



**72nd Student Senate
Rules & Calendar
Date: September 9th, 2020**

Call to Order: 5:11 p.m.

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

Members Tardy: Adamyk

Members Absent:

Guests:

Announcements:

- President Pro Tempore - Welcome back to Rules!
- Judiciary - We have Supreme Justices for confirmation tonight, make informed decisions!
- Finance - Passed Bill 58 to Judiciary
- Internal Affairs - Interviewed VSU CFO & AD
- Budget - Budget week coming up, 10/5 -10/9
- SLAA - Passed most legislation!
- Guests - Chabot: Board meeting at 6:30 PM

Committee Business:

- Resolution 48
- Resolution 55
- Resolution 57
- Resolution 58
- Resolution 60
- Resolution 61
- Resolution 63
- Resolution 67
- Resolution 69
- Resolution 70
- Resolution 73
- Resolution 75
- Resolution 78
- Bill 92
- Amendment 2
- Amendment 3

Old Business:

- **Resolution 48 - Sponsored by Senator Gnanam (P) and Bogle (Co):** Commending the five years of education and service that Green Dot has provided FSU and encouraging members of the student body to go through Green Dot Training (TABLED)
 - Opening: Written back in May, essentially to commend 5 years of service green dot has provided to campus. Very great program that I really wanted to take a moment and say congratulations on 5 years! Yields 3:58 sec
 - TNDQ: Sojos: Name of new director?
 - Position has not been fulfilled
 - *Sojos moves to go into roundtable discussion*
 - *Dean seconds*
 - Roundtable discussion:
 - Griffin: This is governed by 401.1A which says it must be approved by $\frac{2}{3}$ of senate.
 - *Adamyk moves to amend the title of one of the recipients of the resolution.*
 - *Dean seconds*
 - Sponsor finds it friendly
 - *Sojos moves to call the question*
 - *Gonzalez seconds*
 - Closing: Thank you for your time and for amending the legislation. I yield.

Vote

Y - Adamyk, Dean, Gnanam, Gonzalez, Leckie, Martin, Sojos

N - None

A - None

Resolution 48 Passes

- **Resolution 55 - Sponsored by Senator Murcia (P) and Chabot (Co):** Amending Student Senate Rules of Procedure Rule 1 with regards to attendance for Senate leadership decisions. (TABLED)
- Opening: Rule change to change rule 1 in terms of attendance. Currently: $\frac{3}{4}$ must be present to vote for president/ call vote of no confidence. This was evident for the votes of no confidence 4:14 sec
- TNDQ: Leckie: if this passes will there be any attendance requirement?
 - No, just quorum
 - Martin: Has the $\frac{3}{4}$ attendance been an issue with voting during inauguration
 - No
- *Gonzalez moves to go into roundtable discussion*
- *Dean seconds*
- Roundtable discussion:
 - Dean: I did not know about the first vote of no confidence. Would have been a tremendous legal issue. It is important for student leaders to voice their concerns. $\frac{3}{4}$ ths should be there to elect or remove leaders.
 - Adamyk: POI: Did you consider lowering to a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote vs just quorum?
 - This was written with Alvarez who wrote the vote of no confidence into rules. He thought it best to just leave it at quorum

- Leckie: Adamyk was getting at a good idea. A $\frac{2}{3}$ attendance may be more reasonable than a simple majority.
- Gonzalez: I agree with Dean in that we need to be present and doing the jobs we were elected to do. I would be open to the $\frac{2}{3}$ attendance
- Gnanam: POI: Why wouldn't $\frac{2}{3}$ work?
 - *Martin moves to amend to remove Dr. Acosta and replace with current advisors of SG&A*
 - *Dean seconds*
 - *Sponsor finds it friendly*
- Adamyk: A lot of what we do already requires the $\frac{2}{3}$ attendance present
- Sojos: We already had 3 votes of no confidence. If we hold a new vote we're holding that person to a different standard
 - *Leckie moves to amend to change $\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ attendance*
 - *Dean objects*
 - Leckie: we've talked about this but if it passes as is then we pass it leaving it to go to quorum,. Yields 4:32
 - *Dean moves to go into roundtable*
 - *Gonzalez seconds*
 - Roundtable discussion
 - Gnanam: I appreciate Leckie's amendment but I think that the work done in creating the legislation was sufficient in them doing their work. Simple and uniform to entirety of senate business
 - Chabot: Everything in our rules has $\frac{2}{3}$ not $\frac{3}{4}$
 - Gnanam: I think the resolution makes rules simpler. Uniformly making the standards simple is what I think would make us work most efficiently
 - Adamyk: I think we're comparing apples to oranges. I think there are different circumstances. I support a higher than quorum threshold
 - Chabot: POI: Constitution says senate shall have power to submit referendum to remove officer with $\frac{2}{3}$ attendance.
 - Sojos: POI: What's the purpose of bringing down to quorum versus $\frac{3}{4}$
 - Chabot: Meant to simplify our rules. With nothing else held to this standard I don't see why we hold this standard
 - *Gonzalez moves to call the question on the amendment*
 - *Gnanam seconds*
 - Closing: Most objections coming from two different people. If you think about it in other instances, less senators isn't an accurate representation. $\frac{2}{3}$ is just the right amount to make sure we could work most efficiently.

Vote

Y - Adamyk, Leckie

N - Dean, Gnanam, Gonzalez, Martin, Sojos

A - None

Amendment fails

- *Gonzalez moves to call the question*
- *Leckie seconds*
- Closing: In my mind this is simply allowing us to hold our leader more accountable and make sure we are able to ensure we're able to continue conducting senate business. I think this is a good amendment to our rules and I hope you vote in favor of this resolution. I yield.

Vote

Y - Gnanam, Leckie

N - Adamyk, Dean, Gonzalez, Martin, Sojos

A - None

Resolution does not pass

New Business:

- Resolution 57 - Sponsored by Senator Murcia: Amending Student Senate Rules of Procedure 11.10 regarding pro/con debate.
 - Opening: This basically clears up when the presiding officer can recognize motions to call the question. I advise the committee take a minute to read over the Resolution.
 - Technical & Non-Debatable: None
 - Gonzalez moves to enter round table. Dean seconds. No objections.
 - Round table:
 - Dean: I just think this really helps this makes things more efficient and easier. I support this.
 - Gonzalez moves to allow a non-committee member to speak. Gnanam seconds. No objections
 - Point - Senator England: Is section (b) just adding back something Senator Alvarez and I once removed?
 - Murcia: This is protected by the sub-clause 1.
 - Harmon: Regarding sub-clause 1, is that statutorily sound? Can we just cancel out a vote without the ability to object?
 - Murcia: Statutes doesn't cover it. This was originally written by former Senator Alvarez and is more of a Robert's Rules thing.
 - Sojos: So if you object in a round of pro it just kills everything?
 - Murcia: Yes, if you object the motion to vote automatically fails.
 - Sojos moves to call the question. Gonzalez seconds. No objections.
 - Closing: I think this change is really needed. It'll help make debate run more smoothly. I really hope you guys vote yes so that this can hit the Senate floor for everyone to vote on.
 - Vote:
 - Adamyk: Yes

- Dean: Yes
 - Gnanam: Yes
 - Gonzalez: Yes
 - Martin: Yes
 - Sojos: Abstain
 - Vote: 5-0-1. Resolution **PASSES**.
- Resolution 58 - Sponsored by Senator J. Alvarez: Amending Student Rules of Procedure 13.8 regarding Senator absences.
 - Dies as the sponsor is no longer in office.
- Resolution 60 - Sponsored by Senators Waters and Garcia (P), A. Alvarez, J. Alvarez, Gabadage, Gonzalez, Medley-Neyra, Palacio, Tookes: Advocating for the renaming of Doak Campbell Stadium to Charlie Ward Field.
 - Tabled as the sponsors are not here today.
- Resolution 61 - Sponsored by Senators Garcia, Waters (P), A. Alvarez, J. Alvarez, Gabadge, Gonzalez, Medley-Neyra, Palacio: Advocating the renaming of Suwannee room to Eva Killings Suwannee Room.
 - Tabled as the sponsors are not here today.
- Resolution 63 - Sponsored by Senators Chabot (P) and Alvarez (Co): Urging the leadership of FSU ROTC to take means to remove any Battle Streamers related to the actions taken by Confederate military forces during the Civil War.
 - Opening: This resolution is about battle streamers that ROTC currently use. During the Battle of Natural Bridge, 21 US troops died, 89 injured and more were prisoners of war. ROTC uses a battle streamer that was used by confederate soldiers during the war. I would like this to be removed. Yields 3:15 to closing.
 - Technical & Non-Debatable questions:
 - Sojos: Have you talked to the ROTC people about this?
 - Chabot: I would have to consult with Jake [Alvarez] as he's the one who contacted them
 - Gonzalez moves. Martin seconds. No objections.
 - Round Table:
 - Point - Chair Martin: One of the Senators in SLAA asked if people were contacted and to my knowledge and to the knowledge of SLAA, they were.
 - Sojos: I'm just a little confused as I have no idea what this is.
 - Leckie: I think the problem is that they're using symbols that are affiliated with the confederate Army. I can see why that is an issue for some students and so I think this is perfectly reasonable.
 - Gnanam: Yeah I think Leckie hit it on the head. Also to address some of Sojos' concerns, I believe this Resolution is based on several complaints made by the FSU History Department.
 - Gonzalez: I support this Resolution wholeheartedly as this is a concern of mine too.
 - Sojos moves to call the question. Martin seconds. No objections.
 - Closing: So I think this is pretty common sense. People shouldn't feel unwelcome or feel like the ROTC are against them as a person. This will help make all of the students on our campus feel accepted and welcomed. This battle was fought so long ago I can't believe we still have to fight it today. I yield.

Vote

Y - Adamyk, Dean, Gnanam, Gonzalez, Leckie, Martin, Sojos

N - None

A - None

- Resolution **PASSES** Count: 7-0-0.
- Resolution 73 - Sponsored by Senators Dean and Alvarez (P), Adams, Adamyk, Chabot, Cusnier, Daraldik, England, Gabadage, Garcia, Gonzalez, Hinks, Leckie, Little, Martin, Medley-Neyra, Mougey, Murcia, Murray, Rudd, Ryan, Sam, and Sojos (Co):
Recognizing Dr. Danielle Acosta's dedication and service to the Student Senate and want to rename the "Senate Award for Excellence", be renamed the "Danielle Acosta Senate Award for Excellence" by a Bill. Referred to rules and calendar
 - Opening: Self explanatory. Dr. Acosta did a lot of good work for us, gave us a lot of her time-- more than she was expected to. She helped bring out the best in students so I hope to pass this quickly and move on. Yields 4:30 to closing.
 - Technical & Non-Debatable: None
 - Gonzalez moves to enter round table. Martin seconds. No objections.
 - Round Table:
 - Dean: When choosing this we wanted to pick something without taking the name off of something else.
 - Leckie moves to pass by acclamation. Gonzalez seconded. No objections.
 - **PASSED by acclamation**
- Resolution 75 - Sponsored by Senators Chabot and Leckie (P): The Senate Judiciary committee voted to establish a Senate Investigative Board pursuant to statute 406.
 - Opening: This resolution isn't to establish the board, it's just to add Jake to the board. I would like to make an amendment to remove Bradley Cusnier as he no longer wants to serve on the board.
 - Dean moves to enter round table. Gnanam seconds. No objections.
 - Round table:
 - Leckie: If you want to add someone not on Judiciary committee to the board, it needs to be done through a resolution.
 - Point - Chair Gonzalez: Seeing about as he's about to be appointed Parliamentarian, would there be a conflict of interest?
 - Chabot: Personally I would like the opinion of the Parliamentarian to be on-board. The investigative board could be a faculty member if they so wanted. I don't see any statutory issues with this.
 - Gonzalez: I don't like it. I think there's a conflict of interest and it just seems weird. It's never been done before and I'm not sure how comfortable I am with this. I feel newer Senators should have a chance maybe.
 - Gnanam moves to amend: to strike "Bradley Cusnier" from Resolution 75. Gonzalez seconds. No objections.
 - Sponsors find it friendly. Amendment adopted.
 - Adamyk moves to call the question. Gonzalez seconds. No objections.
 - Closing: Jake served on the board during the summer and was very valuable. We'd like him back on. I waive the remainder of my time.
 - Vote:
 - Adamyk: No
 - Dean: Yes
 - Gnanam: Yes
 - Gonzalez: No
 - Leckie: Yes
 - Martin: No
 - Sojos: No

- Amendment 4 - Sponsored by Senator J. Alvarez (P): Amending the Student Body Constitution to abolish the offices of the Student Body President and Vice President to establish an Executive Council.
 - Failed in Judiciary + Sponsor is no longer in office.

Unfinished Business: None except what is tabled above.

Final Announcements:

- None

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 16th, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

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

Signature of President Pro Tempore