



**72<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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Signature of President Pro Tempore