



71st Student Senate Judiciary Committee Date

Call to Order: 7:06pm

Members Present: Chair Jacobsen, Vice Chair Leckie , Senators Gerdts, Latham, McAuliffe, Weber

Members Tardy: Senator(s)

Members Absent: Senator(s)

Guests: *

Announcements:

- Chair - Welcome back
- Vice Chair - None
- Members -
 - **Weber:** join traffic court, meeting next week,
 - **Latham:** September 24th her sorority has a philanthropy, will send link
- Guests - None

Committee Business:

Here outline what the committee will be focusing on for the meeting - Bills, what is being talked about, interviews ...

- Interviews for Supreme Court
 - Dana Keller (Chief Justice of Supreme Court)
 - Introduction
 - **Keller:** I am a third year law student, I am an associate justice, nominated to be the chief justice, i served as the attorney general in the Hill administration, went here for undergrad and was involved in Greek life, wishes he had been in SGA for undergrad, wants to give to the school and contribute, this is yet another stepping stone to give back. Yields 2:00
 - **Weber:** are you involved in mock trial or moot court
 - **Keller:** no
 - Character
 - **Weber:** you have experience here, how do you see yourself handling bias?

- **Keller:** this is a recent issue for the court, if a justice is conflicted, they must recuse themselves, only 5 justices are on the court, one vote is significant
- **Latham:** can you define respect and what it means to you and your position
- **Keller:** respect to me is how i would expect anyone to treat my mother and father if they had never met them, respect anyone
- Position
 - **Gertds:** How will your time as the AG help inform your role as chief justice?
 - **Keller:** I had the chance to have hearings in front of the supreme court, represented the Sueprvisor of elections, the president and vice president, I understand what is fair and just and knows what the bench expects, I can treat those arguing with respect, I want to provide respect
 - **Gertds:** We currently have an amendment up for review, can we expidite that process moving forward?
 - **Keller:** absolutely, SGA supreme court email address, from may until now we have not had access to that email address, amendment 3 was on the docket during finals week, unsure if it was submitted, advisory opinion was written, under the impression it had been submitted, doesn't like when things take unnecessary amounts of time, one week turnaround.
 - **Weber:** one of your goals would be getting wigs, do you have a plan?
 - **Keller:** depends on who else is on the court and how much money they can spend
- Closing
 - **Keller:** Thank you guys for coming on a tight schedule, it meas a lot to me, seeing our school move forward is due to SGA and all the involvement of students, thank you for interviewing candidates before me, they would be great members of court
- Discussion
- **Latham:** moves for roundtable
- **McAuliffe:** seconds
 - **Latham:** seems like good fit for position, has had a lot of time to understand our school, its great that he's been here so long
 - **Gertds:** candidates experience is very valuable, he embodies all three major branches of SGA, I am enthused by the idea of having wigs
- **McAuliffe:** Moves to call the question
- **Gertds:** seconds
- Gerts: Yes
- Latham: Yes
- Leckie: Yes

- McAuliffe: Yes
- Weber: Yes
- **Candidate passes**
 - Zack Nations (Associate Justice of SupremeCourt)
 - **Nations** - Graduated form FSU in 2012, employed by police department, left to go to FSU law, since being in lawschool has worked in public policy positions, worked for Chairman Sprouse, currently working in the state attorney's office prosecuting misdemeanors. Yields 2:10
 - Character:
 - **Weber:** Have you taken any classes related to conditional or election law
 - **Nations:** yes, has dealt with a lot of election issues
 - **Gerts:** in your qualtrics, you selected Vires as your virtue, you mentioned how strength is a value that is important, how do you see that value of strength in the court?
 - **Nations:** any member of a court should have strength, the strength to making the right decision, even if it is unpopular, regardless of politics or public opinion, only facts should impact decisions.
 - **Weber:** The nature of the court is it functions in student government and you will encounter classmates, how do you not show bias?
 - **Nations:** in law enforcement, i ran into people i had relationships with, if there was a concern on the court and i needed to recuse myself, I would. What people say is important, not who they are.
 - **Latham:** can you describe a difficult conversation you had with someone where you had to confront them about inappropriate behavior
 - **Nations:** as a patrol officer, talking to people who made inappropriate decisions, dealing with students, with that comes a counseling aspect.
 - Position:
 - **Weber:** why did you apply?
 - **Nations:** sounded cool, was able to got to a hearing in April and enjoyed it
 - **Latham:** whats something you want to accomplish
 - **Nations:** thats tough, the position shouldn't be to accomplish anything but what is in front of them, a justice's job is to make fair decisions based on facts
 - **Gerts:** The supreme court takes awhile for reviews and opinions, is there a fair time average for when you would provide an opinion?
 - **Nations:** tough question, this is case specific, you want to take the appropriate amount of time to flush out all issues, this is based on what is being heard, some cases with less evidence will take longer than others. Can't speak for the past session of the court.
 - Closing:

- **Nations:** i want to thank all of you for consideration, this is important for SGA, things need rulings now, any incoming justices would want to sort out why things took so long and move through them, I look forward to working with you and communicating with Senate, as law students our lives are busy, I am accessible.
 - **McAuliffe:** motions to call the question
 - **Gerts:** seconds
 - Discussion
 - **Gertds:** this is first time doing an interview, this was professional and candidate expressed judicial restraint and holds SGA constitution central, and would be an asset to the court. This commitment to communication with senate is very valuable.
 - Gerts: Yes
 - Latham: Yes
 - Leckie: Yes
 - McAuliffe: Yes
 - Weber: Yes
 - ***Candidate passes***
- Eleanor Sills (Associate Justice of Supreme Court)
 - Introduction
 - **Sills:** I attended a hearing and that inspired me to get involved, president of health law society, editor of law review, looking to get more involved, will be here long term with fiance and is seeking to make long term impact. Yields 2:06
 - **Weber:** experience trial advocacy?
 - **Sills:** Yes, trial and appellate experience
 - Character
 - **McAuliffe:** Mores was selected, why?
 - **Sills:** character, law, and tradition are important, building upon tradition is important, I love this community and I want to help it grow
 - **Latham:** Discuss relationship building
 - **Sills:** I am very involved in law campus, by knowing others and networking, mentored last year, bar prep sales rep, she has platform to spread the message and contribute to the community
 - Position
 - **Weber:** since you have worked for courts of appeals, any role models?
 - **Sills:** reading constitution and reading facts, its important to take it all case by case, its important to make strong judicial decisions that are correct and accurate with case law, and this can be improved upon, learned this from judge that she became close with in law school, mentoring others, involving others
 - Closing

- **Sills:** thank you for being here, glad we could get it done, had heard it could be October or later, glad we are moving quickly. Yield 1:44
 - Discussion
 - **Latham:** candidate showed professionalism, showed us that she holds herself to high moral standard, I believe she is good fit
 - **Gertds:** echoing the sentiments of senator Latham, I would like to add that the values the candidate expressed are close to the values of our constitution, looking aside from experience, she has demonstrated high values and is an asset.
 - **Weber:** we have young RBG
 - Motion to call question: Latham
 - Gerts: seconds
 - Gerts: Yes
 - Latham: Yes
 - Leckie: Yes
 - McAuliffe: Yes
 - Weber: Yes
 - *Candidate passes*
- Bill 60 : Sponsored Readdy, Adamyk - To amend chapter 100, section 100.6 to make an exception to Senators who may be registered for summer classes but intend to conduct the classes through the office of distance learning.
 - Introduction
 - **Ready/Adamyk:** Thank you, this bill is simple, something I caught as a summer C student, before I was a senator but I know this could be an issue, this allows students taking online students to take a leave of absence, current statutes don't cover this situation. This clarifies this, allows students taking at least 3 credit hours through the office of distance learning to take a leave of absence. Yield 1:44
 - **Weber:** round table
 - Round Table
 - **Gertds:** this is necessary, if I take a summer class from texas I can't commute here every wednesday, this is reasonable, fits within the parameters of whats allowed, reflects how online classes have changed FSU
 - **Jacobsen:** if you were taking a TCC class this would this count?
 - **Ready:** yes, everything handles away from FSU is the office of distance learning
 - Closing
 - **Ready:** thank you for your time, this counts to FSU hours, TCC classes would not be an issue. Yield 1:19
 - **Gertds:** moves to call question
 - **McAuliffe:** seconds
 - Voting
 - Gerts: Yes
 - Latham: Yes
 - Leckie: Yes
 - McAuliffe: Yes

- Weber: Yes
 - Bill passes
- Bill 62 : Alvarez- Specifying roles for Primary Sponsors and Co-Sponsors on Forms of Legislation
 - Introduction
 - **Alvarez:** This bill adds a change that has been a long time coming, common complaint from senate, people try to add as many cosponsors as possible, this hasn't been negative, i want to make sure it never becomes negative, I will write legislation, I have people cosponsor, but I have a large portion of the work, seeking to specify terminology, primary sponsors should do majority of work. Wants to amend it to make it a 2 article bill, to have it be enacted in the 72nd senate, wants to ease into change. Yeilds: 0:51
 - Round Table:
 - **Latham:** what's the process for a cosponsor wanting to be primary sponsor?
 - **Alvarez:** The cosponsors would take over advocating for the bill, similar to having one sponsor on a bill and not having that person available, cosponsors are not barred from speaking
 - **McAuliffe:** can you speak to why the senators should not be able to choose how many sponsors they have?
 - **Alvarez:** too many people may go to the front, confuses the process and limits debate, giving opportunity for others to participate in creation of legislation
 - **Weber:** this is like how we submit legislation normally, but with two seperate places for primary and cosponsors?
 - **Alvarez:** yes, anyone can submit it
 - **McAuliffe:** why put a cap on two primary sponsors
 - **Alvarez:** the cap is needed because everyone would want to be a primary sponsor
 - **Weber:** why would you pick 2?
 - **Alvarez:** 2 seemed most appropriate
 - **Gertds:** Bills tend to be collaborative, having 12 senators on a bill isn't collaborative
 - **McAuliffe:** So 3 people can't be working equally on a bill? Does this take away incentive for more than 2 people working on a bill?
 - **Alvarez:** if it was a matter of one person writing, two people just as excited, can sign up as cosponsors, the cosponsor can have the same speaking rights
 - **Leckie:** Do cosponsors need permission to speak?
 - **Alvarez:** yes
 - **Weber:** why wasn't this put as a resolution to rules and procedures
 - **Alvarez:** already lists this concept, the format must be implemented in statutes
 - **Weber:** moves to amend bill 62

- Article 1: This bill shall be enacted upon meeting of the 72nd senate
 - Article 2: the bill text
 - **Gerdts** Seconds
 - Sponsor finds friendly
 - **Latham**: moves to call question
 - **Gerdts**: seconds
 - Closing
 - **Alvarez**: thank you for the questions, as for why and how i made this bill
Yeilds 0:36
 - Voting
 - Gerts: Yes
 - Latham: Yes
 - Leckie: Yes
 - McAuliffe: Yes
 - Weber: Yes
 - **Bill passes**
- Bill 66 : Rowan, Lafontant, Cartagena - To amend Statute 803.10 in order to reflect the current Financial Manual which states that food and meals are prohibited travel expenses.
 - Introduction
 - **Rowan**: This changes statutes related to meals, brings statutes more into line with the financial manual, meals for travel expenses are not permitted, this helps RTAC and RSO's, corrects statutes. Yeilds: 2:09
 - Round Table:
 - **Weber**: did you bring this to finance?
 - **Rowan**: yes
 - **Weber**: what did they think
 - **Rowan**: they liked it
 - **Latham**: moves to pass by acclimation
 - **McAullife**: seconds
 - **Bill passes**
- Bill 67: Rowan, Lafontant, Cartagena - To change the required car rental service in Statute 803.10 from "Avis" to "the University's contracted rental company" to reflect the current car rental vendor options laid out in the Financial Manual
 - Introduction
 - **Rowan**: similar bill, financial manual says students must get rental cars from enterprise, statutes must be updated to show this, generic so if we change our contract we don't have to change statutes Yields 2:18
 - Round table
 - **Gerdts**: i ride with enterprise all the time, I like consistency in statutes
 - **Weber**: thank you for doing this
 - **Latham**: moves to pass by acclimation
 - **McAullife**: seconds
 - **Bill Passes**
- Bill 68: Rowan, Lafontant, Cartagena - To delete from Statute 811 references to the Service Council and the Office of Servant leadership, which was removed by Bill 56 in the 71st Student Senate.

- Introduction:
 - **Rowan**: Similar bill, deletes service council from statute 811, exists under OSL which does not exist. Talked to former head of OSL, 2017 is when it was cut. Cutting anything having to do with service council, generic guidelines are left over. Yields 2:10
- Round table
 - **Weber**: drain the swamp
 - **Weber**: moves to allow a guest to speak
 - **Alvarez**: glad we are following internal affairs suggestions
- **Latham**: moves to pass by acclimation
- **McAullife**: seconds
- **Bill Passes**
- Bill 69: Ready- The Union Board is composed of 12 students each elected by the entire student body during the Spring Elections. The Union Board Chair forwards two members to serve on the Resource for Travel Allocations Committee and another two members to serve on the Programming Allocations Committee. Since Union Board members are duly elected by the Student Body, they need not be confirmed to their positions. This would allow the members to immediately take their position
 - Introduction:
 - **Ready**: Another simple change, the union board supports this, this reflects the fact that union board members are elected by the student body, should be able to go about their duties on funding boards, we felt it was redundant to have senate go through advice and consent Yields 2:08
 - Round Table:
 - **Weber**: have you talked to the current chair
 - **Ready**: the whole union board has approved
 - **Gertds**: i have spoken to Ally Ingram about this, has expressed that union board has approved of this, I believe this makes complete sense, redundant for student body to vote twice, eliminates personal grudges or biases
 - Moves to call question:
 - Closing
 - **Ready**: thank you Yeilds 2:00
 - Voting
 - Gerts: Yes
 - Latham: Yes
 - Leckie: Yes
 - McAuliffe: Yes
 - Weber: Yes
 - **Bill passes**
- Bill 71: Alvarez - Placing restrictions on Greek Life involvement in SGA elections
 - **Bill withdrawn by sponsor**
- Bill 72: Weber - An act to create a Senate Legislation Writing Workshop
 - Introduction:

- Round Table
 - **Gerdt**: is there an issue with putting this on the spring ballot without you being there?
 - **Alvarez**: no significant issue
 - **Weber**: what is your job as a senator
 - **Alvarez**: to represent the concerns of student body
 - **Weber**: student body voted this down
 - **Alvarez**: simple majority approved of this, seen issues with advertising the amendment and wants more turnout for future elections. Many of those who have contacted him are disappointed
 - **Weber**: last year was one of the biggest turnout ever, what would change now?
 - **Alvarez**: working to get it passed next year as someone who is not a member of SGA but the writer of the bill
 - **Leckie**: Is there anything stopping us from putting this on the fall and spring ballot?
 - **Alvarez**: no
 - **McAullife**: could you do everything to promote this throughout the spring? This aligns with administration's views, involve President Thrasher
 - **Gerdt**: campaigning in spring, noticed vast majority of people were confused by the amendments on the ballot.
 - **Weber**: there was a wifi shutdown, did this effect this?
 - **Alvarez**: no, issue was lack of personal involvement by the sponsor. The outage wasn't the biggest issue.
 - **Gerdt**: people were confused by the amendments, the fact that there was a vote difference among the amendments reflects the lack of education
- **Leckie**: motions to pass by acclimation
- **Gerdt**: seconds
- **Bill Passes**
- Amendment 5: Alvarez - To ensure future amendments to the Constitution are Gender Neutral
 - Introduction:
 - **Alvarez**: Ensuring that additional future amendments must use gender neutral pronouns, the wording of this amendment was formulated in conjunction with leaders in the pride student union. Yields 2:05
 - Round Table:
 - **Weber**: seems like the same concept but looking forward
 - **Gerdt**: moves to pass by acclimation
 - **McAuliffe**: seconds
 - **Bill Passes**

Old Business:

Anything that has been on the agenda for more than a week

New Business:

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- Bill 72: Weber - To Update Election Code Statutes in Chapter 700 in accordance with University Policies. An act to create a Senate Legislation Writing Workshop
- Bill 73: Alvarez - Clarifying the procedures for filling Vacancies for the office of Elections
- Amendment 4: Alvarez - Ensuring the current Student Constitution is Gender Neutral
- Amendment 5: Alvarez - To ensure future amendments to the Constitution are Gender Neutral

Unfinished Business:

Anything that has been looked at but not finished / something that is continuously being looked at... for example: revision of election code in judiciary or talking about what is expected of the committee

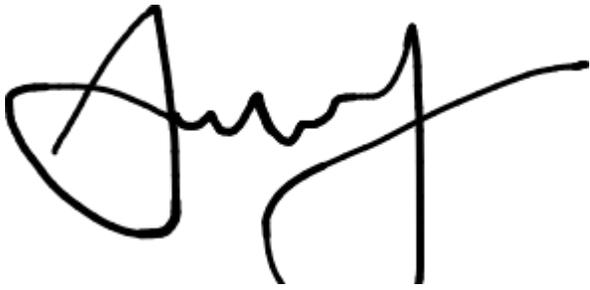
Final Announcements:

- Leckie: be at Senate at 7:00
- Weber: be at Rules at 6:30 for his resolution
- Gerdts: excited to see everyone
- McAuliffe: 5-7 next Tuesday on Landis Green Power of We Free Food!

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

September 17th at 7:00 p.m. in 113 Innovation Hub

Adjourned: 8:53

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Signature of Chair