the school aren't following CDC guidelines. One of our students' lives could've been saved had the school had stricter guidelines.
- Vote:
  - Adamyk: Abstain
  - Gonzalez: Abstain
  - Martin: Yes
  - Randall: Yes
  - Leckie: Yes
  - Dean: Abstain
  - Gnanam: Yes
  - Daraldik: Abstain
  - Vote reads 4-0-4 (Yay/Nay/Abstention). The Abstention threshold has been met. A **re-vote will be cast**.
  - Adamyk: Abstain
  - Gonzalez: Abstain
  - Martin: Yes
  - Randall: Yes



- Leckie: Yes
- Dean: Abstain
- Gnanam: Yes
- Daraldik: Abstain
- Vote reads 4-0-4 (Yay/Nay/Abstention). The Abstention threshold has been met. A **re-vote will be cast**.
- Adamyk: Abstain
- Gonzalez: Abstain
- Martin: Yes
- Randall: Yes
- Leckie: Yes
- Dean: Abstain
- Gnanam: Yes
- Daraldik: Abstain
- Vote reads 4-0-4 (Yay/Nay/Abstention). The Abstention threshold has been met. Resolution **FAILS** as the threshold was met three consecutive times.
- **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.
    - Leckie is added as a sponsor at the request of Senator Murcia
    - Sponsor has **withdrawn** the bill.
  - **Amendment 3 - Sponsored by Senator Murcia:** Amending the Student Body Constitution to limit the number of students needed for a petition of recall.
    - Leckie is added as a sponsor at the request of Senator Murcia
    - Sponsor has **withdrawn** the bill.
- Daraldik moves to reconsider Resolution 91. Leckie seconds. No objections. Bill 91 will be **RECONSIDERED**.
- Daraldik moves to table. Randall seconds. Resolution 91 is **TABLED**.

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Final Announcements:**

- None

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** October 21st at a to-be-determined time.

**Adjourned:** 7:11pm

*Alex Harmon*

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Signature of President Pro Tempore