



## Judiciary Committee Report

October 23, 2018

**Call to Order:** 6:51 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Villegas, Vice Chair Denton, Senators Mizell, Dobbins

**Members Tardy:** Senators Spear, Bousbar

**Members Absent:** None.

**Guests:** Senators Apparacio, Alvarez, Gonzalez, Hoffman, and Future Senator Lucy Walsh

### Chair Announcements

None.

### Vice Chair Announcements

None.

### Student Comments

None.

### Committee Business

- Bill 80 - Sponsored by Senators Bousbar, Grace, Hoffman, Alvarez, and Spear...Revision of the role of SoE and edit statutes to be more concise, organized, and clear in terms of what is expected.
  - Sent back by Dr. Amy Hecht
- Bill 85 - Sponsored by Senators Bousbar, Spear, Alvarez, Hoffman, and Pinango
  - Was tabled in Senate
- Bill 87 - Sponsored by Senator Gomez ... A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 1009.2 A. Purpose: To amend the membership of the Executive Board of the Pride Student Union.
  - Will be hearing in Senate
- Bill 88 - Sponsored by Senators Bousbar, Spear, Alvarez, Hoffman, and Pinango ... A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 700. Purpose: To change the Election Code to state that the code cannot be changed within three weeks of SGA elections.
- Bill 89 - Sponsored by Senators Denton and Ready ... A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 207. Purpose: To establish specific guidelines for new Senator Orientation.

- Bill 90 - Sponsored by Senators Bousbar, Spear, Alvarez, Hoffman, and Pinango ... A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 701, Chapter 702, and Chapter 709.  
Purpose: To clarify the process to approve campaign materials.

### **Elections Subcommittee Report**

It was quite a ride. -Senator Bousbar

### **Judicial Branch Forwardings**

None.

### **Old Business**

- Bill 80 - Bousbar, Hoffman, Alvarez, and Spear

The role of Supervisor of Elections and edited the statute to be more concise, organized, and clear in terms of what is expected.

- The Elections Code Exam

### **New Business**

- Bill 80
  - 702.1 A.2.a. added “and there is currently not a Deputy Supervisor of Elections...” to clarify when a deputy shall be appointed in the absence of a SOE
    - Amend time frame for what to do when the SOE leaves office unexpectedly to four weeks from three weeks
    - Amend “immediately” to “48 hours”
      - Reasoning behind this is because there is a precedent of allowing two business days in non emergency situations
  - 702.1 B.2. Correcting double negative
  - 702.2 D.2. Rewording this section to be grammatically correct.
  - 702.2 L Correcting grammar
  - Idea for bill in 304.4E to allow SB President to appoint an acting SOE in an emergency situation
    - 71st Student Senate
- Bill 85
  - Amend 701.1 A.2. to read “Calling the action to vote shall be defined as publishing the name or likeness of any candidate.”
  - Amend 701.1 A. to define campaigning based on the state of Florida’s statutes’ definition of campaigning.
  - Striking the entirety of 701.1 A.2.
  - Amend 701.1 A.1. to read “solicitation of support shall be defined as publishing the name or likeness of any candidate or political party to expressly advocate the election or defeat of a candidate; that cannot be interpreted as something other than an appeal to vote for or against a specific candidate.”
  - Add 701.1 A.2. to read “nothing in this election code shall be construed as to prohibit a candidate who has been formally approved for candidacy from stating what office the candidate is running for.”
  - Senator Bousbar moves to call to question
    - Senator Dobbins seconds

### **BILL 85 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY IN COMMITTEE**

- Bill 87

- Will be heard in Senate (10/24) during Judiciary as a whole because neither sponsor could attend Judiciary.
- Bill 88
  - Bills about election code may still be worked on, passed, etc. during the three weeks prior to an election, but code cannot go into effect within three weeks of an election.
  - Senator Mizell moves to add “(3)” after “three”
    - Senator Dobbins seconds
    - Sponsors find it friendly
  - Grammar is accurate.
  - Vice Chair Denton moves to call to question
    - Senator Bousbar seconds

**BILL 88 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY IN COMMITTEE**

- Bill 89
  - Senator Bousbar: Have you discussed with President Singhal?
    - Yes. Also, we have discussed with Ms. Danielle.
  - Senator Spear: Will there be enough senior senators to pair with new senators?
    - Yes. There will be multiple new senators paired with each senior senator.
  - Senator Bousbar: This program was actually implemented once upon a time and did not really work out and was not taken super seriously. There should not be a distinction between new and senior senator because everyone is a senator... this could cause a discrepancy. We are all different leaders so it is already hard enough to get people to do other things in Senate.
  - Senator Spear: What changes are in this bill that will make it work in the future?
    - Guidelines to make the Pro Temp actually make it work... to enforce the mentorship program
  - Senator Aparicio: Define someone that has already been here so incoming senator instead of new?
  - Senator Gonzales: Agrees with Senator Bousbar
  - Senator Bousbar moves to go to roundtable discussion, Senator Mizell seconds
  - Ad hoc Chair Bousbar moves to make an amendment to take away “Senior Senator” to just be “Senator”... the Pro Tempore should have the discretion to choose a Senator... Senator Mizell seconds
  - Senator Spear moves to strike the Definitions section .. Senator Dobbins seconds
  - Senator Dobbins moves to change “Freshman” to “New senator” ... Senator Spear seconds
  - Senator Spear moves to alter the format.. Senator Mizell seconds
  - Senator Spear moves to call to question, Senator Bousbar seconds

**BILL 89 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY IN COMMITTEE**

- Bill 90
  - Struck 701.1 A.1. because it is covered in another bill
  - Thorough debate on whether or not we should use “business day” or “24 hours” in 702.2 S
    - We decided to define “business day” instead of using the term “business day”
  - Senator Bousbar moves to accept Bill 85’s amendments to be the amendments for Bill 90
    - Senator Dobbins seconds

**BILL 90 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY IN COMMITTEE**

**Unfinished Business**

Election code test

**Other Announcements**

None.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Never.

**Adjourned:** 10:45 p.m.