



**72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate  
Rules & Calendar  
Date: November 18th, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 6:02 p.m.

**Members Present:** President Pro Tempore Harmon, Leckie, Adamyk, Martin, Dean, Randall, Gonzalez.

**Members Tardy:** None

**Members Absent:**

**Guests:**

**Announcements:**

- President Pro Tempore -
- Judiciary - None
- Finance - None
- Oversight - None
- Budget - None
- SLAA - None
- RTAC - Trans Awareness Week. Go to the trans awareness meetings.
- PAC - None
- Guests - None

**Committee Business:**

- Jack Rowan - Candidate for Undergraduate Studies Seat 2

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- Candidate for Confirmation:
  - Jack Rowan
    - Opening: I have worked a lot with the Jacksonville government. I am interested in politics and the ability of the government to do good. I am a stickler for correct procedure. I want to do a lot fo great work like hazard pay for OPS workers. They should be compensated as such.
    - TNDQ:
      - Gonzalez: Financially certified?
        - Yes

- Randall: Have you attended any training sessions such as greendot or allied and safe zones?
  - Not yet as I am a freshman.
- Questions regarding position:
  - Gonzalez: So today is Sine die. Its the last meeting literally of the 72nd. You would only be confirmed for today? What do you plan to do with your seat?
    - Rowan: I am up for a spring seat. SGA has a huge budget and the money allocated is not able to be used during Covid-19. I would like to work with the sweepings committee to fund the initiatives to alleviate the impacts of Covid. I don't think this should be a blockade to our students.
  - Randall: How will you represent your constituents if elected? How will you facilitate better communication to your constituents?
    - Rowan: I have been talking to lots of organizations and want to understand them more on campus. I understand as a freshman that I do not have all the connections. If I were lucky enough to be confirmed I could gain those connections. Hazard pay came up through talking to people over time
  - Randall: Based on one of your answers you talked about RTAC and PAC. As chair of RTAC, my big question is how you will help RSOs for things they want to do?
    - As individual senators we can't do much with RTAC and PAC. I do think there can be a role for organizations that provide a huge benefit to students on campus. I believe there is a bill by Senator England that provides food for the food pantry. I think using it tangibly would be beneficial.
  - Randall (follow up): You said the system was broken. What I really respect is people calling out injustice and actively working against it. What parts of the Rules need to be revised? How would you do it to facilitate that senators have a voice in that matter?
    - I dont think just the Rules have that issue. Something I am involved in is the FSU sunshine law. I am currently engaged in a lawsuit and whether or not cabinet meetings should be open. The errors in our laws leave loopholes. I am a big believer in transparency. I dont think people

should slip out of transparency. I think talking to other senators about these things.

- Senator England: Understanding that you recently failed to win the confidence and support of the student body how do you defend your record as a credible candidate when the student body have voiced their opinion to the contrary?
  - Good question. I dont think that should deny people that want to help to stop being engaged in SGA. If people want to work hard they shouldn't be denied for the loss of an election. Even if they didnt have confidence in this election I will show that they will have confidence soon.
- Questions regarding character:
  - Gonzalez: Can you unpack your character for me and how it plays into conflict resolution?
    - Thank you for the question. Back in the summer I was good friends with the summer senator sam bogule. He had similar questions for candidates. For me I like to let people get out their issues. I dont think its good if people leave their issues not mentioned. I would say it is a more confrontational attitude towards conflict. I would rather deal with it head on and then deal with it once the issues are shared.
  - Randall: I notice in your application you talked about servant leadership. Beyond servant leadership, what qualities make you an ideal leader?
    - I was a part of the campaign to increase the sales tax in jacksonville. We had most people against us but ended up winning. We kept fighting and said its the future of our children. We won 2-1 with the people rather than the elected officials. Its nice seeing the injustices be fixed now.
  - Randall (follow up): What communities do you identify with and how can the SGA better assist this community?
    - Most likely the lower income students. I have dealt with this in my past and I understand the pain that people feel when they are not provided with the resources to be a citizen. Rent relief is important and hazard pay. People need ot have a liveable wage and thats what I would like to work towards.

- Closing: Thank you very much and would like to thank the committee for their questions. I am a fighter. I hope to have the honor to serve in the 73rd senate. If I am lucky enough to be confirmed I will fight for every student.
- Motion to go into roundtable, Martin; Second Randall
- Roundtable:
- Gonzalez: I can vouch for his commitment. He has been in most committees that I have been in. He is not the one that showed up and hoped for the best. I respect that a lot in a candidate.
- Randall: I really appreciated the responses and the food pantry. It is national hunger and homeless awareness week. I am concerned that the student body decided a few weeks by a significant margin that this candidate was not the candidate they wanted this fall. I am concerned the precedent this sets by overriding the Student Body. I want to make sure we are not doing that.
- Leckie: I definitely understand the concerns with his candidacy. I am not afraid to say it like it is. These elections are really about the group chats that you can reach. The elections are definitely important but this is not a significant sample size of the student body.
- Dean: He went through the process even after not winning the general election. Even after being dismayed by the general population. I will probably vote yes.
- Dawn moves to forward the candidate; Gonzalez seconds
- Vote:
  - Yes: Dean, Gonzalez, Leckie, Martin
  - No: Adamyk
  - Abs.: Randall
  - 4-1-1

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Final Announcements:**

- None

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

**Adjourned:** 6:38 pm




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Signature of President Pro Tempore